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Decency and integrity in government

MANY vital issues will be fought on the hustings in the forthcoming provincial election. Of great concern to the people of British Columbia are the moot questions of public versus private power development, health insurance and the future of our forestry and other resources; the need for a more equitable financial alignment between the province and municipalities; rising unemployment; the plight of our aged and handicapped as well as inadequacies in social services, educational facilities and other public institutions.

There is another issue which should have a prominent place in the campaign. That is the issue of integrity in government. Along with the church and the home, leadership in public affairs should be an example of old-fashioned honesty and decency, particularly to the younger generation from whom will come the leaders of tomorrow.

Since Social Credit went to Victoria in 1952 this newspaper has not failed to give proper credit where credit was due the government of the day. The Bennett administration has performed well in the building of roads, tunnels, bridges and other material assets. It is only fair to past governments to observe, however, that such vast improvements are not too hard to come by with a rich treasury such as the Socreds have enjoyed in recent years as compared with provincial income before the "fabulous 50s."

But integrity has not been a hallmark of the Socred regime. Despite sacrilegious claims to Christian virtue, the Bennett government persisted in trying to gild corruption in its own ranks. The people have not been honestly informed of the true financial position of our province. Cabinet ministers who signed their names to pledge in favor of bargaining rights for government employees, to remove this stigma of second-class citizenship, tossed out their consciences and have consistently refused to grant this right which is inalienable under law to all other employees in the province. The Socred's much-vaunted campaign vows of "No Patronage with Social Credit" have gone down the drain; indeed one Socred MLA proudly boasted that there was nothing wrong in handing out favors to friends. We have witnessed the sorry spectacle of a bomastic cabinet minister repeatedly breaking the speed laws, boasting about it and then proclaiming that too many motorists don't know how to drive.

Decency and respect for the Opposition went out of the windows of the Legislative buildings when the Socreds took over. "We will exterminate you like squashing bugs" shouted one cabinet minister across the floor of the House to the leader of the Opposition. "We don't need an Opposition. We're our own opposition." This type of mentality in government would be subject for humor were it not so serious a reflection on the present government's concept of democratic parliamentary procedure and the rights of people.

The time is here for a public reawakening to the importance of decency and honesty in government if we are going to bequeath to our children something more than blacktop and bridges.

$25-PER-DAY LIMIT SET

New rules curb plush living by Congressmen

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Times are tough for any Congressman with a yen for a little easy living on taxpayers' money.

Under new rules being adopted by both Houses of Congress, members may no longer be able to pass off their liquor bills as food, hire fancy tropical cabanas as meeting places or masquerade their wives as secretaries on overseas junkets.

Instead of charging as much as $103 a day for hotel and other expenses as one Congressman is reported to have done, members will be limited to a strict $25-a-day expense account while travelling on government business. If a member wants any higher living, it will have to come out of his own pocket.

And if he spends more than $12 a day, he'll have to itemize each expenditure, right down to taxi fares and tips for maids.

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This may hamper those with ambitions to display generosity, wealth and dignity before overseas crowds, but it may also help still the roar of public protest that followed disclosure in a series of press reports that some expense accounts had been padded and reshaped to cover living.

One report told of a touring Congressman charging drinks in a Honolulu cocktail bar to "food" while others treated their wives to nightclubbing and asked the government to pay. One committee, on a serious investigation in the Panama Canal area, simply had to hire a swimming pool cabana at a plush hotel and have a few drinks while thinking the whole matter over.

Confronted by the reports, those named were quick with denials, charging they were the innocent victims of intimidation and smear. But most of them, when asked about details of their expenditures, seemed vague as to what exactly was spent. Some had made notes, they said, but later decided to throw them away.

The difficulty for those named — and actually only about a dozen Congressmen were involved — was that many of the expense account vouchers were still available, locked in a Congress committee room.

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Bruised by criticism, many a member made a speech in Congress against the critics. These speeches usually brought great applause from colleagues. But they didn't make the criticism disappear.

The Senate was the first to demand action, proposing to publicize overseas expense accounts of all globe-trotting Congressmen.

Then the House administration committee got into the act, calling for the $25-a-day ceiling.

