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Chance To Be Heard

TWO city organizations are to be commended in coming forth with their recommendations concerning the future liquor policy of our province.

The government, through a three-man liquor inquiry board, has given the entire electorate of B.C. a chance to speak on the way liquor should or should not be distributed, following the majority vote by the people last summer that liquor should be sold by the glass.

Now, it is up to every organization to get their recommendations in to our Member of the Legislature in time, so he in turn can submit them to the inquiry board when it arrives in Prince Rupert.

No date has been made public for the board's arrival here, but its recommendations to the government must be made by Dec. 31.

It behooves every city organization, or individuals who wish to be heard, to act immediately. We have the opportunity now to take a part in forming our future liquor policy. After the policy has been laid down, it will be too late to talk and criticize on street corners.

Better Kind of Monday

IT IS SO LONG since the subject of calendar reform has received much publicity that it is almost certain to be revived as soon as there is a scarcity of exciting national and international news.

Actually, a change to a better system, while theoretically desirable, is likely to occur at about the same time as the British substitute a decimal currency for their pounds, shillings and pence. But some people will always delight in pointing out how much is lost through having months of unequal length, weeks that are not simple fractions of either months or years and quarter-years and half-years that are not exactly halves and quarters.

Although manufacturers of calendars have little cause for immediate alarm, a practical reform is slowly continuing.

It is many years since the commandment, "six days shalt thou labor," was amended to read "five and a half days," and in a growing number of occupations the five and a half have been reduced to five.

It may even be thought that the work-week has really become four and a half days, for the two-day break that begins Friday evening makes blue Monday even bluer.

When Sunday was the only day of rest and the rest consisted of strenuous religious exercises, Monday was a welcome relief and there was a zest in the resumption of ordinary business. After the modern long week-end, not always devoted to church-going, a few hours of Monday morning must pass before adjustment to a business tempo is complete, and then it's time for lunch.

Perhaps the efforts of the calendar reformers should be directed towards abolishing Mondays altogether.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Only Luke is with me."—II Tim. 4:11.

St. Laurent Not Worried About Political Trend in Provinces

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent says he is not unduly concerned about Liberal party reverses in the provincial field.

"I don't think we should show any particular concern about what people do in the provincial arena," said Mr. St. Laurent.

He made the statement after announcing that British Columbia's representation in the cabinet was being increased to two from one. James Sinclair, 44, member for Coast-Capilano and parliamentary assistant to Finance Minister Abbott, was appointed minister of revenues to succeed Hon. Robert Maynard, 72, who goes to Japan as Canadian ambassador. Mr. Sinclair represented Victoria, B.C., in the Commons.

Ralph Campney, 53, parliamentary assistant to Defence Minister Cloburn and member for Vancouver Centre, was appointed solicitor general, a portfolio now handled by Justice Minister Garson. Asked if there was any connection between the decision to

increase British Columbia's representation and the defeat of the Liberal government of that province last June, Mr. St. Laurent said there was not.

There was no connection, he said, between the new appointments and anything that happened in the provincial field.

LIBERALS LOSE GROUND Besides British Columbia, the Liberals have suffered reverses in other provinces. The Liberal government of New Brunswick was defeated after 17 years in office; the party lost ground in Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan elections; in Quebec, the party increased membership but

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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Charlie's Last Movie?

WHATEVER you do, see Charles Chaplin's latest and maybe last movie—Limelight.

For it is a great movie by any standards. I have a hunch that our great-great-grandchildren will be looking at this same one, maybe in schools four centuries hence. The instructor will be saying something like this:

"This was one of the last pictures made by the pioneer genius of the cinema screen, the great Charles Chaplin. He stood in relationship to the movies of the twentieth century almost as Shakespeare did in the whole field of English drama a few centuries earlier."

If only to show the versatility of Chaplin's genius Limelight would be a great picture. But after some good old fashioned Chaplin laughs Charlie ends the evening with the audience weeping like watering cans. And my experience is that human beings love very few things more than they love a good cry.

CHARLIE has been laying them in the aisles for a long while, far longer than any other performer. My own mind flashes back to Folkestone, England, in the summer of 1915. With the rest of the Second Canadian Division I was waiting to cross over to France. Charlie was the universal favorite in the movies even then. I remember the English youngsters convulsed with laughter, and also their shrill voices chorusing their home made, kid-made song on their way home through the dark.

