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# Drive starts for next traffic safety plateau

We made it. By the Grace of God and their own efforts the residents of Prince Rupert, both those who drive and those who walk, have now gone through 731 days (including a Leap Year) without a human life being snuffed out in a traffic incident on our city streets. Yesterday we started on our third fatality-free year.

To those motorists who thought of the other driver first, who waited to see what the pedestrian was going to do before driving across a crosswalk, who held up traffic behind him for a few seconds while some poor guy who'd missed one light could make a left hand turn, who stopped dead to make sure those kiddies were off the road, rather than trying to drive around them, who stopped at stop signs whether it was 3 o'clock in the afternoon or 1:30 in the morning, who slowed down every time they found they were going over the speed limit and who worried about their responsibility as a motorist on dark rainy nights, we offer our congratulations and our thanks.

To the parents who drilled into their children the dangers of playing in the streets, of walking the wrong way to the traffic on streets where there are no sidewalks, of dashing out into the streets after a ball, of entering a crosswalk without looking both ways, of daring a car to stop, of being rude to drivers by sauntering across streets instead of walking across smartly, of darting out from between parked cars, we extend our appreciation.

We commend the pedestrians who gave the motorists a chance in icy weather when it was hard to stop suddenly or start again, who didn't enter crosswalks on the theory that "he's got to stop," who didn't jaywalk because they wanted to cross the street in the middle of the block but went to the nearest intersection, who didn't take chances on dark, rainy nights but waited a few seconds longer rather than risk not being seen and those who always think of others besides themselves.

It is through the efforts of all the above-mentioned people who make it a habit to be alert, thoughtful and courteous while having anything to do with traffic, that Prince Rupert has managed to come through the past two years unscathed. Driving and pedestrian safety is improving in this city. Let's make it better than ever for the next 365 days.

TIDE HARD TO REVERSE

# Communist gains too solid for U.S. in Laos

**This appraisal of the Laos situation is by an American reporter who has worked in China, Japan and Russia and spent most of the last six months in the tiny Laotian kingdom.**

By ROY ESSOYAN

VIENTIANE (AP) — The Communist movement is chalking up gains in the Southeast Asian kingdom of Laos. The United States has little hope of reversing the tide without triggering full-scale war.

Most responsible officials here feel the U.S. will not take such a step unless Communist China or Communist North Viet Nam invades Laos.

These officials do not expect such an invasion. This leaves two alternatives:

1. A political settlement benefitting the Communists because recent military successes have placed them in bargaining position.

2. Continuation of the six-year civil war in which pro-Comunist Pathet Lao rebels now hold the initiative thanks to military aid and advice from Russia, Communist China and North Viet Nam.

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The Pathet Lao are doing fine without a Communist invasion, and the Communists traditionally stop short of triggering bigger wars than they can handle.

A massive land invasion of Laos from China or North Viet Nam is physically impracticable although Laos has a 500-mile border with China and North Viet Nam.

It would take days to move invading forces down treacherous mountain paths and through jungle trails. Only a few so-called highways exist in Laos. The invaders would have only the weapons they could carry on their backs.

Air invasion of Laos would be more impractable militarily, but practically no one believes the Soviet Union and Communist China are prepared to precipitate an all-out East-West war for Southeast Asia.

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A major East-West clash in Laos could envelop most of Southeast Asia because of the location of this landlocked jungle kingdom. Communist conquest of Laos would bring Communist borders to Thailand and South Viet Nam. Both countries have warned they are ready to fight to prevent this.

Communist China and North Viet Nam are equally concerned about possibility of a Western takeover of Laos because it would bring the West's frontiers to their borders.

Former premier Souvanna Phouma, considered by many as one of the few outstanding patriots of integrity in Laos, twice tried to make neutrality work. Both East and West apparently distrusted him.

The United States has sent $300,000,000 in aid, mostly military, into Laos in six years. The Russians won a foothold during Souvanna's 15-week tenure. Feeling deprived of U.S. aid, he called on the Soviet Union for economic assistance.

The Russians responded with an airlift of rice and gasoline, plus a promise to arm the country when pro-Communist Laotian elements took over.

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It is likely that 95 per cent of the 2,000,000 people, easy-going subsistence farmers and villagers, know nothing of communism or democracy.

Most live in remote mountain and jungle villages. They do not even know that Laos gained its independence six years ago. Many have not heard of Souvanna or of Prince Boun Oum, the current premier.

The bulk of American aid has meant nothing to them.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

# History may challenge Eisenhower's stewardship

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

History may challenge President Eisenhower's argument that his personal tours and diplomacy were so successful that these successes led Soviet Premier Khrushchev to wreck the summit conference in Paris last May.

History may also quarrel with his contention that Communist imperialism has been held in check during the eight years of his administration and that the missile gap between Russia and the United States is really nothing more than fiction.

Eisenhower's State-of-the-union message to Congress was mainly a review of his presidency and a defence of that reign. It depicted the U.S. as confronting some grave problems but being, on the whole, strong and vibrant and fully capable of meeting the Communist menace.

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The free world likely will agree with many of the points Eisenhower made — that he is a man of peace and that he played a heroic role in keeping the world at peace in his eight years of office.

