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A toast to our pretty ambassador!

IT'S off to Vancouver tomorrow for Barry Anne Crummy—Prince Rupert's charming representative in the Miss PNE contest!

When her plane touches down at Vancouver's International Airport she'll be met by a PNE official. From that moment on Barry Anne and some other 30 girls entered in the contest will be under constant watch. There'll be chaperones by night and day until they leave again for home.

These girls don't have to just be beautiful. In all their activities—the dinners, the speeches, the football game they'll likely attend, the social events—they'll be observed with the eye of the appraiser.

Beauty counts for 50 per cent of the points in the contest; charm, personality and deportment, 25; ability to speak in public, intelligence and special ability, 25.

The lives of the girls will be completely organized.

Sound a little severe? Let's say it's just a test of character. We're pretty sure it'll be a lot of fun.

Let's hope fate smiles fair on Prince Rupert's lovely, dark-haired entry. Let's hope she sparkles into the hearts of the PNE judges the way she did into ours when, as the representative of Local 708, we chose her Miss Prince Rupert 1959! Good luck, Barry Anne. And whether you win or lose you're still our Miss PNE!

Cabinet adjustments

The prime minister has announced some changes in the federal cabinet. While important they are of limited sweep and do not bear out the predictions — voiced wishfully by his political opponents — of a cabinet shake-up. They are not switches of portfolios but the filling of a vacancy and the addition of an associate minister.

As expected Mr. Howard Green has been relieved of the burden of carrying the public works assignment while focusing his main concern on external affairs. It was only a matter of time before such relief would be effected, for the preoccupations of a modern foreign secretary demand undivided attention. Mr. Green's post as government House leader has been turned over to Trade Minister Churchill as a further easement of the load on Mr. Green. These adjustments are wise, and Mr. David Walker, the Toronto MP elevated to cabinet rank, should prove to be a capable minister of public works.

The other new man to the cabinet is the present deputy speaker, Mr. Pierre Sevigny, a former army officer, who will become associate defense minister. This gives Quebec the same number of cabinet ministers as Ontario, six, but if the appointment thus has political undertones this of necessity is part of the Canadian scene and is consistent with provincial representation.

It is Mr. Sevigny's appointment that is of most interest. The days are past when a defense minister merely had to hold the line between the separate armed services and his responsibilities were mainly administrative. Nowadays vital matters of strategy are of daily concern, and there is the need for constant negotiation and liason between allies. Defense in fact is a crucial portfolio. As a young man Mr. Sevigny should bring vigor and viewpoint to the assistance of Mr. George Pearkes in their joint direction of the country's home and overseas military commitments. —The Colonist.

We're all treasure hunters at heart

It is nice to know that there are still men who sail out in schooners to find hidden treasure.

Mr. Jack Norris of New Westminster will do it sometime this summer. When he was a small boy an old sailor gave him a pirate treasure map showing where $600,000,000 in gold and platinum and jewels and Spanish doubloons lie hidden on a little island off Peru. The mice ate the map, but he remembers it.

And so he sets his sail for the high seas. There will be many a heart that sails with him.

We don't expect Mr. Norris to find his treasure, but we love the idea of his looking. Most of us like the idea of one man's finding all that freedom, with a boat pitching under his feet, and a sky full of stars above, and X marking a mystery island on a mystery map — even if the mice did eat the original.

And perhaps Mr. Norris doesn't really expect to find the treasure either. He has named his finding. Atalanta was a mythical Grecian finding. Atlanta was a mythical Grecian maiden who ran faster than any man living. But she didn't get to her final goal because she stopped to pick up three golden apples.

She lost the race, but she won a husband. —The Vancouver Province

Doing better than 'Dief'

Listen to this, you Canadian carpers:

Australia's government is under attack as "unimaginative" after announcing income tax reductions, pension increases and a bigger immigration quota.

If the Canadian government had made the announcement, Canadians would be cheering. It would be taken as a sign that this government, however hesitantly, was beginning to get over its recession-with-inflation willies. It would have indicated a willingness to take the necessary bold measures to stimulate national development.

That's what Australia's government is trying to do. It proposes to let the workers keep more of their wages and to allow firms to hold on to more of their profits.

Canadians were hit for higher income taxes this year after a token cut two years ago.

But Australian business leaders decry their government's efforts as puny. The only move to please everyone is the announcement that the immigration quota will be enlarged.

Everyone down under understands that more people are needed to stimulate development.

In Canada a growing number of people are also realizing this truth. But this government's timid policies kept the inflow of new citizens down to 55,000 in the first six months of this year.

