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Election afterthoughts

looked to its result as a signal for ac- other. tion on many problems find them- This time however, the issues are selves having made "no yards."

anything else. It has certainly been dicament. far removed from the ideal of a cool, important nation.

jeckeying for position.

In Kitimat we are far away from the whirlpool of events that affect Canada and her 18,000,000 people. What we know out here, 3,000 miles from Ottawa, is mainly what affects However, most of us sense that such things as an uneven economy, a national power policy and Canada's defence are all problems to be solved wisely and in the interest of the whole country.

About 38 per cent of Canadians who voted apparently believe that the government of Prime Minister Diefen-gain. baker has made an honest attempt to tackle these questions. They have accepted mistakes in the "Follow John" years as stemming largely from a witch in leadership föllöwing a long period of Liberal rule. They would her been pleased to see the government returned with a working majorit; so that it would have a reasonable chance to prove its policies.

As it turned out Mr. Diefenbaker goes back to Ottawa to form a government from his own party without an werall majority.

into the thick of battle and has a fine—closely and carefully.-time for the few weeks during which

The June 18 federal election has come issues, big and not so big, are debated and gone and those Canadians who from one end of the country to the

terribly important for Canada. Nei-Since almost the beginning of the ther the Social Credit party nor the last session of the 24th parliament, the New Democratic Party has demon-House of Commons in Ottawa has re-strated at the polls that the people acsembled an election arena more than cept their solutions for Canada's pre-

In fact, it is important to note that reasonable and inspiring parliament both these splinter groups were reof the elected representatives of an pudiated by the electorate in the only provinces in which they governed-Most thoughtful people are dis- Saskatchewan rejected the New Demntayed at the prospect of government ocratic Party—and with the exception is such an atmosphere continuing of two seats in this province, Alberta through another dreary period of and British Columbia rejected the Social Credit party.

It is to be hoped that the Progressive Conservatives will come through with the strong, skilful leadership necessary to achieve united action on matters of urgent national importance.

In the months ahead the true statesmen will be recognized as those men, regardless of party, who place the national interest first. The politicians, on the other hand, will be recognized as those men who obstruct the national interest for party or regional

Already there is an example of the latter in our own provincial premier's demand for more and more and more for British Columbia. This is hardly a basis for strong united action for the benefit of Canada as a whole.

All parties are more likely to increase their stature in the eyes of the average Canadian if they go to Ottawa with the purpose of making the coming session a continuation of the election

One final, perhaps naive hope, is that the same average Canadian eyes An election is fun. Everyone gets will be watching the performance

--Kitimat Sentinel.

# Victoria Report by J. K. Nesbitt

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to hear him tak these days one would to the life had lambelt been elected to the the many of commons. Lumping himself with graphy of the fair Credit leader Robert Thompson and ampuly hader Real Cauette, our Premier tain about shat two are going to do on the A color of the first

The translation of the difference and he said no, years, and then out they go. Control of the Lother him, it Social Credit ever , more the and no east there's one thing he strength across the country; there'll be provinand the compositional career. If our Premier wan, or and the same our senators elected, as and the transfer States. So would be

The priest man at the outcome situation isn't confused at all. It's as simple as the people of Canada are fed up with the Ber en There's just no holding him. Conservative government in Ottawa, and are at the Eubblane all over as he sees Social getting rid of it. I think, mind you it would the selection of the people thrown, east and have been better had the people thrown the resitt, and onth, all over this vast coun- government out in one fell swoop, but they did No make remember, of course, the Pre- not; they're going about the job piecemeal, just as they went about electing the Diefenbaker government. It took them two tries. It will take them two tries to get rid of it. I think, next time, the Liberals will go in, and the oppo-

sition could well be Social Credit. At's curious, but for nearly 50 years the people have been far more loyal to Liberals than to Conservatives. There are exceptions, of course, but, by and large, the people tolerate The red the Premier if he would now like to Conservative government only for about five

Mr. Bennett wants the minority Diefenbaker torme a comment in Ottawa, would be like government to stay in office for two years. In on the action of cold-constor from British Cox-the meantime he hopes to build up Social Credit and the same to be it was enator of any kind. Telal elections in Alberta and Saskatchewan the that themsel datable ay so, but I gathered be next two years, and our Premier hopes Social s join the become a Canadian senator is Credit will blanket those two provinces. He's the characteristic receiving the kiss of death positive the NDP CCP is through in Saskatche-

- Well, It's a period of spectacular, unpredictable polities we're going through. I still think , don't som in the "viewing-with-alarm", we'll somehow come out right-side up. I do not which on the wake of what's been—view with narm, only with fascination. Situaand the coalmod election results. To me the allons like these keep us all on our toes.

# The terrible price of neglect

and to the murder of three young RCMP con- as a mental patient? table in Kamboops is the sort of thing that strained the birt

That demented eccentric who shot them down was released patient, who was released uncontact. Hed been confined in Essondale for a The solution of this time 1957%

Base the mental hospital deputy superintenand retail the way yith sack when released, but there was no record of his having threatened uny-

The went home to move about in a settled accommunity carrying a high-powered rifle most of the time requiring only a certain kind of on the base incident to make him an Insane 1 , , , , 1

How barren and madequate the explana-

A known psychotic with a rifle. Officials n ental hospital and local health officials, or the was the first born of many brethren.