But the present state of the free world, the loosening of ties of long-standing alliances and the growth of Communist influence in the Caribbean also to some extent are testimonies to the calibre of Eisenhower's leadership, particularly in the latter days of his reign.

Could he have done more to influence the Communist side of the world? Could he have prevented the Cuban crisis? Was the U-2 spy plane flight really necessary before the Paris conference? Could not the president have foreseen the riots of Japan which forced him to turn back in humiliation from a planned visit to that country?

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Any criticism that Eisenhower's regime may face from outside the U.S. derives from the fact that because of American strength, the president of the United States must in fact also be leader of the free world.

Certainly the criticism that followed the collapse of the summit might be at variance with Eisenhower's statement:

"Vice-President Nixon, secretaries of state Dulles and Herter and I travelled extensively through the world for the purpose of strengthening the cause of peace, freedom and international understanding.

"So rewarding were these visits that their very success became a significant factor in causing the Soviet Union to wreck the planned summit conference of 1960."

Eisenhower made no mention of the U-2 spy plane affair in his address.

**NOW FOR A WASH.** Taking advantage of Nature's fingerbowl, Old Bear washes up after feeding at the garbage dump adjacent to the RCAF's Pinetree Radar site at Holberg on the northern tip of Vancouver Island. At times as many as 25 of these B.C. black bears can be seen waiting patiently for the daily garbage truck from camp. — RCAF Photo

# Victoria Report by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—This, your capital, is agog with the usual excitement attendant upon the opening of the Legislature next Thursday.

Perhaps there's even more interest than usual, actually, because this year there's a new lieutenant-governor, Hon. George Randolph Pearkes, VC, and several new members of the Legislature, elected for the first time last September.

There'll be one woman at each State Dinner—Hon. Buda Brown, minister without portfolio at the first, and Mrs. Lois Haggen, CCF MLA for Grand Forks-Greenwood at the second. Two are invited to the first, but Senator Nancy Hodges will be in Ottawa for the Federal session.

I'm always fascinated by this—one woman at a dinner party for 40 men. The lady-in-question is always at ease, quite at home, has a fine time. One lone male at a dinner party for 40 women would be utterly miserable. What does this prove? It must prove something. You try and figure it out.

Premier Bennett heads the list of those at the first State dinner. He's the province's No. 1 commoner, and so he sits at the right of the Queen's representative. Entitled to sit at His Honor's left is B.C.'s top minister in the federal cabinet, Hon. Howard Green of External Affairs, but he'll be in Ottawa, and so will Justice Minister Davie Fulton, and so, to His Honor's left will be the Chief Justice of British Columbia, the Hon. A. C. Desbrisay.

The three living former Lieut-governors, Hon. Charles A. Banks, Hon. Clarence Wallace and Hon. Frank Mackenzie Ross, and the only living former Premier, Hon. Byron Johnson, are invited to the first State Dinner. All the justices of the Court of Appeal and of the Supreme Court are bidden too, and all the B.C. Senators, though most of them will be in Ottawa for the federal session, and if they're not they should be.

Looking over the list of Senators one realizes a little of the frustration of the Conservatives. All our six Senators are Liberals; many a Conservative is itching to get into that happy hunting ground of politicians, the Senate, convinced they have earned their place in the sun, but they'll just have to curb their ambitions, and wait until a Liberal Senator fades away, and that doesn't often happen.

All the B.C. cabinet ministers will be at the sparkling, elaborate first dinner, and Opposition Leader Robert Strachan, too. Usually Mr. Speaker is at the first; but the night of the first dinner this year, Mr. Hugh Shantz of North Okanagan, will not have been formally elected Speaker, and so this year he must content himself with the second.

The foreign consuls will be at the first, and two bishops—Catholic and Anglican, and heads of the Navy, Army and Air Force.

All B.C.'s 22 MP's are invited to the first State Dinner, but they'll be in Ottawa; a good thing, too, because if the whole protocol list accepted there, wouldn't be enough room for them all in the state dining room at Government House.

The State Ball will be the night of the opening; about 500 people have been invited—the very cream—and about 5,000 more think they should have been invited.

That's one of the big headaches of Government House—the people who are quite convinced they should be invited to every high society affair at the gubernatorial mansion.

# TIME AND PLACE

THE DWELLERS ON THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF

By the late WILL ROBINSON of TERRACE

Some hundreds of years ago—Native chronology is very indefinite—Neas Hiwas, ruler of the Grizzly Bear People of Fsem-y How (the first town of Kitselas) waged a war of retaliation against the people of Klew Nu (where Usk now stands).

In a night raid Klew Nu was destroyed, many of the people were killed, and the chiefs escaped with remnants of their people.

Stew How, the Wolf Chieftain, together with L-Veill-Lahah, "The Half Heaven" escaped up the old goat hunting trail that ran up Lowery Creek. They crossed the height of land, and came to the Aalum Valley. Stew How led his Wolf People to the Naas River where they took up their abode.

L-Veill-Lahah, Chief of the Crow Totem, continued westerly, and came to the valley of the Aalum.

