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New expansion by Co-Op asset to community

Announcement of a $360,000 expansion program by the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Association, is another milestone in the fantastic growth of an organization, the majority of which is owned by city residents. In the short space of 28 years, the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Op has come a long way. In March a new phase of operation, a crab cannery will go into production, testifying to the faith of its members and the vision of its directors.

Since the days of the early 1930s, when the fishermen first banded together to form a collection agency, through the establishment of a liver processing plant, the merging of the trollers with the halibut fishermen, the construction of the Fairview fish plant in 1940, addition of a store at Cow Bay to supply the fishermen, the acquisition of a bakery during the Second World War, a hardware store, the construction of a reduction plant at Fairview and then the construction of the modern Co-Op Centre in 1958, the history of the PRFCA is a saga of progress. Erection of a new dock and crab plant plus additional equipment for the reduction plant confirms the steady growth of a project in which local money is building something of value for the community.

Besides providing more employment in the city the new plant will give this fishing port a new brand of seafood, which together with its other products are helping to win this city a still greater name in distant markets. The members of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Association and their directors are to be congratulated on their long-range thinking and ability to carry out their plans.

Windmill theatre owner dies

The passing of Vivian van Damm, owner of the world-famous Windmill treatre in London, will be mourned by many thousands of Canadian ex-servicemen to whom he brought a little sunshine during the dark days of the war.

It was the daughty old showman's proud boast that his theatre never missed a performance during the blitz and his slogan "we never close" became a familiar barrack-room phrase, if not a household word.

In a way his attitude exemplified the spirit of the British people in those stark years of privation, sacrifice and suffering, in deliberately adopting the play-acting pose that the whole war was a bit of a bore and should not be allowed to upset business as usual. It was all perhaps just sheer bravado — but it was the type of bravado that carried them through.

As a morale builder for troops, the Windmill had no equal — after all, no one who visited the theatre will ever forget the undignified scrambles between high ranking brass, junior subalterns and other ranks for front-row seats. Here indeed was true democracy in all its basic glory.

To many of our fighting men the Windmill was one of the highlights of the 1939-45 war — and being such they will always keep a private corner of their heart's memory reserved for Vivian van Damm — and his theatre.

— The Victoria Colonist

No snowman?

First the unicorn, now the Abominable Snowman.

Sir Edmund Hillary, keeper of bees, conqueror of Everest, and searcher for abominable snowmen, has just returned from an extensive hunt in the Himalaya to assert that the furry abomination who scatters his tracks so liberally around mountaineering expeditions doesn't really exist after all.

By all that's abominable, this is bad news. We don't like to deal in doubt-by-association, but this assertion raises considerable question about the existence of the Loch Ness monster, mermaids, the abominable jungle man of Malaya, Grendel, and the Questing Beast. If these are out, there's nothing left in bestiary. Everything's discovered. No mysteries are left. Modern Pellinores might just as well stay at home and watch TV, which, whatever its faults, still harbors dinosaurs.

We hope Sir Edmund will relent a little and admit that his expedition may merely have been outwitted by old Abe Snowman. It's a little hard on any animal to become extinct before it becomes extant.

— The Christian Science Monitor

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Kennedy's attitude to Cuba anyone's guess

By DAVID MATHEW
Canadian Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The line of action which President-elect Kennedy will adopt in dealing with Cuba has become an intriguing diplomatic guessing game in Washington.

Since President Eisenhower announced Tuesday that the United States was breaking diplomatic relations with the Cuban regime of Premier Fidel Castro, Kennedy has remained silent, as he has done on all international problems since his election.

Some observers said today that this week's White House decision would limit the area of manoeuvre open to the Kennedy administration taking office January 20. Alternatively, it was felt that the president-elect would have an opportunity to better relations with the Castro regime if he wished.

The Washington Post's diplomatic correspondent, Chalmers Roberts, wrote: ". . . It can be argued that in taking the step to break relations with Cuba, Mr. Eisenhower has done everything short of war and therefore Mr. Kennedy can start out, if he wishes, with an effort to improve the Cuban-American relationship.

"On the other hand Mr. Kennedy may believe that breaking diplomatic relations is a foolish procedure in these days when governments need to know all they can by on-the-spot representation."

