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Congratulations, best wishes to swimmers, coach

Prince Rupert residents learned to their amazement that city youngsters can break and set swimming records, not local ones but Canadian swimming marks, in an officially-sanctioned meet. Few in the big crowd which attended Tuesday's meet in the Civic Centre swimming pool expected to see anything but good tries, the local boys coming within a few seconds of old existing marks. But when, on Tuesday night, nine old records were broken and three more established on Wednesday night, for a total of 12 new Canadian marks, the town was left somewhat stunned.

When the Civic Centre swimming pool was being built we spoke hopefully of children being taught to swim and of Prince Rupert eventually producing champions. But little did we suspect, that less than 15 months after the pool was completed, we would have three young record holders in our midst. Twelve-year-old Gordon Eby is now the holder of eight Canadian junior swimming records and nine-year-old Vito Dunford holds four records. Eric Janes, third member of the trio taking part in the time trials, also bettered a previous Canadian mark.

To these youngsters we offer our heartiest congratulations for their courageous, determined and successful efforts. At the same time we feel that a major portion of the credit should go to the boys' coach, Ronald Gilchrist, supervisor of the Civic Centre swimming pool. A former champion himself, Mr. Gilchrist has the "know-how" to give these youngsters the special, rugged training they need to rise above the good swimmer class to become the best. His knowledge and coaching provided that extra lift that carries athletes into the championship circles. Prince Rupert should be most proud to have such a man in charge of its swimming pool so that youngsters from here can go south to represent this city in a swim meet in Oregon over the weekend.

Needless to say, the entire population extends best wishes to Gordon Eby, Vito Dunford and Eric Janes in their weekend competitions and hopes that they will bring fresh laurels to themselves, Prince Rupert and their coach.

Mathers knows best

One of the most popular patterns of TV entertainment these days is the domestic comedy, the interplay of man, wife and family, the tangles and crisses of life in the suburbs. Vast researches are made by inventive writers in the quest for characters and plot. But we would like to say that they are all missing a bet. We have the perfect domestic comedy right there.

We would like to offer the networks the homelife of the Mathers, genial Barry and fair Camille. Their private life is in the public domain because Mrs. Mather is an MLA, and Barry Mather cultivates some acreage on the southwestern slopes of the evening newspaper. So that when small talk at the Mathers gets into print, it really hits the public eye.

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The other day, between the milking and general animal husbandry, Barry and Camille wandered from discussing smoking, cats, and Samuel Pepys the diarist to the nuclear bomb. Sure enough, Mrs. Mather told the Legislature that bomb shelters are "preposterous", and: "The only defence policy is to prepare for peace, not war". And Barry's column ended: "So there is no defence possible. So the government is still spending money on defence."

All good domestic dramas have a "heavy", like Mr. Wilson of Dennis the Menace, and along came an editorial in the Sun to deliver great, swinging blows on Barry Mather. "His wit does not qualify him to give expert opinion on the subject" it intoned.

All the show needs now is a commercial. "The family that dares to be known for identical views!" "Are you talking and writing more and enjoying it less?"

A good evening to everybody and especially husbands and wives with interchangeable opinions on almost everything.

— The Vancouver Province

Best book review

Of all the millions of words that have recently been written about "Lady Chatterley's Lover", nothing, I think, is as good as the following. It comes from the Book Section of the American periodical "Field and Stream" and is a little jewel of straight-faced comment — a masterpiece of unsmiling gravity.

"Although written many years ago, "Lady Chatterley's Lover" has just been re-issued by the Grove Press and this fictional account of the day-by-day life of an English gamekeeper is still of considerable interest to outdoor-minded readers, as it contains many passages on pheasant-rearing, the apprehending of poachers, ways to control vermin and other chores and duties of the professional gamekeeper.

"Unfortunately one is obliged to wade through many pages of extraneous matter in order to discover and savour the sidelights on the management of a Midland shooting estate, and, in this reviewer's opinion, this book cannot take the place of J. R. Miller's 'Practical Gamekeeping'."

— Cassandra in Sunday Pictorial, London

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Canada firm in backing UN, Hammarskjold

By JACK BEST
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The United Nations represents a cornerstone of Canadian foreign policy. It is regarded in Ottawa as a viable instrument capable of surviving Russia's latest onslaught against it just as it survived grave crisis in the past.

The Soviet attack on Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold and, through him, on the UN structure is viewed with utter disgust in official Canadian circles, where he is considered the soul of impartiality.

