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Vibrant Coalition

IN A COMPLEX SOCIETY the best form of government is one whose actions and policies are the result of composing differences to the extent that, while there is majority rule, the rights of the minority are given consideration.

In provincial affairs it has been demonstrated since the advent of a Coalition government that the composing of differences between the Liberals and Progressive-Conservatives has resulted, generally speaking, in good government and administration.

Probably today, there are just as many liberal thinking members attached to the Conservatives as there are among Liberals; and, vice versa, it can be said that there are as many stand-patting conservative minded members attached to the Liberals as there are among the Conservatives. Among all, however, there is general opposition, not to social reforms except as to their degree, but to a socialized state of society in which the state is the sole employer and distributor.

That there should be differences as to what constitutes social reform is to be expected. But these differences are not necessarily between the Conservative party and the Liberal party, but between individuals belonging to either party.

Hence follows the wisdom of good leadership which can compose such viewpoints, the result of which should be legislation that goes too far for some and not far enough for others, but which, on the whole, ensures sound, steady government and reasonable progress.

It is probable the Coalition went too far along one way in its Bill 39 last session. For there is undoubtedly a difference of opinion on that issue. Undoubtedly the peculiar action taken by Hon. G. S. Pearson in moving the second reading of the Bill and at the same time asserting he was opposed to one of its most important innovations (that of a government supervised strike vote) has been a cause of much concern to Premier Hart.

It appears that in a few days this situation will come to a head at the executive meeting of the Liberal party. Rumor has it that several changes in the Liberal portion of the cabinet may occur, among which are the resignation of the Premier and Dr. G. S. Weir, minister of education, and the transfer of Mr. Pearson from the labor portfolio.

A vigorous, vibrant leadership is essential, and a new positive program of policies to meet current and future problems of the complex economic order in British Columbia. The Liberals will have the opportunity to meet this challenge this Thursday and Friday and thereby maintain the progressive forces of the Conservatives with them in ensuring continuance of a good Coalition government.

Only a convention has the power to select a leader, but it may be the Liberal executive will be asked to name a temporary leader should Premier Hart decide to retire.

WHAT PRESS COULD DO

IF EVERY NEWSPAPER in every land on earth were to join hands in a campaign to discourage war, the result might be a lengthy stride in the direction of peace. It is conceivable that the world's press, through moral if not physical pressure, could actually achieve it. If hundreds of millions of readers, in every known language pursued every day the message directed toward the one single objective, the glory of armed conflict might feel a sudden and severe chill and nations would decide to have none of it.

The overmastering power, the weight, the influence of such propaganda (for that is what it would be) is almost beyond reckoning. The changing of a thought is stronger than a fresh army.

But, getting down to earth, this is all visionary—a fanciful, fascinating picture. Man remains a fighting animal. And who ever heard of every paper in existence publishing practically the same stuff?

THE WORLD SERIES

WE FEATURED the opening game of the World Series under a six-column heading on the front page yesterday. It was like old times and reminded us that, now the war has been over two years, we are getting back to the interests and diversions of peace even though the international scene may still present its anxieties and the economic situation is not as reassuring as it might be. Of course, we have plenty to worry about and, since there is nothing constructive to be derived just from worrying, it is well that we should have interests and diversions, as illustrated by the current World Series, to give our minds a change and refreshment for the workaday tasks and problems.

Meanwhile, it is good to be back, after the days of war when it seemed almost sacrilegious to be too absorbed in such things as these, where we can follow the Series with keen interest and enjoyment and with a particular gratification too over the action of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in bringing it to us through Station CFPR.

Support of Civic Centre Challenge To Good Citizenship, Asserts Mayor

(By MAYOR NORA E. ARNOLD)

The Civic Centre Association is conducting its second annual drive for membership and I commend its efforts to all our citizens. The past year has proven conclusively the value of this building to our community and we are among the greatly privileged to be in possession of such a fine edifice. We acquired it very easily and the size, general layout and the facilities of it are far beyond anything that we, of the original Civic Centre Association, ever dreamed of. And now that we are fortunate possessors of such a wonderful community centre it is up to us to keep it going.

This building has, in my opinion, been a tremendous factor for good and has built up the morale of our city, engendered an interest in civic affairs and has created a spirit of responsibility of us to each other, such as has never before been experienced in Prince Rupert.