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President Eisenhower's announcement won immediate strong bi-partisan support from Congress. Significantly, Senator J. William Fulbright (Dem. Ark.), chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, endorsed the decision.

A sampling of newspaper editorial comment across the United States also indicated widespread support. The unfavorable reaction in some sections of the British press found few echoes here.

The Wall Street Journal reported some hope was arising that, once the Kennedy administration was installed, the United States might be able to revive efforts to quarantine "Castroism" through the Organization of American States.

But it said diplomats were finding "disquieting evidence that the Castroist fever, with its fanatically nationalistic, anti-American overtones, still runs high and may be spreading among Latin America's impoverished masses."

There was also intelligence data indicating a widening Communist drive into the Western Hemisphere.

"This drive is shoving more than a half-dozen countries to the brink of anti-U.S., Castro-style explosions . . ." the paper added.

When the shoe was on the other foot

Our American friends are disturbed because Canada continues — even hopes to increase — trade with Cuba despite the U.S. embargo on exports to Castroland.

Outraged feelings have been demonstrated by picketing of the Canadian Embassy in Washington — and by counter-picketing of the picketers by a Vancouver woman. The conflict in the public mind is reflected in the Canadian Senate, where Liberal Senators Croll and McLean offer opposing views.

Canada is caught between loyalty to the United States and its own firmly established commercial policies. The result is embarrassing.

In the heat of the Cuban trade controversy, it may be well to recall that not so many years ago, in much more serious circumstances, the shoe was on the other foot. In the early days of the Second World War, when Canada was at war with Germany, the United States continued to trade — as was her right as a neutral — with our enemy of that time.

This was during the cash-and-carry period, when trade between the U.S. and the Axis powers continued, if on a reduced scale.

However we may sympathize with the Americans, and recognize the threat of the Havana-Moscow link, neither Canada nor the U.S. is at war with Cuba.

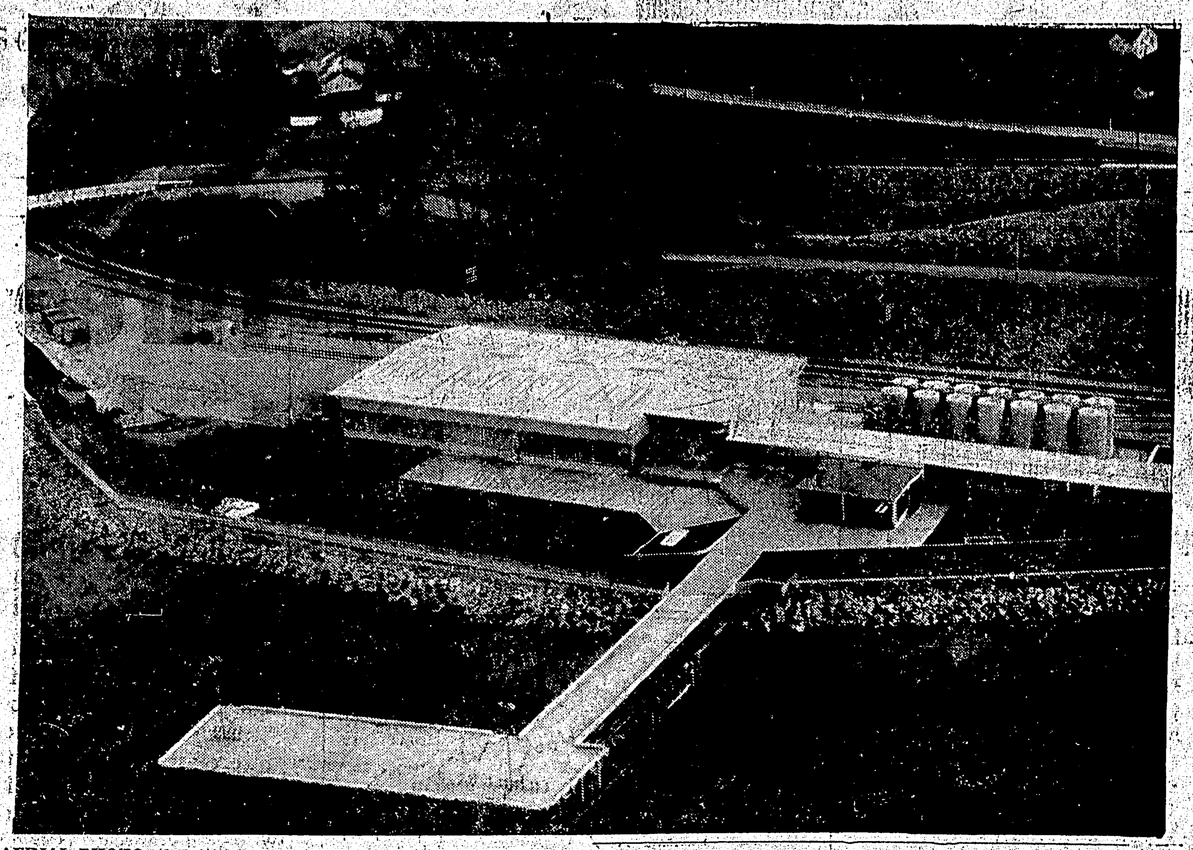
When some of our friends protest our present policy they should try to remember when the shoe was on the other foot.

