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Pedestrians have traffic duties

into a busy pedestrian crosswalk in motorist to usurp those rights. It's

familiar movie gangster's cry, "Don't" Council pointed out. shoot, you'll never get away with it." Actually, the remark was made by a pedestrian crossing a busy street in Ottawa, or should we say a former pedestrian, no longer with us. The Canadian Highway Safety Council, which last week sponsored Safe Driving Week, reports it as symbolic of the attitude of too many pedestrians who "know their rights and insist on standing on them."

The Canadian Highway Safety Council realizes pedestrians have rights in traffic and would defend them strongly. However, the council also realizes that no amount of legal or moral rights will stop two tons of out the life of a human being. "It is the round basis.

Home shopping is good business

Each year, along about this time, plans are made in many quarters for an exodus to the more metropolitan areas, under the guise of "shopping for Christmas."

Theoretically, this is supposed to be economical, since, also theoretically, big city prices are supposed to be much, much lower than those offered by Dawson Creek merchants. Supposing the above were true. There would have to be quite a saving on merchandise to

cover the costs of travelling, meals, hotels,

baby-sitters and what have you, to make the trip worthwhile. Unfortunately, this is just not the case. For the most part, Dawson Creek prices are comperitive with those in metropolitan areas. They have every right to be higher, since freight

charges add considerably to a merchant's over--Well, if the price factor can be argued successfully, then the local merchant is confronted

with the old story of "greater selection in the

This one is a little tougher to argue, but minu you, if a consumer wants an even better

Victoria Report by J. K. Nesbitt

INTORIA — It is 20 years ago this month the Coalition of Liberals and Conservatives was born and the course of political history in this province southanged that never since the Coaffition was ended, with a loud crash, have the two old parties been of much importance in B.C., provincially, anyway.

The October election of 1941 gave only a minimum of legislative seats to the T. D. Pattullo Liberals, not enough to form a safe government. It was the same with the R. L. Maitland Conservatives, the Harold Winch CCF'ers. In a desperate effort to keep the CCF down, Liberals and Conservatives got together, after the Liberals had ousted their chief, Premier Pattello, who then went it alone, for four years, as the only Liberal in the House, constantly up and down asking embarrassing questions and nfiking sarcastic remarks about old political chienles being together in a lumpy bed, each fighting for the warmest sheets and blankets. I shall never forget the Liberal convention in Vancouver which fired Premier Pattullo and

installed John Hart in his place. I remember the wild excitement of reporter Peter Stursberg, who shouted: "The Liberals have just committed suicide". And that, in very truth, is what

Often I wonder what the course of political events in this province would have been if Pattullo had been allowed by his colleagues to carry on his government, taking his cliances in the Mipuse. We'll never know, of course; it's ensy enough to be wise after the event, but it could have been that Mr. Bennett and his Bocial Credit would nover have risen to the top. It could have been, too, that Harold Winch would have become Premier

Mr. Bennett, Who Won his first election in INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Reds may have trouble with Albanian boss

By HAROLD MORRISON Canadian Press Staff Writer

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tough stallnikt regime in Albania, soylet. Piet Whrushchev an opportunity to soo how Com-

peoisie" is a minor item in the Communist world split in Communist ranks. and certainly no threat to Russia. But Albania's longor Enver Hoxha, is reported to have said some nasty things about Khrushchev and Juliushdhev cannot allord to Ignore the chal-

L'That the Russians have designs on Hokha is "Three ador to the U.S., Who predicts the Alnaniant people won't tolerate Hoxha for long: this unikely such a statement would dome trom the Boylet hierarchy unless it plot has hatched with confidence that it will

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Hoxha is reported to have called Khruslichev a traitor to Communist doctrine, a weakling and a ravisionist. Some Communist circles said Khrushchov (warned Hoxha howould have to

pay for his words. But Hoxha is no softy. Albanians Kave boon bred through generations of bloody tribal fouds. Floxha has said Russian agonts tried to got rid of him before but to no avail. He has tightened scourity, ruling his country with an iron flat.

Russian agents may find their work out out for them unless Red China withdraws support of the Albanian leader.

