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# Scholarship should be incentive and example

It is a pleasure to learn that still another organization, this time a company with longtime ties with Prince Rupert, has taken a worthwhile step in planning for the future. We refer to the $400 scholarship to be awarded a Prince Rupert Senior High school student annually by British Columbia Packers Ltd.

This award, along with the bursaries and scholarships which have been presented to top academic students and also deserving ones in the past, are greatly needed in these days of mounting costs.

Coupled with the mounting costs is the impact of automation on high school students seeking jobs to help them finance the start of their higher education. Where once there were jobs for youngsters in the summer, machinery and electrical equipment have removed the necessity of hiring the great number once employed. Every summer the number of jobs for students is dwindling. The urgency for firms and companies to establish scholarships to help students is increasing yearly.

Hundreds of companies all over Canada and the United States have long ago realized the value of scholarships that specify that the student will, on completing university, join the company offering the award. In this way the companies are guaranteeing themselves a steady flow of educated and, in some instances, fully-qualified young men and women who are ready and able to start work with a minimum of training.

The B.C. Packers Ltd. scholarship is without a doubt the biggest ever offered to Prince Rupert students. It amounts in all to $1,600 and covers four years of university. With a year at university costing in excess of $1,000 annually, the latest award will provide a considerable amount of assistance to a student determined to acquire as much education as he can. The fishing company is setting an example which many more firms could follow to their own advantage. The armed services realized the advantages a long time ago when they introduced their university programs. Young men and women, who have had their way through university paid by the Royal Canadian Navy, the Army or the RCAF, have reaped worthwhile rewards and the services have gained eager and grateful personnel for a set number of years. Students who have something to work for will do a good job.

## Folly in false images

Bully for John Hay Whitney!

The retiring American ambassador to Britain, in a farewell dinner speech, unleashed a broadside at the "extraordinary picture of a trigger-happy America" which many Britons harbor.

We're happy that "Jock" Whitney had a nationwide British audience for his ambassadorial valedictory. The psuedo concept of the United States' desire to use force in the Laotian crisis deserves to be destroyed. Certainly nothing is further from the truth.

Britain, of course, seeks to reactivate the International Control Commission as a solution to the problem in Laos. In short, Britain has not supported the American position in the tiny, landlocked country.

Beyond the Laos question, Britons are miffed because the United States Economic course has steered clear of the European Free Trade Assn., preferring to back the European Economic Community.

Let's keep the Anglo-American friendship free of petty criticism. The erroneous portrayal of Uncle Sam as a "warmonger" only vexes some Americans to counter with "John Bull is an appeaser."

And Americans would do well to study seriously the editorial comment of the Manchester Guardian:

"You have to convince the enemy that you may intervene, but at the same time not frighten your friends."

Distorted caricatures of allies cut a cruel swath both ways across the Atlantic. America and Britain must continue to be united against the common enemy, international communism.

It's time Whitehall and Washington realize the folly of meaningless bickering while Kremlin agents are knocking at the Free World's gate.

— San Bernardino, (Calif.) Daily Sun

## These lavish funerals

The "agonizing reappraisal" which undertakers were asked by the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Baggio, to make of their business should also extend to the public's attitude towards the cost and the conventions of funerals.

The funeral directors are quite right: the public does ask for expensive services. Somehow the notion has grown that reverence for the dead and respect for their memory is shown by the lavishness of a funeral.

The funeral directors of course have not been conspicuous opponents of the concept. But the ultimate reasons for the high cost of dying are deep in the customs and the traditions of the live.

It is time some of these traditions were reexamined. One wonders about the absolute purity of motive in ordering expensive caskets. Is it all a tribute to the dead or a subtle flattering of the living?

The Apostolic Delegate was blunt. He said: "The desire to make a showing in the eyes of one's friends and outdo one's neighbors . . . has created a demand for unnecessary display and frills."

It is not only the actual cost of funerals which bears examination. Indeed, the average figures given by the funeral directors — between $200 and $400 — may even be reasonable enough. Certainly it is lower than many might have thought. The hundred euphemisms which try to conceal the irrevocable fact of death; the too extended wakes which are such endurance tests to the survivors; these also need changing.

Human dignity cannot be bought. But it can be lost. Archbishop Baggio showed how:

"When a poor man attempts to make a lavish display . . . it is then he suffers a loss of dignity."

— The Ottawa Journal

## REPORT FROM PARLIAMENT

By FRANK HOWARD, M.P.

Lt. Colonel Douglas Scott Harkness, CM, ED, BA, PC, is Minister of National Defence in the Tory Cabinet. He has had a long history of activity in the military field. The experience gained thereby, coupled with his experience as Minister of Agriculture, is being reflected in his approach to the Defence Department.

The major issue confronting the world today is that of disarmament. For years there have been groups, organizations, and individuals who have been campaigning for a cessation of nuclear bomb testing and for disarmament. In the forefront among these are the highly respected Dr. Albert Schweitzer and the brilliant Dr. Linus Pauling. Lately the Prime Minister of Canada has been making oral noises as if he and his government were also in favour of disarmament.

