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How not to influence governments

No doubt some Prince Rupert resi- letters are written to our MLAs? Will grant to the University of B.C.

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While most of us can offer some sympathy to the students in their plight to have the government boost its operating grant from \$1 million to a reported \$2.8 million, we cannot diele but frown on the method these young people are using.

Last week four of the more than 2,000 students circulating the province made a tour of Prince Rupert asking that residents sign their petitions or write a letter to their MLA asking that he speak on their behalf to ensure that education standards will be improved or even maintained.

Among the great number of students working on this project, surely there are some who are not that naive to think that because a large group of people get together and ask that our government lash out more funds than it has budgeted for, that their request will be quickly granted.

In this same aspect there are many matured adults, not only in this city but across the province, who will sit back and wonder. Most of these people will ask themselves the question: "Why are these young students not in their classes studying."

higher education is of prime import- for their seniors who foot the bills." ance in British Columbia. But we can
It is felt that only hard feelings province for something that quite like- the taxpayers' money. ly may not benefit them in the end.

petitions are in and the many expected caper.

dents signed petitions last week the government actually fall back on supporting British Columbia univer- its proposed grant and increase it? TSILY students in their fight to have Will the students have gained that who provincial government increase its much? These are questions the travelling UBC students might ask them-

We know one thing for sure—the government has been faced with many a hurdle, much greater than that of expending \$2.8 million and they have cast some aside in the light of greater criticism than that of these students.

We know also that there is a terrific lack of appreciation on the students behalf for the up-to-date facilities and training they are now enjoying. Do they really expect their seniors to back them when they have already put in countless dollars towards their education. It is from the budget of the parents, workers and others on the street that this money comes by way

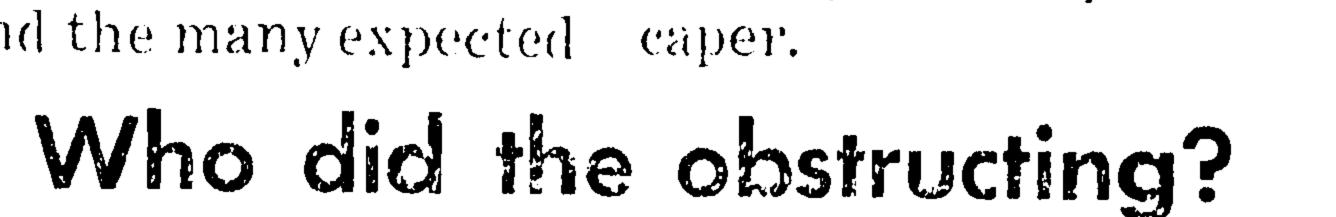
The people of B.C. have already given their fair share of the tax dollar to education, and more is to come if the recommendations in the Macdonald report are fulfilled.

We are indeed happy to see the students seeking sufficient education standards but we feel it is a job well out of their scope.

As a Victoria newspaper states: "Even allowing for the sometimes unreasoning exuberance of youth, their ideas will tend to take some of the We do not dispute the fact that gloss off their worth as an investment

not see students skipping classes, es- will be created by this so called depecially so close to final examinations, mand which is anything but conducive nor can we see their Alumni digging to winning friends and influencing into its coffers to finance a good por- people, particularly governments made tion of this travelling throughout the up of people whose job it is to spend

Students pull many antics in col-What will happen when all of these—lege days. Perhaps this is another such



By LUBOR J. ZINK OTTAWA (TNS) - Amid the emotionally charged atmosphere of the election campagn, let's not lose sight of the essentials. Above all, let's not forget that the main reason for having a second election in less than a year was

to povern. The public is being given two versions of the events which led to the downfall of the Diefenbaker regime. One says the Government was obstructed in the discharge of its duties, the other says Parliament was driven to despair by the Gov-

the failure of the Government

croment's impotence. Who is telling the truth? Who should the voters believe? The answer is in the official record. Anyone may get and read Hansard.

