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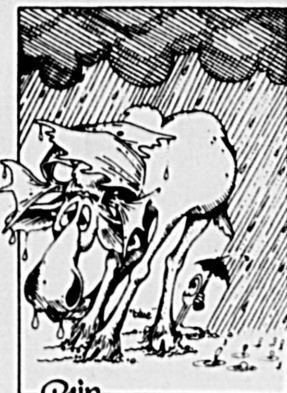
Sadrack says

The forecast calls for a few isolated showers this evening and mainly cloudy skies tonight.

On Tuesday, we can expect sunshine in the morning, clouds and showers later in the day and 25 to 30-kilometre-per-hour breezes.

Temperatures could drop to 3 tonight and rise to 17 Tuesday. On Sunday, we enjoyed 14.6 hours of sunshine and a high of 19. The overnight low was 3.

One year ago, a four-day warm spell started when we had a high of



32, a low of 6 and 14.8 hours of sun. The sun sets at 9:18 p.m. today and rises at 4:49 a.m. Tuesday.

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HIGH PRODUCTIVITY

## City firm and union win national award

JOB SEEN AS TOP PRIORITY

TORONTO (CP) — Two out of three Canadians believe reducing unemployment is more important than balancing the federal budget, a Gallup poll suggests.

The poll, conducted in late March, showed 67 per cent of 1,059 respondents to the survey put emphasis on unemployment while 28 per cent gave priority to a balanced budget. The deficit now is \$29.38 billion.

Gallup's poll also shows that unemployment was slightly more important among Liberal and New Democratic Party supporters than those favoring the Progressive Conservatives.

Seventy-five per cent of poll respondents intending to vote NDP listed unemployment first while 68 per cent of Liberals and 63 per cent of Tory supporters did so.

The poll was based on in-home interviews with adults 18 years of age and over. Gallup says a sample of this size should not err by more than four percentage points in 19 cases out of 20.

Figures from Statistics Canada indicate the number of unemployed dropped by 73,000 in April to 1,468,000. But the seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained unchanged at 11.4 per cent.

by JOHN SPILKER  
Staff reporter

Prince George members of the International Woodworkers of America and Lakeland Mills have won top honors in the newly-created Canada Awards for Excellence.

The company and union won the productivity category for their cooperation in setting up the company's highly-productive sawmill in Prince George.

The nation-wide awards, sponsored by the federal government, recognize the development and utilization of high technology in Canada.

B.C. forestry companies did well at the awards banquet in Toronto, winning three of seven categories. The winners were among 35 finalists, which were chosen from 300 submissions from all areas of high technology in Canada.

The productivity is the highest honor in the awards because it recognizes elements in several other categories, including technology, innovation and industrial relations, said mill manager Don McVey. The award will probably be a morale booster for the employees, he added.

McVey said he was delighted to see the B.C. forest industry do so well in the awards. "The industry has come a long way and it's beginning to show. It well deserves the recognition because we are better utilizing the resource with less waste."

Toby Mogensen, IWA Local 1-424 financial-secretary, said he was pleased to accept the award on behalf of the union. "It's good for the members," he said.

"I've been in the union for 33 years and never remember receiving anything like this — except for a kick in the teeth," he laughed.

Mogensen said he surprised to see the B.C. forest industry win over satellite and other high-technology entries from eastern Canada.

The Prince George entry was chosen because of the way the union and company worked together in establishing the company's new sawmill, which is among the most modern in the world and is often visited by European and Southeast Asian forestry experts. Many mill employees received extensive retraining in operating and maintaining the advanced equipment when the mill opened in 1979. In addition, no employees were laid off even though the operation made significant productivity increases.

The heart of the mill is a computer that instantly considers about 145,000 cutting patterns for each log. Not only is the system faster, but it squeezes about 30 per cent more lumber out of each log.

Westar, a branch of B.C. Resources Investment Corp., won the marketing category for developing new lumber markets in Europe, Japan and North Africa, said Brant Ducey of Vancouver, vice-president of public affairs for BRIC.

Before the recession, the company almost exclusively sold lumber to the U.S. market. But when the U.S. housing industry took a nosedive, the company installed new equipment at three sawmills, including Terrace, and looked for new markets, he added.

The company now sells about 120 million board-feet to these other markets, which is about 20 to 25 per cent of the company's total lumber production.

MacMillan Bloedel won the invention category for the development of a composite lumber called PARALAM. The material is made up of softwood strands that are bonded together with a water-resistant adhesive and is much stronger than conventional lumber.

It is being produced by MacMillan Bloedel in Vancouver, but is still in the development stage, said a company spokesman.

## Widening Soviet rift colors NATO huddle

by BRIAN BUTTERS  
Southam News

WASHINGTON — Having weathered the most severe storm in its history over deployment of new nuclear missiles in Europe, the North Atlantic alliance meets here this week to ponder woeful relations with the Soviet bloc.

Foreign ministers from the 16 North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries, including Canada's Allan MacEachern, will spend three days analyzing what is right within the alliance and all that is wrong in its relations with the Warsaw pact nations.

The ministers will undoubtedly reflect warmly on NATO's solidarity in deploying Pershing 2 and cruise nuclear missiles in response to earlier Soviet deployment of similar intermediate-range SS-20 missiles targeted on Europe.

But the icy state of East-West relations is sure to put a chill into the deliberations.

The relationship is being characterized as the most strained in history. After some promising signals last year, things began to fall apart when the Soviets shot down the Korean Air Lines jumbo jet and have continued poorly down to the recent Soviet decision to pull out of the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

In the meantime, the Russians have walked away from all arms control negotiations and recently announced deployment of more submarines off North America's east coast, poised to rain nuclear missiles on U.S. cities within seven to 10 minutes.