Canadian leaders give him credit for what he and the UN have been able to achieve in the tempestuous Congo despite almost insuperable obstacles.

It is considered grossly unfair — and External Affairs Minister Green so-termed Russia's blast — to accuse the secretary-general of being in any way the tool of the Belgians, let alone of conspiring with them to bring about the death of deposed Congo premier Patrice Lumumba.

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In the final analysis, according to informed Canadian opinion, it is the Afro-Asian countries — those which the Soviet Union apparently is trying to impress with its angry protests over Lumumba's death — which are the UN's best hope of survival in the present crisis.

The Canadian government is painfully aware of the threat to the international organization posed by Congo events. But there is a feeling that when the chips are down the neutrals of Africa and Asia will shy away from taking or supporting any action that would undermine the present structure of the UN.

The UN as now constituted — with its strong central administration — is seen in Ottawa as the best guarantor of the integrity and independence of the emerging nations, as well as their best insurance against being dragged into the cold war.

Thus it is considered unlikely that they would react favorably to Russia's withdrawal of recognition from Mr. Hammarskjold or the Soviet proposal that he be replaced by a triumvirate.

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In the Canadian view, there could be no better way to paralyze the UN administration, and no better way to introduce the cold war into the secretariat, than to turn it over to a veto-clad triumvirate.

Canada from the start has warmly supported Mr. Hammarskjold's efforts to pacify The Congo — to the extent of sending signals and headquarters personnel to serve with the UN force there. Any short-comings in the operation, according to Canadian leaders, are the result of the Security Council's refusal to give the secretary-general a workable mandate.

Leaders of all three parties in the Commons have rallied to Mr. Hammarskjold's defence in the latest crisis. Prime Minister Diefenbaker served notice Wednesday that support for the secretary-general will be one of the main themes of his meeting with President Kennedy next week.

"All of us are agreed that the UN shall not be destroyed as a result of the truculent attitude of any one nation . . ." he declared.

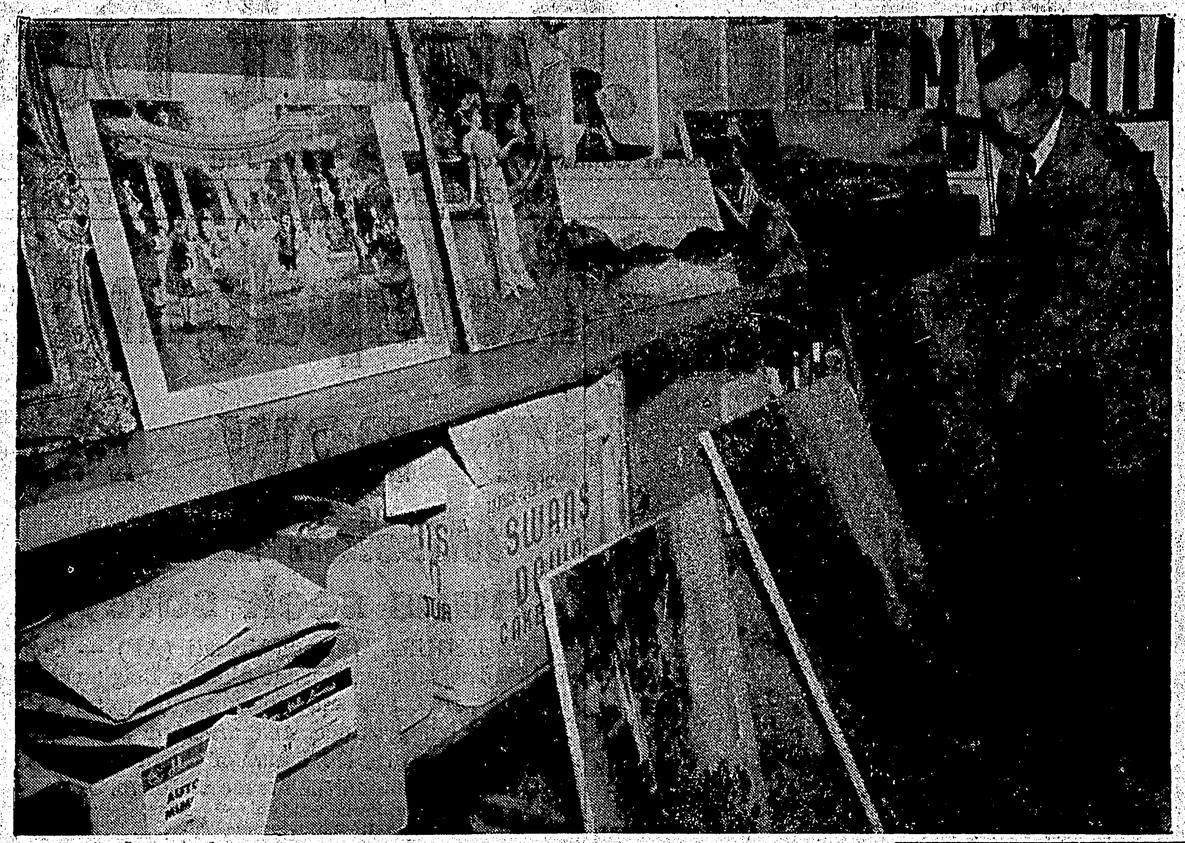
Liberal Opposition Leader Pearson termed the Soviet attack on Mr. Hammarskjold "vicious and unjustified."

