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The Dangerous Side Road

BEFORE these words are uttered the scene may change again, but by last report we are going to have an early election after all. Since a session of the House is also to be held, by Premier Bennett's declaration, the situation arouses curiosity as to what kind of legislation the Social Credit government plans to subject to such a quick death.

Within fairly broad limits, the government can expect support from the Liberal and Conservative members whose strength is sufficient to keep the session going almost as long as desired. As it is now evident, however, that the government has no intention of cruising along for an indefinite length of time with its present representation, bold developments appear to be in the offing.

Whatever happens, it will undoubtedly be well to the right. In taking this starboard course, the government will be guided not only by party principles but by the need to shake off its allies who have found that going too much in that direction is dangerous.

It will be dangerous, too, for the Premier and his cohorts, but it will also be strategic. While June 2 is still reasonably fresh in the public mind, a quick election is so much to their advantage that it is worth almost any risk to get one.

Their main problem, therefore, is to get off the middle of the road as soon as possible and deliberately head for defeat in the House.

More Explanation Needed

Officials of the Aluminum Company of America were serious in their announced intention to establish a giant project near Skagway, they would be well advised to step into public print again and do some further explaining.

It would be a good public relations move, if nothing else, for the impression has been created that in some mysterious way they expect to bull their way through into using Canadian waters with only token gestures towards the Canadian governments concerned.

This, of course, is manifestly impossible and no one watching the picture can have any doubts that some stiff bargaining lies ahead. Yet the tone of ALCOA's pronouncements so far leaves little room for anything but this startling interpretation.

Having stated with a certain amount of detail and a considerable amount of confidence their plans for the area, company executives add in an incidental way that unidentified Canadian officials are co-operating. From this it would almost appear that the whole matter is being handled through our trade commissioners, or equivalent representatives, in the States. This also is an absurd conjecture, but the company's extraordinary approach to publicizing its project allows no other.

A more conventional and more acceptable method would have been first to go into consultation with the appropriate federal and provincial authorities in Canada and then, if agreeable to both sides, to release a joint statement that the scheme was under consideration.

Without this or some further explanation, we are forced to assume that either ALCOA has little concern for the Canadian part in the scheme, or that the announcement was thrown up as a trial balloon to see how somebody unknown to us would react.

In any case, it is not good public relations, and those citizens who are madly buying up real estate in Skagway probably do not think so either.

Scripture Passage for Today

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God."
—Deut. 29:30.

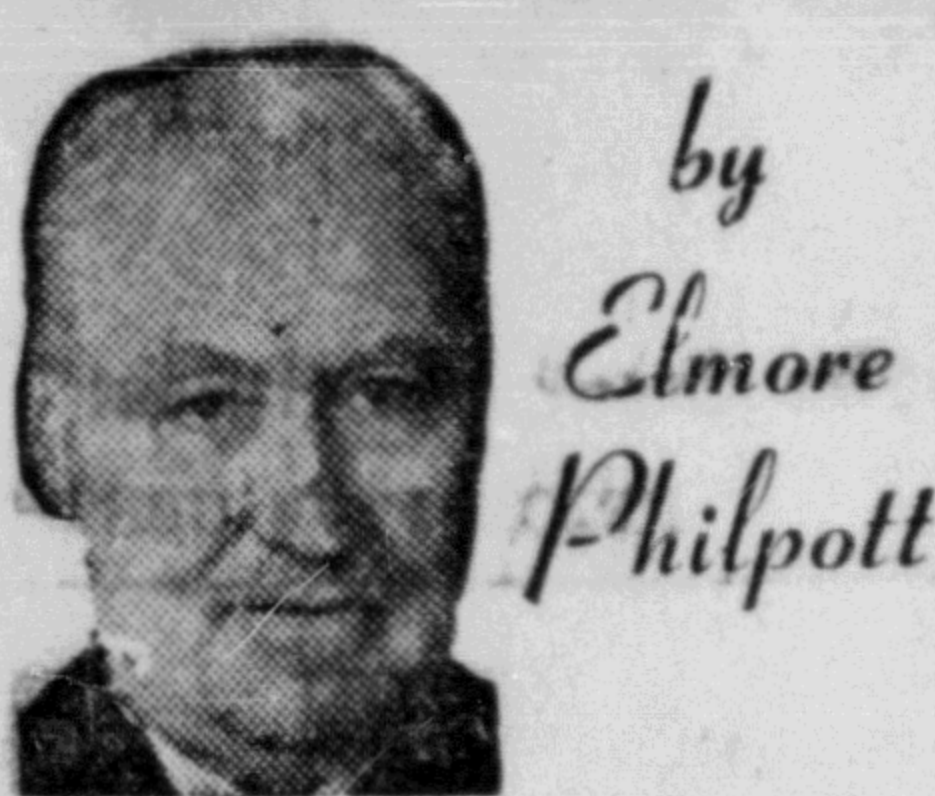
LETTERBOX

Editor, Daily News:
We are indeed pleased with your summing up of our brief in your leading Editorial of the 24th. We believe that this is a serious matter of concern for the entire province and an issue which for several reasons should be considered the most important the new Provincial Government has to face.
One relevant paragraph was inadvertently omitted from our brief:
"A Toronto Mining Company is diamond drilling at present