"Le can't run over me. It's illegal!" alert, not the moralizing pedestrian How many times have you heard who will survive. It's no disgrace to a person say that while stepping out, step back on the curb and allow a.

Prince Rupert? More times than is only sensible and often can mean the difference between crushed bones and The remark is reminiscent of the the prevention of an accident," the

> This situation is particularly true in Prince Rupert where on dark nights. or due to treacherous icy conditions, even the most cautious driver, with a mechanically perfect vehicle, can be betrayed by road surfaces and be unable to stop on a dime as some pedestrians think they should.

> Caution and alertness in traffic can save a pedestrian's life. Angering or frightening a motorist by incautious actions can send him on to create an accident.

The best thing to do is to be alert, cautious and courteous at all times and co-operate with motorists in expowered automobile from crushing tending Safe Driving Week on a year-

> selection, shops in Montreal, Toronto and New York, can offer even more than the biggest and best in Edmonton — so why not go all out, and

make a real trip out of it! For our money, selection here at home is generally very good indeed. As a mater of fact, many merchants (to the dismay of their bankers) carry a much larger stock than they really should, simply because the public demands variety and depth in merchandise.

'It is only by "shopping at home" that merchants can hope to justifiably carry more and a greater variety of merchandise than they do. Shopping at home creates demand, and that means that a merchant has no alternative but to set his sights higher when he purchases

Everyone benefits when shoppers shop at home. It behooves each of us to consider this carefully; to consider that if everyone decided to travel out of town to purchase their merchandise, Dawson Creek would soon retrogress rather than progress.

— Dawson Creek Star

1941, as a Conservative, was caught up in the Coalition whirl and he didn't like it, any more than any of the others, but he was more vocal

It is to his credit that he urged the Coalition partners to forsake their Liberal and Conserva tive parties and form a new Coalition Harty. Mr. Bennett said that was the only honest path. Actually, this should have been done; because it was not an honest path. The partners in coalition showed they were merely in a temporary marriage of convenience, which, in due course, ended on the rocks of political divorce.

For his sentiments about a Coalition Party Mr. Bennett was cold-shouldered, severely reprimanded by those in authority. This resistance stiffened him; if he couldn't have a Coalition party he no doubt made up his mind, then and there, that he'd sooner or later have some other kind of party that, he hoped, would eventually rid the province of Liberals and Conservatives. After stormy years this came about. For nearly a decade now Liberals have had but a small voice in the Legislature, Conservatives no voice at all.

I often wonder, too, what would have been the course of events if Mr Bennett had won Yale seat in the House of Commons, In 1948 he resigned his seat in the B.C. Legislature. ran for Ottawa, was soundly beaten. At this point Mr. Bonnett had nothing, and there were those who said, and hoped, that he was

If he had won Yale, would he have become national Conservative leader, would he today be the Conservative Prime Minister of Canada? There are no answers to these questions, and

never will be, but speculation on them keeps

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Gagarin and Major Titov.

their two cosmonauts. Major

"No," said the advertising expert. "It is unquestioned that such movies have been made. But the Russians will hold them until such time as thre United States is about to but a monkey into orbit. They Will then release the movies of before the monkey launching. They are not interested so Much "In Bolittling the United States in the dyest of the World macholittling tho United States in the eyes of its own people." And a few days before the

