

## Shoreworkers accept pact

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia's 4,000 shoreworkers have voted to accept the tentative contract agreement hammered out last week and with the fishing industry in a last ditch bargaining session. The shoreworkers, represented by the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, followed the recommendation of the union's negotiating committee and voted 2 to 1 to accept the contract offer. Further details of the vote were not released.

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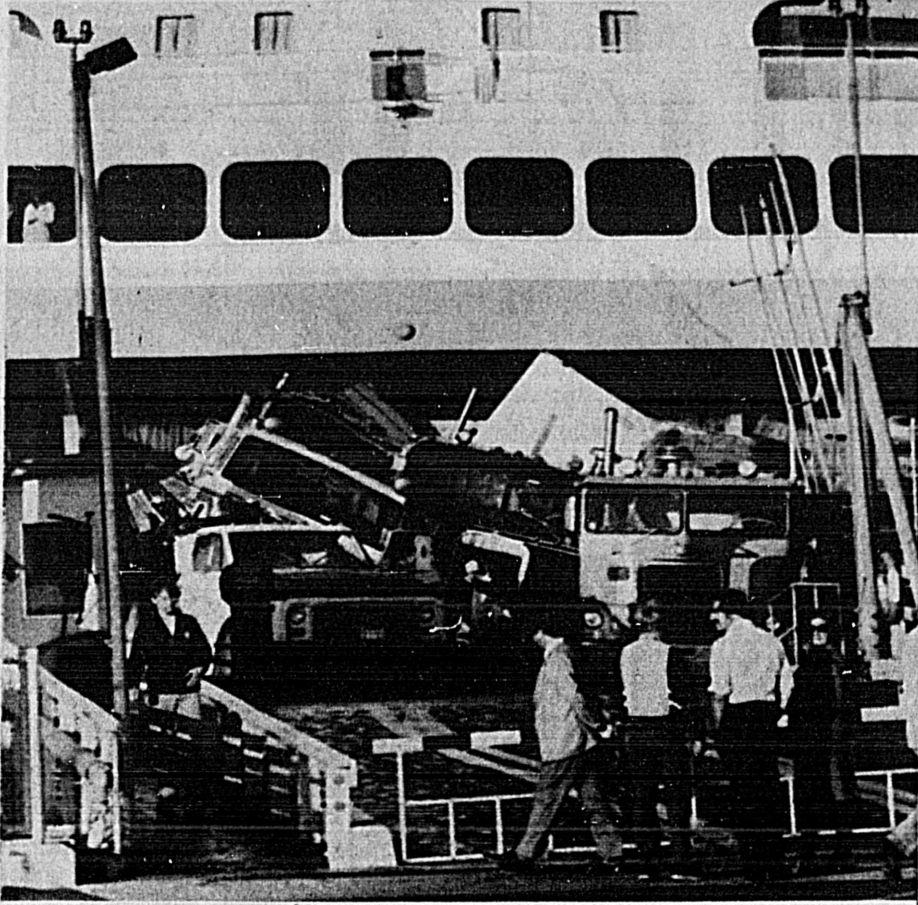
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Work crews using cranes and winches sort out jumbled mess of trucks on ferry Queen of Alberni.

## FERRY DAMAGES

# 'Run around' criticized

NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. (CP) — Owners of some vehicles which were crushed and battered when the British Columbia Ferry Corp.'s Queen of Alberni ran aground in Active Pass Thursday say they are getting the run around as they search for someone to process damage claims.

"Nobody wants to talk to you," said Trevor Gallimore, whose small car was crushed beneath a truck when the ferry began to list after running up on a reef.

"You got to one person and they tell you to talk to someone else and so on."

"That ferry will have to sail up the steps of the Parliament buildings before you see me pay anything for this mess," said Terry Elliott, whose tractor trailer was seriously damaged when it slid along the deck of the ferry.

Meanwhile, it appears the ferry, which is drydocked here for repairs, is not as seriously damaged as had first been feared.

Part of the ferry's massive rudder was ripped off on the reef, the propeller shaft bent and one propeller blade torn off.

However, Fred Baillie, repair superintendent at Burrard Yarrow's drydock, said repairing this damage would be routine.

The most serious damage to the hull of the vessel occurred along the bottom of the keel plate where it meets the propeller.

Structural repairs should be completed by late this week, then the ferry will be floated so that engineers can check engine alignment. However, it might be several weeks before all repairs are completed, Baillie said.

