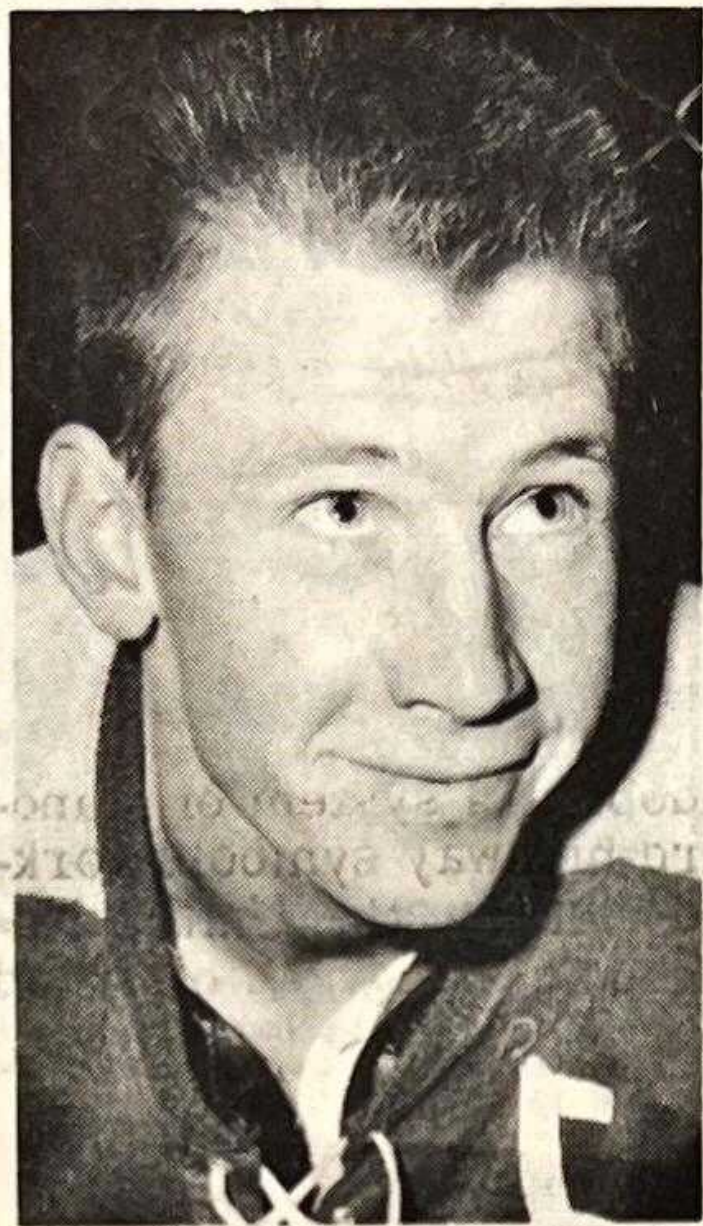


# **Blade Ace To Play For N. Westminster**



**JIM STEPHEN**

**. . . "Royal" invitation.**

British Columbia's junior hockey champion New Westminster Royals have picked up Vernon Blades' ace defenseman Jim Stephen for their upcoming series with Saskatchewan this weekend.

Stephen, an all-star blueliner in the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League and team captain of the Blades, has been down in New Westminster all week practising with the Royals, coached by Bob Fenton.

Fenton also added forwards Lyn Swanson and Garth Rizzuto of Kelowna Buckaroos to his roster.

Royals beat the Okanagan champion Buckaroos three games to two in a best of five series for the B.C. junior hockey championship.

Regina Pats are the favorites to meet New Westminster in the best of five interprovincial play-off which starts Sunday afternoon. The Pats currently lead their series with Weyburn Redwings three games to one.

The Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League was granted a week's grace to complete their playoffs after a big hassle involving the CAHA.