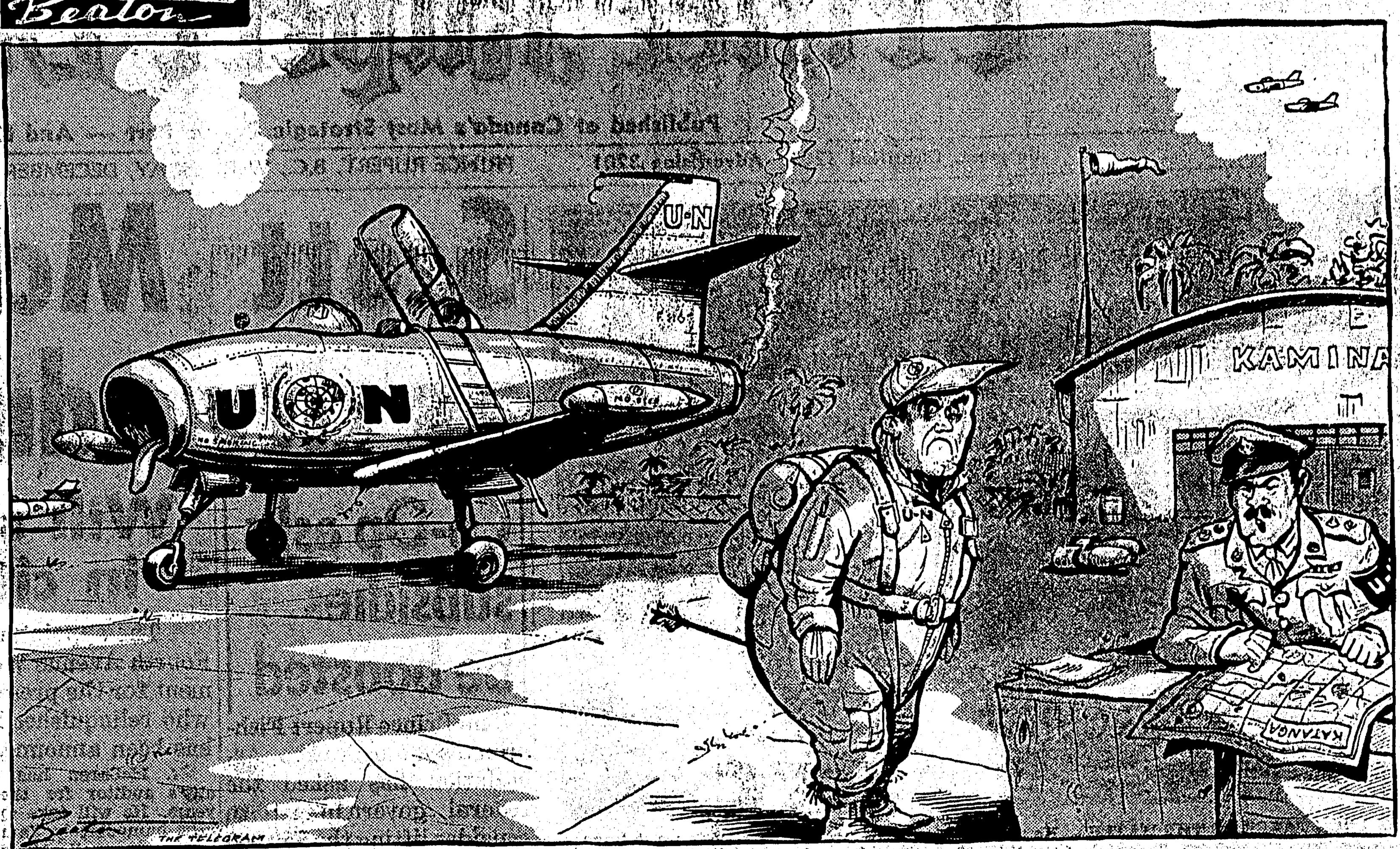
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"HOW EFFECTIVE ARE THEIR DEFENSES, ASIDE FROM THAT ...?"

CONVENTION RECOLLECTIONS

Canada's new political party hopes to provide social, economic democracy for all citizens

Toderas, a delegate from Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Puip. Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, to the founding conver tion of the New Democratic Party in Vancouver October 27, 28 and Mr. Toderas' recollections take er where the news coverage left

By WILLIAM TODERAS

Now that the emotional en thusiasm generated on the floor of the British Columbia New Democratic Party convention has died down, it would be a good time to subject the founding convention to a critical analysis.

Apart from the tangible results which have been published previously, there are other aspects of equal or even greater importance. These are found in the attitudes of the people involved, their motives and objectives.

I was impressed greatly by the manner in which delegates amany cases are similar, beapproached their jobs. They were serious, hard working, and above all, sincere. The discussion and debate was earnest at all times but there was an undercurrent of good will and co-operation. The basic philosophies of the party were unanimously endorsed.

The people attending the convention formed a good cross section of the Canadian population. All jobs, professions, small businesses, were represented as well as different religions.