Admittedly, few people can be expected to do that; there are, however, over 100 newsmen who witnessed every phase of the show on Parliament Hill and who reported it to the public through newspapers, radio and TV. There ia, to my knowledge, not one among these direct witnesses who has the slightest doubt about the Government's major share of responsibility for our

political mess. Newsmen, like anyone else, are susceptible to bias. It is unlikely, however, that 100 experienced political observers would fall victim to the same kind of bias. If, therefore, they charge the Government with ineptitude, it is more than probable that the virtual unanimity of their reporting reflects solid and unalterable facts. So when the Prime Minister says that the press is "hostile" to the Government and to him personally, it simply means that he detests newsmen for d**oing** an honest job. But leaving the parliamentary correspondents aside, a number of salient points speak for

themselves.

First, there is the threemonths gap between the June election and the calling of Parliament into session. This delay is all the more inexcusable because it occurred during a period in which the Government was facing an acute exchange crisis. Having met the emergency by a series of stop-gap measures, the Government should have called Parliament without delay to give account of its actions. Instead, it denied the Commons the right to examine the emergency measures.

Who then, in this case, obstructed whom? Second, the Government denied the Commons its basic right and duty to scrutinize the expenditure of taxpayers' monics. More than six billion dollars was spent by the Government without approval by Parliament, although repeated demands were made by the opposition parties for examina-

tion of public accounts, who obstructed whom?

Third, virtually all the legislation placed before the House was of marginal nature, showing the Government's unwillingness or inability to deal with the major problems confronting the nation. In one instance, the Government even had to filibuster one of its bills because it had nothing else to put before the Commons. Since it is the Gevernment which determines the business of the House- who obstructed whom

Fourth, throughout the life of the 25th Parliament, the Government used every pro--cedural subterfuge, every trick to avoid discussion of vital matters. When finally a debate of defense policy could no longer be postponed, it was slipped in through the back door of the estimates of the Department of External Affairs so that the minister of national defense would not have to

make an opening statement. All these facts the public should bear in mind when listening to campaign oratory.

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March 19, 1963 . . .

Canada and the United States signed an agreement to go ahead with construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway, 22 years ago today in 1941. The massive undertaking was completed in 1959 and permitted deepsea shipping to move into the Great Lakes. This eliminated the need to unload cargoes from oceangoing vessels onto smaller ships able to navigate the various canals along the St. Lawrence River and the