On many, many occasions he has said that we must cease testing nuclear weapons — that no nuclear weapons should be in the hands of Canadian troops — that nuclear weapons will not be allowed on Canadian soil — that disarmamet must come — etc. etc. etc. The House of Commons, the United Nations, and other places have been the forums which he has used to advocate this line.

Some of us believed that this was officially the government policy. But, now we are in doubt. The Department of Defence is now controlled by a militarist and rocket-rattling, sabre rattling views are taking over.

First, Mrs. Harkness stated that he wanted to see nuclear weapons in the hands of Canadian forces and that NATO should become a nuclear power. When confronted with this report he denied it and I imagine that some people believed him.

Next Mr. Harkness told a group of naval people at the HCMS Carleton in Ottawa that the armed forces should take steps to defeat what were classified as "ban the bomb" movements. This invitation to the armed forces is unprecedented in this country.

Now that Mr. Harkness has injected the militarist view into the government's activities one is entitled to ask whether he is speaking on behalf of the government. When this matter was raised in the House of Commons there was a rather spirited debate. The Prime Minister sat through the whole debate in stony silence. I have heard that silence means consent.

If Mr. Harkness's views are to be the line then all of the good work of those who conscientiously believe in disarmament is being undermined.

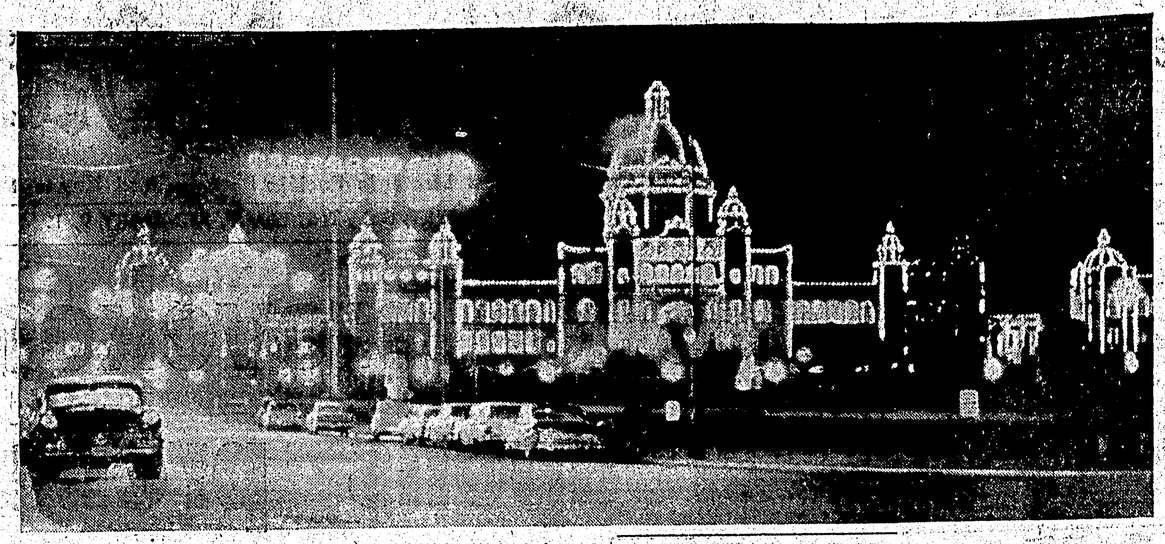
## A little pinch of prayer

In describing to The Citizen-News the recipe which won her a pie baking championship, 17-year-old Julie Harper of Encino said she first put into the ingredients "a little pinch of prayer."

Julie has learned early in life something which many people never learn, namely, that any enterprise which starts with "a little pinch of prayer" has a better chance of succeeding than those which are conducted without prayer.

The infinite wisdom within each of us is released and expressed through prayer.

— Hollywood, (Calif.) Citizen-News.



JUST A REMINDER — While the lights of the British Columbia legislative building glowed in Victoria, street signs above nearby Government Street blinked to spur employment. Unemployment in B.C. has been a prime subject inside the buildings (background) since the session opened January 26.
— CP Photo

LETTER BOX

## Ice arena here not impossible if defeatist attitude dropped

The Editor,
The Daily News:

As in past years, I suppose that a promoter of an arena for Prince Rupert should pull in his horns and let well enough alone after he has been confronted by the press with a denial of the possibilities of such a project. However, before I let my case lie, I wish to take further steps toward proving that an arena is feasible for our town, and under what conditions it can be built. In my previous letter I stated why an arena was necessary, and what attitude should be adopted by the public, and the string pullers toward advancing such a project.

I will begin by saying Mr. Editor, that I cannot appreciate your sense of humor in stating that, "You note with amusement, that the annual epidemic of arena-itis has broken out again." Firstly, I was totally unaware the town suffered from such a complex. Regardless, I must elaborate on a few of my ideas (whether they are scatter - brained or not.) I must also explain what I meant by "string-pullers." You Mr. Editor are a "String Puller," and with your co-operation rather than your defeatist attitude, we may yet get our arena, and sooner than you have suggested.

