

New B.C.-Ottawa Clash Expected Over Coal Fields

VICTORIA (CP)—The British Columbia government appears bound for a new clash with the federal government over the question who owns territorial mineral rights to the rich coal fields in the south-eastern portion of the province.

The two governments are already fiercely contesting ownership of off-shore petroleum resources, a dispute scheduled to go before the Supreme Court of Canada in February.

Two B.C. firms have applied for coal mining licences covering an area of about 67 square miles in the Flathead River country near Morrissey, B.C. but the firms, Fernie Coal Mines Ltd. of Vancouver and Pacific Coal Ltd. of Victoria, applied both to the federal and provincial governments for operating permits.

The area the companies seek to develop is in what is known as "Dominion coal lands," over which the federal government may have claim.

The applications have already received provincial cabinet approval and are being processed by the B.C. department of mines and petroleum resources.

B.C. HAS CLAIMED RIGHTS By approving the applications, B.C. has asserted its right to the coal reserves. Any action by Ottawa on the applications — rejecting or acceptance — would show the federal government is also claiming rights, say provincial officials.

Neither firm is currently engaged in coal production. Fernie Coal stated on its application it will aim its production at the Japanese coking coal market. The company applied for 31 licences each with a maximum size of 640 acres or one square mile.

The 30 licences applied for by Pacific Coal fall in an area adjoining the proposed Fernie operation.

A spokesman for the provincial mines department said Pacific Coal is also interested in the Japanese export market and that Japanese financing will assist pre-development work.

The department said that Fernie Coal is planning production of 3,000,000 tons over 10 years. Each licence permits 10,000 tons of coal to be mined each year.

The companies are contemplating both open pit and underground mining operations, which are characteristic of existing coal production in the area by Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. at Natal, Michel, and Sparwood.

Crow's Nest Pass produces most of the coal mined in B.C.



FERRIS WHEEL FOR CENTENNIAL BARGE

A ferris wheel may be mounted on one of the centennial barges which will cruise the MacKenzie River next year. The floating exhibition, part of the Northwest Territories' centennial project, will be towed by a tug from Great Slave Lake to the

Arctic Ocean. Many MacKenzie River residents have never seen a ferris wheel. (CP Wirephoto)

TEENS' PROTEST NIPPED DOWN UNDER

Two Perth, Australia girls, Heather Vincent, 16, LEFT, and Patricia Burgess, 15, hang from railing of pedestrian bridge spanning busy Kwinana Freeway 20 feet below. "There is nothing to do in this mad town," they shouted down at the cars during their hour-long escapade before a Perth policeman, Constable Dunlop, came along and herded them off the bridge. (CP Wirephoto)

Aberfan Slide Was Expected, Foreman Says

MERTHYR TYDFIL, Wales (Reuters) — The foreman in charge of the Aberfan coal mine waste pile which slid and buried 144 persons in October told an inquiry tribunal here he thought the dump would slide toward the coal-mining village.

But he added, he "never thought it would go so far."

Foreman Leslie Davies, said that on the morning of the disaster he reported a sinking of the dump of 10 to 12 feet.

When asked by the tribunal whether he had any fear of the dump slipping down the mountain, he answered: "Yes, I did think it would slip, but never thought it would go so far."

He testified he told fellow workmen several times in the three months prior to the disaster that the man-made mountain of waste would slide if they continued working on it at the same rate.

Bay would have to cross the Northwest Territories to get to the water when the tide was out.

Mr. Churchill offered to purchase a cottage on the Manitoba coast if Mr. Grégoire would move there.

Mr. Pepin then offered to communicate Mr. Grégoire's complaint to his officials and also take it to the "United Nations and other interested international commissions."

Mr. Grégoire complained that the bill defining the border between Manitoba and the Northwest Territories was incomplete as it stopped at Hudson Bay.

He said the border of the territory extended along the high-water mark on the coast of Hudson Bay along Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

He suggested it should be set at 12 miles outside the low-water mark. Otherwise a person with a summer cottage on the Manitoba coast of Hudson

Quebec Premier To Probe Labrador Highway Proposal

QUEBEC (CP)—Premier Daniel Johnson said he will make inquiries to see whether the Newfoundland government is to build a road from Churchill Falls, Labrador to a coastal Labrador community.