"What if a Congressman didn't comply with the new rules?" a member asked.

The rules, he was told, carried no penalty. The rules were quickly adopted on a voice vote.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Russian tactics solidify Western unity

By DAVID ROUNTREE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Just when Russia and the West were approaching a meeting of views on disarmament — none too enthusiastically, admittedly — the Soviet bloc players shouted "foul!" and trooped off the field.

Monday's walkout at Geneva was executed with the same headline-snatching flair that has characterized Russia's performance since Khrushchev coined his slogan of "general-and-complete-disarmament-in-four-years" last September.

Valerian Zorin, the Soviet delegate at Geneva, complained that the West wasn't taking the Communist side's suggestions seriously.

Zorin wasn't telling the truth. Since June 2, the West has been giving close study to a set of Russian proposals introduced that day. The United States was about to make cautious steps to come closer to the Communist viewpoint when Zorin and his satellite delegates ended the conference.

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The main dispute between the two sides is this: Khrushchev said originally that if every country scraps its armaments and disbands its forces, there'll be disarmament within four years.

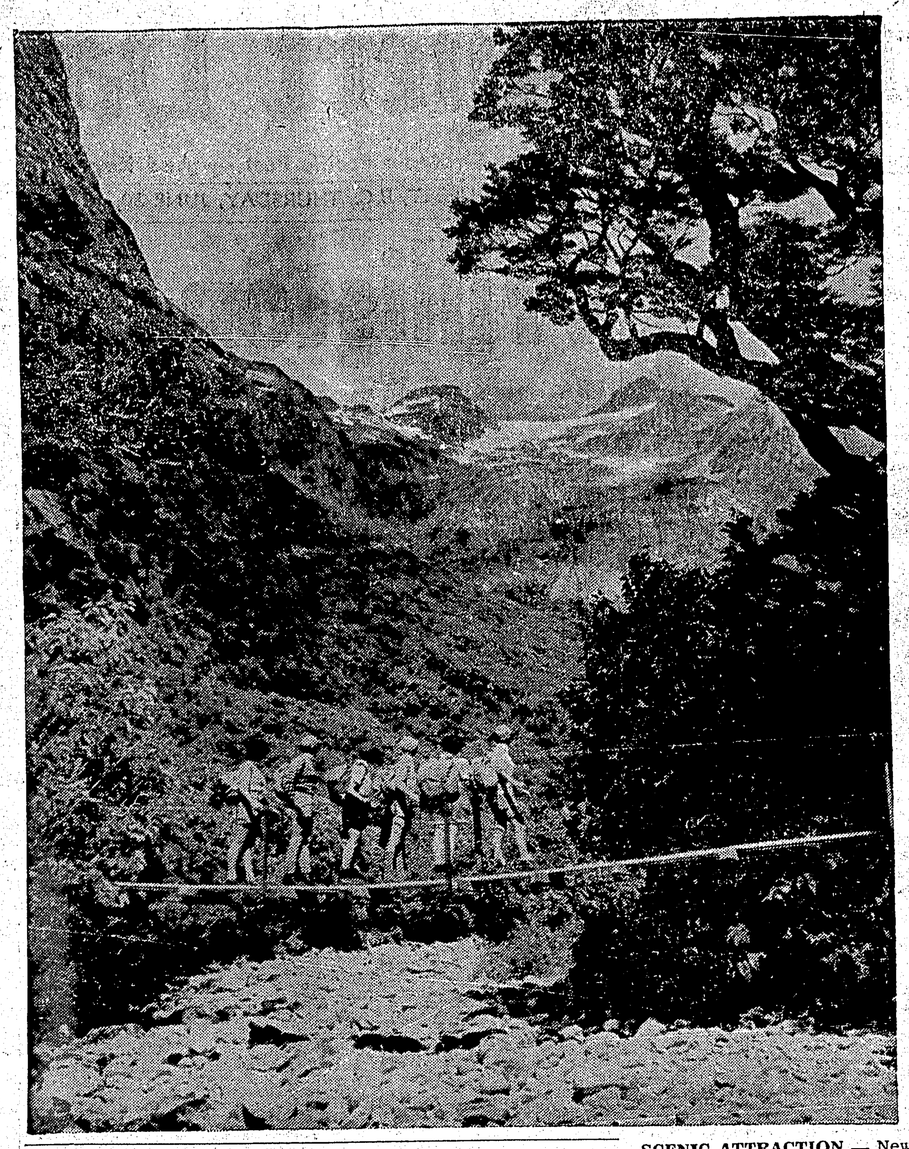
The West believes that without controls, a timetable and inspection, it would be at a grave disadvantage in the process. Some way of striking a balance of forces throughout the period of disarmament to maintain the more or less equal strength of the Soviet Union and the U.S. is vital.