As delegates, they adopted a program that would enhance principles of the party are the individual's dignity. This was not done as a vote-catching program, but with sincerity because the party is composed of little people and as

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One may ask, why the need of a new party? The New Democratic Party was formed because there was a need for expansion just as the CCF was formed to combine the efforts of divergent groups who still had similar goals. In the 1930s when previous union took place, some of these groups were bitterly opposed to each other. The New Democratic Party

is designed for the Canadian political climate, to fill needs of progressive - minded people in this country. There are many such groups in Ganada as well as individuals who want political action. Groups such as co-operatives, credit unions, farmers' associations, fishermen's organizations, women's groups, and labor, are all unable on their own, to achieve their aims, which in cause their organizations are basically economic, rather than

political. The aim of the New Democratic Party is to represent these people, who do not now have representation, through a widely - based program encompassing most of the desires of such groups.

The question of domination of the party by either the old CCF or organized labor has been raised:

I can state quite plainly that there will be no dominion of the party by any group. The above any one group. Every person or affiliated organization belonging, subscribes to these principles. Basically, the principles are: economic, so-

cial and political justice for

In this regard, the name of the party is well chosen. We recognize the fact that Canada has had political democracy for some time but all Canadians do not enjoy economic and social democracy. As long as there are second class citizens, people in need of employment who are willing to work, slum housing conditions, sick people in need of treatment and unable to obtain it, students in need of education and not able to pay for it; we do not have economic and social democracy. This is the "New Democracy" which forms the name of the party.

The program or the process by which this New Democracy will be achieved can only be achieved through a planned

Our newly elected national leader T. C. Douglas, is the embodiment of all these principles. His personal record is beyond reproach. He is a man of dignity, charm, and wit. As a public debator he need take off his hat to no one. Following in the footsteps of Woodsworth and Coldwell he will uphold the dignity of his office and be a great leader in Canadian politics. Indeed, I believe future generations will recognize him as one of the great men of our time.

A quotation from "Grace Before Meat! by J. S. Woodsworth aptly sums up the ideals, objectives and program of the party: "What we desire for ourselves, we wish for all."

All Aboard... with G.E. Mortimer

Some hunting "accidents" - nobody knows how many -

are really murder. What could be easier than to pretend friendship for a... hated rival in love or business, take him shooting and accidentally let your finger slip on the trigger? Afterwards.— "so sorry", and flowers for the widow.

It has happened. Once a man told me of a case that he knew about. A hunter had blown a hole in his companion. A coroner's jury brought in a verdict of "accidental death" No charge was ever laid against the killer. He carried his secret around with him for years until just before he died.

Then he confessed — not to the police, but to an acquaintance... who passed the story to me without names. A shooting licence can be an invitation to murder.

Psychiatrists put forward the frightening theory that some hunters may suffer from a secret itch to murder a fellow-human. They may not know it themselves. The psychiatrists hasten to add that there are not many such people around. However, I am not reassured. One of

them is enough. Accident or murder, a man is just as dead if a bullet hits him. It seems that we need stricter laws to regulate the users of guns — laws just as strict as those that regulate the

drivers of cars. Nobody should get a hunting licence without tests of his eyesight, knowledge of gun-handling and sanity.

Gunshot accidents will happen, all the same. When they do, there should always be a careful police investigation, followed by a court trial.

This will cause suffering to the person who fired the fatal shot. But it will probe the alibis of the few people who use sporting guns to commit murder.

It will — possibly — cause these alibis to come unstuck. It will check the enthusiasm of trigger-happy jerks who let fly at a moving bush without even crying "Fore". And it will save the lives of numerous hunters, human beings

Short sermons

Living costs no more than . When a woman suffers in siit used to, if you live as people lence it means her phone is out of order.



Christmas Iraveller

Mr. Lemon Hart's rums travel for a teason. Made in the heart of the West Indies they are then sent to England because the moist airs of England are traditionally the linest in the world for maturing rums. After quiet years in Eng-"lands they are perfectly blended, bottled and shipped to Camada and throughout the world. These expensively brought up rums, full of light-hearted charm and flavour, are happily Timpokrko

available to Canadians at Christmas. Have a good rum for your money! La MAUN Mustuas

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