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Portable steel cells needed for new lockup

WHETHER or not Fire Chief Earl Becker's suspicions of arson in the regard to the fire Sunday night in the city jail are confirmed or not, the blaze points up only too clearly the vulnerability of the present civic headquarters. The acquisition of the present federal building and its renovation for a new city hall cannot be completed too quickly.

Had not the fire been spotted in its early stages the whole city hall could have been reduced to ashes in short order. In some ways, had it not threatened life, other property, valuable files and equipment, it might have been a good thing. But seriously, fire is not pleasant at anytime and removal of a structure by that means is not a safe method. A fire in a tinder box such as the present city hall, which is as old as Prince Rupert itself, would threaten many lives and a good portion of the downtown business section.

However, the fire stresses one thing that it is hoped the planners of the new city hall will take into consideration. That is the installation in the new lockup, when the federal building is converted, of portable steel cells. These cells, placed in rows along a cement wall leave prisoners a minimum chance of setting fire to anything else but themselves should they have an accident while smoking. The roomy cells have built in bunks, lock automatically and keep occupants confined at all times except when under escort or observation. Such an installation is a definite "must" if fires are likely to break out in our city lockup.

Initiative stifled

THE chief danger to our free enterprise system, which has achieved more for mankind than any other system in history, is that there are too many beneficiaries of it who don't believe in free enterprise—for others. The latest example of this outrageous position concerns an application before the Alberta Highway Traffic Board.

Buckingham Freight Lines Limited, which has a certificate to operate a trucking service within Alberta, applied for permission to ship from Alberta to points outside the province. Twelve firms now enjoying this right opposed the application, saying they could handle all the traffic available. One firm was willing to take on the competition offered by these twelve but they were unwilling to face the competition that a newcomer would offer.

In a decision completely devoid of faith in the system under which this country has prospered, the board turned down the application.

Does anyone with an ounce of reasoning power doubt that such actions will sound the death knell for free enterprise? If anyone should want to enter any legitimate business why should any bureaucrat tell him he may not—particularly on the advice of those who would be his competitors? Anyone who believes in such stifling of energy and initiative doesn't believe in democracy and free enterprise.

—The Edmonton Journal.

Mothers-in-law

NO group of people has been subject to more ill-natured humor than mothers-in-law. They have been victims of countless jokes, mostly rude and unkind. In the main mothers-in-law aren't deserving of such treatment, as many quite satisfied sons-in-law will attest.

Proof of this is in the exploit of a man in Bowmanville. When the house caught fire he clambered up a rose trellis and rescued his wife, children, mother-in-law and sister-in-law. Certainly this was the humane thing to do, but at least he was willing to risk his own life to save that of the mother-in-law.

There are, of course, mothers-in-law and mothers-in-law. Some are nosey, interfering pests and nuisances. But so are a lot of other people.

There is much talk about mothers-in-law helping break up young married couples, by unwarranted interference. But it also is true many a mother-in-law has been an influence in keeping a young couple together. Many a time young wives "run home to mother" in some post-marital pique. And many a time the mother has given the young woman a lecture, told her to act as an adult, and sent her straightway back to her husband.

—Windsor Star.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Mountbatten may succeed in welding services

By KEN METHERAL
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The appointment of Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma as chief of Britain's defence staff may herald a new drive to amalgamate the country's air, land and sea forces.

It also represents a considerable political victory for Defence Minister Duncan Sandys, a long-time advocate of a combined service. Sandys has forced though his appointment of his personal choice for the post in spite of strong opposition in his own party.

Many Conservatives dislike Mountbatten because they believe his political sympathies lie with the opposition Labor party.

Sandys is known to have wanted Mountbatten for the post when it was created under an administrative reorganization in 1957. But opposition from Tory backbenchers was so strong tha he had to postpone action.

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Mountbatten, a cousin of the Queen and uncle of Prince Philip, gives up his job as first sea lord next July to succeed marshal of the Royal Air Force William Dickson as the government's chief adviser on all defence matters.

One of his main jobs will be to ensure that the plans which go forward to the minister are the best for the defence of the United Kingdom as a whole, not just the best from the point of view of he individual services.