Russia offers in effect an all-or-nothing formula.

But the formula has a habit of changing. Russia's suggestions June 2 were almost the opposite of what Khrushchev proposed in September.

The premier said nuclear bombs and rockets would be left intact until after the abolition of nuclear forces; now it's the other way around.

The objective remains the same: To force the West, particularly the U.S., to dismantle its system of foreign bases, most of all those in Europe.



SCENIC ATTRACTION — New Zealanders like to boast about their country's many scenic attractions and also know how to enjoy them. Hikers, such as these shown crossing a swing bridge, are a common sight. This bridge is located in the Pompolona-McKinnon Pass section of the world-famed Milford Track located on the South Island. In wet weather, the now dry creekbed becomes a raging mountain torrent. —CP photo.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Signed articles, and editorials credited to other newspapers do not necessarily reflect the views of The Daily News.

Letterbox

FEELS FISHING SLIGHTED

The Editor,
The Daily News:

I cannot help but comment on your Jubilee Edition. I feel one of our most stable industries, the fishing industry, was not given its rightful place in your paper. You mention we are the halibut capital of the world, why not, then, give a more detailed explanation of how it started in the early days up to the present time, such as:

1. The start of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage at Seal Cove. The world's largest fish cold storage which incidentally is about as old as the city itself, how it still carries its "Rupert Brand" today, how the halibut fishing advanced from dory to modern halibutter of today.

2. Our great salmon canneries, the advances from sail to modern gillnetter of today, mentioning different brand names canned.

3. The origin of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative, how the fishermen and the late M. P. McCaffery financed the building of the Northern Fishermen's Cold Storage to increase facilities for the fishermen and then finally the fishermen themselves building the existing Co-op.

4. The millions of pounds of bait used in the halibut industry such as: grey cod, herring, and today the Japanese octupus.

5. The tremendous supply of processed sole, halibut and salmon fillets, halibut and salmon steaks, salmon mild curing which also leaves this port.

6. Full explanation of our crab and clam canning facilities.

7. The experimentation with oysters and the try-out of lobsters, these themselves show the outside reader that there is progress in the heart of our people.

8. The great number of fishing craft, which were made in our fair city, from the small of years past to the large of today.

9. Seining both herring and salmon, how the fish was caught in years past and how it is today through modern improvements.

10. Mention fully the great storage, freezing and ice making capacities that our city has within its boundaries.

11. Present day handling of fish products through the government inspection and sanitation program compared to years past.

12. The total amount of all species that leave this city in a year, mentioning the number of people the industry supports directly and indirectly.

In closing, I wish to suggest a mention of our waterfront activities more often to still advance the potentialities of our port.

Yours for a more publicized city,

H. A. Basso,
Prince Rupert.

Editor's Note: Every fishing company in Prince Rupert was contacted at least three times, starting a month in advance of the Jubilee edition's publication, with a view to obtaining the history of each company and its contribution to the growth of the city. Only three firms had the courtesy to reply.

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

"Won't you do something to rid church choirs of ladies who are too old to sing?" asked a visitor to the office.

"Do you think I'm crazy?" I demanded. "At least 50 per cent of the readers are ladies. How many of them think of themselves as old? Mature, maybe, never old.

"How many of them think of themselves as too old for anything?" I continued. "They may feel that they are too dignified to go dancing, or not exactly the right shape for the London Look.

"But to say that they're too old to sing—wow!"

