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Thanks to the Few

SUCCESS of the Alaska Music Trail concert last night must cheer the heart of anyone, music-lover or not, who takes pleasure in seeing the city become a better and better place in which to live.

It is a commonplace saying but true nevertheless that nothing succeeds like success. The reception given the concert last night not only assures a good showing for the remaining concerts of the current series, but casts a bright promise on those of next season as well.

Although much of the credit for last night belongs naturally to the artists themselves who asked so little and gave so much and so well, that small band of citizens who handled all the arrangements must place first in our gratitude.

In this case, however, our thanks are assuredly there. And for this gallant group there is the additional gratification of seeing their efforts meet with that elusive but wonderful reward called success.

Grow Quietly Young

WHILE it adds zest to the heavyweight championship scene to have a young bruiser like Rocky Marciano at the top of the heap, it is a little sad to see Jersey Joe Walcott knocked out of the picture, perhaps for good.

Jersey Joe is generally described as 38 approaching 42, and to all men around that age he was encouraging evidence that it takes longer to reach full physical prowess than is generally supposed.

At the same time, his presence in the sporting circle was somewhat disconcerting because of the continuous reference to him as the "old pappy guy."

If he can overlook his slightly increased girth and slightly decreased wind-power, a man about 40 can, in fact, rightfully assure himself that he has not yet reached his prime.

The moral of this would seem to be that, to retain at least an illusion of youth, it is a good idea to stay out of the boxing-ring. Probably not many "old pappy guys" had any intention of getting into one in the first place, but it is comforting to know that there is a member of this age group who can do so and is good enough to get paid for it.

However, Jersey Joe, next time you think about it, why not sit down somewhere instead and grow quietly young with the rest of us?

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Pulp Milling Big Factor in Average Canadian's Income

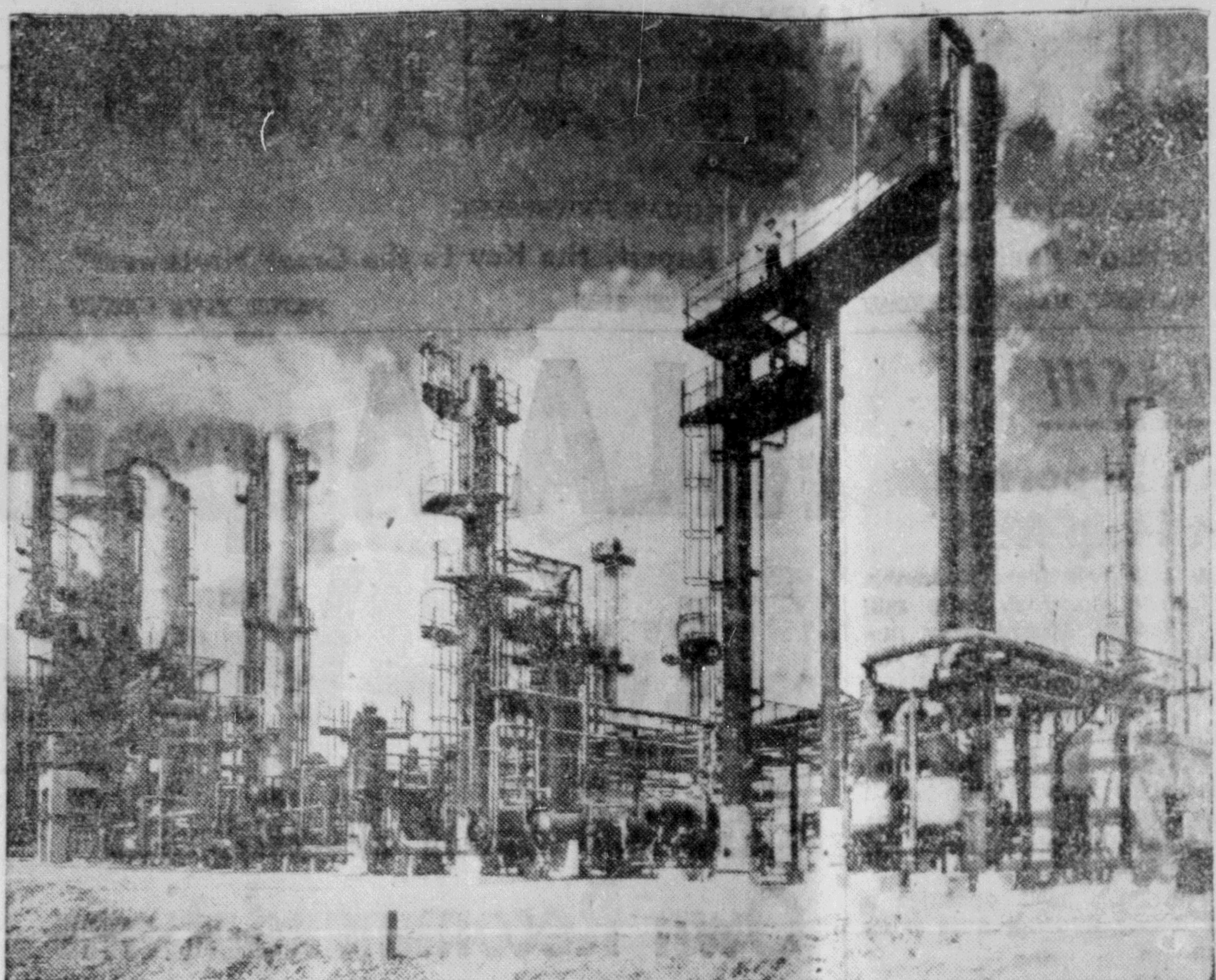
This may come as a surprise to the average Canadian but operations of the Canadian Pulp and Paper industry contribute substantially to his earnings.