1628 — The Massachusetts colony was founded by English settlers,

1913 - The first territorial legislature of Alaska granted suffrage to women

gems of thought

One gives nothing so liberally as advice.... Rochefoucauld

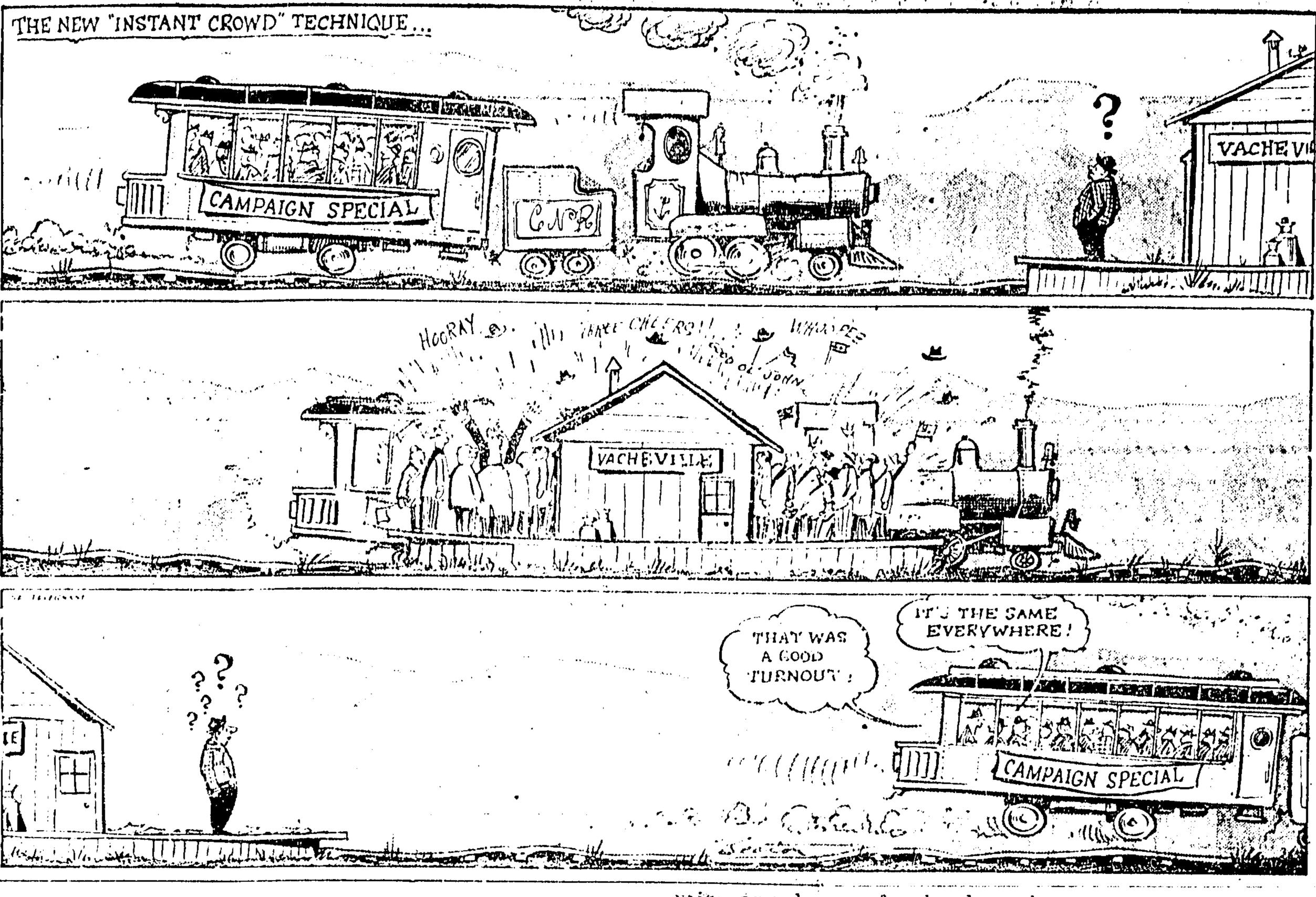
Advice is not disliked because it is advice; but because so few people know how to give it.---Leigh Hunt.

To accept good advice is but to increase one's own ability.

* * * Men give counsel; but they give not the wisdom to profit by it.---Mary Baker Eddy,

No one can give you better advice than yourself,--. Cleero,

Advice is seldom welcome, Those who need it most, like it least.—Samuel Johnson.



DISCRIMINATION? The Editor,

The Daily News:

Your front page news this week certainly needs some

comment. On Tuesday's page, the School Board is not in favor of students taking part in the Marine Bonspiel because of the odd hours and the students being more interested in curling than in school work. Good for the school board -they haven't changed their minds in the last 10 years since our sons were students, and curling seemed to be the one sport that was not sanctioned by the Board. Wonder if they can tell us just how many hours of school are missed by the small group of students taking part in this bonspiel?

Then in Wednesday's paper, a picture of two of the Rainmakers and Mr. Hartwig leaving for Vancouver with the apparent blessing of the School Board. Good for them, we were all sorry that our boys did not do any better but maybe next year. Anyway, how many hours of school were all those boys missing, and wonder if their mind was not more on the trip to Vancouver on Tuesday than it was on their school work?