"O the moon shines bright on Charlie Chaplin. His boots are crackin', for want of blackin', and his little baggy trousers they need mendin', before we send him to the Dardanelles."

THE half-baked, witch-hunting McCarthys in the U.S. today think they have a shining target in Charlie Chaplin. They intend to subject Charlie to a sort of 1952 style inquisition to see if he is a fit person to be admitted back into the United States.

This leads Graham Greene to suggest, in the New Statesman and Nation for September 27, that Chaplin may have been supplied with the greatest plot for any movie of his career.

"Charlie should make one more appearance on the screen. In this would-be story Charlie lies neglected and forgotten... Suddenly he is summoned from obscurity to answer for his past before the Un-American Activities Committee, for that dubious occasion in a boxing ring, on the ice-skating rink, for mistaking that Senator's bald head for an ice pudding, for the hidden significance of the dance with the bread rolls. Solemnly the members of the committee watch Charlie's pictures and take their damaging evidence."

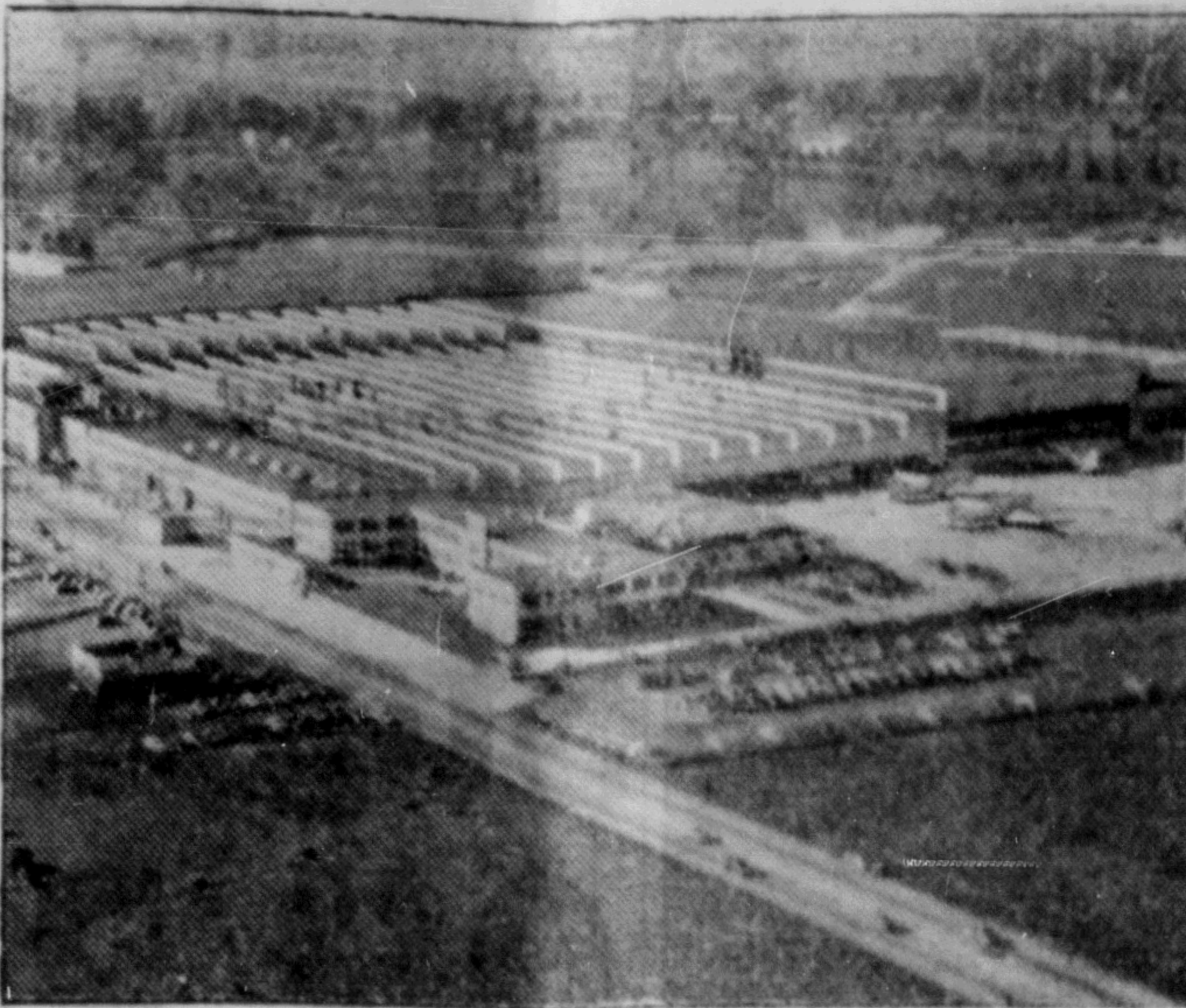
CHARLIE'S love life may or not be above or below the Hollywood par. I would be the last to gloss over the fact that the whole effect of the example of the private lives of the Hollywood big-shots has been demoralizing for the great mass of the people—for the Hollywood stars ARE the Cinderellas and Fairy Princes of these times. But if we regard great works of art on the ground of the private morals of their producers and composers we would surely have to throw out many of our finest plays, novels, symphonies—not to mention a good deal of the Bible itself. Remember King David?

