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A Story of Kindness

IN Prince Rupert today a dramatic little story is being written by two-dollar bills and five-dollar bills. Sometimes the denomination is a little less and sometimes it is considerably more. But the point is that the story is proceeding without haste towards an ending that daily shows more promise of being a happy one.

It is, of course, the story of the Salvation Army appeal. Now within hailing distance of its objective, the appeal is proving a sort of victory for the loyal and unselfish workers of the Sally Ann. It is not as though they measure their success in terms of money. They, in fact, are among the last people on earth who would do so, for more than most of us they are working in a world where money is not the basic medium of exchange.

A destitute man needs silver in his pocket, but unless he receives with it kindness and moral help, the money is just a poor and momentary relief from his impoverishment. These humane qualities, then, are more than anything the Salvation Army's medium of exchange.

The appeal is proving a victory in the sense that the results demonstrate Prince Rupert's need for the Army and convey an expression of its appreciation. We can be assured that any generosity we show will be relayed tenfold by the Army to those who need it, which is a gratifying form of interest.

Difficult Decision

OUR hospital board had a difficult decision to make recently in selecting a contractor for the installation of a new heating plant at the hospital.

The choice was difficult because the board would be instinctively inclined to look with favor on local firms not only because the work would benefit Prince Rupert labor, but also because these firms have served the board well in the past.

At the same time, only part of the money available for the work was appropriated locally. In making its decision the board had to bear in mind that the provincial and federal governments had each put up a third of the costs, and it was therefore acting to a considerable extent on their behalf.

Choosing a line of action in such circumstances is not easy and, without passing judgment one way or another on the final decision to favor a Vancouver company, we believe the conflicting considerations imposed on the board should, in all fairness, be taken into account.

Former Hospital Ship Makes Final Voyage as Luxury Liner

MONTREAL—The strains of "Auld Lang Syne" followed the Canadian National Steamships "Lady Nelson" as she steamed out of Montreal harbor Monday on her last voyage as a popular liner plying the sea lanes between Canada, the British West Indies and British Guiana.

The first of the CNS "Lady" liners, built to give effect to the Canadian-West Indies trade treaty, the Lady Nelson made her maiden voyage in December, 1928. She remained a passenger vessel until March, 1942, when she was torpedoed and seriously damaged in the port of Castries, St. Lucia.

HOSPITAL SHIP
Refitted as a hospital ship immediately afterwards, she transported thousands of wounded veterans during the war years. Later she became a repatriation ship and brought 2,400 service men, their wives and dependants home to Canada from the United Kingdom. She re-entered the CNS service in 1947, and made 196 voyages since then. On this final voyage she will call at all her regular ports of call between Montreal and British Guiana, and return via Boston and Saint John, N.B., to end her career. On her southbound voyage she will salute her sister ship, the Lady Rodney, at sea. The Rodney, last of the "ladies" will make her final voyage on October 25.

ACCIDENT INCREASE
VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbia highway death toll for the first seven months of 1952 was 92 compared to 101 in the same period last year. The number of accidents however rose from 10,126 to 10,785 in the same period.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

On The Spot

THE United States government is going to stage a special investigation to see if Charlie Chaplin is a fit person to be re-admitted to the United States, where he has lived for some 40 years.

Charlie probably gave more laughs to more people than any other comic who ever performed, for the miracle of the mass performed movie enabled him to reach audiences in every corner of the world. He also brought in to U.S.A. vast sums of foreign money, by way of the box office. But Charlie is vulnerable on at least two counts today:

1. He let his name be used by various leftist front organizations in the years when Roosevelt and Churchill were also calling Uncle Joe Stalin "comrade."

2. He never took out American papers but clung stubbornly to his British citizenship.

ON THE second count it seems to me that Charlie was unwise. I do not believe that any person who earns his living in a country over a long period of years should refuse to become a citizen of that country. Up here in Canada we do not care much about such things. One of my own lifelong friends in Canada is an American citizen, though he has done key jobs for the government at Ottawa. Nobody cares. But south of the border the attitude is different.

On the "leftist front" charge no Canadian can say much, except that we look at things differently.

Our late and great Prime Minister Mackenzie King personally launched the Canadian National Council for Soviet Friendship in a vast meeting at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto. That act would now be sufficient grounds to put him on the banned list of dangerous subversives, according to the arbitrary classification of present U.S. law. Maybe Charlie thought more like Mackenzie King or Roosevelt in 1942 than McCarthy, McCarran or even McGranery think in 1952. But this is 1952.

IN A recent editorial the Calgary Herald summed up the general Canadian outlook on present trends in U.S. better than I have seen it done anywhere else. Referring to an amazing column by Dorothy Thompson which it printed alongside The Herald said:

"We are astonished to find Miss Thompson defending the witch-hunt (which she says is not a witch hunt at all) ... She talks casually of the risk of discomforting the innocent ... It is a shocking commentary on the social and political climate now prevailing across the border. Furthermore it misses the whole point of the controversy ..."

"The objection to the McCarrans and the McCarrans is not that they are weeding out the Communists, but for every Communist they discover they blacken the names of a dozen innocent men; that they use their Congressional privilege which protects them from libel suits as a cloak for grossly irresponsible defamations; in short that in the name of protecting their country's safety they defile the noblest concepts that their country stands for."

ON MARCH 10, 1939 Stalin addressed a key meeting of the Communist ruling body. I warned about his remarks then—for they plainly foreshadowed the sinister deal which he made with Hitler later that year.

