



**WATCH WAR CANOES SINK**

Chief Dan George and Harvey Rourke, dressed as Captain George Vancouver, watch in dismay as eight of 18 war canoes taking part in a British Columbia centennial project sink slowly out of sight. The canoes filled with water and sank after hitting wakes of power boats watching the race. The festivities at New Westminster, B.C., marked the 100th anniversary of the union of mainland B.C. and Vancouver Island.

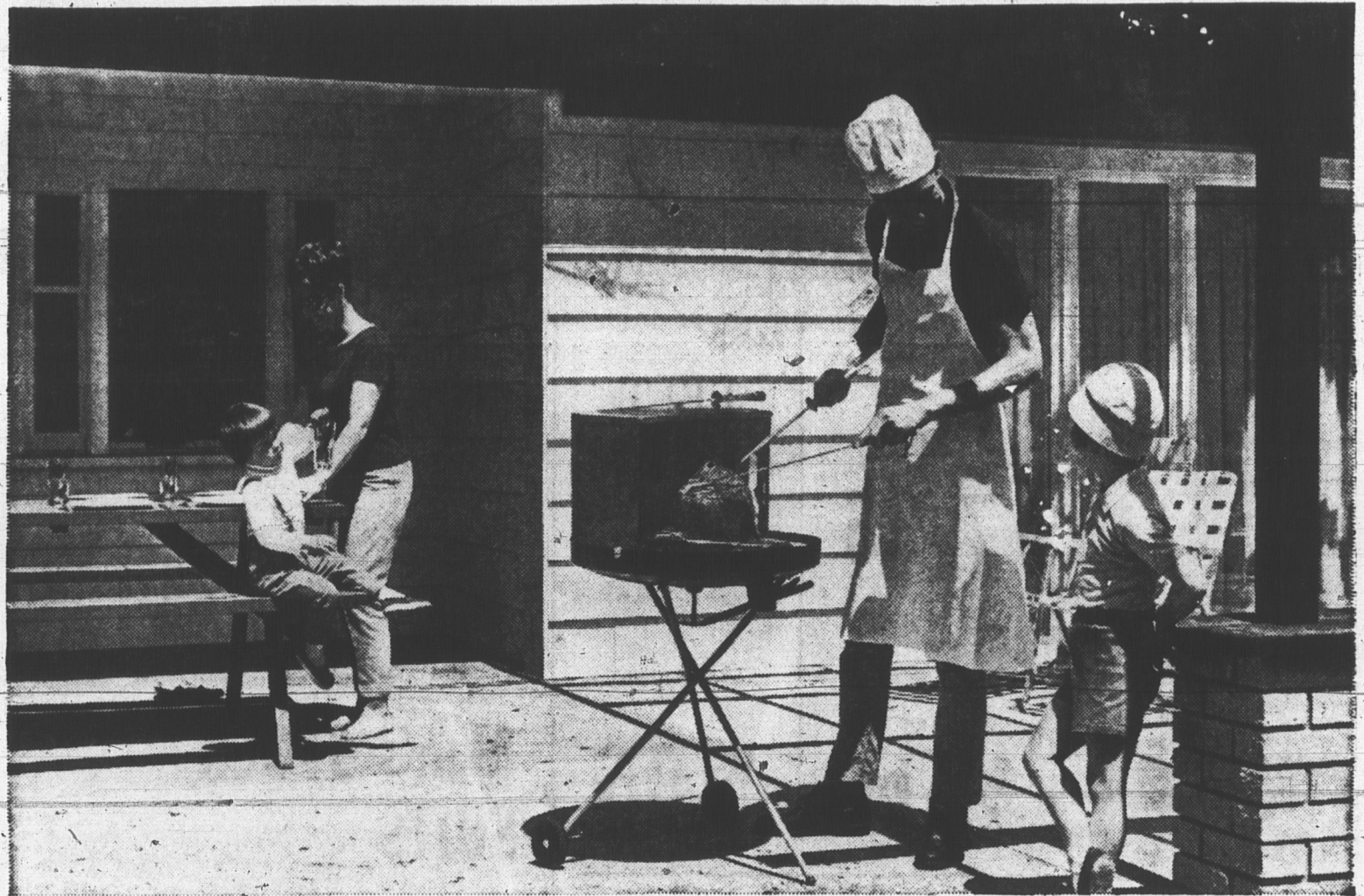
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**Prospectors Abandon Mules For Helicopters**

