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#### Investment vs. Antiquity

TOMORROW Prince Rupert will have the opportunity of deciding if it is to have a new, automatic telephone system.

While every telephone user in the city recognizes that our present system is just one step removed from smoke signals as a means of communication, tomorrow's voters should understand fully the arguments for and against the undertaking.

As this newspaper favors a new system, we shall allow those who do not have an expression of opinion by presenting their case first.

A main objection is that the cost of installation amounting to \$675,000, plus interest, will severely limit the city's borowing power and necessitate the sacrifice of other projects which may be considered equally pressing.

If we acquire a modern telephone system, Prince Rupert will undoubtedly have to put up with antiquity in the form of a city hall, fire hall and police station for several years to come.

Plans to further improve our waterworks must also be abandoned.

Those who oppose the scheme further protest that to use the old liquor store for the system's headquarters, as planned under the proposed bylaw, means the loss of an almost certain source of taxes. Its opponents additionally contend that private enterprise would operate the system more efficiently and save the city its large financial commitment.

While conceding that arguments against the plan have volume, we think they lack the substance of those in favor.

Good communications are the nerve system of any community calling itself a city. Up-to-date fire halls and police stations are admirable but they are strictly museum pieces if water has seeped into rotting cables and they cannot in emergency be reached by telephone.

As far as taxes from the old liquor store are concerned, these could be overwhelmingly unimportant to the parents vainly trying to phone a doctor for a sick child.

The boogie of finance, which is the principal target of those against the scheme, evaporates under close inspection. The telephone system is a potential money-maker for the city whose only curse is the neglect we have given it.

To repair this neglect will cost money, but it will be money returned at a far higher rate of interest than we are now being asked to pay.

As an alternative to meeting this cost, we could sell to a private company. This is a short-range solution with tedious long-range results.

In ridding ourselves of this expenditure we would also discard a source of revenue for which a substitute would eventually have to be found. Property holders come readily to mind in this connection. There could be other little taxes here and there which would do nothing to add to the joy of living.

Tomorrow we have the choice of putting money on the line fr a good telephone system or putting a prayer, along with money, on what we have now.

# Naguib Gets Power to Cut up Land Estates

CAIRO, Egypt (CP)—Egypt's day-old cabinet let percent more than Ibn Saud Maj.-Gen. Mohammed Naguib approve of army- rakes in in Arabia. backed measures cutting up the country's big-landed so you see why the big finanestates and reorganizing political parties with the eventual aim of dissolving those now existing.

Oil Firms

Plan Second

Western Line

GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta. (CP)

-A group of oil company exec-

utives said Monday at a press

promising crude discoveries.

minate at Bella Coola.

heading a 26-company quest for

oil in Monkman Pass area, said

The 51-year-old army commander's new government announced after a 91/2-hour session that it approved legislation limiting ownership of arable land to 200 acres per person.

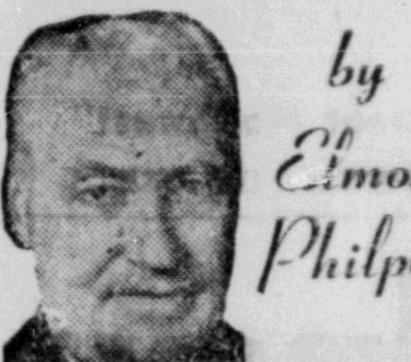
The powerful army chieftain, who became the sole ruler, of Egypt by taking over the premiership Sunday following the resignation of Premier Aly Maher, added more weight to his conference here that construcalready extensive authority to- tion of the second oil pipeline

A royal decree, issued by au- sidered if substantial quantities functioning for infant King Monkman Pass area. Duad II, named Naguib mili- Monkman Pass is south tary Governor of Egypt, under Fort St. John, B.C., the centre martial law proclaimed follow- of Coast Provinces Oil Exploring the January 26 fire riots in ation and the scene of some Cairo.

FARMING PEOPLE Forty-five per cent of Poland's a projected pipeline would fol-

culture.

# As I See It



Long Beach Oil Rich

LONG BEACH, California. - My wife and stopped overnight in this city on our way north in

in Theda Bara's bed-but with either. Mr. Straith said. "We my own wife, and some twenty of the Liberal group believe that verve; he waves as if he means Beach city was itself in the oil

In fact, Long Beach is most successful socialist city in the world today. "take" on its oil properties h enabled it to do things whi no other city has had the mea to do, except possibly since ancient Athens raked in huge profits from its socialist operation of the civic silver mines.

