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CANCER PATIENT

Time running out for WCB claimant

by Canadian Press
VANCOUVER — John Kingsbury often thinks of the two years in the mid-1950s he spent washing down the asbestos-covered roads at the Cassiar Mine in northwestern British Columbia.

"Let's put it this way: there was lots of stupid guys like me who didn't know any better," says the gaunt 58-year-old who was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer in November, 1984.

Kingsbury, his doctors, lawyer, wife and a Workers Compensation review board are all convinced the asbestos the former miner was exposed to in Cassiar in 1956 and 1957 contributed to his cancer.

But in spite of a review board decision in his favor last November, the Workers' Compensation Board disagrees and plans to reopen the case.

Ron Bunn, Kingsbury's lawyer, said the delay could mean the ailing man gets nothing before he dies.

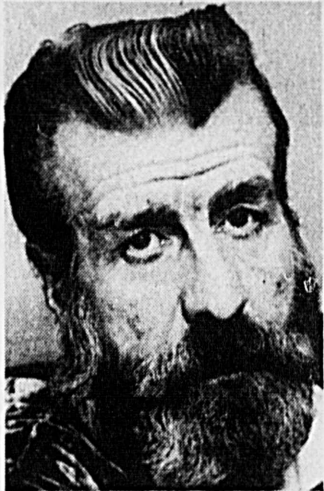
"It will probably take months," Bunn said Sunday. "Will John be alive then? I don't know. I honestly don't know."

Bunn said the review board has become meaningless for disabled workers because board commissioners overturn any decision they don't like.

Kingsbury and his wife Freda are living on a Canada disability pension of \$405 a month plus \$350 provided by the mining union. His wife said a single prescription of 50 painkillers for his cancer costs \$130.

Kingsbury worked until 1983 when he injured a finger in a mining accident at Tumbler Ridge in northeastern B.C. While recovering from surgery, he entered hospital again and cancer was diagnosed.

"I started mining in Quebec when I was 16," he said, pausing frequently for short breaths. "I did all sorts of jobs



KINGSBURY

— miner, foreman, shift boss."

Kingsbury has also been a light smoker for most of his life and because his diseased lungs don't have some of the fine fibres normally considered to be asbestosis, the board maintains his cancer "is not a recognized industrial disease."

But Bunn said lung specialists now say asbestos contributes to cancer, whether or not the fibres appear.

Dr. Andrew Churg, a specialist at the University of B.C., wrote in a report to the board that asbestos could have contributed to Kingsbury's lung cancer in spite of the lack of fibres.

Churg also said asbestos tumors usually occur 20 to 30 years after exposure, which is consistent with Kingsbury's years at Cassiar.

Two other lung specialists also wrote the board supporting Kingsbury's claim.

Board spokesman Grant McMillan said he was not familiar with the case and could not comment on it.

But he said if the commissioners know a claimant is terminally ill, they will do their best to speed up the claims process.

LEGENDARY GOLD MINE LOST AGAIN

VANCOUVER (CP) — The legendary King Solomon's Mines have been lost once more — at least to any investor on the Vancouver Stock Exchange prepared to join with Saudi arms dealer Adnan Khahoggi.

Vault Explorations Inc. of Kelowna, B.C., has announced that in order to have its stock resume trading on the exchange, it is cancelling its deal to acquire a 48-per-cent interest in Khahoggi-linked Mali American Mines Ltd.

The exchange halted trading in Vault shares Jan. 6 after the mineral exploration company announced the transaction involving West

African gold prospects. A temporary cease-trading order Jan. 9 from Michael Ross, superintendent of brokers, reinforced the halt.

Vault president Maurice Hamelin said Sunday it would have taken at least three months to get the requested audited financial statements and the clarifications of the engineering reports from Africa.

"Ninety days is just too long," said Hamelin, "That's not fair to the present shareholders of Vault."

Khahoggi, in his role as promoter and chairman of Mali, said in a news release in early January the company had received the rights to develop West African gold and diamond prospects which had "absolutely enormous potential."

"It has been speculated that these are, in fact, the legendary King Solomon's Mines," the release said.