Near where Los Lake is, he led his people across the river, and there, on the Cliff-like ridges that rise on the west bank of the Canyon, established the new town.

As the houses of the people were very close to the edges of these cliffs, the people became known as Kit Sum Aalum — "The Dwellers on the edge of the Cliff."

Some centuries after this occurrence, the people of the "Flying Eagle Totem" left their ancestral home in Alaska, and came down to the mouth of the Naas River. They proceeded to where Port Simpson now is, and for some generations lived there.

A dispute within the ranks of the Totem led to a split. The ranking chief, with a section of his people returned to the Naas. The remainder remained at Simpson, forming part of the Tsimpsean people, with their leader carrying the name of Legale.

The ranking chief and his people lived on the south bank of the Naas, and in their explorations crossed the height of land and entered the north fork of the Beaver River.

The river was followed down the south fork explored, and a young hunter, working eastwards, crossed the height of land into the Aalum Valley. He came out to a point where he looked down on the cliff dwellings, made his way to the town, was given a welcome, and an invitation was extended to his people to come and make their homes alongside those of the Crow people. So the Flying Eagle Totem came to Aalum (This should be distinguished from the Sitting Eagle Totem of Kitselas). The Sitting Eagle is Haida, and comes from the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Shortly after Kit-Sum-Aalum was founded by L-Veill-Lahah, a junior chief of the Grizzly Bear Totem of Esem-y-How, whose name was Neas Walas, founded a town at the mouth of the Gitnadoix River, across from Salvus.

About 300 or 400 years ago, this is an approximation, an offshoot of this town ascended the Aalum River, and camped half a mile below the Canyon. An invitation was extended by the Crow and Eagle chiefs, and the Bear people moved in to make a third totem on the cliffs. Other totems—branch and subsidiary—became established there from time to time. Gordon Nelson of Terrace, who is an Aalum Indian, belongs to the Grouse totem. The Grouse is a part of "the Power" of the Grizzly Bears, and therefore an offshoot of that Totem.

This article was written in 1932.

# All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Jack-of-all-trades used to be a term of reproach. It is a proud title in North America, where any professional writer worth mentioning has at least a dozen varied jobs to list on the dust-jacket of his books, to give proof of wide experience.

People of this continent, especially those who have immigrated from Britain or Continental Europe, parade the names of their past jobs like medals. So they should. The list of jobs is a sign they have plunged into the torrent of changing life in a new country.

Specialization is setting in, and "jack-of-all-trades" may again become a term of reproach. At present, however, it still is a matter for pride.

Here is a thumbnail success story sent me by a reader who wants me to keep his name quiet:

"Started out as a newspaper boy in England, walking five miles before school with all the London papers . . . then worked full time for W. H. Smith and Son bookstall as assistant

"Then I took up gardening and later worked as butler's assistant or houseboy and part-time footman, telegraph messenger, hardware clerk, coal and wood salesman, plumber's assistant, painter, sign writer, groom in polo stables, soldier in 14th Royal Hampshires . . . mechanic, truck driver, taxi driver, store clerk, then manager.

"After I arrived in Canada in 1921, public works laborer, painter, mill hand, lumber yard worker, farm worker, dairyman, insurance salesman, section hand, engine wiper, locomotive fireman

"Shoe repairer, barber, milk delivery salesman, ice cream and butter maker, hot dog vendor, automobile salesman, service station attendant, bus driver, taxi driver, for the last 24 years, service station proprietor.

"I have raised a family of five, own my own home and business property. When I landed in Quebec, I had a wife, a baby, $82 and no job—but did possess a ticket to B.C. Canada has been good to me."

A heartening story. It was a pity, though, that he didn't take up writing. Think how well all those jobs would have looked on the dust cover. They would have slopped over to the back page.

# Letterbox

ANOTHER VICTORY

The Editor,
The Daily News:

The National Red Shield Appeal is just about completed throughout the country and we are happy to report another national victory.

On behalf of the leaders of The Salvation Army, the campaign committees and the canvassers, may we say how much we appreciate the sympathetic and warm support given to the appeal by your newspaper.

We are deeply grateful to you for your understanding and co-operation.

L. Bursey, Lieut. Colonel,
National Campaign Director
The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

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# gems of thought

Evil deeds never prosper.—Homer.

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Never open the door to a lesser evil, for other and greater ones invariably sink in after it.—Baltasar Gracian.

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Evil let alone grows more real, aggressive, and enlarges its claims.—Mary Baker Eddy.

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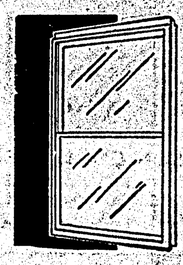
Good has but one enemy, the evil; but the evil has two enemies, the good and itself.—J. Von Muller.



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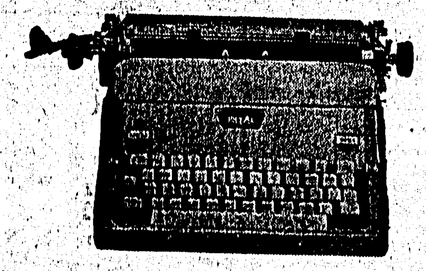

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