But in that speech Stalin also contemptuously referred to the "great purge" in his own coun-



RED PRISONER—Despite their smaller forces, the Communist-led Vietminh are making a fight of it against the French and three associated states of Indo-China. A United States diplomat says that if the U.S. were not pouring in help, the Vietminh would have the upper hand. He blames the government for its lack of appeal, its failure to rally the masses against the Reds. French soldiers are shown capturing a rebel Vietminh who had been carrying a Communist flag. (CP PHOTO)

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Perhaps it was not Indian Summer, although September did seem rather early. Yet, how enchanting those few days not so long ago. Was it the real season. A wistfulness, long mellow days and hazy distances? Come on, October!

FROM SEA AND FREE

Sixty-four Vancouver families will enjoy free fish once or twice a month in order to test the effect in freshness and taste of different methods of handling. Who wouldn't have a most penetrating understanding, eating British Columbia salmon on such a basis. One's sagacity should be little short of marvelous.

More gold bullion disappears. Ten boxes were to be shipped in Ontario, but there was an incomplete delivery. Boxes of bullion, totalling in value hundreds of thousands of dollars, just vanished. Somehow, it seems, there was no guard but if there was, it couldn't have been more slack.

FREEDOM!

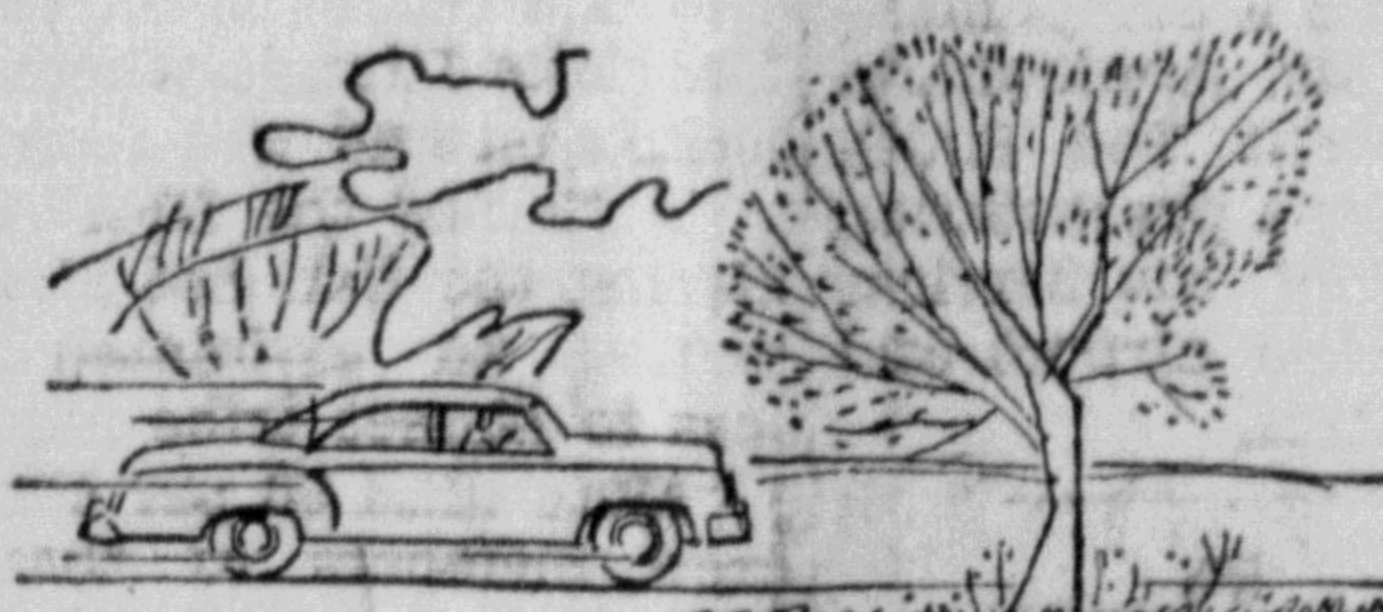
I have walked with people whose eyes are full of light but who see nothing in sea or sky, nothing in city streets, nothing in books. It were far better to sail for ever in the night of blindness with sense and feeling and mind, than be content with the mere act of seeing.—Helen Keller (blind).

NOTTAWA, Ontario! No, we don't mean Ottawa. This time, it's Nottawa. The first letter is N. If there isn't some confusion in the mail service, there should be. Yet, there it is—Ottawa, with a capital N out front.

Fortified with a salutation from General Ike himself, Senator Nixon, candidate for the office of vice-president will continue to carry on. When tens of millions are spent between and during elections in the United States and Canada, \$18,000 seems try in which tens of thousands of innocent persons were killed or imprisoned on the off chance they MIGHT be guilty of treason.

Let us ask ourselves: whose concept is winning? Is it not true that in the name of combatting Communism the U.S.A. is adopting more of its worst features?

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Veteran Policeman Still Doing Share

WINNIPEG (CP)—After more than 50 years in and out of police uniform, 80-year-old Bill Wren of Montreal still hasn't had his fill of law enforcement.

Mr. Wren, who retired 14 years ago as chief of Montreal's Westmount district, keeps a fatherly eye on Canadian police work. He attended the recent annual conference of the chief constables association here.

He's the oldest living member of the association, and officials figured the conference wouldn't be complete without him.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS

"Police force conditions have certainly improved since I joined up in 1898," he said. "We used to work 30 days a month with few holidays. Now it's a picnic."

Ex-chief Wren joined a police force five years after coming to Canada from Hertfordshire, England. Within 23 years he had become chief constable of an 86-man force protecting the thickly populated Westmount district.

Whatever happened during those 40 years of service he considers was all part of the game. "We took the good with the bad," he said. "It was our duty and nothing more."

Discrimination Opposed by Gov

TORONTO (CP)—The Canadian government has decided to insert an anti-discrimination clause in all government contracts, Labor Minister Gregg today advised the Canadian Congress of Labor.

Under it, the government can terminate contracts if employers show any discrimination in hiring labor because of national origin, color or

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