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Prince Rupert needs coast guard cutter here

ANNOUNCEMENT by Transport Minister George Hees that the government proposes to co-ordinate its marine services into a coast guard plan, is welcome news, not only for Prince Rupert but for the whole Pacific coast. The plan announced, last week, includes the building of six patrol cutters, two of them for the west coast.

The campaign for a coast guard has been a long one, waged by not only all political parties, but also by the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce. While the Air Sea Rescue Service and the Fishing Vessel Owners' association have done yeoman work in the past, along with the Department of Transport, the addition of two vessels specifically designed for patrol and coast guard work is a step in the right direction.

At the same time, as Harold Christenson of the Fishing Vessel Owners' association said on hearing Mr. Hees' announcement, complete co-operation from all government agencies is necessary to make the plan a success. He is right when he says that two cutters cannot look after a rugged and elongated coast line, such as British Columbia has, without aid from all other groups.

While it is to be presumed that B.C.'s two cutters will be built on the west coast, it is also to be hoped that one of these cutters will be stationed in Prince Rupert, the largest fishing centre north of Vancouver.

Taking into consideration the proximity of Vancouver to Victoria, there should be no need for both cutters to be stationed down south. The size of Prince Rupert's fishing fleet and the marine conditions which are experienced here by fishermen, certainly gives this area a prior claim to the protection that an addition Transport Department vessel will provide. If the government carries out its plan to co-ordinate prevention of accidents, rescue work through the cutters, other government vessels and private boats and inaugurates rescue training programs for its marine personnel, then life at sea in this area will be considerably safer.

"We don't make news"

On the west coast recently a progressive newspaper gave an excellent example of freedom of the press in action for civic welfare. The details of the argument needn't concern us too much here, but the attitude of Al Alsgard, publisher of the Powell River News, can give us a viewpoint to think about and emulate.

A construction company sent a form letter to local merchants saying that headlines in the local paper were responsible for their non-payment of accounts or for delayed payment.

Said Alsgard editorial:

"We would suggest to the writer of the letter that he also read a line which appears in the mast-head box at the bottom of this paper each week: 'If you don't want it published, don't let it happen.'

"We do not make the news; but because we are on the payroll of every one of our subscribers, we do try to report it.

"The News did not say the pipeline work was unsatisfactory; we reported the opinions of an eminently qualified firm of consulting engineers and also the opinion of the municipal council both of which are charged with the duty of safe-guarding taxpayers' money.

"We appreciate the temporary financial difficulty in which the construction firm may find itself; we do not appreciate the manner in which it tries to lay the blame at our door."
—Printer and Publisher.

Are Canadians spending money on wrong things

By FORBES RHUDE
Canadian Press Business Editor

Are Canadians spending their money on the wrong things? Would they be better off if they bought fewer "gadgets" and built more schools, roads and hospitals?

These questions are being asked in many places, including last week's Study Conference on National Problems at Kingston, Ont.

The questions generally assume that an affirmative answer will be given and there seems to be general agreement that we need to spend more of our money on what are called social services.

However, a clear definition of what we mean by "gadgets" is lacking. To try for a definition, ask yourself: "What have I around the house that I could easily do without?"

When you try to answer the question you may find that the word "gadget" is often synonymous with "convenience" — and that "gadgets" or "conveniences" have become part of what we call our higher standard of living.

Gadgetry—in its modern sense—runs a wide range, from paper towels in the kitchen to a fur stole in addition to a fur coat.

The money spent on these things would help build schools, roads and hospitals.

Even now, however, they do help build these social services because a good part of the price you pay for them consists of taxes for such purposes.

One could argue, in fact, that when we lived simple "gadgetless" lives, the "little red schoolhouse" was also very smiple.

We don't build schools, roads and hospitals individually. So, apart from a measure of personal voluntary contributions to hospitals and the alumni fund, it would appear that if we are to spend more on these things it must be through taxes which will take away the money we might otherwise spend on "gadgets."

This envisages a somewhat more austere, disciplined and regulated way of life. Advoocates of such a way of life say that regardless of our individual wishes, the competition of more disciplined societies—such as the Communist—make it necessary that we match them in efficient use of our resources.