and other mining companies have done a large amount of work, drilling, drifting etc., in the mountains to the west and south of Whitesail Lake. The results indicate large mineral bodies and the likelihood of good mines being opened. Transportation by water is the only possible outlet. These, too, would be wiped out."

WALTER WILSON,
Highway Secretary,
Burns Lake and District
Board of Trade.

As I See It



Letter to Abbott

Dear Mr. Abbott: I see by the papers that you are worried by the size of your surplus. It seems you have too much money in the bank because, once again, your taxes have brought in a great deal more than you figured.

I see also that the fact the U.S. dollar is now at a discount is playing hob with some of our most important industries in Canada, namely the wheat farmers, the pulp and paper makers, the gold and base metal miners, and so on.

Why not kill two birds with one stone? Why not use your hundreds of millions of dollars now lying idle in Canada to buy Canadian stocks and bonds on the open market in U.S.A.?

By my layman's figuring the treasury of Canada would net a clear profit of three per cent every time you exchanged an idle Canadian dollar for an interest-bearing bond held in U.S.A. Also, by my figuring, you could use this same painless process to restore absolute parity between the Canadian and U.S. dollars with great benefit to those, like wheat farmers and miners, whose ultimate prices are fixed on the world market value of the U.S. dollar. I am, yours truly, etc.

THE FACT that the Canadian dollar has been at a heavy premium over the U.S. dollar in recent months gives many a Canadian a mild chuckle—especially when so many visitors blow their tops at having to pay the exchange rates. Many Canadians not unreasonably remember the time when earlier contingents of tourists were cashing in handsomely the other way around.

Who did not get a smile out of the story of the Canadian top banker who opened his speech to assembled New York bankers thus:

"Unaccustomed as I am to speaking in soft currency countries . . .

But over a period of years a Canadian dollar, valued even five percent over the U.S. dollar would be a disastrous thing for this country. It would be an extra five percent tariff on Canadian exports to U.S.A. and it would be a like penalty on U.S. investment and tourist money coming into Canada.

I WOULD like to hear from Mr. Abbott on the above uncopied plan, either by letter or better still by action. But just in case the Minister of Finance does not answer I should also like to hear from readers:

What do you think of a plan to reduce the exchange differences between the countries by using idle Canadian funds to reduce Canadian interest-bearing debts held in U.S.A.?

Would such a plan work, and if not why not?

I would also like to get readers' ideas as to whether or not it is a good thing to have the Canadian dollar valued higher than the U.S. dollar, and also whether it is ever a good thing to have the U.S. dollar valued higher than our own.

