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Look back at the city's most infamous airplane

Quotable

"Staff are saying no, students are saying no, teachers are saying no, librarians are saying no. Who is saying yes?"
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From Front

Jury takes eight hours

A Quesnel jury found both men guilty of first degree murder in November 1996, but both appealed the conviction based on the judge's charge to the jury. The appeal was successful. The second trial was moved to Prince George.

The jury was chosen on September 18.

After eight hours of deliberations, the jury once again convicted the two of first degree murder.

When asked if he had anything to

say, Mr. Forknall responded:

"We've hurt a lot of people with what's happened, families included. My family ... I love you with all my heart."

Mr. Copeland was silent for a few minutes as he tried to gather control of himself, but turned to his family in the gallery and told them he loved them.

The sentence for first degree murder is automatically life in prison.

"It is a dreadful sentence for a dreadful crime," stated Justice Victor Curtis after he passed sentence, "But where there is life, there is hope. I hope you live your lives to the best of your abilities."



McKinney

From Front

Local economy needs more consideration

a finite amount of revenue he says is hurting the interior economy.

The Wes Cheston report, written by the former assistant deputy forests minister, is sure to aggravate environmentalists, who have been urging for a moratorium on logging in coastal areas of the northwest.

"It flies in the face of what they've done to appease environmental interests in the province," he says.

The report also includes the reduction of road building costs, allowing long-term exports of surplus pulp chips from the northwest and independent logging of forests licences whenever the licensee's harvest falls below minimum levels. Logs could then be taken directly to market by independent loggers.

The special zone would be brought into place under the Job Protection Act, because it would act to stabilize the

economy and protect jobs at West Fraser and Skeena Cellulose mills.

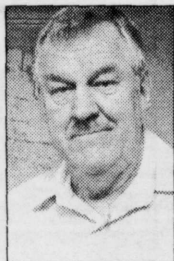
"Our concerns are certainly justified," says

Mr. Nagel. "They want to decrease the price to protect a small portion of the market."

He cites large going out of business sales at Ritchie Brothers auctioneers, who

recently sold Joe Martin and Sons trucks and machinery for \$15 million, as an indicator of our own ailing economy.

"There were purchasers there from all over the place, who came to buy that equipment," he adds "It definitely says something about the state of our industry."



Nagel

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