

## Chilcotin manhunt lauched

VANCOUVER (CP) — RCMP searched a cattle camp for clues today while the Chilcotin hills were combed for a suspect after a cowboy and his wife were found fatally shot on Monday.

Police also used aircraft in their search for a 27-year-old "armed and dangerous" Redstone, B.C., resident, wanted on charges of stealing a pickup truck at gunpoint in his home village only hours before the shootings.

Dead are Alexis Creek resident Peter Ross, 74, and his wife, Kathleen, 61. Ross died Monday and Kathleen died Tuesday. An autopsy report released Thursday confirmed Kathleen died of gunshot wounds. An earlier report said she died of a heart attack.

RCMP Sgt. Bob Madrigga said in an interview an armed robbery warrant was issued Thursday for the arrest of Dennis Jack.

He said police are convinced Jack is still in the Chilcotin, a region of marginal ranching, timber and wilderness stretching from Williams Lake to the Coast mountains above the Bella Coola valley.

A pickup truck stolen in Redstone on Monday was discovered later in the Tatla Lake area and another vehicle in the same vicinity has "gone missing," Madrigga said.

## Weather

Immediate Prince George area: Sunny with some afternoon and evening showers, clear with some cloudy periods overnight. Sunny Sunday with afternoon clouds and isolated showers. Mainly sunny through to Tuesday but clouding by Wednesday.

The chance for precipitation is 30 per cent today and 20 per cent overnight and Sunday.

The predicted high today is 19, the overnight low 7 and the high Sunday is 20.

Friday's high was 18.1, the overnight low 6.1, with no rain and 12.6 hours of sunshine recorded in the past 24 hours.

A year ago today the high was 20, the low 8, with one millimetre of rain and 8.8 hours of sunshine recorded.

Sunset today is at 9:33 p.m. Sunday's sunrise is 5:02 a.m. and sunset at 9:32 p.m. Monday's sunrise is 5:03 a.m.

Chilcotin-Cariboo, Parsnip, Prince George: Sunny with cloudy periods. Patchy morning fog. A few showers and afternoon thundershowers. Highs near 18. Tonight, clear with cloudy periods. A few evening showers and thundershowers. Lows near 5. Sunday, sunny with cloudy periods. A few afternoon showers and thundershowers. Highs near 20. Probability of precipitation 40 per cent, 30 per cent tonight and Sunday.

Bulkley Valley-the Lakes: Sunny with cloudy periods. Isolated showers with the chance of an afternoon thundershowers eastern sections. Highs near 18. Tonight, A few clouds. Lows near 4. Sunday, sunny with cloudy periods. Highs near 20. Probability of precipitation 20 per cent, 10 per cent tonight and Sunday.

Greater Vancouver: Sunny. Highs near 24. Tonight clear, lows near 12. Sunday, sunny. Highs near 24. Probability of precipitation zero per cent, zero tonight and Sunday.

## Tourist alert

The following persons, believed travelling in British Columbia, are asked to call the person named for an urgent personal message:

Philip Innes Fraser of Anchorage, Alaska call your parents.

Gregory Brunette of Calgary call Katherine Brunette.

Ivan Fair Arthur of Victoria call Don McTavish.

Ed and Daphne Sweeny of Vancouver call Murray Phillips.

Klaus and Gaby Fehlau of Bonn, Germany call Frank Bailey.

Rudolph Duplissey of Florida call Annette Yates.

Annie Northwest of Alberta call Wetaskiwin RCMP.

Ron Tadesco of Langley, B.C. call Michael Barker.

## Man injured in accident

An unidentified Highway Ministry employee was taken to Prince George Regional Hospital for treatment of possible head injuries following a two-vehicle collision, on Highway 97, about three kilometres north of the Nechako River, Friday about 1:30 p.m.

RCMP report a vehicle driven by Reginald Swanson, 19, of Prince George was in collision with a highway maintenance truck driven by Robert Lewis, 29, of Mission.

The injured man was a passenger in the truck.



**Dancer finishes high**

Chelsea Szanik strikes a proud pose for good reason — the 12-year-old competed against Highland dancers from across Canada and did better than any other such Prince George dancer has done in many years: third runner-up (fourth place) in the 1988 Canadian Interprovincial Championships and second runner-up (third place) in the Scotdance Championships. Both competitions were held in Hamilton, Ont. last weekend.