This may be so. However, when we talk about giving up "gadgets" it might be well to be clear as to what we are talking about.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

UN speeches may blur U.S. election picture

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Pollsters report Jack Kennedy and Dick Nixon are running neck and neck in the race for the U.S. presidency. But the back lash of the United Nations could rip that apart.

With Soviet Premier Khrushchev and President Eisenhower scheduled to have a battle of words before the UN this week, the spotlight on the presidential fight and its religious controversy will shift to the big political guns on the east shore.

Even at the UN the presidential fight will not be far away. Indeed, what Khrushchev and Eisenhower may say and what their actions achieve in the eyes of the world could have some impact on the outcome of the American political struggle.

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The Republicans have been saying that Eisenhower's policies have assured the U.S. of peace, security and prosperity and that a continuation of such policies under Nixon will safeguard the future of America.

The Democrats, under Kennedy, have been hitting hard at Eisenhower's record, saying his actions have been weak and ineffective and that Americas' future may be jeopardised unless there is a sharp change in policies and leadership.

Eisenhower will speak before the UN general assembly on Thursday, a day before Khrushchev gets the rostrum. His aides initially had planned that Eisenhower makes his appearance long after Khrushchev spoke, to emphasize that the president was not falling in line with Khrushchev's call for all heads of state to engage in disarmament negotiations.

But there was a sudden switch, with the decision made that Eisenhower take the propaganda initiative. His aides said he will make "specific" proposals before the UN, without defining what these proposals are.

Experts say the U.S. plans no softening of its policy on disarmament—maintaining there must be tight guarantee of inspection and control on step-by-step disarmament. Khrushchev has proposed a more grandiose scheme of large—scale disaramament, though he has held back on the type of controls he would allow.

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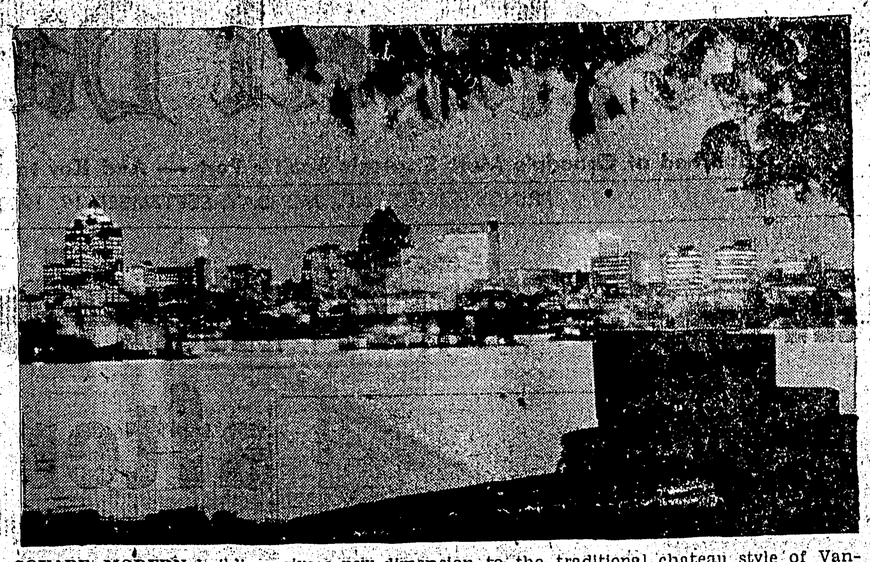
To some extent booth sides will be engaging in propaganda designed to influence the world's neutral nations, but both sides may also be speaking indirectly to the American electorate.

Both Kenendy and Nixon have told Khrushchev to stay out of the American political campaign and Khrushchev has labelled the two party leaders as a "pair of boots"—meaning there's not much difference between them. But he seems to have been far more critical of Nixon than Kennedy, adding that he doesn't know much about the Democratic leader.

The Eisenhower administration has already been embarrassed by the Russian capture of the U-2 spy plane, the collapse of the summit, the abortive presidential plans to visit Tokyo and Cuban problem.

With the presidential election looming in November, Eisenhower will be on his toes to try to make sure Khrushchev doesn't pull the rug from under him at the UN.