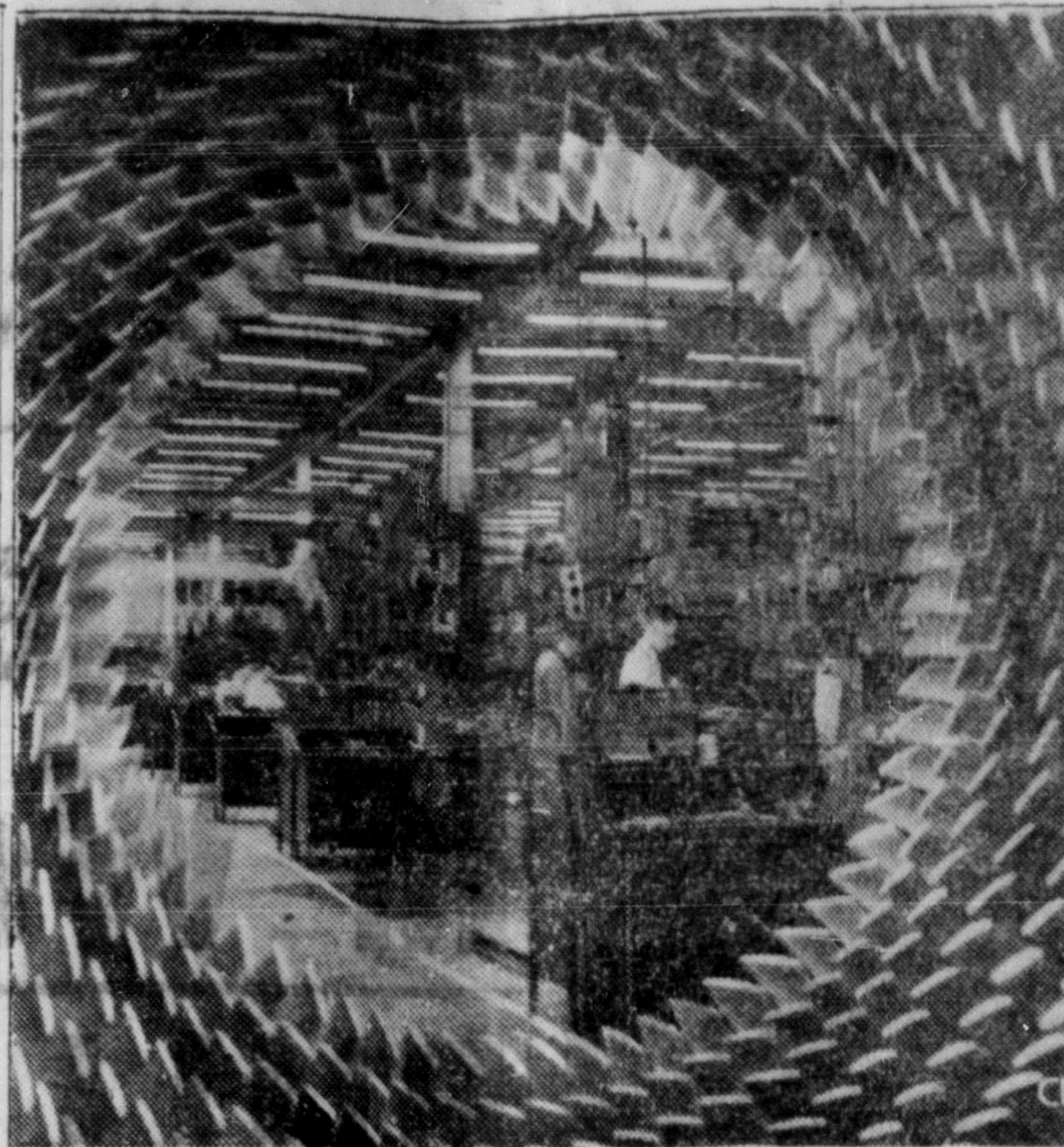
OUR TROUBLE with ordinary Canadians is that they think such things as gold prices, money exchange rates and so forth are far too complicated for them to understand. Yet only a few months ago we had a good example of how public pressure can change and unwise policy. Our Minister of Finance, urged on by mounting Canadian protest, finally led an international revolt at the arbitrary fixing of gold selling prices by the U.S. treasury. Canada re-won a tiny slice of her freedom to sell some gold wherever she could get the most for it.

11 Dead in Latest Korean Casualties

OTTAWA.—The Army Tuesday issued its 138th casualty list of the Korean war, reporting one man dead of wounds and 10 men wounded in action. The last previous list was issued Sept. 24. This brought to 1,040 the number of casualties suffered by Canadian troops in Korean actions. They include 188 dead, 777 wounded, 72 injured, 10 missing and one prisoner of war.

NORTHERN ARTISTS

CHURCHILL, Man.—Several tons of Eskimo carvings have been sent from Ungava Bay to the Canadian Handicraft Guild at Montreal. Most of the work was done in soft stone since ivory is scarce, partly due to the fact there has been no organized walrus hunt by Ungava Eskimos in recent years.



NEW JET PLANT—A 700,000 square foot, multi-million dollar jet engine plant at Malton, Ont., built by the federal government and operated by Avro Canada, was officially opened Monday by Production Minister Howe. The plant will mass produce Canadian-designed and developed jet engines for CF-100 fighters and F-86 Sabres. A portion of the plant is shown framed by an Orenda jet engine compressor casing. (CP PHOTO)

VICTORIA REPORT

by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—Ah, the vagaries of politics, its ups and downs!

Mrs. Nancy Hodges and Mrs. Tilly Rolston, two doughty legislative fighters, are perfect examples.

A few days ago this reporter went to Cowichan Lake to see a logging operation for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. It was an interesting day, and exciting to see a high-rigger take the top off a 140-foot tree and then to see falling and bucking, the most hazardous operation in the woods. Mrs. Rolston and Mrs. Hodges made the trip. This time last year Mrs. Hodges was Madam Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. Mrs. Rolston was a back-bencher, at odds with the Coalition government. Mrs. Hodges had all the prestige.