He would also try to find out whether the project would be financed 90-per-cent by the federal government.

The Quebec premier was replying in the legislature to questions from Henri-L. Colteux (L-Duplessis) who asked whether Mr. Johnson was aware of a fleet of six sea-planes was bringing in men and material to build the road.

He said the workers and supplies were being flown from Labrador and Newfoundland bases.

Mr. Colteux also asked whether it is true the road is being 90-per-cent financed by subsidies from the federal to the Newfoundland government.

SAID UNFAIR If so, Labrador was being given an unfair competitive edge over Quebec.

The Liberal member said he understands the road is to be built between Churchill Falls, about 100 miles east of the Quebec-Labrador border, and Porteau, at the tip of Labrador on the Strait of Belle Isle.

Tax Dodgers Will Face New Trouble

OTTAWA (CP) — The long tax-collecting arm of the federal government will be reorganized to make it stronger against tax dodgers, Revenue Minister Benson announced.

He said in a statement that three new branches will be set up in the taxation division of his department. An assistant deputy minister will be named soon to head each branch. The new branches will be:

Compliance: This branch will supervise the uniform application of income tax and Canada Pension Plan regulations and

Boundaries Queries Aired In Commons

OTTAWA (CP)—Offers of a United Nations investigation and a summer cottage on the Manitoba coast of Hudson Bay failed to stop a boundary inquiry in the Commons by Gilles Grégoire (Ind-Lapointe).

The offers came during debate on three bills which Energy Minister Pepin said would "define more accurately" the boundaries between Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories and Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Grégoire used the bills as a platform to complain about the border of the Northwest Territories along Hudson and James bays and the provinces of Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba.

He first raised the question as a "matter of principle" and asked whether the federal government had the right to set boundaries between provinces.

If this was the case, he asked, why was no action taken on the Labrador dispute between Quebec and Newfoundland?

Mr. Pepin refused to give a legal opinion but said the government had the power to set the borders when asked by the provinces concerned.

Mr. Grégoire said labor-class voters, recruited by the 12,000 member Toronto and District Labor Council, helped him achieve the upset.

All but four of the 21 Toronto area candidates supported by the council were elected.

A supporter of the New Democratic Party who often carries an NDP button on his lapel, Mr. Dennison said he feared prior to the election that his political ties would harm him.

Stephen Lewis, NDP member of the Ontario legislature for Scarborough West, said Mr. Dennison's victory is evidence of the NDP's surging popularity.

T. C. Douglas, NDP national leader, said in Ottawa the election was a reflection of Mr. Dennison's own record and ability but also showed that being an NDP supporter is no longer the liability it was several years ago.

KEEPS YOU REGULAR An atomic clock to be exhibited at Expo 67 is guaranteed not to lose one second in 30,000 years.

Policy For Toronto Described By Mayor

TORONTO (CP) — Toronto's new mayor, cost-conscious William Dennison, says he wants to make the city a place where people can afford to live free of high taxes, burgeoning ex-

Viet Nam War Costs Mounting

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — President Johnson has announced a "reasonably accurate estimate" that Viet Nam war costs between now and June 30 will top earlier projections by \$9,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000.

He said he will ask congress for the extra money next month. Johnson had said earlier the request for supplemental appropriations might run anywhere from \$5,000,000,000 to \$15,000,000,000.

With Johnson was Defense Secretary McNamara who had a surprise announcement of his own.

McNamara said the U.S. will build and deploy the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, the most advanced ICBM on U.S. drawing boards.

Claiming this decision had been reached some time ago, McNamara coupled his announcement with an admission that it now appears the Soviet Union will appear ICBM's faster than American intelligence experts had predicted.

McNamara said he wanted to emphasize that the "United States, without taking any actions beyond those already planned, will continue to have a substantial quantitative and qualitative superiority over the Soviet Union in ICBM's."

He said the Soviet missile buildup, according to revised estimates, will take place by mid-1968.

McNamara was questioned about reports of an intensification of American air strikes against North Viet Nam. He replied that recent air activity follows an extended period of bad weather, which delayed planned bombing raids.

STREAMLINED COMMAND

LT-Gen. W.A.B. Anderson outlines the new structure of the Canadian armed forces' Mobile Command at a headquarters press conference in Montreal. (CP Wirephoto)

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