It was the constant rivalry among the three services and their lobbying for a bigger share of the defence budget that was one of Sandy's chief considerations in his move toward unification.

Mountbatten is acknowledged to be a forceful personality and has proved his diplomatic skill as Britain's last viceroy of India and the newly independent country's first governor-general before it became a republic. He will need both talents as defence chief.

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The new appointment, at the age of 58, brings Mountbatten to the peak of a service career spanning 43 years. He became first sea lord in 1955, over the heads of six senior admirals.

In his new post, he may find himself supervising a strategic policy with which he does not completely agree. The cabinet, for the time being at least, has over-ruled his advocacy of using nuclear-powered, rocket-armed submarines as Britain's chief deterrent, relying instead on the strategic V-bomber force and land-based guided missiles.

Mountbatten's wide experience of inter-service affairs should prove an invaluable asset in his new post. He was chief of combined operations and supreme commander, Southeast Asia, during the Second World War.

Just toys

From the Hamilton Spectator

The toy departments in the large stores are featuring Cape Canaveral three-stage rocket sets so junior can "hurl satellites into the stratosphere." Our agent reports these toys are so unlifelike they really work.

ROLE OF CEDAR in life of Northwest and Northern Indian tribes for hundreds of years is emphasized by Indian war canoe shown above as it is on display in Vancouver Museum. Mrs. E. L. Neel, in Indian costume, holds a bailing scoop also made of western cedar. The canoe, made from a single cedar log was used to carry cargo and in waging wars. The canoe hull was formed by splitting the log apart in a unique steaming process which took many years of skilled labor.

Campaign costs

From The Toronto Star

Con. Jean Newman may have sent shivers down the backs of some politicians when he suggested civic candidates publish their campaign expenses but she is on the right track. Canada lags behind other democratic countries in requiring details of election expenses and such laws as we have are more often flouted than observed.

There are no civic regulations either limiting campaign funds or demanding publication of details. The civic level would be a good starting place for an experiment in public morality. If Mrs. Newman cannot get her colleagues to support a motion making it obligatory for candidates to reveal sources and amounts of their campaign funds, let her go ahead with her offer to publish her own electoral expenses. It would add to her already high popularity.

In the Toronto elections, ex-Con. Cornish indicated that his modest mayoral campaign would cost him about $5,000 and that he was refusing contributions from other than close friends. Mayor Phillips refused to make even a suggestion of what his campaign for the $23,800 job was costing. Ex-Ald. Ross Parry was estimated to be spending about $15,000 or more in an effort to capture a $10,000 a year controllership.

Limitation of campaign expenses and compulsory publication of amounts and sources would be a wise measure. We're with you, Jean.

Much ado about nothing

From The Toronto Telegram

The behind-the-scenes antics of Eddie Fisher, Elizabeth Taylor, Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin over a TV show could make a plot for a grade B movie, but it would not be worth seeing.

Entertainment stars are entitled to some display of temperament. The pressure of the spotlight is bound to erupt on occasion in demonstrations of ill humor. We can forgive these occasional aberrations because entertainers perform a useful function.

But the recent spate of irritations caused by the romance of Fisher and Taylor and the revived rivalry between Martin and Lewis can only be classed as ridiculous. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Martin got into a quarrel over kitchen equipment as payment for a personal appearance. When Martin refused to appear on Fisher's show, Lewis stepped into the breach. This evoked an outburst from Martin. To confound the confusion, Miss Taylor petulantly defied an invitation from network officials to stay away from backstage while the show was in progress.

The childishness of this involved Donnybrook should be apparent even to the actors. Their most ardent admirers cannot help but be embarrassed by such behavior. It can only lead to the admonition to grow up.

First space drop

(From a 1053 address by L. W. Brockington)

In 1793 the famous French balloonist Blanchard, then a resident of America, let down the first parachute in the United States. The first American parachute drop was successful. The parachute of 160 years ago carried a dog, a cat and a squirrel. They should be famous, even if they are anonymous.

From The Ottawa Journal

Although traces of gas were found in the basement of St. George's Anglican Church members of Ottawa clergy have delicately intimated that fear of gas will not be acceptable as an excuse for playing hookey from services.