SOCIALISM is a fighting wo in these United States 1952 and a guy who admitted to being a socialist would soo have the Liberty-Belles on .

more "socialism" in Long Beach than there was in any city in socialist Britain even before the comeback of Mr. Churchill. For if socialism is the public owner ship and operation of the principal means of production, then Long Beach has it-and how Long Beach owns some oil wells, from which it rakes in over \$20 millions per year. It has about \$100 millions salted away, because there is a lega dispute about the title to the property-whether it is unde federal or state jurisdiction But besides the money in the bank Long Beach has built port and other public utilities that is something out of this world-all from oil money.

LONG BEACH'S success story reads like something out of Horatio Alger. Some thirteen years ago the State of California gave Long Beach the right to develop tidelands oil wells. The city hired W. R. (Frosty) Martin, a big, genial wild-cat oil prospector to look after the busines. It started Frosty at the fantastic salary of ten dollars per week. Yes, I said per week-not per second.

Frosty proceeded to put the chill on the oil companies in a way in which they, most decidedly, had NOT been accustomed. Long Beach granted its first oil drilling concession for 86% royalty. Later it jacked up others as high as 94%. Its gross royalties now range from 85.55% to 94.1%. I actually realizes over 60% clear profit after allowing for all drilling costs and company expenses.

LAST year when I was out in the oily and unholy Holy Lands of the Middle East worked out this rough table of rake-offs which various governments were taking from the oil companies actually bringing

up and selling the oil. Persia started a revolution and kicked out the British of concession holders because it. Persia, was only getting twice as big a royalty as the province of Alberta was taking in Canada. But Ibn Saud was in turn getting fifty percent more than

Persia turned down. Long Beach is taking fifty

ciers, stock brokers, and oil men of Southern California put on such a gala welcome for Premier Ernest Manning of Alberta when he visited here a little while ago.

If Alberta had run its oil business as shrewdly as Long Beach has done for its people, the amount of money that Alberta has actually made would look like chicken feed.

SHORT VOYAGE

BERWICK, Northumberland England (P)—The tug Felicidade to the west coast would be consank on land. As it left the shipthority of the regency council of crude oil are found in the yard for export to Brazil, its trailer wheels sank into the roadway. A winch couldn't move it and it was finally rescued by two trucks and a powerful George Richardson, who is

QUEEN CITY RENTS

Toronto had the highest rent population is engaged in agri- low an all-B.C. route and ter- in Canada in1951 with an average monthly rental of about \$52.

... by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA-It seems now there'll be no election this year. Premier Bennett deliberately flew many kites, but they all came back to him bearing the message that nobody but Social Credit wants an czechoslovakia, escaped shirt election at this time.

C.C.F. chieftain Harold Winch stand a chance. Louis St. Laurwould whoop it up about the ent is a natural with the people. whole election being illegal. This reporter, after observing parade in the nude. But, Mr. Winch, having flown him in the Okanagan, in Vanhis kite, promptly got it back couver, and on Vancouver Is- at a Doukhober meeting, Fred to earth, and said he and the land, has decided he actually was told he would have to take C.C.F. den't want an election. has glamor in his own, quiet the equality pledge—all people Certainly, the public doesn't

want an election, and now the little Liberal group in the House I reported then how I slept says it doesn't want an election unless, of course, they should change in our economic syspropose some very radical

> So that's that—nobody wants an election, and it seems Mr. Bennett is backing down. He won't fly in the face of public opinion. But he'll have have two by-elections to get Attorney-General Bonner and Finance Minister Gunderson into the Legislature. Then at a floor of the House, so that he can have a general election.

B. C. Liberals, so badly bat- elections. tered in the June 12 election, sent up a great sigh of relief. Indeed, they almost got down on their knees in ecstasy, when Louis St. Laurent announced general election. They know ritory.

