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## Further proof of high prices

vincial government to buy Peace River ment, would carry an extremely high power at exorbitant prices or face ex- price tag. propriation should have come as no Premier Bennett's denial that surprise to anyone.

dent of B.C. Electric before its take- the Vancouver market, would be so over by Premier Bennett's government high as to make it unsaleable—except and chairman of BCE's parent com- by force—has been reiterated by him pany, B.C. Power Corp., made the as well as several members of his cababove declaration under oath when inet.

pressure to sign contracts for Peace tial delivery? the Social Credit government.

proposed contract prices would have be the case. wrecked BCE.

There is really nothing new about Mr. Robertson's revelations.

provincial election, and on several oc-

The "revelation" that B.C. Electric by the original development company Co. was under pressure by the pro- and later by the provincial govern-

Peace power prices, even after a his-Bruce Robertson, senior vice-presi-tory-making 600-mile transmission to

testifying before Supreme Court of If their claims were true, however, B.C. in a lawsuit in which B.C. Power why was the government so patently has claimed the BCE seizure was il- anxious to have the Peace power bought by B.C. Electric—at high prices Mr. Robertson testified that the and eight years in advance of poten-

power was exerted through Peace As we have stated on many occa-River Power Development Co., orig-sions, The Citizen is entirely in favor inal planner to develop the Peace of the Peace River development, but which later was also taken over by only if it is feasible—if, in other words, its power costs are competitive in Mr. Robertson said the government reality rather than merely in Mr. Benput strong pressure on BCE to buy nett's imagination, and if on site in-Peace power, but added that the BCE dustry can be pre-established to use directors refused to sign letters agree- the power as Lands and Forests Mining to buy Peace power because the ister Williston has often said should

If the Peace development is in truth going to increase our power costs, as The Citizen in 1960, prior to the Mr. Robertson's statement clearly indicates it will, then we should of course casions thereafter, warned its readers have other thoughts regarding its that Peace River power, as proposed practicability.—Prince George Citizen.

#### Popular, but ignored

Few items liave such wide popularity and and distribution as the auto seat belt. the state it's to their credit that 16 Vanthat the firm have equipped company vehicles which is a many belts, and are urging employees

y a serion in their private cars. Light the credit of B.C., Alberta, Ontario the some departments of the Research Personnem Which have fitted belts to

the control owned cars. " A cold or the hat also the the English car magnificturers who will make seat belts standand equipment next year. And a small nod to American manufacturers who fit their models with bolts to which belts may be attached.

the number of seat belts in use remains the many small, and the highway death and at this tell remains tragically high. the measures suggest themselves:

#### U.S. car manufacturers might follow the British lead next year and provide belts as standard equipment.

And insurance firms could offer reduced premiums to drivers who equip their cars with

Canadian insurance firms are wary. Their view is that a seat belt in a car is not necessarily a seat belt in use. "We couldn't know that the belt would be fastened," one executive says. "If we could, we could reduce our pre-

However, a Michigan insurance firm has offered such a reduction to seat belt owners in that state.

So, one more round of congratulations — to the Michigan insurance company.

The Vancouver Sun

## The Volga jazzmen

and any its way into the hearts of the The latest triumph of show business of the meh the U.S.S.R. was that of chadman, who gave them the jazz which were a mountain such success that a et in tickets existed for the first

the fed States seems to be trying to blow, and there is even a current joke in Moscow that old-time plantation music has filtered up the river from Odessa.

But in one respect Ivan has failed. He seems unable to translate the more exotic of jazz titles. A valiant attempt was made with Duke Ellington's "I got it bad and that ain't good." In Russian, it came out: "The Tortures of Love". -- The Vancouver Province

were poutly as said to be not on cool jazz,

of what JFK says, people still are

The US will have to devalue the

and that means the price of gold will

You can call this kind of fear irrational.

more than up from the present \$35 an ounce.

