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Only Results Count Now

RESULTS of the by-elections in the Columbia and Similkameen ridings leave little room for doubt that the B.C. public meant what it said last June when it voted Social Credit into power.

Although only two seats out of forty-eight were involved, these were won in such convincing manner and against such apparent odds that the wider significance of the outcome cannot be discounted.

The odds against Messrs. Bonner and Gundersen were that they were political novices, as were most of their party associates a few months ago, and they were from Vancouver. While the first attribute has shown it can often be more help than hindrance, the second was regarded generally as the kiss of death.

But these considerations are unimportant now. What counts is the third factor they had in common — their membership in the Social Credit party.

Although it still lacks firm control in the Legislature, Social Credit has by these results been given reaffirmed permission to try its hand at governing the affairs of this province.

Thus, as Premier Bennett and his colleagues are no doubt aware, no more excuses are acceptable now for delay or uncertainty. From here on in the only things that will influence the people's opinion are results.

Ike's Visit Doesn't Mean Peace

WHILE President-elect Eisenhower deserves all the congratulations he gets for showing enough interest in the Korean war to take a look at it, there is a serious probability that his visit will prove a disappointment to many.

The wishful thinking that his trip in some magic way will bring peace has nothing to support it. On the contrary, it is likely that the enemy will do everything in its power to damage his prestige and without being unnecessarily pessimistic, one might well anticipate renewed vigor in the Communist attacks within the next month or so.

To the men on the field, however, Eisenhower's visit should provide a much-needed lift. His own son, who is there, understood the position when he said: "A trip to Korea won't work any miracles. But it would be helpful for Dad to see people over here and find out how things are."

As the battle crawls back and forth, it is increasingly evident that no one has an answer for it. If it was ever imagined that the U.S.S.R. was nourishing the fight for its nuisance value, this is surely no longer the case. That country is as badly stuck with it as any other. Having encouraged an ally to bear the load for this length of time, it cannot afford to call off the show on a flimsy pretence. At the same time, an all-out push would almost certainly have to involve Russian troops, and Syngman Rhee's call for the bombing of Moscow would be immediately justified.

For different but equally strong reasons, the UN forces are also obliged to continue the engagement. While there is little hope that Eisenhower can do what endless surrender talks have failed to do, he may be able to solve the riddle of unused South Korean troops and perhaps the more complicated one involving the Chinese on Formosa.

Eisenhower will not bring peace back with him, but he will almost certainly return with a good idea of the mistakes being made and their correction. In the circumstances, that is the next best thing.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever." — Neh. 9:5.

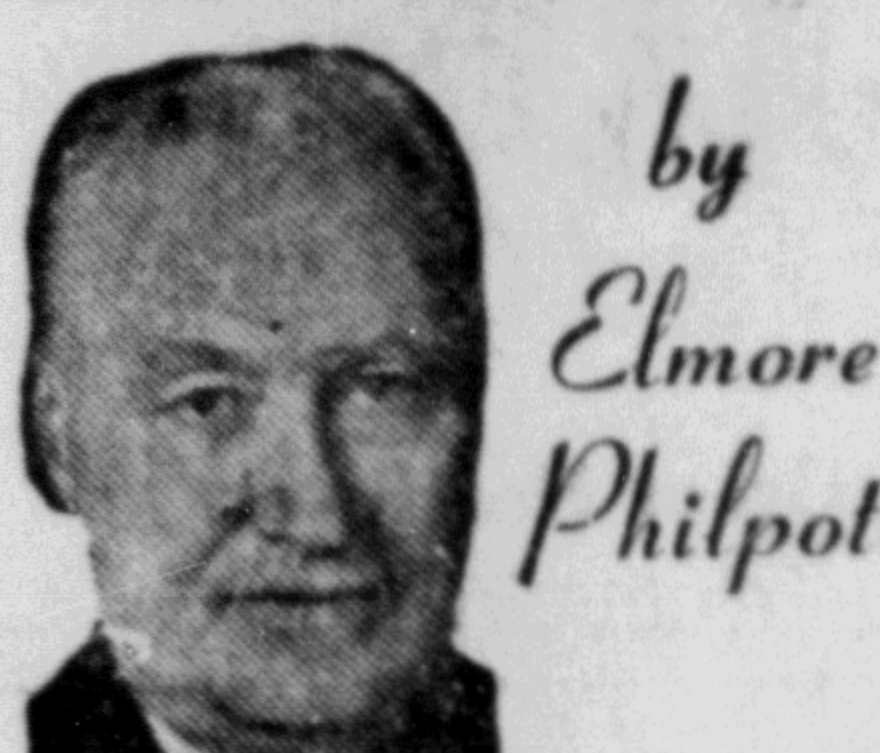
Coast Radio Station Planning TV

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) — Radio station CKNW said here in a statement that owner-manager Bill Rae proposes to apply for permission to build a television station in Edmonton. The statement said Mr. Rae has had an application on file for 7½ years to install a "community television service" located on top of nearby Burnaby Mountain.

"If, however, this Burnaby application cannot be acted upon now," the statement added, "Mr. Rae stated he would apply for a TV licence in the city of

his birth, Edmonton." The radio station said it has a trained staff of 50 and the necessary capital to build a TV outlet. The federal government said in effect last week that private companies now can apply for permission to operate television stations in places where the CBC has no stations or no immediate plans for stations. The CBC operates TV stations in Montreal and Toronto. As far as is known here the CBC has no immediate television plans for Edmonton.

As I See It



by
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Spain In Unesco

NOW THAT Spain has been admitted to Unesco those super-patriot Liberty Belles down around Los Angeles may change their minds, and once again permit the teaching of the Unesco program in the public schools.