The previous day, CCF Leader Hazen Argue also lent his party's support to the Canadian government's position.

A Bible Thought for Today

A vision appeared to Paul in the night; There was a man standing beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia and help us. Acts 16:9.

A one man invasion of Europe was more significant than all the campaigns of the armies of Rome. That campaign spread through Europe and on into America and Australia and the islands of the sea. It was the beginning of Christ's World Empire.



RECOVERED PAINTINGS — Valued at $30,000, these paintings, stolen last October from a Vancouver art gallery, were left abandoned by thieves in a drive-in theatre. Police believe the men who stole the paintings had difficulty disposing of them. The works were on tour from the Cresnor Galleries of London, England. — CP Photo

Winter photography

This one shows Jan on her
new Christmas sled.
The snow was four feet deep,
no place to slide,
But she must have her "pic-
ture took" she said;
The family bundled up and
went outside.

This one is Bobby with the
pair of skis
He wanted. Well, the camera
shot too low
And missed his head entirely.
I took these
Standing up to my waist in
drifted snow.

Estelle in her new coat, a little
blurred
Because the camera shook.
couldn't wear
My gloves to take these snap-
shots. Not a word
About the composition, please.
And there
I am beside the house. Not
enough light.
I am the third icicle from the
right. —Victor Howes.

The lighter side

Car-owner: "I've had this car for over six months and haven't paid a cent for repair or upkeep since I bought it."

Friend: "So the man at the service station was telling me."

ALL ABOARD with G. E. Mortimore

Jack and Joan are funny people. They will spend any amount of money on clothes, cars or household gadgets—but they skimp on food.

Some people will claim that Jack and Joan don't really exist; that I invented them to prove some cracked theory of mine.

But they are real enough—all except their names.

Joan's cupboards are full of dresses and shoes. Her children have so many clothes that they outgrow them before the garments show signs of wear.

The children look smart. But I am sure they are undernourished. Joan won't buy fresh fruit. She goes short on meat, and stretches good old hamburger with lots of potatoes, oatmeal and carrots.

I may be imagining this, but it seems to me that all of them, including mother, father and children, are pale and listless. Perhaps they are in the early stages of scurvy or pellagra.

But they are charming people, apart from that little quirk Joan has, to save money on groceries.

They are well dressed too, and they have the latest machinery to wash their clothes, clean their floors and preserve their food—what there is of it.

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There's another couple—let's call them Mack and Mona—who won't spend money on doctors.

They, too, are lavish about clothes and gadgets. No matter what they buy, they make sure it is the best and the most costly.

But they won't go to a doctor—or send their children to a doctor—until they are nearly dead.

There is a simple reason for this. Clothes and gadgets can be seen and admired. A nourishing diet and proper medical care cannot. They do not bring any prestige.

Maybe doctors' bills and grocery bills, framed and hung on the wall, could be used as status symbols.

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LETTERBOX

TWO MHOs?

The Editor,
The Daily News:

There is a question in my mind that has been there for some time, which needs an answer. Who is Mr. C. J. Gustafson, besides city works superintendent, that is?

It seems to me that apparently we don't need a medical health officer as long as Mr. Gustafson is our benefactor.

Dr. Sinclair, the medical health officer, says that there is an odor from Algoma Park. I, also say there is an odor, whether on warm days, or to quote Mr. G. from The Daily News of February 14, "there hasn't been a really warm day for months,' or not.

Mr. Gustafson says "There is no odor" and our elected aldermen hold their fingers over their noses (and no doubt put their tongues in their cheeks) and say "There is no odor!"