But to too it at took market collapse. Yet that

and meaning the capital or won't • -- happen.

tradicina bealing right now People are buying

The thir day and age, people who keep their

of the bound of the reducite. Yet the way nations have

... hours their gold and dollar reserves probably

the according stuff them in a mattress

one thing it doesn't make sense that

of bound he used to settle payments between

pooner or later, we're going to be in trouble

conditionable unless we set up the equiva-

Journal a world central bank capable of regulat-

wiree to ead in London keeps helling up.

with the prowth of international trade.

ground dollar devaluation.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

#### Ominous rumblings from volcano

By DAVID GRENIER

Toronto Telegram News Service

there are ominous rumblings from inside lity; the need to prevent expansionist domestic we not alke is sitting on! Ominous for policies from being humstrung by balance of payments problems.

s ell acceveryone else The U-K has had to live with this situation to part, disagree on whether or not the since the end of World War II. Canada has just mean the volcano is coming alive. begun to face it. Subconsciously, the U.S. knows or a plenty of people who aren't waltit soon will. Mile of and for the top to blow off --- they're this continue of now. The state of the the

One troublesome factor in the last few years has been the flow of "hot" money from one country to another.

This is money that is looking for as high a return as possible over the short term. And it's movement is largely dictated by differences in interest rates.

Thus last year when the U-K put its bank rate up to seven per cent, it led to un immediate inflow of "hot" money. Something of the same kind has almost certainly been going on Jack look at the way the gold market in here since bank rate was put up to six per cent pold for alle it looks like the safest hedge

From the balance of payments viewpoint, and million gold pool set up by the Ales fine to be able to point to swelling foreign To Buston and Europe probably has been ex- exchange reserves. But a high bank rate is also a depressing factor on the domestic economy. Variation But demand still hasn't been satisfied; What's the answer?

One proposal that makes sense was put forward by the head of the Central Bank of Greece, Zenophon Zolotas. He suggested that "hot" money should be

treated differently from domestic funds. For instance, it could be allowed to draw a higher (or lower) rate of interest than domostic takion when gold production isn't keeping pace funds, depending on whether the authorities wanted to encourage or discourage an inflow of foreign currency. It could also be given separate tax treatment.

That way, a country wouldn't have to tighten the credit clamps when it should be my intermittional credit so that it can be goared—gotting ready to loosen them.

The only question is, will the nations of the There's another reason why we should be west have the courage to get together and do the large at the problem of International liquid- something like this before the volcano erupta?



POSE, PLEASE — Teams of oxen can still be seen working in the fields of Nova Scotia. They have become rare in most parts of North America, and consequently Nova Scotian oxen are favorite camera subjects for tourists. The oxen are primarily used by farmers on the south shore of the province.

COLORED DIAMONDS

# Will skyscrapers sink Manhattan Island?

By HAL BOYLE NEW YORK (A) — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail: A survey showed the average

U.S. college student spends \$2,500 a year — including his education costs . . . Parents supply 64 per cent, and 36 per cent comes from loans, scholarships and Joe College's own

Tip to motorists: Truck driv-

ers rely on more than coffee breaks to keep awake on long hauls . . . They sing, whiff smelling salts, and suck lem-

COOK LESS Thought for today: Never before has the North American housewife been able to buy more efficient stoves — and more foods that don't need cooking.

Did you know that diamonds

on the Unemployment In-

surance Fund, which on June

its peak in 1956, the fund held

Old age assistance of \$65 a

month to about 100,200 people

between 65 and 69 will cost

Ottawa about \$37,800,000. The

provinces pay a similar

month, go to 8,530 people at

a cost of \$8,580,000. Ottawa's

share is 75 per cent; the prov-

Pensions for about 50,300

disabled people, shared by the

federal government and the

provinces, will cost Ottawa

Lighter side

cationing in Florida, were fish-

ing when a sudden storm over-

turned their rowboat. One of

the men started swimming to-

ward shore, but the other

floundered helplessly and was

"Harry, Harry!" called his

"Good grief!" cried the help-

George: Why do you eat so

Fred: Oh, television takes up

Cliches have to be updated

from time to time. Comparing

a road to a washboard, for ex-

ample, doesn't mean much to

a generation that has never

Little Annie had been to

eWell, darling, what did you

"Nothing," sighed Annie

hopelessly, "T've got to go back

learn?" asked her mother on

school for the first time.

so much time, it's about the

less man "I'm drowning and

he wants to talk business."

much alphabet soup? 🕠

only reading I do.

seen a washboard.