— The Vancouver Province

A Bible Thought for Today

They shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God with us. — Matt. 1:23.

We see traces of God's work, intimations of Him everywhere, but the Great Nazarene was at times the very voice of God. Indeed it was God speaking.



AERIAL PHOTO of British American Oil's new $1,500,000 Burnaby marine terminal in British Columbia shows 160-foot dock built in addition to an existing 400-foot pipeline-type dock which will be remodelled.

FORECAST FOR 1961

Drop in world demand likely after good pulp, paper year

MONTREAL (CP) — Output of Canada's pulp and paper industry reached a new high this year, up about 5 per cent from 1959, says a year-end review by R. M. Fowler, president of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association and the Newsprint Association of Canada.

In the coming year, however there may be some hesitancy in world demand for Canadian pulp and paper, and production may not exceed 1960 levels.

Pulp, newsprint, paperboard, fine and specialty papers all gained this year, while wrapping paper was marginally lower.

Exports, chiefly newsprint and pulp, accounted for some 80 percent of production and were once again Canada's largest earners of foreign exchange.

DEPENDS ON U.S. ECONOMY

Mr. Fowler adds:

"While long-term demand for paper and paperboard throughout the world will undoubtedly increase substantially, the outlook for the immediate future depends on how rapidly the United States economy resumes its growth and also on the way in which trade between Canada and the two new European trading blocs is developed."

Newsprint production in 1960 set a record of about 6,735,000 tons, four per cent above the previous high of 1956.

"This increase," Mr. Fowler comments, "was the largest shown in any of the last 113 years, and was more than the modest amount of new productive capacity which became available in Canada during the year. As a result, newsprint operating ratios averaged about 88.5 per cent compared with 85 per cent of a smaller capacity in 1959."

Increases came from larger exports to the U.S. and overseas, and from higher Canadian consumption.

20-PER-CENT INCREASE

Shipments overseas were almost 2 per cent higher than in 1959, with increases of the United Kingdom, Australia and South America being particularly large.

"Considering the usual length of typical economic swings," says Mr. Fowler, "it is reasonable to expect the present business decline to extend well into 1961, and then to find the long-term upward trend re-established, with a corresponding increase in newsprint demand."

Canadian newsprint capacity in 1960 increased by about 00,000 tons, compared with increases of 282,000 tons in 1959 and 48,000 in 1958.

Preliminary figures show production of 11,300,000 tons of wood pulp, compared with 10,800,000 in 1959. Of the total, 77 per cent was used in Canada to produce newsprint, paperboard, fine, specialty and wrapping papers, and other plup and paper products.

PULP EXPORTS RISE

Pulp shipments to the United States increased fractionally, and to the rest of the world substantially, with the United Kingdom, West Germany and France showing the largest gains.

Canadian paperboard output increased by some five per cent, setting a record for the third successive year.

Traditionally, because of tariffs in world markets, Canada's paperboard exports have been modest, Mr. Fowler comments. In 1960 they accounted for about 11 per cent of output, and in tons showed a sharp increase of almost 50 per cent over 1959, largely in shipments of liner board and corrugating board to the United Kingdom.

Exporters benefited from the lower premium on the Canadian dollar, Mr. Fowler comments, but the entire industry was affected by the continuing rise in production costs.