Two weeks ago, I was at the annual conference of the Union of B. C. Municipalities at Harrison Hot Springs. A Mayor of one of the southern cities greeted me thus: "Hello, Mrs. Arnold, you are the Mayor of the city that has no juvenile delinquency. I envy you!" And I replied to him that this was the result of our Civic Centre which offers so much to the youth of our city in the way of healthful recreation.

And it is not only to our youth that this building offers its services. Persons of any age can find it useful. It houses our Public Library, its fine auditorium is available for theatre groups, musical organizations, dances, exhibitions, picture shows, lectures and many other exhibitions of talent that formerly we were never privileged to observe. Those of us in earlier days who were interested in drama groups or musical entertainment look with envy on this modern set-up. We used to put on our shows in inconvenient buildings and often had to erect stages, put in lighting and scenery with great physical exertion and take a chance that everything would go right, and many fine talent organizations died because of the lack of facilities. During last winter we saw the growth of a Symphony orchestra, a band, a theatre group and a hobby exhibition all made possible by having a home to use. Our citizens thronged the building in thousands to see the various shows.

I appeal to every citizen to become a member. You may not all wish to use the facilities offered but, as responsible human beings, you dare not refuse to be a partner in this enterprise for our common good. I venture to state that every person in this city has received some enjoyment in this building but, apart from that, its usefulness in building the morale and giving guidance to our youth makes it imperative, that we support it by becoming members of the Civic Centre Association.

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LETTERBOX

REPLY TO DR. LARGE

Editor, Daily News: After reading Dr. Large's letter it seems to me some one should answer it. It surely is a serious reflection on our community alright.

To pay \$5 for man and wife to hear a concert and besides that, pay a girl from \$1 to \$1.50, to mind your children for an evening might be all right for some people—the high and mighty class of our city—but what about the poor fellow who has to work hard for a living and gets just seven or eight dollars a day to feed a family. Some of us, and I mean a lot of us, would go and really enjoy it. But that is always the way—the big guy never thinks of the little guy. Why can they not set one price—say one dollar or one dollar and a half—and give everyone the same chance for seats etc. Are we not all equal, or are we? It makes one stop and wonder.

I thought this building was put up for our younger folks? But how many younger folks get a kick out of this high brow stuff? If you ask me, you could put your \$1.500 to a lot better use and give our children some real concerts that they would enjoy.

Thanking you Mr. Editor, JUST A HOUSEWIFE.

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• Winter Schedule •

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6:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:20 p.m.
11:30 p.m.	12:10 a.m.

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LV. RUPERT	LV. PT. EDWARD
9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
9:30 p.m.	10:15 p.m.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 3, 1947



MAKES APPEAL—Mayor Arnold who outlines many benefits of Civic Centre.

Miss D. Simonsen and Miss J. Bellis of the Co-operative staff will sail Thursday night on the Prince Rupert to spend two weeks holidaying in Vancouver and Nanaimo.

Steamship Sailings

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Monday—ss Princess Adelaide 10 p.m.
Tuesday—ss Coquitlam, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday—ss Prince Rupert, 12:15 p.m.
Friday—ss Catala, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday—ss Camosun, 10:15 p.m.
From Vancouver—
Sunday—ss Coquitlam, 4 p.m.
Monday—ss Princess Adelaide 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday—ss Prince Rupert, 11:00 a.m.
Friday—ss Camosun, 4 p.m.
Friday—ss Catala, 5 p.m.
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Commissioner Charles Baugh of Salvation Army to Visit Here at End of Month

Prince Rupert will be visited October 29 and 30 by the territorial commander of the Salvation Army, Commissioner C. Baugh, who will be here from Toronto, accompanied by Brigadier Thomas Munday, territorial young people's secretary. Special meetings of the Army will be held at the Citadel in connection with the visit of the Commissioner which will be the signal for rallying of workers from city and district.

Commissioner Baugh, while here, will also address the Gyro and Rotary Clubs. He and Brig. Munday will arrive by train on the Tuesday night and leave Thursday night by steamer for Vancouver.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "My salary has been raised."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "longevity?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Hideous, courageous, contagious, temporary.

4. What does the word "skeptical" mean?
5. What word beginning with "ser" means "slavery"?

Answers
1. Say, "has been increased."
2. Pronounce long-jev-i-ti, o as in "on," e as in "let," both i's as in "it," accent second syllable, and not long-jev-i-ti.
3. Contagious.
4. Pertaining to one who doubts or disbelieves. "His skeptical mind would not accept it."
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