TSAWWASSEN, B.C. (CP) — The grounding of the British Columbia ferry Queen of Alberni claimed its first victim today — a thoroughbred race horse.

The horse Gun Music, which was being shipped back to Vancouver Island after winning at Exhibition Park in Vancouver, was trapped by the jumbled mess of trucks and recreation vehicles on the ferry's car deck.

The mess was created when the ferry listed severely after being hung up on a Gulf Islands reef.

A veterinarian was placed aboard the ferry Thursday night but was unable to reach Gun Music, which was in a trailer, because of the toppled vehicles.

The horse's owner said today it was believed the animal died of fright.

## ROSS DAM

# Talks are postponed

SEATTLE (AP) — Talks between British Columbia and the city of Seattle in a dispute over raising Ross Dam have been postponed indefinitely. Negotiations scheduled this week were called off after the B.C. environment ministry told the city it could not deliver a promised plan for compensating electricity if the Seattle City Light dam on the Skagit River is not raised.

The water level from a raised dam would flood 4,800 acres of B.C.'s provincial recreation area.

The international dispute has gone on for a decade following a 1967 pact in which the provincial government agreed

to the flooding in exchange for an annual payment of \$34,000.

Bob Murray, Seattle City Light superintendent, said he doubts the provincial government will submit acceptable terms.

"The bottom line is how much it is worth to them not to have us do something (build the dam)," Murray said Sunday. "The answer, I fear, is that it isn't worth that much to them."

Premier Bill Bennett, whose father, W.A.C. Bennett, was premier when the 1967 agreement was signed, said he doesn't want the dam raised.

## \$28 MILLION DEAL

# 'Tories reward worker'

VANCOUVER (CP) — A New Democratic Party MP says the Progressive Conservative government has rewarded a key worker in the party's federal election campaign by giving his public relations firm a \$28 million advertising contract.

Mark Rose, MP for Mission-Port Moody, said in an interview Sunday that the contract, announced in a recent government news release, was awarded to Media Buying Services Ltd. of Toronto.

The MP said the firm is owned by Peter Swain, who he called the captain of the party's May 22 federal election campaign and that the contract was paying off Swain for his work.

Rose said the contract will mean the Conservatives will manage the news by first having it polished by a public relations firm, a hypocritical move in view of the party's election pledge of open government.

"First they talk about their policy of open government, then they criticize the way Information Canada was run by the Liberals, and now they want to manage all the government news through a public relations firm that is owned by a party official.

"That's what is called news management. All the news released through the agency will be very one-sided, making the Conservatives look like they can do no wrong, and we (NDP) are very upset about it."

Rose said apparently there was neither an open competition nor advertising for the contract.

## Hydro man denies statement

VANCOUVER (CP) — A British Columbia Hydro official who allegedly told residents of the Upper Squamish Valley, about 80 kilometres north of here, that children can safely play with Tordon 10K herbicide pellets, has denied making the statement.

"It is a misinterpretation, but that's all I can say at the moment," Bill Coultis, Hydro rights-of-way supervisor, said Friday.

A B.C. Hydro spokesman said that Coultis actually told concerned parents at an impromptu discussion last month that it would not be a good idea for children to play with the pellets, although it is unlikely that doing so would harm them.

Children, however, probably wouldn't be interested in playing with the tiny earth-colored pellets, which are 90 per cent clay, said Hydro spokesman John Sexton.

Meanwhile, Jim Hewitt, provincial energy and agricultural minister, said Friday that Hydro has a firm policy on storing herbicides, such as Tordon 10K, and rigidly adheres to both laboratory instructions and federal and provincial regulations.

Hewitt, a Hydro director, said under no circumstances would anyone be encouraged to ignore the manufacturer's label instructions which indicate the product is hazardous.

"I simply cannot conceive of B.C. Hydro supporting a policy whereby children would be encouraged to play with any chemical material, particularly any material which the manufacturer recommends should be kept out of the reach of children," he said.

The herbicide contains picloram, a substance which American researchers suspect could cause tumors, cancer or birth defects.