In case of fire

From The Lethbridge Herald

Fire destroyed a frame home in Great Falls, Mont., the other day but although four children ranging in age from six to 1 were trapped on the second floor there was no loss of life. While the flames crackled and the smoke billowed around them the four youngsters went to a window and jumped one by one into the arms of their mother who stood on the ground below. At least three jumped—the six-year-old had to be pushed out by his older brother.

Afterwards, the mother explained with justifiable pride that she had taught her children not to panic in case of fire. Undoubtedly, their calmness when fire did occur saved their lives. We think there is a moral here for all parents: A bit of elementary home fire drill may pay invaluable dividends some day.

PIONEER ROUTE

Lake Champlain on the Quebec-U.S. border was a main water route in pioneer days.

Vote on schools

An editorial by Dick Pearce, Editor of the Simcoe Reformer

The advisability of electing high school trustees is being widely discussed in the province at the present time when so large a share of the tax dollar is going for educational purposes.

Norfolk County Council and Simcoe Town Council have deliberated the matter at recent meetings with most councillors being in favor of electing trustees, provided that a suitable system could be worked out. The main problem appears to exist in the layout of high school districts, which in many cases take in portions of municipalities. It would be a difficult task to prepare voters' lists, but not an impossible one.

Despite the complex voting situation, councillors are speaking out strongly in support of an electoral system for trustees. They are taking such a stand because of the fact that school boards are spending approximately one-third—and in many instances considerably more—of the tax money raised by municipalities. Councils have a say in appointing trustees, but they feel that the electors should be given a voice when so much is at stake.

Voting for public school trustees has long been established in Ontario. A similar set-up would be warranted for high school trustees in the light of the millions of dollars being expended on secondary school education.

Harmless automobile

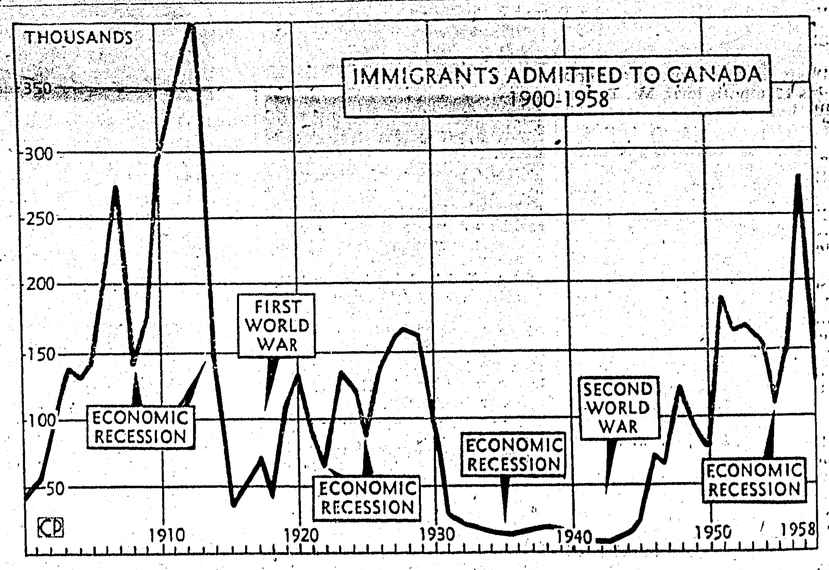
From The St. Catharines Standard

Autos that won't start are a lot safer than those that won't stop in time.

Toot-timer

From The Sherbrooke Daily Record

A trombone player's wife sued for divorce in the U.S. claiming her husband lavished attention on another woman. He's what you might call a toot-timer.



ECONOMIC TRENDS AND IMMIGRATION—Canada imposed restrictions on immigration in July, 1957, in the face of anticipated heavy unemployment in the 1957-58 winter. Immigration Minister Ellen Fairclough has said that immigration must be tied to economic conditions that it is neither fair nor sensible to bring immigrants to Canada when there are no jobs. This graph, charting immigration to Canada since 1910, shows how closely immigration has been tied to economic trends. Immigration reached low points during the two world wars and the periods of economic recession.

—CP Newsmap.

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