The visitor would not accept my viewpoint. "What about the people who have to listen to them in church,' he said. "Shouldn't they be considered first?"

"If they want entertainment, they can watch television," I suggested.

"The choirs should be pleasant to hear," my visitor said. "Past a certain age, the voice loses its quality, thats all."

"Then let the people in the church tell them about it," I suggested. "Let their best friends tell them. Why should I take over someone else's dirty work?"

"You have a public duty," the man said.

"Nothing doing," I said "You want me to offer a gratuitous insult to 25 per cent of my readers?"

"You should have courage."

"Tell you what I'll do," I offered. "I'll write that some lout came in with the preposterous idea that choirs should fire their senior members. I'll say that I treated the idea with the contempt it deserved."

"If that's all you can do, I'll have to accept it," my visitor said.

"It is all," I said, and we chopped off the discussion there.

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The other day in one of our smaller cities I picked up a cab at the station, and I could see by the driver's face that he was enjoying a fit of temper.

When we swished violently out into traffic, I asked him what was eating him.

"I just had a call," he said bitterly, "out to a suburb. More than eighteen blocks. I pick up a lady and two children. And she tells me to drive her two blocks to the nearest bus stop for down town."

"Thats nothing," I assured him. "Last week, in the city I come from, a lady had a taxi drive her all the way across the city, twenty-five minutes, to a big apartment block, where she told him to wait while she ran in and got her friend. She never came out. After waiting twenty minutes, he spent three-quarters of an hour calling at all apartments for her. Nobody had ever heard of her."

"It's a dogs life," said my driver, sadly, but somewhat cheered.

The lighter side

Boy: "One more kiss, darling."

Girl: "We won't have time. Father will be home in half an hour."

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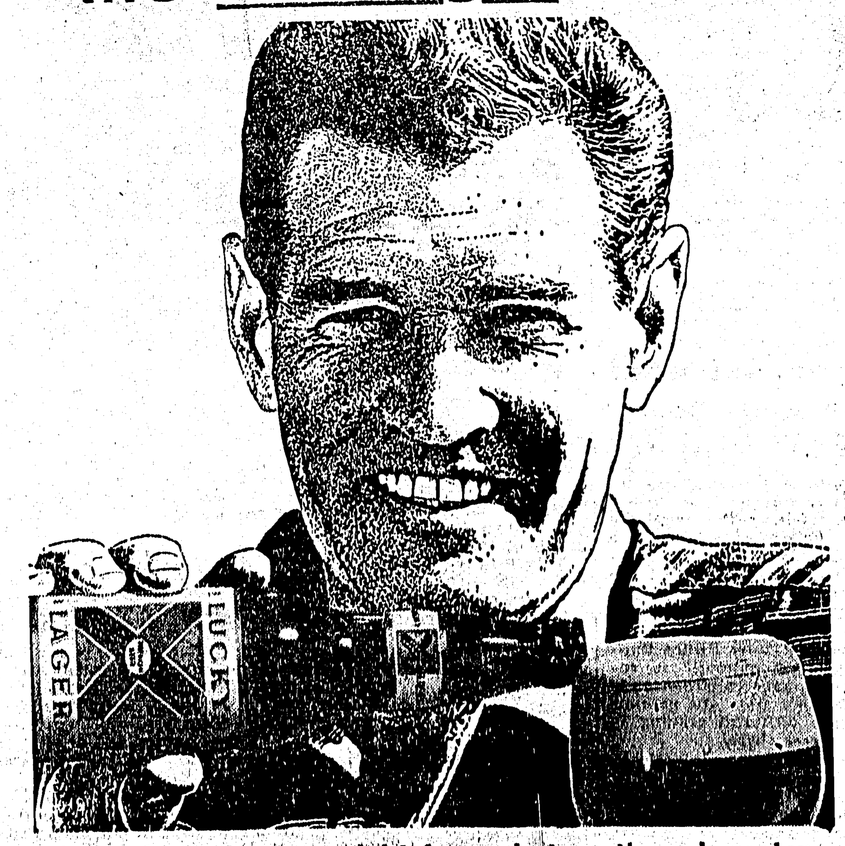

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