You have stated in your editorial the cases of both Kimberley and Trail. I must agree that both cities have the "Great White Father," the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co., which can afford to donate a large sum annually toward the betterment of public recreation (because it is income tax deductible.) However, ignoring Trail, and using Kimberley as an example (with which I am acquainted after living there for 22 years) let me elaborate.

Kimberley has recently, or will in the near future complete a $750,000 recreation improvement program that has entailed the spending, or volunteer labor of only 6,500 persons for more than three quarters of the cost of projects. In building a $200,000 ski hill (with the longest T-Bar Lift in the world) and a near $500,000-arena (the largest in Western Canada) they have been supplied with but $125,000 in cash only from CM & S. Where Mr. Editor did the balance of the near three quarter of a million come from? The citizens themselves raised it, and only $75,000 through a taxation bylaw.

A group known as the Project Society was formed, and its members convinced the citizens and working public, that a very nominal sum of $48 per year, or a $2 every two weeks would build them their desired projects. Some of the various companies for which the employees worked also agreed that they would pay dollar for dollar the amount put into the kitty. (That was the source of CM & S's donation). Both the monies raised by the citizens and the money put in by the companies was income tax deductible. That in itself was most appealing to the more than two - thirds working population that agreed to the system. Those taking part in the system mentioned, did so at their own discretion, and stated the amount they wanted deducted by their employer on a payroll deductible basis. It turned out that on a income tax deductible basis, the average amount of $2 every two weeks was not even noticed.

I must add Mr. Editor at this time, the City of Kimberley resident tax payer mill rate was 72.7, rather startling in comparison to our local 55 mill rate. As well, persons paying taxes in that community number only half of our local number.

I am not in any way suggesting that this is the only or best method of raising capital for an arena project. There are dozens of other systems being used. However, because I am acquainted with the system, I have used it as an example to prove that this sort of thing can be done.

Since I wrote my last letter I have received even more favorable comments toward an arena. I see no reason why I, or anyone else interested in promoting the project should pull in our horns and wait for another 15 years before someone decides our citizens and our children should get a taste of Canada's national sport—hockey.

Tom Masich,
Prince Rupert.

**Editor's Note: We are surprised that a onetime professional recreation director should make such a mistake as that mentioned in the last line of your letter. Canada's national sport, Sir, is lacrosse. We will agree or disagree with your letter at an early date.**

## Quote, unquote

Theodore Roosevelt:

"No man is justified in doing evil on the grounds of expediency."

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Matthew, XI, 37:

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

✦ ✦ ✦

John Eugene Hasty:

"The best words of advice are: don't give advice."

## All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

"Why do some women turn nasty when they are put in charge of something?" she asked.

"You should know," I said. "You're a woman yourself."

"But I'm not in charge of anything?"

"What if you were suddenly made an executive?" I asked. "What would happen to you?"

"I'd get snappish like the rest of them. I'd try not to, but I suppose I would."

"I know some female executives who seem very sweet," I objected.

"To you, yes — if you're an outsider. But try working for them. Wow!"

"Some girl fuehrers can be handy with the needle," I acknowledged.

"Have you noticed the ones who make you feel that they are working at the limit of their patience all the time? Suppressed exasperation. That's the feeling. They convey the idea that they are using all their reserves of kindliness and self-restraint, so they won't fly into a bad temper, because the people around are so stupid."

"Yes, I know that kind," I acknowledged. "But some are relaxed and charming and capable. You don't often hear women praise each other, though. Women don't like to work for other women. They don't like to vote for them. Do women really dislike each other?"

She didn't answer — just gave me one of those quiet knowing smiles.

## The PACKSACK

Of Gregory Clark
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In the less enlightened era that has passed, you could always get somebody to come to your rescue when the plumbing burst or the baby swallowed a pin or you found to your horror that there was no bread in the house.

The grocer, in those days, lived over the premises. All you had to do was go and rap on the side door. Plumbers were private individuals, not incorporated companies, and they lived in natural expectation of being called out at all hours of the night. And doctors, in those days, had not even heard of an answering service. Unless he was out on a call, a doctor was at home, not at a hockey game or a movie or attending some festivity of his profession. And if he was out on a call and the baby swallowed a pin, you merely had to go where he was. His wife knew.

Neither doctors nor grocers nor plumbers had any illusions about their human rights. When they embraced their profession or calling, they surrendered to it. A day and a night had 24 hours in it. And they were on call the whole 24, and lived over the premises.

Little by little, we are drawing apart from one another. The time may come when we will not expect much of anybody. We will all be incorporated.

## With the classics

Tell me not, Sweet, I am unkind,
That from the nunnery
Of thy chaste breast and quiet mind
To war and arms I fly.
True, a new mistress now I chase,
The first foe in the field;
And with a stronger faith embrace
A sword, a horse, a shield.
Yet this inconstancy is such
As thou too shalt adore;
I could not love thee, Dear, so much,
Loved I not honor more.

—Richard Lovelace.

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