British Columbians gained only 11,000 new citizens in that period.

That's almost standing still — like Canadian development in general. —The Sun.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Eisenhower's toughest job — Western unity

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Pulling the Western alliance together may prove to be President Eisenhower's biggest job overseas.

His mission is far more critical than merely one of selling European allies on his ability to handle Premier Khrushchev in their talks here opening Sept .1.

Perhaps with this in mind, Eisenhower now is on his way through Bonn, London and Paris with proposals not only to restate Western solidarity in negotiations with the Russians but also to seek agreement on a commoon approach in dealing with what he considers the most vital problem of all — raising living standards in the impoverished countries.

To Prime Minister Macmillan, President de Gaulle and Chancellor Adenauer he will suggest that their governments join his in finding ways of equitably and effectively co-operating in aiding the almost 2,000,000,000 citizens of the under-developed countries.

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Unless the civilized world — not just ourselves but the civilized world — is willing and ready to share in the burdens of making it possible for these people to achieve progress in this area, this world is going to have tough going, Eisenhower said before his departure.

Eisenhower will have to visit three capitals to see the three government leaders. A greater display of Western unity might have been achieved by all the leaders gathering at the one conference table, but this is not to be.

Economic policies of Britain on the one hand and France and West Germany on the other now are so widely split that bickering instead of unity might be shown if all gathered at the one table.

But in his travels, Eisenhower might get them to pull together on an issue which is beyond the European front: The broader, more general issue of building up the under-developed countries to block Communist expansion and increase markets for European and North American goods.

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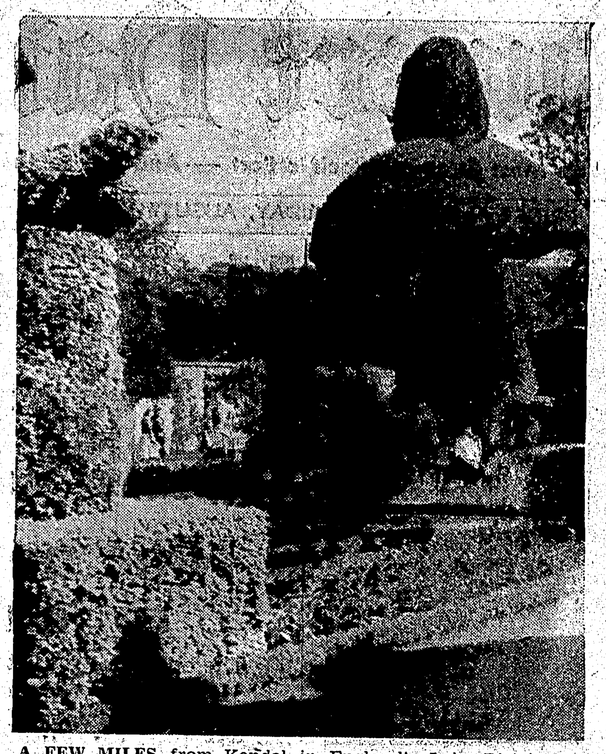
Aside from the French-American differences on sharing of atomic secrets, markets are at the root of the European split. More than a year ago Canada warned of the dangers ahead after Europe began negotiating towards a six-country continental common market.

Britain tried to get this enlarged into a 177-country industrial free trade area. This fell through and the common market emerged without Britain. Britain charged France and Germany were discriminating against her.

Canada urged the United States to use her influence to prevent this European split, but the U.S. showed a reluctance to move and the split widened. Strong words have been exchanged across the English Channel.

Eisenhower gained a great war-time reputation for ability to get strong-willed military leaders to co-operate. In peace he may strike a great new blow for freedom if he can break current European animosities.



A FEW MILES from Kendal in England's Lake District is Levens Hall and its amazing topiary, laid out by Beaumont, who was responsible for the gardens at Hampton Court Palace. The patterns of clipped box, holly and yew forms an interesting study open to the public one day each week.
—British Travel Association photo

The power of alcohol

By G. P. WOODSIDE

The horrible, but little realized, truth that alcohol actually means more to an alcoholic than life itself was brought home to members of the Prince Rupert Rotary club Thursday in an address on "Alcoholics Anonymous" by a member of the local A.A. Society.

The speaker, who by reason of the public relations policy of the Alcoholics Anonymous society asked to remain unidentified, took Rotary members through the life of an alcoholic and described in detail the processes of the foundation to which he belongs.