Annie's return.

tomorrow."

friend from shore, "Can't you

obviously about to sink

float alone?"

Two business partners, va-

around \$23,000,000 in 1962-63.

inces pay the rest.

Blind allowances, also \$65 a

3 was down to \$28,643,000. A

more than \$925,000,000.

Welfare bill goes up, and up

By PETER DEMPSON Toronto Telegram News Service This has caused heavy drain

amount.

OTTAWA — For a non-socialist country, Canada has drifted a long way toward a welfare state. Welfare now costs taxpayers about \$2,000,-000,000 a year, exclusive of payments from provincial and municipal treasuries.

A federal government spokesman said that this represents 29 per cent of the 1962-63 budget of -6,900,000,000. 

Included in the welfare payments total is the \$10-a-month increase in pensions for the aged, the blind and disabled, approved at last session of Parliament. Added, too, are the new veterans' pensions. These increases boosted over-

all welfare payments to 1962-63 by about \$130,000,000. The biggest portion of the \$2,000,000,000 goes to the 928,-

000 Canadians 70 and over who received old age security pensions -- \$737,000,000 in a full The payment, boosted from \$55 to \$65 a month on Febru-

ary 1, is now costing the treasury an additional \$114,000,000 Family allowances take the

next largest slice. The \$2,650,-000 children under 16 will be paid \$521,000,000 this year. Ottawa's share of the nahospital insurance

plan will cost the treasury about \$325,000,000, a jump of \$55,000,000 from 1961-62. Veterans' disability pensions

and dependents' allowances, paid on behalf of 180,100 service personnel in World Wars T and II, will total \$170,800,000 this year.

Due to heavy unemployment during the winter, and the extension of supplementary payments to Jobless, the federal share of unemployment assistance in 1962-63 probably will be between \$70,000,000 and \$90,000,000



SLEEPING SOUNDLY --the infant son of the Duke and Duchess of Kent. He slept peacefully in the arms of his mother during his first anpearance before the camera, The buby has been given the title of the Earl of St. Andrews. -- TNA Photo come in such shades as pale yellow, coffee brown, red, pink,

-Damon Runyon.

ever sink from the weight of 215,000 tons.

CAME FROM BOTTOM

How they got started: Actor Dana Andrews was a gas station attendant . . . Gregory Peck worked as a tourist guide in Radio City here . . . Dorothy Lamour had her ups and downs as an elevator operator

in a department store. Here's news for anyone who ever suffered from mal de mer ... The tallest ocean wave ever measured was 112 feet high. Wisecrack of the week: Os-

car Homolka tells about the bride who was worried about dishpan hands—so she bought a pair of rubber gloves for her

blue-eyed cats are deaf. Worth remembering: "The only time some folks don't in-

green, blue and black? Our quotable notables: "The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong —but that's the way to bet.

Visitors often wonder aloud whether Manhatan Island will its skyscrapers . . . Actually, they sometimes make it lighter . . . Example, the new Time and Life Building weighs 200,-000 tons, but the rock excavated for its foundation weighed

Nature note: It is said that up to 98 per cent of all-white

terrupt is when they're being flattered."—Arnold Glasow.

#### TIME AND PLACE... The Search for the People of the Woods

Every nation has its supernatural creatures --- demons, spirits and little people. Even the canny Scots have their kelpies. It is not strange, therefore, that the Haisla (Kitamaats) have their Bug-quash

or "People of the Woods". The Bug-quash who appear in local legends, are believed to have once resided in various sections around Douglas Channel and the Gardner Canal, they were half human, half animal.