SQUARE, MODERN buildings give a new dimension to the traditional chateau style of Vancouver's skyline. The old style is shown in the towering Marine Building (far left) and the Hotel Vancouver (centre), with lighted chimney. The Burrard Building, to the right of the hotel, the glowing B.C. Electric block and smaller office buildings of modern design add their reflection to the waters of Coal Harbor where they lap Stanley Park (foreground). — (CP photo).

ALL ABOARD with G. E. Mortimore

While G. E. Mortimore is on holiday, some past All Aboard columns will be reprinted.

Imaginary conference between representatives of the press and Felix Glibb, White House information officer, on April 15, 1865

Daily Planet: Mr. Glibb, rumors are spreading that President Lincoln is disabled. Are these rumors true?

Glibb: I am happy to be able to deny these rumors, gentlemen. No, the president is not disabled.

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Morning Star: Then we are to assume that the president is in perfect health?

Glibb: He is in more tranquil spirits than most men of his age, sir. In fact I can safely say that he is in a state of perfect repose. You can quote me on that.

Morning Star: Never mind his spirits, Mr. Glibb. Has the president suffered any illness or injury, or has he not?

Glibb: I don't know whether "injury" is the precise word I would use.

Planet: Then what word would you use, Mr. Glibb?

Glibb: I'll be frank with you, gentlemen. The truth is that there was a trifling—er—incident last night when the president was attending the theatre.

Strife magazine: Was it a gripping, heart-warming incident?

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Morning Star: Never mind that. What happened, Mr. Glibb?

Glibb: A man in the audience made a gesture toward the president.

Morning Star: What? Something hostile?

Glibb: In a way, yes. But it was a very brief affair—not something that lasted a long time at all.

Morning Star: Come now, Mr. Glibb, please give us some straight answers. What exactly did happen at the theatre?

Glibb: Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln were laughing at the play during the third act when a young man came into their box and, well, he tossed a small missile toward the president, in a sense.

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Strife magazine: Say, that sounds like a grand little human-interest story, Mr. Glibb. And I suppose the president turned around and made one of his famous witty remarks. What did he say, Mr. Glibb? The exact words don't matter. In fact you might make up a witty remark for him, if his wasn't good enough.

Daily Planet: You mentioned a missile. What kind of missile?

Glibb: Er — gentlemen, I know I can trust you to be discreet about this. In point of fact it was—it was a kind of a bullet.

Strife magazine: Oh, I see. Some old soldier wanted the president to have a souvenir of the war. Maybe it was the bullet that wounded the man at Bull Run, and he wanted the president to have it, as a token of his loyalty. There's a touching, human yarn.

Morning Star: Never mind all the gab. The man fired the bullet from a gun, didn't he?

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Glibb: Now, gentlemen, I appeal to your loyalty. The nation has just gone through a serious crisis. Any further alarms might be disastrous. Goodness knows what might happen to the cotton market if you just came right out and said a man had fired a gun at the president.

Strife magazine: We quite understand, Mr. Glibb. You can count on the press of this nation not to spread alarm and despondency by relating ugly facts.

Morning Star: In a pig's eye you can. The man fired at the president, didn't he? And he hit the president, too, didn't he? Come on, Glibb, admit it.

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Glibb: Let's not be too hasty about this gentlemen. Well, yes, President Lincoln did sustain a kind of wound.

Daily Planet: A serious wound?

Glibb: I'm glad you asked that question. I'll answer it this way. The doctors are no longer worried about the president's condition.

Morning Star: Never mind the doctors, Mac. What is the president's condition?

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Glibb: Can I trust you to keep this off the record?

Morning Star: No.

Glibb: I hope you will play the ball with me, gentlemen. I'm laying my cards on the table. The truth is that the president, to put it bluntly—well, he's dead. Ouch! You don't have to push me aside so rudely and stampede out of here that way. Now you rush into print a wild story like that, and cotton goes down five dollars overnight—before I have a chance to sell any of my crop, too.

gems of thought

Love impels good works.—Mary Baker Eddy.

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Service to a just cause rewards the worker with more real happiness and satisfaction than any other venture of life. — Carrie Chapman Catt.