Vault shares, first traded on the Vancouver exchange Nov. 20 for 35 cents, reached \$2.85 by Jan. 5. The next day, when the Mali deal was announced, they rose to \$3.50 in 18 minutes before trading was halted.

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Local students' art shown in Australia

by ARNOLD OLSON
Staff reporter

International reputations have started for three young Prince George artists whose work is currently on display in Australia and will travel in May to a permanent home in Norway.

The Emily Carr College of Art and Design (ECCAD) is offering other young B.C. artists a similar opportunity.

The B.C. Young Artists' Exhibition '85, organized by ECCAD, selected: Dreams, by Tara B. Grondlun of College Heights secondary school; Colour Zoo, by Tracy Ewart of Kelly Road secondary school; and Passing Time, by Scott A. Hamilton of Prince George secondary school.

BCYA '85 is a 142-piece show of young B.C. artists' work, already seen by about 23,000 people during a 23-community tour of B.C., the Yukon and Washington state.

The exhibition is currently in Adelaide, at Australia's Carlew Youth Performing Arts Centre, the country's leading art-promotion centre for young people.

The show coincides with the International Association of Theatre for Children and Young People, and with Australia's national art festival for young people.

In May, it goes to Oslo, Norway, to join International Young Art, organized by ECCAD. It will become part of a permanent collection of the Foundation of Children's History, Art and Culture in the In-

ternational Museum of Children's Art.

The biennial BCYA is currently calling for entries to represent work done in 1987, just as the current exhibition represents work done in 1985.

The BCYA '87 — the fifth exhibition — is aiming at a 200-piece show of art by people 19 and younger.

It will open Sept. 13 in the Vancouver Art Gallery, then travel to the Kelowna Art Gallery from Nov. 10 and in 1988 will travel to 20 other communities throughout the province, Washington state and the Yukon.

Finances are provided by the Annual Endeavor Auction, B.C. Tel, Chevron Canada Ltd., Cornwall Publishing Co. Ltd., Friends of ECCAD Society, The Hamber Foundation, the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation and Pacific Western Airlines.

Aside from paintings and drawings, the exhibition includes prints, photographs, two-dimensional collages and — for the first time — three-dimensional works in slide form.

Work will be accepted from March 1 to 20.

Entry forms may be obtained from district school superintendents, the Federation of Independent Schools Association, the Education Ministry's correspondence education branch, public art galleries and at ECCAD Outreach, 1399 Johnston St., Vancouver, V6H 3R9.

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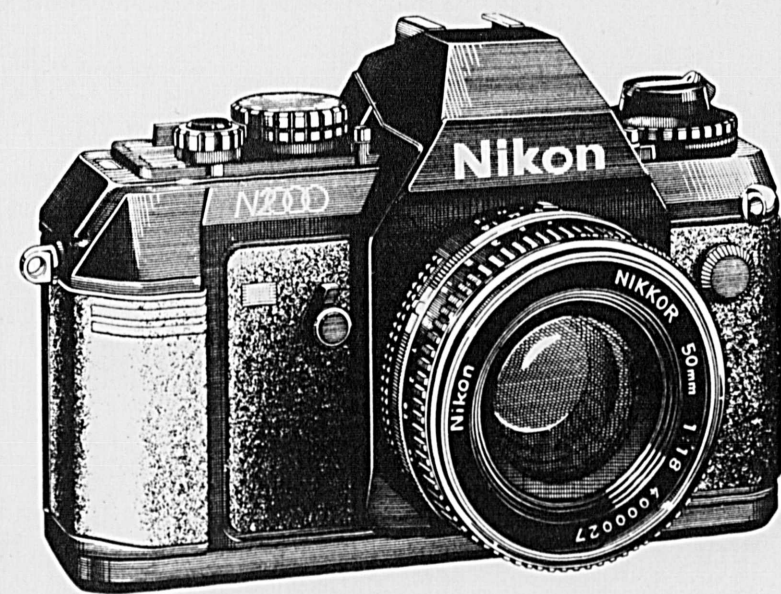
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