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# PERSONALS

Mrs. Agnes Lindsay of Barnhill, Dundee, Scotland arrived in the city by train Tuesday to spend six months holiday with her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bisset, 1070 Eighth Avenue East.

Editor of The Daily News J. R. Ayres, Mrs. Ayres and their daughter Barbara Ruth leave tomorrow by car for a month's holiday. They plan to visit Vancouver, Chilliwack, northern Washington and the Kootenays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Denning and children George, Beverly and Fred, 1126 Ninth Avenue East, leave Saturday by car for a three-week camping trip to the lower mainland and Vancouver Island.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie Fry, 1008 Second Avenue West leave tomorrow morning for Vancouver on the CNR and via Pacific Great Eastern Railway for Vancouver where Mr. Fry will receive medical treatment.

LSVS2 George R. Payette of HMCS Chatham Naval reserve division left today by car for Alberta on a three-week leave before reporting August 28 to HMCS Antigonish of the Fourth Canadian Escort Squadron, Esquimalt to which he has been drafted.

ABLR1 Percy DeLorme of HMCS Chatham left the city today to report to HMCS Naden Release Centre, Esquimalt, where he will receive his discharge after serving for five years in the Royal Canadian Navy. He plans to make his home in Nelson.

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# WEEKLY SERMON

By REV. GEORGE T. PATTISON
Rector St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral

"HE THAT IS NOT WITH ME IS AGAINST ME"

I wonder how many of you have ever walked a picket fence and remember the irresistible thrill of trying to balance oneself over those sharp points, and being so sure of never falling? Perhaps you can even remember when you stopped walking picket fences realizing it wasn't a very sensible thing to do.

It is strange that maturity brings keen insight about our physical well-being and not always the spiritual fence we try to walk. Our Lord knew the dangers of being on the fence with God, in fact as our text states he was quite blunt, "he that is not with me is against me."

There are many who have never faced this simple truth. To fail to stand unmistakably on the side of Christ is to line up with his enemies, to defy God and to fight His cause in the world. In other words we either decide for Christ or against Him.

Jesus said "if any man will come after me let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." To be a Christian costs something of our finances, time and talents. The rich young ruler who came to Jesus didn't think he was sitting on the fence, in fact as a church member I'm sure he was admired. Jesus told the young ruler "One thing thou lackest, get rid of your money, give it to the poor and follow me." But the young man's money kept him on the fence. He remained a respectable gentleman but failed to become a Christian.

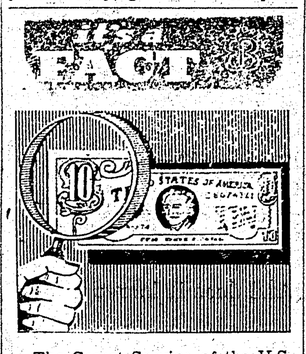
It is not easy to give away all your money, or to sacrifice certain friendships or give up bad habits or secret sins. It isn't easy to be loyal to your church when the world seems to offer so much more. Yes it costs something to get off the fence.

The Christian life is joy, and we are so really free and have fun. Besides if we are honest we are not making a success of life without God. There are doubts and uncertainties, frustrations and worries behind our big brave front, and although we are getting somewhere socially financially and culturally we haven't really got peace of mind, the very thing that we really want more than anything else. Pilate's eternal question is still ringing in the ears of our generation, "what will ye do with Jesus?"

A decision to believe in Him as the Lord and Saviour of life will take us off the fence, open our eyes to see the true purpose of life, and give us peace which passeth all understanding. Won't you pause momentarily as you read this meditation and believe, God bless you.

## Announcements

● U.F.A.W.U. and Native Brotherhood Shoreworkers meeting 8 p.m. tonight. Civic Centre. All shoreworkers please attend.



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AN OPEN LETTER

# To PRINCE RUPERT RESIDENTS

A coastwide strike of all fishermen, tendermen and shoreworkers has been called by The United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union and the Native Brotherhood of B.C. Our organizations regret the necessity of this action. We also regret the involvement of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative in this dispute. Fishing is important to this city and the people are entitled to the facts.

## NEGOTIATIONS FARCIAL

1. Shoreworker and tendermen wage proposals given to the Fisheries Association in February.
2. Negotiations opened in March.
3. First offer of companies received through conciliation award in late June. NO DIRECT OFFER MADE BY THE COMPANIES UP TO THIS TIME.
4. Conciliation awards rejected by 87% and 92% majorities.
5. Government supervised strike votes delayed by Department of Labour from June 29 to July 24.

## MEANWHILE:

Fish price negotiations were proceeding and here too the companies would make no offer. As late as July 9th, James Sinclair, president of the association stated that markets were uncertain and the prices (which were already high) might not hold for the season. WHILE MR. SINCLAIR WAS MAKING THIS STATEMENT TO OUR JOINT COMMITTEE, LETTERS FROM THE MAJOR COMPANIES WERE ALREADY OUT TO THE TRADE RAISING THE PRICE TO THE CONSUMERS.