My point in this letter is to point out to anybody who can do some thinking that basketball, volleyball — how many trips have our students made out of town for that—are carried on with the apparent blessing of the School Board and principals. But when it comes to a couple of hours or more that a few students might just have to miss to curl they are nearly threatened with expulsion from the school. What's the difference? Oh, they have an answer for that --- basketball, volleyball, etc. are school sponsored sports, and so they are; but last week we attended quite a few of the Native basketball games - there were high school students there and certainly

that activity was not school

sponsored or supervised. Then, take the Swim Club-how many of the students who belong to that have made trips during the school year? They, too, go with the blessing of the School Board, and at least one school principal. This is to east no doubt of the hopes that we have for Miss Pierce when she goes to Brazil----we all hope she does well and brings some glory and honor to our fair city, but just the same, let's be fair to all sports. Not all students can be basketball players or distance swimmers, so why not those few that desire to curl, why not give them the same chance to miss the odd class as every other class of sport gets. What about the students who work on Saturday and do not get a chance to curl with the regular league, I know of at least one student curling in the bonspiel who made arrangements for a friend to do his job on Satur-

day, so that he could curl. The School Board must have a policy but let's make it a fair one and if one sport activity is accepted then all should have the same chance. If our School Board is only helping out the men's curling club who do not like to be beaten by a high school rink, why not let them make their own regulations. Seems all winter, especially so this year, they were glad to accept the money and the student players because they were short of men curlers. so now comes the bonspiel and they do not want the student rinks because some of the men rinks had to be left out, So they get the School Board to back them in a decision that maybe

they didn't have the courage to

I could go on and on, pointing out that curling seems to be the only activity in which the students must not miss school. What about Music and Drama festivals, Seems a lot of work and time is put in on getting these ready, and no pu-

TO THE

EDITOR

pil is told they must not miss school on account of it. If you stop and think—the list is a lot longer, but I think I have mentioned enough to show the discrimination against a very small group of student curlers who take part in the bonspiel. The biggest percentage of whom do not

yet they have to be singled out for comment from the Board and then only told so at the last minute when their fees are paid. For those who don't know, the chairman of the School Board is also a curler, and he knew the deadline for curling entries. Why wasn't this decision made in lots of time so that the boys

R. O. R.

other newspapers do not necessarily reflect the views of The Daily News.

miss one hour of school, and

did not enter in the first place sports and students the same chance, whether they play basketball, volleyball, swim, or just

Editor's Note-Signed articles and editorials credited to

For another year, let's get it straight early and give all

Port Edward.

(30 YEARS AGO) March 19, 1933 — The concluding chapter was written in local badminton series

"Yes", said the farmer "when a feller has got to know the botanical name of what he raises, and the entomological names of the bugs that eat it up, and the phare maceutical name for what he sprays on it — things is bound to cost more." Wall Street Journal

Scientists have said that the study of man is anthropology but the study of women is useless. — Jackson (Miss.) Clarz

What fun can a sewing cluss possibly have when every member shows up

ion-Ledger.

It's easier to play winning ball from the grandstand than it is from the coach's bench. — Daily Oklahoman

Britain is experimenting with heated highways. Next thing they'll be asking American motorists for lessoss in how to burn up a road.

on Saturday evening when

Miss F. Cross, Miss C. Mitchell,

Miss B. Thompson, Ronald Al-

len and W. Tobey, emerged

victors after several hard

fought games in the different

(20 YEARS AGO)

pointment of G. W. Nickerson

of Prince Rupert as member of

the International Fisheries

Commission continues to pro-

voke a good deal of discus-

March 19, 1943 — The ap-

A Look Back at Rupert

(50 YEARS AGO) March 19, 1913 — Mr. F. G. Dawson, who returned to the city this morning from a hurried trip to Vancouver, informed the "News" today that while in the latter city he closed a deal for the purchase of the wholesale grocery business of W. J. McMillain & Co., Limited, of Prince Rupert.

(40 YEARS AGO)

March 19, 1923 — The Union Steamship Company will put on two steamers in the Prince Rupert service on April 1, Jack Barnsley, local agent of the company, announces.

completed in the Moose Hall

(10 YEARS AGO) March 19, 1953 — Assuming

the role of a "corporation trustee talking to the shareholders," Gilmour Clark of the CBC last night urged listeners to show more interest, favorable or otherwise, in the national radio system which they own.





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