Now it's the other way round. Mrs. Rolston is a member of the cabinet, only woman cabinet minister in Canada's history.

Mrs. Rolston drove up to Cowichan in the government's shining chauffeured limousine; Mrs. Hodges went along in a bus; she's now a back-bencher.

However, they're good scouts, Nancy and Tilly, and they're looking forward to legislative battling. They've been in the Legislature 10 years, but the exigencies of politics were such that they weren't allowed to fight. Tilly was elected a Conservative in 1941, and Nancy a Liberal the same year. But last was the year Coalition came about and they had to hide their political differences to present a bold front so that the CCF could be kept down. No doubt, more than once, during those years, Mesdames Hodges and Rolston wished they could have snapped at each other, but they bridled their feelings in the interest of Coalition. No, they did not like so doing, any more than the men.

In the last three sessions, Mrs. Hodges, as Madam Speaker, couldn't make speeches or take part in legislative debate. Much as Mrs. Hodges liked the prestige of the Speakership, and the ex-

tra \$1,800 a year, she didn't enjoy being silenced. More than once she itched to get into the fray, but she held her tongue. Now she's free. The Legislature will be a brighter place with her in there scrapping and punching. She and Madam Minister Rolston are bound, you may be sure, to have some differences of opinion. Next session, too, the CCF will have a woman member, Mrs. Laura Jamieson. She's also a good fighter in the House. She was there before, and she could take on Mesdames Hodges and Rolston at one and the same time. No one could ever decide who won, but everyone enjoyed the scrap. Those were the good old days, when there were five women in the House—Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Dorothy Steeves and Mrs. Grace MacInnis of the CCF, Mrs. Rolston and Mrs. Hodges. They fought among themselves, sometimes, but every now and then they ganged up on the men—and five of them could usually get their way.

The trip to Lake Cowichan was featured by four women in public life. In addition to Mrs. Hodges and Madam Minister Rolston there were Senator Annabelle Rankin of Australia and Mrs. Ellen Fairclough, Conservative MP for Hamilton, the only woman member of the House of Commons. It was quite a mixture of political thought, but the ladies had a fine time chatting among themselves and gawking, like the men, as a high rigger climbed a 140-foot tree and, topping it, tarried the city folk by shouting "timber!"

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1 1/2 etc. canned tomatoes, or 3 lbs. ripe tomatoes
1 1/2 cups chopped onions
1 1/4 cups chopped celery
1 1/4 cups chopped green peppers
4 1/2 teaspoons salt
3 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon Colman's Mustard
1 tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce
1/2 cup cider vinegar

If ripe tomatoes are used, peel and then chop. Combine with remaining ingredients, in order named, in a large kettle. Simmer, uncovered, 45 mins., or until quite thick. Pour into clean, hot jars and cover. Set on wire rack in a covered kettle, with boiling water to cover tops of jars. Boil 30 mins., from time boiling resumes. Makes 3 to 4 pts. C551H



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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Major Douglas, who paved the way toward Social Credit in Alberta, died in England Tuesday. Remember the \$25 a month for everyone in the foothills province? Anyway, there was economic pabulum that sounded attractive.

WHEN MAYOR IS PEEVED

Fred Hume of Vancouver is one British Columbia mayor who has ordered an investigation and the quicker the better. He wants to know how and why a married civil servant now attending a Communist "peace" conference in Red China was given leave of absence. She is Mrs. Kay Gardner who was given two months leave of absence to go abroad with her husband. "Our boys are dying every day in Korea in the fight against Communism," remarks His Worship.

The cost of salvaging the Princess Kathleen will be too heavy, says the C.P.R. So now, what of the future? Two years time, anyway? Just now its certain there's a lot of uncertainty.

That missing gold bullion, which vanished somewhere near Toronto is still a mystery. It totals some hundreds of thousands. When six hours elapsed between its disappearance, and spreading of alarm, recovery would resemble a miracle.

SUNNY AND STILL

Sometimes we find ourselves, in an idle moment, day-dreaming the supposedly calm and sunny South Seas. Listen to the words of a tanker voyaging to Australia:

"After passing Pitcairn Island we had about 10 days of continuous bad weather. The South Pacific is rather empty, and when the wind comes from the south, it has all the space in which to gather strength, and the swell becomes tremendous. When they are loaded, tankers lie very low in the water—and, in any bad weather,

the seas come thundering aboard and the only parts of the ship are the bridge structure, amidships and the poop, aft. Our only comfort is the albatross, bestial creatures, some with a wingspan of about twelve feet.

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