Says English Rose Could Be Improved

LONDON (CP)—It seems that even the traditional "Old English rose" is not all it might be. "This is one field in which amateur gardeners could really help the professionals," said botanist Ann P. Wylie at the International Horticultural Conference here.

Miss Wylie told the story of Empress Josephine who, when husband Napoleon went to the wars, sent French rose seeds to many parts of the world to try to achieve by cross-breeding, a lavender-blue rose.

Empress Josephine was disappointed, but today lavender-blue roses are growing in several parts of the world from descendants of those seeds. Miss Wylie is advocating some such pioneering spirit among today's amateur gardeners.



AIR ARSENAL—In a significant change of practice, the Canadian armed forces now obtain most of their arms from this continent rather than using British arms as in the First and Second World Wars. One of the important producers is the Canadair factory at Montreal where United States-designed F-86E Sabre jets are built. The RCAF fighter arm is Canada's main contribution to the international concept of a balanced over-all strength. Canada is spending as much on the air force alone as on the army and navy together. (CP PHOTO)

UNDER OUR ROOF

By JOHN STURDY

Yesterday morning I was sitting at the bedside of Col. S. Skeffington-Smutts (Ret.) in this hospital in the Sunny Okanagan, when the head nurse entered the room.

"I am sorry, Colonel," said the head nurse, "but you will have to cut down on the number of your alcohol rums. The superintendent is complaining about the amount of alcohol being used since you entered the hospital."

The Colonel shrugged. He is recuperating from buckshot wounds received as a result of being mistaken for the Gogopogo, a sea serpent that inhabits Okanagan Lake.

"After all," said the head nurse as she prepared to depart, "a gallon of rubbing alcohol a day is a lot of rubbing, even for a man of your size."

When the door closed behind her, I looked at the Colonel, suspicion in my eyes. "What are you doing," I asked, "drinking the stuff?"

"Heaven forbid, my boy," said the Colonel, shocked. "You know my libations consist only of an occasional dram."

"That was a debatable point, but I let it pass. Do you mean to tell me," I asked, "that you rub yourself with a gallon of alcohol a day? Your flesh must be pickled at this point."

"Well, not exactly, sahib," said the Colonel. "Have you considered what we will do once I am discharged from this abominable institution?"

"Go home," I said.

GOING HOME (We have been trying to get home every since we made a trip to the Yukon earlier in the year. How we got to the Sunny Okanagan on our way home from the Yukon is a matter between you and the circulation department of the newspaper, which is always ready to sell back copies, at a premium, of course.)

"And how do you plan to get home?" enquired the Colonel. "Your wife positively refuses to remit any more money orders and you know that we haven't a penny amongst us. That is," he continued archly, "you and

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Reflects and Reminisces

There are a lot of people who never forget a kind deed—they did it.

In Hollywood, a new movie of the sinking of the Titanic is being made. It will be called "Nearer My God to Thee." It is too much to expect that Hollywood, with all the fortunes spent on advisers, could ever find anyone to tell it what is bad taste.