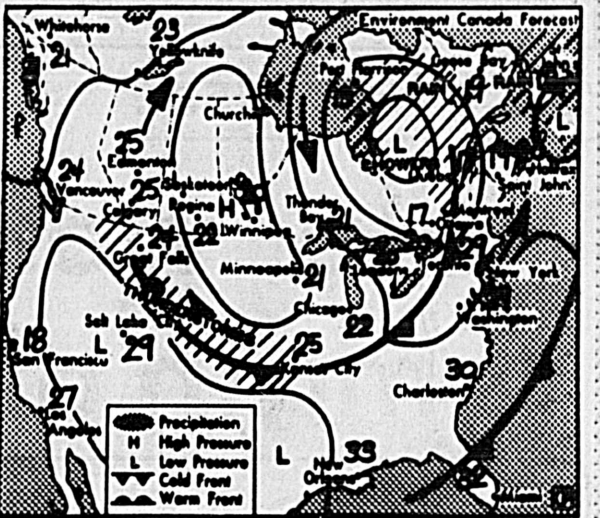
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## THE WEATHER



Precipitation is expected in Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces on Tuesday. Figures indicate expected high temperatures. Other features are for mid-day.

### Synopsis

Chilcoot, Cariboo, Central Interior: Mostly sunny today and Tuesday. Highs 27 to 30. Lows tonight 8 to 11.

Greater Vancouver, Lower Fraser Valley, Howe Sound-Whistler, Sunshine Coast, East Vancouver Island: Sunny with a few cloudy periods today and Tuesday. Highs 23 to 25 along the coast and 27 to 30 inland. Lows tonight 10 to 13.

Greater Victoria: Sunny with a few cloudy periods today and Tuesday. Highs near 23 with lows tonight around 10.

North and West Vancouver Island: Low clouds and fog with partial afternoon clearing along the coast today and Tuesday. Mostly sunny inland. Highs both days 17 to 19 along the coast and lows tonight 8 to 11.

Northern Mainland, Queen Charlotte: Sunny with a few cloudy periods today and Tuesday. Patchy morning fog near the water. Highs both days 18 to 20 and reaching to 28 inland. Lows tonight 9 to 13.

Thompson, Okanagan: Sunny with a few cloudy periods today and Tuesday with a chance of a few afternoon and evening thundershowers. Highs both days in the high 20s or low 30s. Lows tonight 10 to 15.

Columbia, Kootenay: Sunny with a few cloudy periods today and Tuesday. A few afternoon and evening thundershowers can be expected. Highs both days 27 to 32. Lows tonight 8 to 11.

### Temperatures

VANCOUVER (CP) — High-low temperatures and precipitation in millimetres for the previous 24 hours issued Monday by the weather office:

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Cranbrook     | 26 12 00.0 |
| Penticton     | 31 18 00.0 |
| Revelstoke    | 32 14 00.0 |
| Vancouver     | 25 14 00.0 |
| Prince Rupert | 20 18 00.0 |
| Tofino        | 16 13 00.0 |
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| Prince George | 28 14 00.0 |
| Kamloops      | 33 13 00.0 |
| Dawson City   | 28 08 00.0 |
| Whitehorse    | 27 07 00.0 |
| Fort St. John | 22 10 00.0 |
| Yellowknife   | 15 08 00.0 |
| Inuvik        | 25 13 00.0 |
| Whitehorse    | 23 09 00.0 |
| Medicine Hat  | 23 10 00.0 |
| Edmonton      | 20 05 03.5 |
| Calgary       | 22 07 00.0 |
| Saskatoon     | 20 01 00.0 |
| Moose Jaw     | 23 03 00.0 |
| Regina        | 23 03 00.0 |
| Winnipeg      | 22 08 01.3 |

## Contract signed at newspaper

COQUITLAM, B.C. (CP) — Employees at the Columbian, an evening daily newspaper published in this Vancouver suburb, have ratified a 33-month contract agreement.

The contract, retroactive to March 1, was reached last week between the five-union Joint Council of Newspaper Workers, representing 200 workers, and representatives of the Columbian with the aid of mediator Jock Waterston. No details of the voting were released Friday.

A Columbian spokesman said the contract provides for a 29.7-per-cent pay increase over the length of the contract, boosting a senior reporter's basic annual salary to \$25,320 by 1981.

## Boat victim found dead

CLEARWATER, B.C. (CP) — The body of Raymond Wheeler, 44, of Quesnel, B.C., missing since a boating mishap July 22 on Clearwater Lake in southern British Columbia has been found.

RCMP said Wheeler's family rented a helicopter earlier this week and searched the river area from the air. His body was found along a bank about three kilometres south of the Clearwater falls.

Wheeler was one of five people in a small pleasure boat that plunged over a two-metre waterfall into Clearwater River.

Two persons survived the accident. The bodies of Lorne Hunt, 71, and Newton Shilling, 62, both of Quesnel, were recovered shortly after the mishap.

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