For some reason, which I never could quite figure out, the same people who hated the UN and its offspring Unesco, also loved Franco.

But it never was good business to choke a goat while swallowing the camel. So Unesco can turn a blind eye for awhile, to the obvious fact that any Spaniard caught trying to smuggle Unesco literature over the border into Spain would be, at least, thrown into the jug.

SERIOUSLY speaking, for a change, I think Unesco was right to admit Spain.

Spain should be admitted to the United Nations itself. In fact ALL nations should be admitted. For years back the UN has been frozen in paralysis by this terrible power struggle known as cold war has been to keep numerous nations out of UN.

The United States, by open or secret pressure, has kept out Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania. The Soviet Union, in revenge, has kept out Finland, Austria, Italy, Ireland, and Portugal, and others.

Yet for years back genuine peace-makers, like the Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, have been urging the admission of all those excluded. My own guess as to the real reason for his resignation is that he felt if the United States would not even back up his efforts on that point his position was hopeless.

He already had the implacable enmity of the Russians, ever since he so emphatically and properly branded the attack from North Korea as a clear cut aggression which should be resisted by all loyal UN members.

SPAIN of course is a harsh fascist dictatorship. So, in velvet glove style, is Portugal, her next door neighbor. But as we in Canada have already taken in Portugal to NATO, I guess we could survive the lesser shock of Spain's entry to the UN itself.

One of the avowed purposes of NATO — inserted in the treaty on Canada's insistence, is that we all agree to strengthen our "democratic" institutions. So far the other NATO members have turned the blind eye to the obvious fact that Portugal lacks, rejects, democratic institutions. She and Spain are fascist totalitarianisms — just as all the nations in the Soviet Red bloc are communist totalitarianisms.

IT WAS a great feat to get together in one hall most of the governments on earth. But they should ALL be there — good and bad, white and black, red and yellow.

Above all that noble little haven of peace — Switzerland — should be urged to come. She was excluded in 1945 because she would not promise to go into UN wars, in order to keep "peace."

How dumb could we get? But we can learn, if we want to, by mistakes.

GLOWING ADS

PRETORIA, South Africa (CP) — African Witch-Doctors will have to tone down their advertisements. Government regulations now forbid claims that make the purchaser rich and successful, or immune to hostile agencies.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman J. MacLeod

When MP's of different parties get together over an informal cup of coffee or something else, a good deal of banter is exchanged which, while it might sound a trifle savage at times to an outsider, is really just good clean fun.

For it's all between friends. Or, at least, it's between political characters who long since have developed epidermis of the thickness that they need for protective purposes in their daily contacts with a public that is not always too admiring.

GARSON RUMOR

Hence it happened that a group recently was discussing the current rumor which associates Justice Minister Stuart Garson with the probability of appointment to the Supreme Court bench in Manitoba. The group consisted mostly of Liberals. But one outstanding PC was an attentive listener. He was J. G. Diefenbaker of Lake Centre.

The Liberals inclined to the view that the Garson appointment was really in the cards. A CC'er who was present doubted if the Justice Minister would be interested in judicial appointment. It would be a dull life at best after the arena of politics to which Garson so long has been accustomed.

A Liberal lawyer disagreed. He definitely fancied the idea of jurist's life and contended that it was one of infinite and almost endless variety. Superficially, the cases might be always the same. But, actually, no two were ever alike. There were always different circumstances, different personalities, different environments to which the age-old principles of impartial justice had to be applied. No more fascinating task than that of a conscientious jurist could be imagined.

"Garson wouldn't find it dull," the Liberal lawyer assured the gathering. "Every factor of circumstance and personality in every case would be new to him."

"At this point PC John Diefenbaker, who has crossed swords in legal debate in the House with the Justice Minister on many occasions without coming off second best too often, ceased to be an attentive listener."

"Every factor of circumstance and personality in every case might be new to him," he conceded. Then he added:

"The law in every case would be new to him also."

CABINET SHAKE-UP?

The Garson rumor is just one section of a broader report in Liberal circles which credits the Prime Minister with planning some further Cabinet changes before the present session is over. Walter Tucker, provincial Liberal Leader in Saskatchewan, is being mentioned as a possible draftee into the post of Minister of Veterans Affairs. Such a development would involve the retirement of veteran Cabinet member "Jimmie" Gardiner to the Senate.



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Reflects and Reminisces

A Victoria cafe proprietor the other day decided to accept whatever his customer thought should be paid for the meal. The scheme appears to be working. Some are giving more than the boss himself would have charged.

The Talgen Maru can carry passengers as well as oranges. She is a clean and trim ocean liner, and a voyage shouldn't lack interest and pleasure. Her call was short. From here, she clears for Vancouver.

A DAY ENDS

Something like a hundred passengers have been reported missing in Alaska flights within the past three weeks. Ten Canadian fliers were killed in an explosion at Comox (V.I.) Monday afternoon.

"For about twenty years the American press has been hounding me. But now, it's ended. General Eisenhower likes to smile, but that doesn't mean there will be any more back slapping, jolly quips and first-name calling that passed between Washington correspondents and Roosevelt and Truman. He is president and he will have the reporters remember it permanently."

Everyone Hears Everything Now In Commons

OTTAWA (CP)—In the Commons this session probably for the first time since Confederation, members spoke and they were heard — every word, everywhere.

The new amplification system made its debut so modestly and so well at the brief morning session that it seemed hardly a debut at all.

At the end, Speaker Ross Macdonald made the only official indication that the complex system of loudspeakers and microphones existed.

"I hope," he said, "that you have all been able to hear."

The members applauded. The long era when the galleries and back-bench members strained to hear is over.

In the press gallery, equipped with its own loudspeakers, reporters were happy. They didn't miss a word from the floor below.

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