The ministers will discuss the first formal study of East-West relations that it has conducted since 1967.

"The study takes a sober look at Soviet behavior in Europe and other regions regarding human rights and arms control," said a senior U.S. State Department official at a briefing last week. "It underscores the need for alliance solidarity and military strength."

Mostly though, the meeting will be a chance to try to figure out what the Soviets are up to.

The State Department official listed a number of possible motives the Soviets might have for "freezing" their relations with the West.

"Perhaps it's the (U.S.) election timetable. Another motive is a sense of wounded pride at having tested the Intermediate Nuclear Force deployment issue and having lost."

The official also said the Soviets may be trying to create anxiety in the West or they may just be incapable, because of recent leadership changes, of deciding what to do

about the United States and its allies.

From Canada's perspective, the meeting comes at a time when Canadians have been criticizing some basic NATO doctrines.

The most celebrated example was Prime Minister Trudeau's public questioning of U.S. willingness to use nuclear weapons to stop a Soviet blitz of Western Europe with conventional forces.

Trudeau's remarks at a conference in Davos, Switzerland, earlier this year set off a storm of controversy, as did his remark in Romania shortly afterward about the "absurdity" of nuclear deterrence, "the logic of another age."

But other NATO members may take some of the heat off Canada. Italian Prime Minister Craxi has suggested NATO stop deploying nuclear missiles as an enticement to bring the Soviets back to the bargaining table. The Dutch government is under fire for its uncertainty about whether to deploy 48 cruise missiles as part of the NATO decision of 1979.

### Publication suspended in Terrace

Citizen news services  
TERRACE — The Terrace Herald is suspending publication immediately pending the results of a feasibility study, Sterling Newspapers announced Friday.

Arthur Weeks, vice-president and general manager of the newspaper group, said the decision was taken reluctantly because of a number of factors which occurred at the same time.

First, he said, is the high cost of relocation forced by expropriation of the plant's Motz Plaza site by CN Rail.

Weeks also cited uneconomic operation in the Terrace-Kitimat area which is served by up to four publications, and inability to reach a collective agreement with the International Typographical Union which represents Herald employees.

The Herald is the third B.C. daily to disappear in less than a year. Last September the Kamloops Sentinel, owned by Thomson Newspapers, cut back from seven-day to thrice-weekly publication. The New Westminster Columbian, serving Vancouver suburbs, closed in November after many months of financial difficulties.



Karen Kreiger is 1984's Queen Aurora.

## Our queen needs sponsor

by BERNICE TRICK  
Staff reporter

Eighteen-year-old Karen Kreiger was crowned Queen Aurora XXVI — Miss Prince George — Saturday amid cheers of victory and tears of farewell.

The green-eyed Grade 12 student, chosen from among 11 candidates, received her dazzling aurora borealis crown and forest green robe from outgoing queen Jacqueline Allen.

The five-foot, six-inch student of Prince George Senior Secondary School, who was sponsored by B.C. Tel, will represent this city at numerous events throughout B.C. during the next year.

On Sunday Kreiger said her win "still hadn't sunk in."

"I never expected to win. I was so stunned I didn't know what to say or what to do."

First princess Kathy Kozak and second princess Jill Gregson were crowned by outgoing princesses Brenda Iwaskow and Suzanne Parent.

Miss Congeniality is Coleena Berlin.

The talent award went to Barbara Muntz and the Evergreen award for community knowledge to Roberta Gray.

Speech awards went to Shirley Ann Jay, Colleen Katrinchuk and Barbara Muntz.

The big question right now is whether Kreiger will be able to represent this city at Toronto's Miss Canada Pageant in November.

Pageant Society president Liane Kos says it "all depends on finances."

"Right now we have \$1,500 of the \$2,500 needed to send her and have until June 20 to come up with the rest. Otherwise, she won't be able to attend."

Kos, who is hoping to hear from prospective sponsors, says if the pageant is missed this year, it would also affect future winners.

"We'll lose our franchise and it will be given to someone else; then we'll be put on a waiting list until there's a vacant spot."

Kreiger says she'll prepare for the contest and is confident she'll be there.

"I think it's important we're represented so people know about Prince George," she said.

After the financial plight became known late last week, the society received \$400 in donations from local business which has been added to the \$1,100 raised from a diamond ring raffle.

Christine Dawson is the winner of the diamond ring and Ron Brawley won the video cassette recorder offered in the raffle. Both are from this city.

## Local team wins national rally

Citizen news services

TORONTO — A young Prince George couple won the two-day National Young Drivers Rally on Sunday.

Roxane McFarlane, a 21-year-old legal secretary, and Terry Bruder, 22, received a new car and \$1,000 in gasoline after finishing first over a twisting timed course at the foot of the CN Tower.

The couple finished four points ahead of second-place John Poulsen and Mark Hillock of Mississauga while Richard Meredith and Don Michener of Toronto finished third.

The rally, first held in 1979, is organized by Young Drivers of Canada, a national non-profit driver training organization, and the Canadian Automobile Sports

Clubs, an association of motor sports clubs across Canada.

"I am broke," said Bruder, a recent graduate from the British Columbia Institute of Technology. "This couldn't have come at a better time."

"Right now the car that Terry drives doesn't have reverse," McFarlane said when she heard about the new car.

Jane Konig, Prince George centre director for Young Drivers of Canada, says Bruder had won the local competition three times and the national win "is really nice for him."

Konig added: "We were informed by head office it (the national competition) was going to be a very, very tough competition."