**MICHAEL J. FOX**

## Actor to take bride

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael J. Fox, star of NBC's Family Ties, is planning to marry actress Tracy Pollan, his former girlfriend on the show, the actor's agent confirmed Friday.

However, the agent, Peter Benedek, still refused to say when or where the wedding would take place.

A source close to the actor said Fox, a native of Burnaby, B.C., would "be married by Sunday night."

Another source said the wedding would be held at a country inn, probably in Vermont, where Fox owns a 40-hectare homestead.

Pollan, 27, played the girlfriend of Fox's character, Alex Keaton,

on the popular sitcom before going on to film roles.

Fox, 26, started dating Pollan last spring after her break-up with actor Kevin Bacon, People magazine reported in May. The couple, who also co-starred in the film Bright Lights, Big City.

Fox, at 5-foot-4 and 120 pounds, has a reputation as the consummate Hollywood nice guy, helping crew members move sets and equipment. He's also one of its hottest actors, earning a reported \$17 million last year.

He rocketed to fame when he starred in Back to the Future, the top-grossing film of 1985. He was recently in Thailand filming Casualties of War with Sean Penn.

## Law cuts barrier for public servants

OTTAWA (CP) — The Federal Court of Appeal has struck down a law that restricts the political rights of some 250,000 federal public servants.

Daryl Bean, president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, said the ruling means public servants finally have full political rights.

In a 3-0 ruling Friday, the court declared a key provision of the Public Service Employment Act to have no force or effect because it infringes on the freedoms of expression and association of federal employees.

Bean said in an interview public servants now "can go out and work on behalf of, against, or for a party or candidate of their choice."

He said the ruling does more than Bill C-273, introduced by Conservative MP David Daubney of Ottawa to broaden public service political rights.

"What it means now is that it doesn't matter if they pass C-273 because we've already got those rights. In fact, C-273 would restrict some of those rights, particularly with regard to people below the deputy minister level."

Daubney said it worries him that senior managers who give policy advice are being given unrestricted political freedom. Under his bill, they wouldn't be allowed to engage in partisan activity.

Only those who already have col-

lective bargaining rights would also enjoy expanded political rights under the Daubney bill.

He said he believes the ruling will almost certainly be appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The court of appeal invalidated Section 32 (1) (a), which prohibits working for or against candidates for federal, provincial or territorial political office.

It noted the Public Service Commission has never been able to clearly explain what the provision allows or forbids and in 1984 had to warn employees it might be risky to do anything beyond voting.

## Mill, plant set for B.C.

VICTORIA (CP) — Makin Pulp and Paper Ltd. of Calgary has agreed to build a pulp and coated paper mill at Britannia Beach and a chipping plant in the Hudson's Hope-Chetwynd area of north-eastern British Columbia.

Forests Minister Dave Parker said in a news release Friday that the province and the company will sign a pulpwood agreement, which will allow the company to harvest 220,000 cubic metres of aspen in northeastern B.C. annually.

About 370 jobs will be created at the pulp mill in Britannia Beach, located on Howe Sound about 40 kilometres north of Vancouver.

# Incident at MP's office ends without injuries

JOLIETTE, Que. (CP) — A 23-year-old man from a Montreal suburb was arrested after a hostage-taking Friday at the riding office of Conservative MP Roch LaSalle.

Later in the afternoon Andre Latendresse sat quietly in handcuffs in the Joliette courthouse, 60 kilometres northeast of Montreal, as he was formally charged with kidnapping, forcible confinement and assault with a weapon.

He is to undergo psychiatric examination this weekend and will reappear in the Joliette courthouse Monday when authorities will determine whether he is fit to stand trial.

Annie Perreault, 18-year-old president of the local Progressive Conservative party's youth wing, was taken hostage at 8 a.m. Friday and held for nearly three hours.

Her sister, who was driving her to the shoe store where they both have summer jobs, dropped her off and waited outside while she went into the office to pick up some papers and make some calls in preparation for a weekend party rally.

"I told my sister I was going inside to make a call and would be back in five minutes," Perrault said.

But as she walked into the ground floor offices, a man came in behind her and threatened to blow up the building if he could not speak to LaSalle, a veteran Quebec Conservative and former cabinet minister.

Perreault said her first thought was that things like that only happened on television. Her second was that her sister was waiting for her outside.

"I wanted to tell the guy to go and tell my sister what had happened because he said he had a bomb," she said. "I thought that if she came in and if she touched it accidentally, it might go off."

She dialed LaSalle's number and the man got on the phone.

