

## Looping of pipeline opposed

VANCOUVER (CP) — George Lechner, chairman of the British Columbia Petroleum Corp., said Tuesday the corporation does not want Westcoast Transmission Co. to loop the remaining single sections of its Chetwynd-to-Huntingdon gas pipeline. Lechner told a hearing of the National Energy Board that the project is too uncertain because the gas Westcoast says it can save through looping might not have an export market. Looping is building a line beside an existing line.

Westcoast has applied to the board for permission to loop 388 kilometres of its 1,032-kilometre gas line, maintaining that looping the single sections of the line would allow it to save 6.7 billion cubic feet of gas a year. The looping would cost \$80.6 million and the petroleum corporation would have to pay 55 per cent of the cost. Lechner said there must be no uncertainty in the project as long as a large portion of the cost falls on the corporation and B.C. taxpayers.

Westcoast has said that the looping would allow the firm to have more gas available to sell to U.S. markets. "With regard to Westcoast's statement that gas saved through this proposed looping will be sold, I can assure you that gas saved will not be sold for a very long time," Lechner said. "There is no assurance whatsoever that the export market will take the gas." B.C. Hydro took issue with Westcoast's estimate of how much the looping would cost Hydro.

## The Citizen Provincial

### Province to spend \$1.5m for wildlife

VICTORIA (CP) — The British Columbia government will spend \$1.5 million during the current fiscal year on a compensation program for wildlife habitat lost because of hydroelectric projects, Conservation Minister Sam Bawlf said Tuesday. He said most of the funds come from B.C. Hydro and Power Authority to replace habitat lost because of flooding at the Libby Dam in Montana, the Seven Mile Dam on the Pend D'Oreille River near Trail, Revelstoke Dam near Revelstoke and the Keenleyside Dam on the Lower Arrow Lake.

A spokesman for the ministry said that \$81,500 will be used to compensate for flooding from the Libby dam, while \$206,000 has been allocated for Pend D'Oreille flooding, \$1.2 million for Revelstoke and \$65,500 for the Lower Arrow Lake.

### Fired worker collects \$4,300 in settlement

VICTORIA (CP) — Bill Ozard, fired Feb. 16 from his position as director of marketing in the travel industry ministry after only 90 minutes on the job, has received \$4,300 in an out-of-court settlement with the British Columbia government.

He was hired at a salary of \$2,035 a month. Travel Industry Minister Grace McCarthy confirmed the amount of the settlement on Tuesday. Ozard now is working as a program director for a Calgary radio station. He had applied to the B.C.

Bawlf said compensation for flooding from the Libby dam is part of a reciprocal agreement with the United States government. He said that Hydro has allocated \$1.8 million for the Pend D'Oreille project during the next several years. The minister said that the \$390,000 which Hydro will pay for 1,286 acres of privately-owned land in the Pend D'Oreille River valley comes from reserves allocated for the project as well as from the current allocation. The properties acquired under this program will be turned over to the government which will develop them with further funding from Hydro.

Bawlf said the Pend D'Oreille property contains valuable deer winter range and co-ordinated resource management and wildlife management plans have been prepared by the fish and wildlife branch.

Supreme Court for a hearing into his dismissal, but the application was withdrawn after the settlement.

Ozard lost his job after placing advertisements in local newspapers thanking several cabinet ministers, including Mrs. McCarthy, for helping him find a job in his native Victoria. He was formerly deputy tourism minister in Nova Scotia.

In a letter filed with B.C. Supreme Court, the government said the dismissal was directly connected with the ad.



Inspectors record details following fatal accident in Vancouver.

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### Weight crushes man

NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. (CP) — National Harbors Board police said a crane operator was killed Tuesday at Neptune Terminals here when a 110-ton counterweight on a coal-stacking machine fell on him.

Engineers plan to begin work today to free the body of Peter Ewan, in his 40s, who died when the coal stacker buckled and sent the concrete weight plunging to the ground.

Witnesses said the independent crane operator, who was helping with repairs to the stacker, had just stepped from the cab of his machine to make a phone call when the accident occurred.

Workers' Compensation Board inspectors surveying the scene said the tangled wreckage of the stacker and crane was unstable, making recovery of Ewan's body difficult. Board inspectors attributed the accident to structural failure but said they did not yet have enough information to determine the cause of the failure.

### Indian bands eligible

VICTORIA (CP) — Native Indian bands in British Columbia are eligible to qualify for the provincial government's summer youth employment program, Labor Minister Allan Williams said Tuesday. Williams, minister responsible for Indian affairs, told the legislature that a letter sent by his ministry to Indians in northwest B.C. telling them they were not eligible is incorrect.

Rupert had asked Williams to comment on the letter sent to the Kitasoo band which states: "I regret to inform you that native Indian bands do not qualify for funding under the program." Lea said that even if Williams clarifies the situation, it likely will be too late for Indian bands to take advantage of the program this summer. The incident shows that Williams does not know what is going on in his own ministry, said Lea.

Graham Lea (NDP-Prince

### Boy, 13, led police on chase

VICTORIA (CP) — A 13-year-old boy, armed with a loaded rifle and 500 rounds of ammunition, led police on a 12-kilometre car chase through Central and North Saanich early today.

The chase, reaching speeds up to 150 kilometres an hour, ended when the boy's car went off the road and crashed through a wire fence at Victoria airport about 25 kilometres north of here, a police spokesman said. The boy, who was unhurt, gave himself up to Central Saanich police.

The suspect was to appear in family court today charged with dangerous driving, obstruction, taking an auto without the owner's consent, possession of a weapon dangerous to the public, driving without a licence and having a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

### The province BRIEFLY

### Wash trading ban welcomed

VICTORIA (CP) — Rafe Mair, British Columbia minister of consumer and corporate affairs, said Tuesday he is pleased with amendments to the Criminal Code introduced Monday in Ottawa which prohibit "wash trading."

Mair said in a news release that wash trading is a technique of stock manipulation "whereby in effect someone sells a stock to himself at an inflated price to create the impression that the stock's price is on the upswing."

### Games bids

VICTORIA (CP) — Five bids to hold the 1979 British Columbia summer games have been received by the government, Recreation Minister Sam Bawlf said Tuesday.

"The bids came from Chilliwack, Kelowna, the corporation of Delta, the corporation of Richmond, and a joint submission from the city of Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay and Esquimalt," Bawlf said in a news release.

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### Deals

one of the main concerns. "We've had major growth in the district from some 60 schools to 76 during the four years I've been on the board," explained Rushant.

"And we need to take a whole new look at the role we have in supplying other school districts."

The central stores operation in the Prince George school district is used to supply other school districts.

The concern is this practice might be inefficient since it means large inventories of items are kept on hand for the use of other school district.

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