Canned salmon went up—
$4.50 per case of pinks and chums.
$5.00 per case of sockeye.
$6.00 per case of cohoe.

Their letter explained the reason for the increase—
"Higher prices to fishermen and substantial wage increases to the workers has made this increase necessary."
THESE LETTERS WERE DATED JUNE 22 AND JUNE 23 AND NO OFFERS HAD BEEN MADE TO EITHER FISHERMEN OR SHOREWORKERS AT THAT TIME. But the union is accused of raising the cost of living. The facts are, the companies are taking advantage of exceptionally favorable markets to hit the consumers with everything the traffic will bear while refusing to meet the moderate wage and price proposals of their workers.

## ARE THE UNION-BROTHERHOOD DEMANDS REASONABLE?

The table below shows what the union asked for fish prices, what the companies offered and what the American fishermen settled for.

NOTE: The U.S. fishermen in Puget Sound received the same as Canadians last year and compete in the same markets.

| Specie | Our Demand | Company Offer | U.S. Price |
|---|---|---|---|
| SOCKEYE | 32c | 31c | 37.1c |
| COHOE | 24c | 21c | 24 c |
| PINKS | 13c | 10½c | 18 c |
| SUMMER CHUMS | 12c | 8½c | 14.4c |

The picture is similar with shore crews and tendermen.

Wages of shoreworkers were from 20c to 50c below those of workers in other industries when our demands were made. Since then many unions have settled their new contracts. Hourly workers have a basic wage of $1.58 for men and $1.35 for women. The base rate in pulp and sulphite is $1.95 for men. In logging the rate for men is $1.72.

Tendermen have no control of hours and put in a long day. They asked for 15 days off and 15 days on, the same as tug boats and coastal steamer crews. They asked for a bonus rate on the poundage of fish carried to compensate for extra work on heavier runs. The companies offer $15.00 in 1959 and $10.00 in 1960, 15 days off WITH FIVE OF THESE TO BE AWAY FROM HOME PORT. This would be a day off anchored in some lonely cove when weather prevented them from travelling. Some day off!

They offered hourly paid shore workers 10c per hour for the men in 1959 and 5c in 1960. Women were offered 8c in 1959 and 5c in 1960. THEN THEY ALMOST WIPED THIS OUT BY PROPOSING TO TAKE AWAY A HARD WON OVERTIME CONDITION, OVERTIME AFTER THE REGULAR QUITTING TIME. While the right hand is passing out a raise the left hand is picking our pockets. For monthly paid groups they offered $15.00 this year and $10.00 next year and then increased the board rate by 10%. The pension plan they propose would only cover about 10% of all shoreworkers and tendermen because of the completely unrealistic qualifying time required. A generous offer indeed.

## THE CO-OPERATIVE INVOLVED

On July 2nd the union wrote the Co-op warning of an impending strike. July 10th to 13th the union secretary-treasurer was in the city and along with local representatives met the Co-op officers and urged early action. Negotiations did not open until July 22 and 23rd when a verbal offer was made. Since a settlement reached with the Co-op would set a pattern for the entire coast, such offers must be voted on a coastwide basis. The offer was made on the eve of a strike vote, a case of too little, too late. It is sincerely to be hoped these differences with the Co-op may be quickly resolved and a settlement reached.

## FISHERMEN-TENDERMEN AND SHOREWORKERS ARE DETERMINED TO WIN THIS STRIKE

Although some plants voted against a strike, all belong to the one union. The majority favored strike and the majority rules. Government red tape and interference and intimidation by some larger companies during the strike vote created some confusion but the issues are now becoming clear.

OUR DEMANDS ARE JUST—THE COMPANIES CAN PAY and still make a greater percentage profit return than in 1958—(a record year).

COMPANY PROPAGANDA CONTAINING SMEARS, HALF TRUTHS AND UNTRUTHS WILL NOT CATCH OR PROCESS FISH. Honest and sincere collective bargaining with the Union and the Brotherhood will.

## IT'S YOUR MOVE MR. SINCLAIR

Watch for the big fish sale to the public, Monday, August 3rd at the New Floats. This will be Operation Strike Relief. Fresh salmon at the Fisherman's price and without the mark-up.

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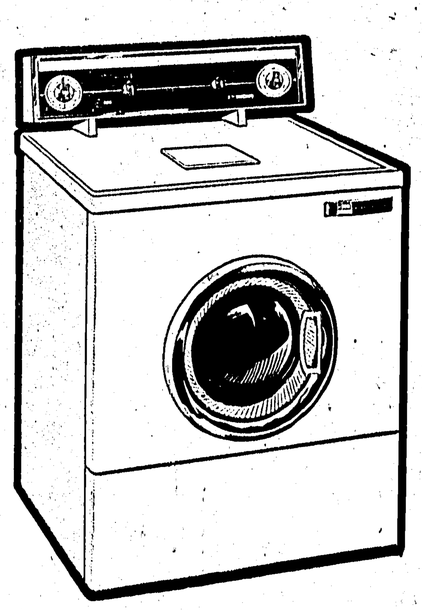

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