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Much to Sacrifice

THE Burns Lake and District board of trade has just plucked from the files of inattention an issue which for several reasons should be considered the most important the new provincial government has to face.

It is the issue of Tweedsmuir Park and its impending disfigurement. In a larger sense it is also the issue of how far British Columbia is prepared to go in sacrificing, for a price, resources which can never be reclaimed.

Although the issue is large, the facts are simple. To provide power for its projected plant at Kitimat, the Aluminum Company of Canada must create a reservoir some 130 miles long in the wooded basins of Tweedsmuir Park.

As aluminum, not timber or landscaping, is its business, the company has good commercial reasons for not wishing to lay bare the 120,000 acres involved.

More specifically, there is nothing in its contract which obliges it to carry out the clearance.

From where it stands, the Burns Lake and District board of trade sees more than anything a needless loss of timber and the desecration of a naturally beautiful park.

The board contends that the cost of clearance would be repaid many times and that the work would not interfere with the Alcan development.

Although both arguments carry about an equal weight of reason, that of Burns Lake is the harder to dismiss. It penetrates logic and appeals to an instinct shared by all those who have more than a material attachment to the province.

In considering the Burns Lake argument, there is no cause to assume that responsibility for clearance must rest entirely with Alcan.

Perhaps the removal work could be subsidized. Elimination of government charges would further encourage logging companies to assume the task, and possibly Alcan would be prepared to reduce the margin of difference.

Whatever the position, Burns Lake should be given a hearing in the broader interests of British Columbia.

Leave Them Be

ANY calamity which befalls the fishing industry of B.C. probably affects Prince Rupert and district more than any other centre in the province, mainly because this city and its trading area depend first and foremost on fishing for their prosperity.

Even beyond that, a large percentage of our population which is native Indian, have no other recourse to livelihood than fishing. If they cannot fish in season, their normal income is cut off.

While the fishermen's union takes strong objection to this action on part of the native fishermen and could do much to interfere with the handling of the fish through the intervention of allied union workers, we urge the union to take an objective view.

This is a free country. If an individual or a group does not wish to join a union, does not feel such a move would be in its best interest, the issue should not be dictated.

Force means dictatorship, something for which a democratic country cannot stand.

In other words, if the Native Brotherhood as a whole feels it should go fishing in order to protect the livelihood of its members, such a move should be respected even though it may differ with policy and opinions held by a majority group.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Why Ike Hit Skids

TO UNDERSTAND why General Eisenhower seems to have lost the support of the "in between" voters in U.S. politics you must examine some of the differences between their system and ours.

In any British country the man who can command a majority in the elected parliament becomes prime minister.

In the U.S.A. the President is picked by a so-called "College of Electors." Each one of the 48 separate states holds what amounts to a separate election.

SUPPOSE you consider the U.S. election as a contest between two boys trying to pick the most grapes off a vine. There are 48 separate bunches on the vine—some bunches big ones, some small.

THE PRESENT U.S. Senate has fifty Democrats and forty-six Republicans. Hence a switch-over even of a few states will virtually decide the election.

Hence Ike's heart-breaking spot in regard to demagogues like Senator Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin and Jenner of Indiana. Both of these men have viciously attacked most of the things which Eisenhower has stood for.

McCarthy said of Marshall: I ask in all gravity whether a man so steeped in falsehood, who has recourse to the lie whenever it suits his convenience, is fit to hold so exalted a place?

Jenner said: General Marshall is not only willing, he is eager to play the role of front man for traitors. The truth is that this is no new role for him.

OF COURSE General Marshall is one of the most deeply and deservedly respected men in the entire world today. Moreover, he was almost like a guardian or father to Ike himself in the latter's army career.

Marshall was of course Roosevelt's first choice to command the allied landing in France. But Roosevelt knew that Marshall simply could not be spared from his more vital work in Washington and hence had to ask Marshall to step aside for some other man.

NOW Eisenhower feels constrained by political necessity to stand on the same platform with Jenner and to ask even for the election of the notorious McCarthy.

Was there ever a more horrible example of what are called the contradictions of politics? Of course the harsh truth, which everybody really understands is that Eisenhower must despise both men, and secretly wish for their defeat.

All of which seems to explain why Ike hit the skids. They are greased against him both ways.

WRONG KNOB LONDON (CP) — Listeners to the British Broadcasting Corporation Network received an apology from announcer Richard Baker after he said "Hell." He had turned the wrong knob and didn't know his microphone was open.

In the six years up to Dec. 31, 1945, Canada admitted 534,694 immigrants and lost 206,500 emigrants.



FUTURE FLIERS have just been exchanged by the United States, Canada and Britain. Pictured are some of the American cadets, members of the Civil Air Patrol, at a reception in Pakistan House, London.

VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

Why Premier Bennett doesn't come right out and say there'll be no general election this year is becoming somewhat of a mystery.

The Premier hasn't said yes and he hasn't said no, and, as a result, everyone is up in the air.

However, it now appears that there won't be an election this year, that there'll be a session of the House early in 1953—and then, of course, anything can happen.

Speaking at Cobble Hill, the Premier said his government plans a session early in February. This caused a lot of thankfulness. It was good to know Mr. Bennett had stopped his kite flying, and has abandoned his idea of an election that nobody but Social Crediters want.

How to get Attorney-General Bonner and Finance Minister Gunderson into the House? That's a problem—and there's only one way to go about it without a general election—by-elections. There'll probably be two in late January—one somewhere in Vancouver, and the other, it seems likely, in North Okanagan, because the Social Credit MLA there has recently become president of the Social Credit League of B.C.

By-elections are costly and annoying, but the Premier is quite within his constitutional rights when he chooses this way of making cabinet appointments. He should not be criticized for it.

All politicians are suspicious characters. Perhaps they have to be, politics, unfortunately, being a game of knifing. But Social Crediters seem super-suspicious. A story from Nanaimo proves that. This story would make a wonderful theme for the political comic opera we have in mind.

Perhaps this proves politicians shouldn't be whispering political secrets to their wives. Social Credit suspicion started right in the Legislative Buildings. The new government was no sooner in office than it put sound-proof doors on the Executive Council chamber.

Finance Minister Gunderson is to be encouraged in his determination to cut down government spending. He has his eye on conventions, and a good thing, too. It's his opinion too many people go on conventions.

There's too much justification for a few on the people's money, anyway. As a very modest shareholder in a lumber company, I'm a little annoyed at the fancy big party, complete with chartered steamer, that the company put on a few weeks ago for 500 big-wigs.

Too bad, the way Farouk is being bored. The former king of Egypt has less and less use for Italy the longer he endures it. Even ten eggs at one sitting can't make him feel any more comfortable. Then, there's the future. His chief worry, beyond question.

AGE, AND ALL THAT! "Everything is going fine," says Somerset Maugham, 78-year-old novelist recovering from a hernia operation. Yet, today, you're too old at 40, and at 65, a good subject for a funeral.

Three new postage stamps will be issued November 3. One, seven cents, shows a Canada goose in flight. It is colored blue—the stamp, we mean.

FOUR MORE DAYS Daylight saving in 1952 will end a minute after midnight Sunday. No one appears to have endured any hardship. Getting right down to it, one might as well admit that little old DLS has come to stay.

Vancouver, London Exporters Study Market Promotion

VANCOUVER (CP)—The talk is the same in London or Vancouver where exporters have a charming phrase to overcome lack of markets.

Both British and Canadian exporters talk of "export promotion," and all groups are making every effort to make it effective.

Britain's overseas trade minister, Harry Mackeson, has come to Canada to foster dollar trade. He will make an extensive tour of both Canada and the United States.

His aides in Vancouver have taken a forward step with the opening of a British "trade centre" here.

When Mr. Mackeson arrives Monday he will be given first-hand knowledge of the problems of B.C. markets.

They are many. Dollar-short Britain has quit buying B.C. salmon and apples—a trade that ran into millions of dollars—and has reduced purchase of lumber.

B.C. exporters are interested in plans Mr. Mackeson has for two-way trade. He said in a London interview that Britain will deliberately favor firms exporting to Canada and the United States.

He also announced that Britain is willing to meet all reasonable requests for dollars needed for export promotion.

Herbert Morris, with world-wide experience in matters of British trade, is in charge of the new trade centre here.

He proposes to enlist full support of all who have a stake in rebuilding trade with Britain.

The trade centre will coordinate reports with the office of A.P. Timms, United Kingdom Trade Commissioner in Vancouver.

The centre will put out reports on market opportunities, offer guidance in selling products, provide background to supplement mercantile financial ratings, and the possibilities of setting up of British subsidiary companies in B.C.

Favors Non-Canadian As Governor-General

OTTAWA (CP) — The 10-man Social Credit party at Ottawa favors a non-Canadian as Governor-General.

Solon Low, Social Credit leader, says one of the first acts of a Social Credit government would be to appoint a prominent Briton or a distinguished citizen from a sister nation of the Commonwealth as Governor-General.

The appointment would be made at the conclusion of the term of Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, whose appointment this year marked the first time a Canadian has held the post.

Mr. Low, whose party now draws its entire federal membership from Alberta, said he believes the appointment of a Canadian was a mistake.

There was a large body of Canadian people who looked upon Mr. Massey's appointment as the last in a series of moves which the Liberal government made with "almost indecent haste" to destroy every evidence of Canada's British connection and allegiance to the crown.

HUGE JET PLANNED

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