LaSalle said the man wanted to talk about some personal problems related to the sale of his family home and a recent conviction for assaulting a police officer.

And he said the man told him in a calm and measured voice, "I am not a bad man but I put six sticks of dynamite between the entry doors of your office. If you agree to meet me, I won't use them."

When the man hung up LaSalle telephoned an aide and informed the police.

Perreault phoned him again 15 minutes later and asked him to come to the office. She seemed worried, LaSalle said, but Joliette police told him to stay calm, not to go to the office and to keep the man waiting.

"I talked to him four times," LaSalle said.

"I told him I was out of gas and said it would take a good half-hour to get to the office.

"Then I called him back and told

him I was stuck in the middle of a crowd of Bell Canada strikers and couldn't move. He believed me."

Perreault said the man had a knife in his hand but the only time he threatened her was before the first phone call.

As they spoke, the phones started to ring while a police cordon formed around the building and news of the hostage-taking spread.

Three hours later, as her captor was speaking on one phone, the other telephone rang.

"I was worried that if I didn't answer it, they'd think something happened to me," Perreault said.

She said she picked it up and a policeman on the other end told her, "If you can save yourself, do it. We're waiting for you. Run as quickly as possible. There are police everywhere."

While her captor was still speaking on the other phone, she opened a window and climbed out. Her parents and sister met her outside.

Police phoned back and started negotiating with the man to surrender.

An hour later he gave himself up.

In the office afterwards police found a long kitchen knife, an alarm clock, a pocket lamp, a walkie-talkie, a bottle of cleaning fluid, some orange plastic bags and a green bag full of personal papers.

No dynamite was found.

## CABINET CONTROVERSY

# Vander Zalm holds firm

VANCOUVER (CP) — Premier Bill Vander Zalm said Friday he doesn't treat criticisms of his embattled leadership lightly, but his commitment to make changes is unlikely to include appointing a cabinet minister from the province's largest city.

The presidents of the five Vancouver riding associations represented by Social Credit members met Friday with Jim McLean, the party's regional director. McLean said the group, which refused to publicly back the premier, believes it is essential Vancouver have cabinet representation.

The city was left without a cabinet representative when Stephen Rogers was left out in a recent cabinet shuffle and Grace McCarthy resigned over Vander Zalm's style of government. The resignation, which came just days after

veteran 'Sacred Brian Smith quit his post as attorney general, came on the eve of the cabinet shuffle.

Vander Zalm, in an interview outside the downtown cabinet offices, said he will review any submission on cabinet representation.

"But I have to repeat again that we do have pretty good representation in this part of B.C.," said Vander Zalm, who represents the suburban riding of Richmond. "We have many cabinet members who are almost within walking distance of the city limits, including myself. So there is darn good representation."

That didn't sit well with Alistair Palmer, the Vancouver-Point Grey constituency president, who said it was "just unacceptable" for the city's 415,000 residents not to be represented in cabinet.

Like the other presidents, however, Palmer refused comment after the meeting on Vander Zalm's leadership.

Despite swirling controversy and almost daily questioning of his leadership by various caucus members, a calm and relaxed Vander Zalm looked and talked Friday like a man in firm control.

He said he will address some of the problems his colleagues have raised and indicated he's looking forward to next month's caucus meeting as a chance to "give everyone an opportunity to voice various concerns."

Vander Zalm, who plans to spend the next two weeks on vacation, talked to reporters after a morning meeting with caucus chairman Carol Gran, who has said publicly the premier must address the issue of leadership.

## The Prince George Citizen

### Congratulates Prince George's Visitors of the Week



From left to right are Carl Christenson, KOA Campgrounds, Mr. & Mrs. McColl, MR. & Mrs. Linden and Leannex Clayton, Tourist Bureau Travel Counsellor. The Prince George Citizen and the Visitors & Convention Bureau wish to congratulate the McColls and Lindens on being chosen Prince George's visitors of the week. The Lindens are from Sparks, Nevada and the McColls are from Palm Desert, California. They have just arrived from Jasper and are staying in Prince George for a few days. They will be going to Dawson Creek up to the Yukon and Alaska. One couple will be returning by Ferry while the other returns via Highway 37. Both couples will be overnighing at KOA, courtesy Henry Christenson of KOA Campgrounds. They were presented with Robert Sebastian prints, dinner at Kentucky Fried Chicken, lunch at Boston Pizza, \$10.00 gift certificate from Woodward's plus gifts and mementoes from over 30 Prince George businesses and associations.

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