The decidenty train of circumstances that two doctors and magistrate who certified him

How could be be released after only short

and apparently insufficient treatment? This failure of social organization, of ordinary precaution, has exacted a terrible price. That price was paid by three good young men. Now what is being done to prevent a repi----- The Vuncouver Sun

## A Bible Thought for Today The kingdom of God is within you. Luke

The most revolutionary discovery of the ares is just this!

If we learn how to use this infinite power were constructed only that he renew his licence, we cease to be brothers of the beasts and we What land of haison is there between the become sons of God, brethren of Christ who



"CREDIT" BALANCE

### THE LABOR FRONT

### Beck has money on mind ciety and the people's capital-

ism but that was before un-

employment became a way of

life for at least six per cent.

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tions; he was a Republican;

a country club man; an in-

trucking industry could depend

on in time of crisis. There

wasn't any class struggle non-

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nessmen, the Beck myth went

up in flames just slightly fas-

ter than that of people's capi-

talism. It took just six weeks

of hearings in the U.S. Senate

to puncture the balloon and

His financial acumen that

made the Teamsters wealthy

(the interest in investments

operates the union every year)

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Government.

Unfortunately for the busi-

Here was a labor leader dis-

of the working population.

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sense to Dave Beck.

By FRANK DREA Toronto Telegram News Service

Dave Beck, the ex-Teamsters leader who ironically came as close as anyone to making labor respectable in the United States, went to jail the other day. And somehow, one can't help but speculate that Beck will emerge owning at least one-third of the prison. For if anyone ever deserved the name "Midas" it was Dave Beck, a pudgy, talkative entrepreneur who seemed far more at home discussing the state of the bond market than minimum wages.

As a matter of fact, money dominated every discussion with Dave Beck, for it managed to slip in even in the most critical times.

For instance, this writer recalls sitting with Beck in the lobby of a Miami Hotel and being fascinated by a lecture on how the average man could become a man of means if he used his head and whatever resources he had in the real estate market.

Beck spent an hour telling three reporters just how to wheel and deal in the real estate market and how to parlay a little stake into a real

big pot. The most incongruous part of the entire hour was the great concern showed by Beck for the merchants of Mlami Beach, Fla., because the U.S. government was threatening to stop his Teamsters Union for holding its 1957 conven-

Here was Beck, a man of obvious affluence, on the verge of going to jail and only a couple of days away from being stripped of his base of power in the Teamsters. And here was Beck deeply concerned about how much money the merchants and hotel keepers would lose if the Teamsters

had to pull out of Miami. Beck is now a resident of McNell Island Federal Prison in Puget Sound, where he will spend the next 20 months in confinement with 1,450 other prisoners. Although his astute legal advisors kept delaying the inevitable, the U.S. Government finally but him jall for falsifying tax returns for an agency of the Teamsters (a union building association).

He was sentenced to five years but the minimum is 20 months and Book has announced he will be a model prisoner so he can return as soon as possible to his interests --- extensive roul estate

and parking lots. Beven years ago, Bock was well on the way toward being one of the most powerful men in America. He had friends in the U.S. White House, and in the words of most business publications was the responsible type of labor leader that North America mooded so

Beck was the new style labor lender in the era who was supposed to bring the classless so-

# The Packsack of Gregory Clark

Copyright: Canada Wide Where have all the beatniks gone? I haven't seen one in months. That, surely, was one of the briefest of whims on the part of the younger generation.

It did not take them long to get ly familiar about them, but over it. It was, I suppose, a sort of thing like the hula hoop. When you see a young man with a beard now, he looks a little old - fashioned and out of date. He cuts a lonely figure, even though he has given up the slim-jim

And the shabby girls with their great towsled hair-do and their eyes mascaraed, but no lipstick? Where are they? It seems to me I have noted an unusual number of chastened – looking young ladies pushing perambulators recently. There is something vague-

> can't think what it is. Their hair is modestly dressed. They have no mascara around their eyes. They do have a touch of lipstick. It is true some of them wear slim-

Could it be . .? I bet you that's it! That's.

with G. E. MORTIMORE

the provincial mental hospital at Colquitz is charged with molesting a four-year-old

Two years ago another page tient at the same mental hosti... pital on Wilkinson Road shot considerable liberty.

such incidents as this—and" they have happened elsewhere; too, stir public anger. "Why aren't these people" kept locked up where they

can't do any harm?" critics" want to know. But psychiatrists are not as... willing to "lock people up" as. they used to be. There has been a revolution in the treat-

ment of mental illness. Locks are coming off many doors. Prison - like asylums are being changed into hospi, ... Numbers of emotionally disturbed people are being, treated in general hospitals.

Patients are being sent home much earlier than they used to be. Some patients are released for weekend leaves, or for somewhat longer periods. The modern idea in mental care is to keep the patient in

touch with his home and the "We want to treat mental illness as nearly as possible like physical illness," a provincial government mental health

officer told me. I asked him about the patient who is charged with molesting the little girl.

"He had no history of this sort of behavior," the official said, "He had been a patient" for four or five years. At first' he was in Essondale. He had improved to the point where he was removed to Colquitz. ...

"He wasn't a criminal. Very" few of the patients at Colquitz now are those who could be called the criminally mentally

"He had reached the stage, when he was working off the grounds. For the past three years he had been going home to his mother. We felt reason="" ably satisfied about him. He has never broken faith in any way before.

"I don't think there has been any gross indiscretion in allowing a patient like this to

"We are now gradually try-" ing to return these patients to .... Essondale. We hope eventually to close the institution at Col-



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