This is the word from the association in its booklet, "Canadian Wood Pulp Data 1952," which says that the operations of the industry affect and are of primary importance to all Canadian commerce.

The booklet says pulp and paper is by far the largest contributor to the national income; it is the largest industrial buyer of goods and services in the country.

Thus, directly and indirectly, the industry contributes substantially to the earnings of all Canadians.

In 1951, gross production value totalled more than \$1,000,000,000, covering only value of pulp



\$23,000,000 REFINERY—Production Minister Howe, Premier Manning of Alberta and Premier Frost of Ontario will take part Sept. 25 in opening ceremonies at Sarnia, Ont., of the \$23,000,000 refinery recently completed by Canadian Oil Companies, Ltd.



As I See It

BY Elmore Philpott

LAW SACRED—WHEN?

THERE are two cases before the people of B.C. right now which seem to me of great importance. One concerns a young woodworker who was sentenced to several months in jail, plus a fine of thousands of dollars, because he is alleged to have ignored a court order to refrain from picketing a public dock during a strike.

The other concerns an order by the new Social Credit government of B.C. which says that thousands of people who owe up to \$100 per family on overdue Hospital Insurance premiums will not have to pay what the law plainly says they owe.

This astonishing ruling, is itself of dubious legality and worse morality on the most fundamental level. For it is made by a government which was the first choice of only 26 per cent of the people—who simultaneously voted by over 56 per cent for parties which were pledged to uphold Hospital Insurance. But it is also made by arbitrary decree before the legislature has a chance to meet.

I AM unable to comment further on the case of the convicted IWA picket, as the matter is still before the courts, on appeal. But it seems to me that one principle stressed by the Chief Justice of B.C. is worthy of consideration in another connection.

That was that the law is the law—a sacred thing; and that the IWA picket was a responsible citizen and educated man and so doubly aware of the fact.

Surely if those principles are important and true they apply with a thousand times more force to the Premier of a province and to ministers of the Crown than they do to minor trade officials, in the midst of an excited industrial dispute.

If the B.C. law is so sacred how can a minority government—which is not even sure of a vote of confidence in the House—flagrantly flout the same B.C. law?

The B.C. law says that the people of B.C. shall be covered by Hospital Insurance, and that they shall pay for the service at such and such rates per family. The overwhelming majority of the people of B.C. have regularly paid this tax—the same as the overwhelming majority regularly pay all other taxes.

THIS arbitrary flouting of the law by the new government is the more remarkable because in one breath the ruling says that most of those who owe for the years 1949, 1950, and 1951 are to be forgiven but that collections of arrears will continue from some others but "only those who can well afford to pay!"