Atomic know-how

Kambhampati Balamaroothy of India, Sayed Hassan Hilal of the United Arab Republic and Wilma Sonia Hehl of Brazil are names of the future. They are among the 77 graduate scientists and engineers from 18 foreign countries who are currently studying atomic energy at the Argonne National laboratory at Argonne, Ill. The school is sponsored by the U.S. Atomic Energy commission.

Atomic energy can one day make progressive nations out of the world's under-developed areas. Electric power is their great need. Authorities in the field say that it is just a matter of time until atomic power becomes economically feasible. The United States is making friends and, we can hope, influencing other nations by training hundreds of atomic technicians.

For the have-not people of the world, atomic energy represents the great promise of a more prosperous life. The U.S. offers a helping hand through its many - sided "atoms-for-peace" program. — Kansas City (Kan.) Times.

Beware of Spouse

From The Financial Post

Here's the latest in loony legislation.

In Ontario there's a law against wives helping their husbands, or vice versa, if the spouses are in the insurance business.

A life insurance man recently had trouble having his agent's license renewed because he married a nurse. Is this what Leacock called a moonbeam from the larger lunacy? No, the authorities turned up an Ontario regulation, with the force of law, which says that a seller of insurance may not have a wife, or husband, who might 'have an influence on a client on behalf of their spouse."

It's not clear how this affects nurses. Do life insurance men visit hospitals to sell policies to the patients? Not usually. It's not often that the best risks are to be found in the hospitals.

But no matter what her occupation, why shouldn't a wife drum up business for her spouse if she has the contacts and the talent? And how many more laws as daft as this one are there in the books? Nobody knows.

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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Where do the duck-tail boys go when they get two years older What happens to the lads in black leather jackets riding in companies on the highways on motor cycles, when they reach the sobering age of 23 or 24?

The duck-tails and motor cycle cowboys have been with us now for somewhere between six and 10 years. In all that time, they have remained the same age. This can only mean one thing, and that is that thousands of them, counting all the cities and towns in which they have flourished, have been graduated.

What have they graduated into? You never see any middle-aged duck-tails of 30. Never do you see a beat up old character of 28 forking a motor cycle in a black leather jacket.

Is it possible that these vital individualists have wilted into the common run of mankind? Have they simply collapsed, all the fire and ginger gone out of them, at the mere behest of advancing middle age? Have they got jobs, married, and moved out to the housing development?

Is this what 24 does to us all?

Short sermons

A woman's magazine recommends a new reducing diet with bananas as the main dish. This may seem silly, but did you ever see a fat monkey?

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The best rainmaker is leaving your umbrella at the office.

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Vision is what we have when we find we guessed correctly.

Some queries just lead to trouble

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Questions that only lead to trouble if you don't watch your answers.

"Will you have one more for the road?"

"My little boy tells me that your little boy has been bragging that his father can knock the block off my little boy's father. Do you believe that yourself?"

"Do you want me to see if I can fix your television, sir? I'm no expert, but it's probably just a loose connection, so if you'll just get me a pair of pliers, a hacksaw and a hammer, I'll be glad to . . ."

"Where do you think you're going—to a fire?"

"Oh, it's only midnight. Don't you want to stay for just one more hand . . . recoup your losses?

KIDS AND CATS

"If your young daughter likes to see kittens, why don't you bring her by our house this afternoon? We have six new-born ones and . . ."

"If you think these martinis aren't quite dry enough, perhaps you'd help me make the next batch?"

"Don't you think if you gave the wheel a sharp turn to the left, you could squeeze the car in there without tearing off that guys bumper?"

"Are you the father of the little boy who has been going around the neighborhood demonstrating his new slingshot?"

"If you want a real bargain in a used sports car, how about this one It was owned by a little old lady who has switched to water skiing."

"Offhand, what do you think of the idea of inviting mother to spend the winter with us?"

BABYING THE BULLY

"Are you just going to stand there and let that big bully insult me?"

"Just who do you think you're pushing, Mac?"

"Why don't you make a small down payment and let us worry about whether you can handle the carrying charges?"

"Daddy, would you mind showing me how you used to turn a cartwheel when you were a boy?"

"All right, big mouth, just tell me what you think your life would have been like if you hadn't married me?"

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