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Whatever of outward services or obedience we render to God or man, if love is withheld, the law is not fulfilled. —F. B. Mayer.

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The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity.—Tolstoi.

With the classics

As some fair female, unadorned
and plain,
Secure to please while youth
confirms her regin,
Slights every borrowed charm
that dress supplies,
Nor shares with art the triumph of her eyes;
But when those charms are
past, for charms are frail,
When time advances and when
lovers fail,
She then shines forth, solicitous to bless,
In all the glaring impotence of
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—Oliver Goldsmith.

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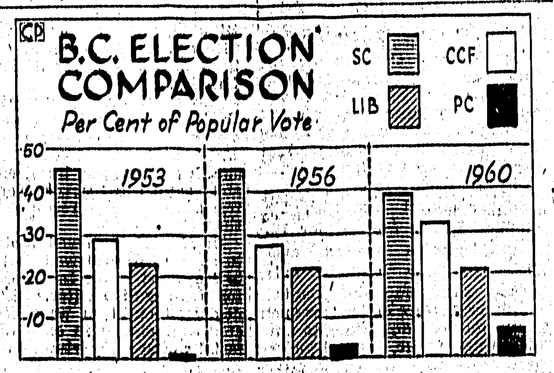

THE SOCIAL CREDIT government of Premier W. A. C. Bennett was re-elected in the British Columbia election Monday, September 12, but polled a small percentage of the popular vote than in the two previous elections. Social Credit forces polled 30 per cent of the record vote, CCF 32 percent, Liberals 21 per cent, Progressive Conservatives seven per cent, and others one per cent. Graphs shows percentage of the popular vote by parties for the last three elections.—(CP Newsmap).

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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After a good long three month visit to Great Britain this past summer, in which he toured England and Scotland in the most leisurely fashion, stopping for days at a time in little towns and villages far off the beaten tourist routes, a business executive with a pretty thorough experience of both Canada and the United States comes up with an interesting observation.

"There is a tolerance," he says, "about the Old Country people, a calculated contentment, a willingness to put up with things, that is almost incredible to us from the new world. They put up with material discomforts and nuisances, they can abide the most bothersome people, they submit to what to us appear to be downright abuses of their rights in an easy and wholly agreeable way that for the first month I was there left me thunderstruck.

"But then I arrived at a theory. It seems to me everybody in Britain who couldn't put up with things emigrated, during the past hundred years or so, to Canada, the United States, and elsewhere. Thus, we now have Britain full of people who can put up with things. And we here have a country full of people who won't put up with things. This accounts, it seems to me, for the character of the new world," explaining both what is good and what is bad about us."

THE LIGHTER SIDE

"Have you been to any other doctor before you came to see me?" asked the grouchy doctor.

"No, sir," replied the meek patient. "I went to a druggist."

"That shows how much sense some people have!" growled the doctor. "And what sort of idiotic advice did he give you?"

"He told me to come see you."

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It is frequently pointed out that people rushing to the scene of an accident right after it happens cause a great deal of trouble. Even more troublesome are people who are rushing to the scene of an accident just before it happens.

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The businessman turned out to the party dressed in a black suit, black tie, black shoes, black Homburg—with a bright yellow flower in his lapel.

"Why the mouring outfit—and the yellow flower" his host asked.

"The costume," he explained sadly, "is for my plant which just burned to the ground. The flower," he added brightly, "is because it was insured to the hilt."

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He had barely paid off his mortgage on the house when he mortgaged it again to buy a car, and not too long after borrowed money to build a garage. His banker hesitated and said, "If I do make the new loan, how will you buy gas for the car?"

"It seems to me," tha man replied curtly, "that a fellow who owns a large house, a car and garage should be able to get credit for gas."

ST. JEROME IN CANADA—Georges de la Tour's striking "St. Jerome," one of the few paintings by the 17th-century French artist ever to come to North America, has been purchased by Canada's National Gallery. Painting shows the saint in red cardinal's robe, about to begin translating the Hebrew and Greek scriptures into Latin (he was the author of the Vulgate version of the Bible).—(C.P. photo).

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