What that means in plain language is this: The government is going to go on raking in the money for hospital insurance by the payroll deduction plan. Where those deductions are calculated to pay off arrears as well as the current premiums everything will go on, as was, in factories, shops and offices.

NO fair minded person in B.C. would object to provision of

RAF Ace Going Strong at Age 37

LONDON (CP)—Squadron Leader Duncan Smith of the RAF was an ace the Germans would dearly have liked to eliminate but he is still going strong as a combat pilot.

In fact, "Smithie" was given his fifth decoration for gallantry at age 37 for operations over the Malayan jungle.

Wilfred Duncan Smith has a DFC and two bars—not to mention a DSO and bar. His latest DFC was for leadership from a cockpit in stemming insurgent attacks in the Asian jungle.

He joined the RAF in 1939 and rose to the rank of group captain. He dropped in rank on remaining in the "peacetime" RAF. When his recent award was announced, the Sunday Express printed an editorial on the subject suggesting that here was a man who should have his old rank back—at least.

During the Second World War his Spitfire was hit and brought down in the Mediterranean. His squadron kept a patrol over his head until he was rescued.

He has logged more than 3,000 flying hours with the RAF, 433 of them with his squadron in Malaya.

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ray... Reflects and Reminisces

Speaking of "wild animals I have known," the first attempt to stage a zoo at Prince Rupert happened about half a century ago. Some misguided pioneer got his hands on a frightened, gentle doe. It spent the first night in a wire enclosure in the rain and wind swept Acropolis. Cold and hungry, the little deer accepted breakfast soon after dawn, and was shown the nearest way to the woods. Some folks were humane, as well as possessed of common sense.

In a world of uncertainties, we're reasonably sure of this much—no foot and mouth disease and fewer forest fires. Not completely out, however.

ON BEING EXALTED! Social Credit is said not to favor the native-born governor-general policy any longer, once Massey's term concludes. However, this need not cause anxiety at Rideau Hall or No. 10 Downing Street.

After every big fight the average leather-pushing fan feels a shade tired. That is, on the following morning. He had to put in five or six hours of argument and comment. None of this could wait. He had to have his say, and so did everyone else. At 8 a.m. is no time to start the day's toil. It's time to draw the blind.

The name of Krupp is reappearing in the world press. It's only five letters and is without the full meaning it once had. Yet, it's Krupp, and that's just as well to remember!

THERE ARE OTHERS Trout caught in the wilds of Labrador and northern Quebec, where railway building is part of vast engineering and expansion work is in full swing, are said to exceed in size and vigor anything seen before. Northern British Columbia, it is believed, is prepared to offer a few robust candidates.

Prince Rupert families earned thirteen millions in 1951, forty-five per cent more than the Canadian average, and reflects a better living standard as well. This industrial data from New York sounds healthy. But somehow, why all the complaints about money, or lack of it—not necessarily everywhere?

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Priceless Treasures Hidden In Welsh Caves During World War

LONDON (Reuters)—Some of Britain's less treasures were stored in five remote hidden way in the Welsh mountains during Second World War, it was disclosed here.

The caves, former slate quarries, were approachable only by rough mountain roads snow-bound for weeks on end. Inside were elaborate central heating and air conditioning plants to prevent the treasures, nominally valued at £10,000,000 from deteriorating.

This and other incidental secrets of the war are revealed in an official history by C. M. Kohan of government relations with the building industry between 1936 and the end of the war.

Kohan does not disclose whether the Welsh caves were used to hide the crown jewels, spirited out of London in two days.

The historian reveals that Britain's plans to repel Nazi invasion in 1940 included the installation of flame-thrower defences, operated by remote control, at the entrances to bays on the northeast and south coasts of Britain.

SALMON NET FISHERMEN SPECIAL MASS MEETING — CIVIC CENTRE FRIDAY, SEPT. 26 - 2 P.M. PLEASE NOTE—All fishermen are requested to report to the union office—Metropolitan Hall, Third Avenue. FISHERMEN'S STRIKE COMMITTEE

SOCIAL CREDIT PEER V. PAYNTER Provincial Organizer for the Social Credit Party will be guest speaker at a group discussion to be held at the CIVIC CENTRE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 at 8:00 P.M.

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