Founded in 1935 in Akron, Ohio, the society had grown by 1955 to an international association of some 6,000 local groups with an aggregate of 200,000 members. The rate of growth at that time was 20 per cent per year.

In citing the films "Lost Weekend" and "I'll Cry Tomorrow," Rotarians were told that the alcoholic reached the point when he could not make even the most insignificant decision without the drunk's best friend: "John Barleycorn."

BOTTOM OF THE BARREL

"Then comes the time," he said, "that we in A.A. term: 'hitting the bottom of the barrel.'"

That was the point where the alcoholic had had enough of job firings, hangovers and the countless other miseries involved. That way when the drunk had had enough of scheming and lying and shooting all the angles in the book just to get one more drink.

Members of the A.A. had tried all the 'tapering-off' methods: going on the wagon, sticking to beer, but without success, since they were soon back on the same old merry-go-round.

THE LIFE LINE

Just as the drowning man grasps for the life-line, so the drunk grasps for Alcoholics Anonymous.

An organization that is composed of all races and religious denominations, its program is one that consists of twelve steps, four of the more important ones being:

- The admission of powerlessness over alcohol and the fact that life had become unmanageable.
- A belief that a power greater than the individual could restore sanity.
- A decision to turn the individual's will and his life over to the care of God, as that person understood him.
- Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of all eleven preceeding steps, the alcoholic must try to carry the message to other alcoholics and to practice these principles in his affairs.

The speaker expressed the belief that alcohol is "all right for those whose metabolism will handle it. It became a problem for the person and a problem for society at large when the person was no longer able to handle alcohol in his system.

TEST FOR ALCOHOLICS

Quoting twenty questions used by the Alcoholics Anonymous Foundation and the Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, in determining whether or not a person had alcoholic tendencies or was, in fact, an alcoholic, the speaker felt those questions should be answered by everyone:

1. Do you lose time from work due to drinking?
2. Is drinking making your home life unhappy?
3. Do you drink because you are shy with other people?
4. Is drinking affecting your reputation?
5. Have you ever felt remorse after drinking?
6. Have you gotten into financial difficulties as a result of drinking?
7. Do you turn to lower companions and an inferior environment when drinking?
8. Does your drinking make you careless of your family's welfare?
9. Has your ambition decreased since drinking?
10. Do you crave a drink at a definite time daily?
11. Do you want a drink the next morning?
12. Does drinking cause you to have difficulty in sleeping?
13. Has your efficiency decreased since drinking?
14. Is drinking jeopardizing your job or business?
15. Do you drink to escape from worries or troubles?
16. Do you drink alone?
17. Have you ever had a complete loss of memory as a result of drinking?
18. Has your physician ever treated you for drinking?
19. Do you drink to build up your self-confidence?
20. Have you ever been to a hospital or institution on account of drinking?

If you have answered "yes" to any one of the questions, there is definite warning that you may be an alcoholic. If you answered "yes" to any two of the questions, the chances are that you are an alcoholic. If you answered affirmatively to three or more, you definitely are an alcoholic, the speaker maintained.

Quit the crawling

From the Toronto Telegram

That one should never under-estimate the strength of the opposition is a sound precept, but to depreciate one's own ability can be no less disastrous to morale. As there has been a tendency on the part of the West to wallow in self-criticism from the time Russia sent up its first Sputnik, it is refreshing to find someone saying in effect, like the American commander in the Battle of the Bulge: Nuts.

Addressing the 41st annual meeting of the Federation of Women Teachers' Association of Ontario, the president, Mrs. Florence G. Irvine, of Ancaster, stated that Canadian education standards were being threatened by exaggerated notions about the Russian educational system.

Since Russia startled the world by sending the first satellite into orbit, people at all levels, she said have extolled the virtues of the Russian educational system, and there was a danger that Canadians might be panicked into discarding much of the good in the Canadian system in an attempt to copy Russian methods.

The constant research that is going on locally into educational methods and standards indicates that Canadian educators, striving for improvement, are quite aware that perfection is an elusive ideal. Even so, after studying Russian examination papers, they have concluded that present secondary school standards compare favorably with those of Russia. Russian examination papers, they found, were not at all beyond the ability of Toronto students.

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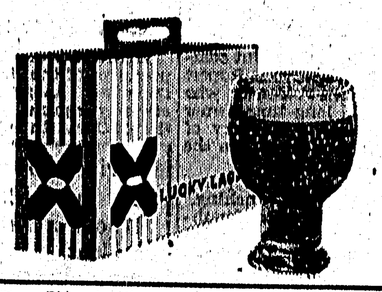

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