In Salt Lake City, the other day, Mrs. Richard Nixon was down to speak before a woman's assembly. Her hostess gushed: "And now, I'd like you to meet the next wife of the vice-president of the United States." Election tension sometimes gets that way.

The only thing getting cheaper is politics.

AN EARLY CITIZEN

How many in Prince Rupert remember, or even heard of Pat Carey? Few, we think! He kept house near Cow Bay, worked on the waterfront, had a little garden and kept poultry. Incidentally, he was fond of pleasant-tries. One day, he presented to the late Bishop Bunos a chicken. The bird was gratefully received and praised. Where was it from, he inquired.

"Stole it, sir." And that made it all the more welcome, for the good bishop was also blessed with a sense of humor.

Two ways to get in wrong with other countries are to lend them money, and not to lend them money.—Stratford Beacon-Mermaid.

SIXTY OTHERS

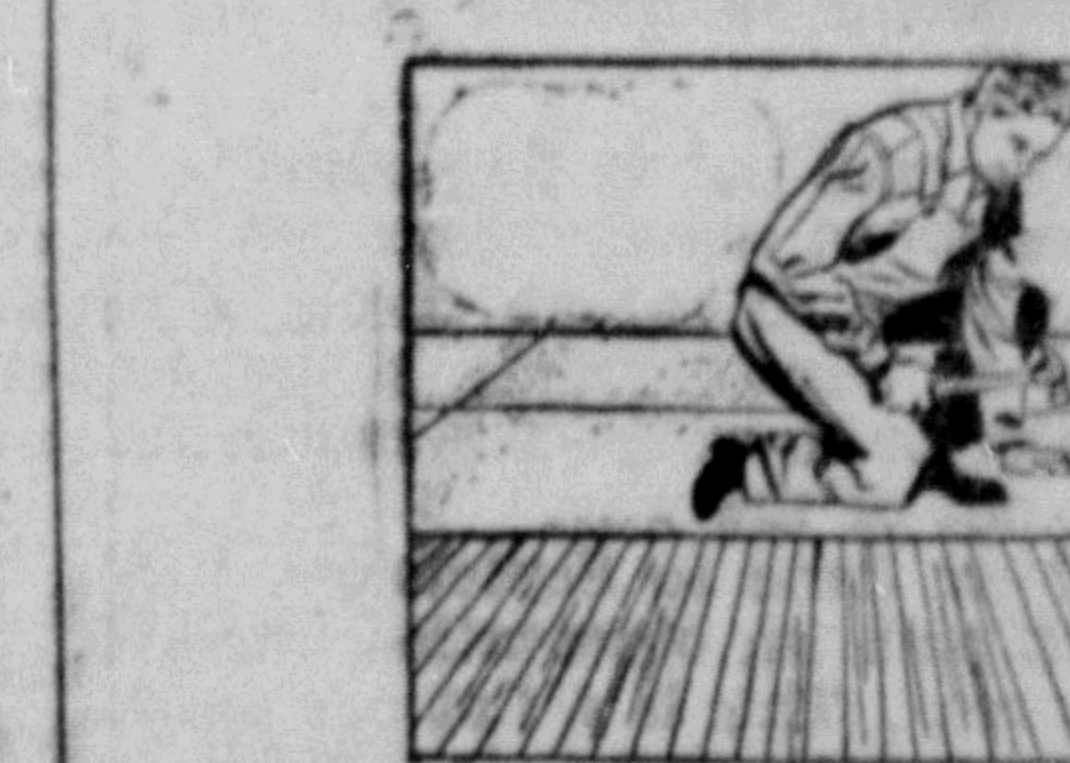
Now that the world series for '52 is over and done with, comment concerning all the artificial excitement is being heard as well as read. To begin with, there has been no world series, for sixty nations never heard of it and care less. After all, it's just an American ball game, with high-power sports writers and radio in reserve.

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INTERIOR TOWN LOSES HO... IN \$35,000 MYSTERY FIRE

BRIDESVILLE, B.C. —Fire destroyed the hotel late Tuesday, causing a property loss estimated at \$35,000. All 14 guests were evacuated from smoke-filled corridors and rooms without injury. The origin of the fire is unknown. Bridesville is 35 miles southeast of Pentteton.

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