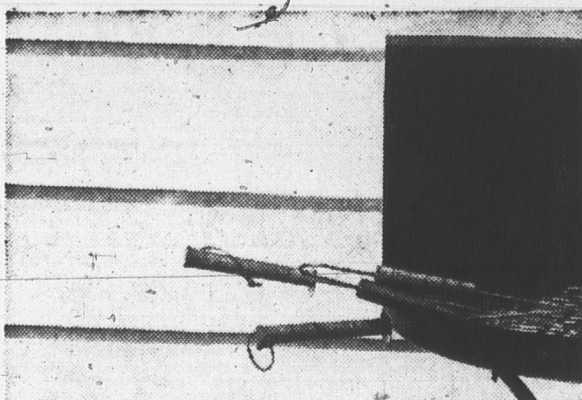
By STEPHEN SCOTT  
VANCOUVER (CP)—The day when the prospector heads into the bush leading his trusty mule is slowly fading. Today he will quite possibly hop into a \$130-an-hour helicopter and fly to the area he hopes to find minerals. "It's a heck of a lot more expensive than a mule but he can get in and out quickly," a spokesman for Okanagan Helicopters Ltd. said in an interview Tuesday night. The British Columbia-Yukon Chamber of Mines says about 125 helicopters are flying over the province this year on work connected with British Columbia's continuing mining boom. Okanagan, with 68 machines one of the largest helicopter companies in the world, is doing much of it. The spokesman said about 60 or 70 per cent of the company's revenue comes from mining exploration, staking and proving mineral discoveries. In a day some 30 machines might be doing that work alone, some of them chartered for three or four months by a com-

pany, and others hired for a minimum of three hours. **PLAYS MAJOR ROLE** "There hasn't been a major mineral or petroleum find in the last 10 years in which the helicopter hasn't been involved," he said. He said a prospector wishing to go to an interesting area will hire a 'copter. "A few days or weeks later we'll pick him up. He'll have a load of samples in his pack for assay. Then he'll take his assay to a major company. If it is interested, it will fly somebody in to look at the area staked." Okanagan was formed in 1947 by Carl Agar, still honorary chairman of the board, primarily as a crop dusting company. It expanded into geological exploration and timber cruising and then a wide variety of work. It operates from 10 bases in B.C. and in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. It has a small operation at Montreal's Dorval Airport and briefly was supplying drilling rigs in the North Sea.

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**American Scientist Thinks Russians Are Not Ahead**

By IAN MacKENZIE  
HALIFAX (CP) — A United States scientist said here he does not think the Soviet Union's oceanographic research program is much advanced over that of the U.S. "We have almost as large a fleet of oceanographic vessels as the Russians," Charles Freas said in an interview, "and we have the advantage of better technology and scientific equipment." Two U.S. oceanographic vessels currently visiting Halifax are examples of the increased emphasis the U.S. is putting on oceanographic and hydrographic research. The ships—the Bertha Ann and the Seascope—are owned by Alpine Geographical Associates and are surveying the ocean bed from the Bahamas to Nova Scotia up to 1,000 miles from shore under contract to the U.S. Navy. Mr. Freas said the U.S. has been steadily increasing its oceanographic and hydrographic programs since President Kennedy in 1961 called for increased emphasis on research in these fields. It was about that time that the Soviet Union started making active surveys of the North Atlantic, especially along the eastern seaboard of Canada and the U.S. The current survey by the Bertha Ann and the Seascope has been in progress about a year, updating charts in the survey area and testing new equipment. **RUSSIANS INACTIVE** Mr. Freas said little Russian activity has been seen so far during this survey, but he believes there is a trend in the U.S. to try to co-operate with the Soviets on such projects. He added that the group he heads—seven scientists on each of the two vessels—has not been working in conjunction with similar Canadian groups. However, any information gathered would be available to Canada through the national oceanographic data centre in Washington. One result of the greater push for oceanographic data in the U.S. has been the increased participation of commercial firms in the field. The Alpine group, which provides personnel and equipment for research and undertakes surveys under contract, and Texas Instruments Inc. are two of the major companies doing such work. Alpine has seven vessels available. The Bertha Ann and Seascope expect to finish the current survey around August and then undertake similar surveys in the northeastern Pacific. Meanwhile, Texas Instruments is surveying the seabed along the western European seaboard from the Mediterranean to Norway. The Bertha Ann and Seascope docked in Halifax Tuesday for provisions and expect to sail again Sunday. **MADE BAYONETS** The bayonet is believed to have received its name from its first place of manufacture, Bayonne, France, before 1500.

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