It aroused considerable interest recently when a Kitamaat fisherman, trolling for salmon, anchored his gillnetter on June 4 near the shore in Collins Bay. It was 9 p.m. and he was busily cleaning his day's catch of spring salmon before icing them, when he heard a noise in a tree a few yards from the boat. He glanced up and to his astonishment and horror, saw what he claims was a bug-quash. The creature was staring down at him, probably attracted by the smell of fish. Nearby in the berry bushes in an old logging clearing were others. The fisherman lost no time in starting his boat and returning to Kitamaat Village to relate to his incredulous friends and neighbors his adventure.

Gordon Robinson and myself heard the story and decided to investigate, and make Collins Bay a port of call on the following weekend. We therefore recruited two additional crew members, John Pousette and Earnie Pope and on Saturday, June 9 we left the coastal dock at 8 a.m. on the gillnetter McGinty. We went down channel,

passing to the left Costi Island, and arriving at Crab River, we set out crab traps and took enough crabs for our use, cleaning and steaming a batch for immediate needs. We then took the 28-foot dugout cance we were towing, and starting up the outboard motor, we went around the point to the river. The river has its source in

Crab Lake. The lake is located a short distance from the channel, consequently its descent is rapid and marked by several waterfalls and rapids. The last fall is less than a hundred yards from its mouth. A small island divides the river as it enters the sea and it is covered with a species of lilly of the valley.

We took a steelhead and two spring salmon and we lazed in the cance in the warm sun at the mouth of the river, we tentatively made plans to organize an expedition to go up to Crab Lake some day. We returned to our boat, ate an incredible number of crabs, tied up the canoe, pulled up the anchor and headed for Kitseway (Blind Pass). As our crabs were depleted, we decided to secure another supply. I set out the crab traps and volunteered to tend them. The rest

By STAN ROUGH of the party left me in the canoe, and set off in the gul-

netter to troll for salmon. The sun was warm, the "sca" calm, the canoe rode the water like a leaf, and the next thing I knew three hours later was the gillnetter pulling alongside and waking me up from a dreamless sleep. I can highly recommend a canoe on Douglas Channel under the right conditions to catch up on your

We tied up the cance to the boat and headed for Collins Bay on the Gardner Canal. On the way over, we struck somé rough weather, and I reluctantly transferred from the canoe to the McGinty.

When we arrived at Collins Bay at 9 p.m. we found Don Grant of Kitamaat Village with his boat the Betty G. and Frank Taylor of Butedale in the troller Rhoda. Both boats inquired if we were in search of the bug-quash. We asked asked them if they had seen "the People of the Woods" but they reported nothing mysteris ous or unusual had been

Frank, who had not seen Gerdon since 1941, reported that a dead bear was in the bush a short distance from the shore. We discussed the situation and decided the creatures seen by the fisherman were probably bears in the shedding stage, plus vivid imagination. The three boats anchored in the vicinity where the bugguash were allegedly seen, and after admiring the changing colors as the sun disappeared over the mountains, turned in and slept as only crab-stuffed fishermen can.

The next day we continued our cruise to Fishtrap Bay with its half-moon bay, and glacier-gorged mountains still capped by the late snow. There were many ducks and shore birds along its shores. Varney Pass and Ursla reach, which form Gribble Island complete the magnificent setting. After taking a few more fish, we headed for Kitimat, a fivehour run for the McGinty and its Easthope engine.

We can hardly wait until the people of the woods—the Bugquash are sighted again, to organize another expedition, 👑

#### gems of thought.

The value of a sentiment is the amount of sacrifice you are prepared to make for it.-- ] John Galsworthy.

Ask not what your country, can do for you — ask what you. can do for your country. -- John;

Renunciation is itself the. law of life---Mohandas K. Gan- "

Great is the reward of selfsacrifice, though we may never receive it in this world.—Mary Baker Eddy.



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