Social Crediters had hoped that without him they wouldn't way-and few Canadian politicians have anything even re-

motely resembling glamor. He moves into a small town odd years after the once fam- the present government should it, he responds to the plaudits ous movie vamp had moved on. proceed to carry out the ordin- of the crowd and always feels I saw then that this was one ary functions of government, surprise the applause and the of the most oil-rich of all the Our group have already indicat- cheers should be for him. His ed that we do not wish to dis- biggest drawing card with the pause to discover that Long turb the present government in people is his utter naturalness. bringing about settled condi- He has quite a way with tions in our province's econ- youngsters. He tells then omic life, and, for this reason, they're the future citizens of we would have no desire, at a great country, and much desession of the Legislature, to nends on them. But he warns vote lack of confidence in them, them not to get uppity about it "It wouldn't be good now,

would it, to get swelled heads and say we're better than change in our economic system." anyone else-they might not like it; but we're just as good," says the P.M. to the voungsters, paraphrasing sprightly Aunt Eller in

served Premier Bennett, and all the talk of another provincial Celebrates general election; and seen session, he'll do his best to have Prime Minister St. Laurent, and his government defeated on the all the talk of the next Federal 40th general election, it occurs to me more than ever that it's high But it looks as if the Liberals time we had fixed election dates won't co-operate and, unless in this country so there Bennett tries something drastic wouldn't be all this monkeying indeed, he won't get defeated, around and constant political and there won't be a general uproar. The people should tell election for perhaps a long the politicians when elections will be. Then we might have some political stability between

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RUGGED LAND

The towering Alps constitute he'd again lead them into a 61 per cent of Switzerland's ter-

## TO THE ELECTORS

On the 11th of September, you, the Ratepayers will be asked to choose a representative to act for you on the City Council.

I have put my name forth for this office, as I think that it is time more people took an active interest in the administration of City Affairs.

It is my conviction that a Civic representafive should have no political affiliations. I am a free agent. My views are liberal.

I solicit your support on Election Day and urge that you exercise your right as a free people.

## GET OUT AND VOTE

Raymond A. McLean.

### To The Citizens Of Prince Rupert

This Thursday is election day, I feel certain that it is going to be a very important day for every citizen of our city. We have two important matters to vote on, the TELEPHONE BYLAW and the ELECTION OF AN ALDER-MAN. I would like to stress the importance of a large turnout of voters. If there is a good percentage of votes cast, the bonds will sell more readily. I am sure you will all remember that I have been in favor of a new telephone system from the very start. The proposed site for the exchange is not to my liking, but, nevertheless, I will vote "YES" ON

THE TELEPHONE BYLAW.

To my mind the election of an alderman is equally important and I will vote for Ray McLean for the following reasons: Politics should not be brought into a fair civic administration. A working council, I believe, should not consist of a majority from any one group or association, but should consist of men or women truly representative of ALL the people.

As your elected representative I would urge you all to give consideration to the forgoing remarks.

VOTE ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

H. S. WHALEN, Mayor

#### Modest Fred Loses Shirt To Doukhobors

GRAND FORKS, B. C. (CP) Fred, the modest D.P. les from the Doukhobor colony at nearby Gilpin.

Fred wanted to join the colony but he was too modest

are equal in the nude

But he objected, a spokesma for the Sons of Freedom Douk hobors said here today. Before he could get away the

colony early in August.

wanted to be our brother." him. It was destroyed Doukhober-set fire in

Fred disappeared down the highway, dressed in pants, socks

But, once more, having ob- Moose Lodge

The 40th anniversary of the Prince Rupert Moose Lodge will be celebrated Oct. 28, a committee meeting decided last night. It will be held in conjunction with Mooseheart Day, also the 40th year the lodge home for

The first train from eastern spent today it cants Canada to Prince Rupert arrived that driving a railing here in April, 1914. The time was mountain ranges ar early afternoon and weather de- the lowest grade-key lightful. Jack McAuley was en- business. Plenty canba gineer, and Tommy Ross, fire- it does.

APRIL DAY!

Prince Rupert had a stubborn sort of argument a day or so ago, jail troubles. Overenne as to the date. One person swore derstaffing, lack of the it was in July, 1914. The other three in a cell—then stuck to April. We witnessed that of the assertions. The train roll in, and would like to only two in a cell late it. The time was in April, great the acclaim and fervent the

April, 1914, in fact was full of live news stories. A continental does not mean there the spokesman. "He then ran train ride made good information him copy. So did an attempted bank robbery at New Hazelton. Com-Fred arrived in the Gilpin paratively few now living in Black Lake and lake Prince Rupert ever heard of it. tricts in north wester We only know his name was Three were shot dead, by citizens Fred," said a colony woman, "He just outside the Union Bank, They fired from behind stacks

Fred also lost most of his cloth- | way back in 1914 had its stirring | was nothing like all the

recent openings of un cession areas in the B chewan. This is all rugged terrain. There hundreds of prospers with his geiger counter in checking rock str

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