Is something rotten in Denmark, Mr. Editor?

"Discouraged,"
Prince Rupert.

The Editor,
The Daily News:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It was not our dog that bit the children at King Edward School on Wednesday, February 8.

Our dog is a female and was going through the mating season at the time. For that reason she was shut up in our basement for at least a week before the incident mentioned above and remained in the basement for more than a week after.

Mrs. J. W. Watson,
Prince Rupert.

MOSTLY TAXES

The Editor,
The Daily News:

A recent edition of your paper carried a report which said that the British Columbia government marked up its liquor 50 per cent.

In Liberty magazine recently, a minister asserted in an article entitled "They're Cheating You," that it only costs 50 cents to put a $5 bottle of liquor on the vendor's shelves and that the rest of the amount you pay is taxes, so I presume that the latter figure represents combined federal and provincial government taxes.

During the war we used to pay only $2.50 per thousand for tax free cigarettes while we were overseas. Any price over that must be taxes. I think our governments are going a little too far, when they tax so heavily our pleasures and sources of relaxation.

Once upon a time when we drank too much liquor we used to get the DTs or the "snakes." Now they water down the liquor so much that we may get diptheria if we drink too much.

Ivan Adams,
Prince Rupert.

Frank confession

From The London Free Press

It is refreshing to hear a political leader like Canada's minister of trade and commerce admit he made a mistake. On a television interview Hon. George Hees ruefully avowed that he had allowed his enthusiasm to run away with him in regard to comments on prospective trade with Cuba. People who admit mistakes may correct them. Those who never admit errors are more likely to persist in them.

At the same time it is sobering to realize how careful a person in public life must be in making statements. Most of us can make "ill-considered" statements without such consequences.

Quote and unquote

Professor F. H. Underhill, Ottawa:

"The Social Credit movement will remain a classical horrible example in our history of the kind of economic and political thinking with which lowbrows uninfluenced by high-brows are likely to delude themselves."

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Calgary Herald:

"Why do not members of parliament, within reason, all attempt to find the solution to such a vital problem as unemployment instead of trying to use it to further their party interests.

"The trouble seems to be that there are too many Liberal MPs and too many Conservative MPs and not enough Canadian MPs."

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P. K. Thompson:

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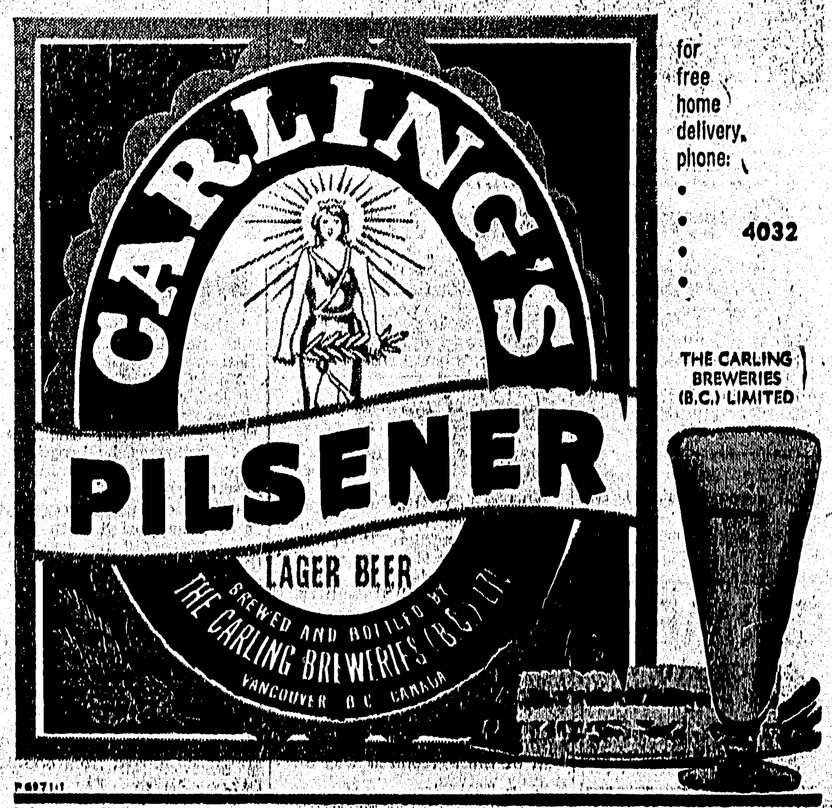

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