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Editorial Opinion

V/E WELCOME the letter to the editor today WV from our good friend, William Brett, former MLA and ex-alderman. We are glad to see Mr. Brett come out with an expression of opinion on the power referendum. We respect the honesty and sincerity of his views on this matter which, we believe, is of such importance that we expect more people will, through our letterbox, have more to say about it.

But the point of our comment on Mr. Brett's letter, and again we are sure that he is sincere about what he says, is his wondering "if the editorial columns would be quite so biased if the B. C. Power Commission were paying for such good-sized ads."

We had hoped that we would not be accused of bias in our comment on the power referendumwhich we would have been making, advertising or no advertising-and are sorry that Mr. Brett should have questioned our sincerity on the matter any more than we question the sincerity of the letter he has written.

Unfortunately, there are many people who seem to be of the opinion that the editorial policies of newspapers are influenced or slanted because of advertising business which they may receive. That is, no doubt, what is at the back of Mr. Brett's honest mind when he makes the suggestion contained in his letter. But we would like Mr. Brett, and other good folk who might be inclined to similar views, to know and believe that the day is pretty well gone among the democratic and independent newspapers of this country (even though they have to make a living for themselves and their staffs and keep going financially just like any other business) when editorial opinion is influenced by advertising support.

Speaking for ourselves, we would like our readers and friends to know that we do not expect and would not, indeed, wish them to agree with all that may be said in our editorial columns. It would not be much of a democracy if they did. What we are deeply concerned with, however, is that what we may say on public issues is accepted as sincere, reasonably intelligent and, at all times, having in mind what we consider the best interest of the public, regardless of advertisers, politics, religion or any other considerations.

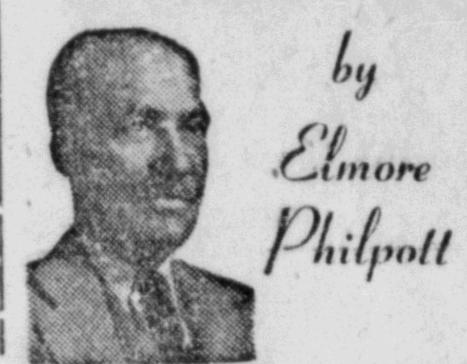
Many people, as we were reminded by a correspondent a few days ago, even consider it a duty of a newspaper to take a stand, when it is firmly convicted, on important public issues. And, if a newspaper takes a stand, no matter how impartial its flict. assessment of an issue may have been, it cannot coincide with the views of all. It must of necessity incur the disagreement of some.

In fact, the discussion that results from disagreement is a very healthy thing and, if this newspaper may have provoked that discussion, it will have rendered a valuable service—particularly here in Prince Rupert where it seems nothing short of a bombshell will cause people (except for a very few who keep in the limelight and find the policy profitable) to rise out of their lethargy when it comes to expressing themselves publicly.

As for the newspapers and their editors, we think the most of them are more interested in holding the respect and interest of their readers than in any other consideration. For that matter, looking at it from the long range, the newspaper can best give its advertisers the fullest service through being able to command that respect and interest, indepently expressing itself as it sees fit and in the public interest, let the chips fall where they may. Editorially at the Daily News, we are concerned above all else in holding the respect, confidence and goodwill of the ordinary citizen, one and all, be they Bill Brett, Tommy Black, John Doe or anyone else. That cannot, of course, mean that we are going to agree with them all the time.

As for the power referendum, we are in complete agreement with Mr. Brett that we should take no action which would prevent opening the door to future negotiations. We also agree that this is a matter that will affect us seriously for many years to come.

To repeat the thought expressed in our editorial. this is no time, without being in possession of the full facts, to dismiss the power company or to commit ourselves to the Power Commission or to shut the door to bargaining with any organization but one. These are the sincere thoughts we have in mind when we suggest that this may not be the best time to go so far as to give the city council a definite mandate to negotiate with the B.C. Power Commission to come in and supply our power.



Why Shoot Now?

SURELY the time has come to end the farcical "military-man's" negotiations in Korea—and to legalize on a real "cease fire" based on exchange of prisoners.

been drawn, incidentally, much didn't get a chance to endors more favorably to the UN forces Mr. Johnson until June of 194 than was suggested last sum- Then they did, and definitely mer when Mr. Acheson told the Mr. Johnson hasn't had world that the U.S. would ac- easy time of it. He has had cept a peace at the 38th paral- walk the ever-tighening tight el. Yet for months the world rope of Coalition. He has take saw the amazing spectacle of great care not to hurt the fee never-ending ring-around-a- ings of his Tory mates-mor rosy arguments over a few miles care than they have taken n of territory of only minor sig- to hurt his.

EARLY in October the London else connected with it. He takes hind these wrangles. In a lead- ple endorsed Coalition in 1949 ing editorial it reasoned thus: | and that it wouldn't be honest

If Korea is to be divided there to them to break the governis only one line of any import- ment now and call an election ance on which that can be done purely for political purposes. -namely the line which was There are those who say Byro crossed when the aggression be- Johnson isn't tough enough

that the only way to test the enemies. This may be. Perhaps sincerity of the Communists was he's not as much fun on the to agree to a cease-fire, and hustings as some of the more then see what happened. If the Clamboyant but there's no Communists intended to renew doubting the record—that this the war in any event the loca- province has gone forward tretion of the "cease-fire" line a mendously since Mr. Johnson few miles one way or the other became Premier. would not be of much import-+ + +

President Truman when he or- 10, 1890. dered U.S. forces into action to help the South Koreans resist the original aggression from C. Bennett has probably com-North Korea.

time, this was an action which strong position as a Coalition embroiled the UN, in a way that rebel. Lots of people liked his UN had no right to be commit- fight, his independence. He ted under the terms of the Char- showed up strong in the recent

new book, the U.S. actually dragged the UN into that Ko-

Nevertheless, it was a good New Members of thing for the whole world that someone had the guts to "draw the line." The Communist powers had to be taught that any future attempt to extend their zone of power by force would be been made to the city fire demet by counter-force. By ac- partment-William Parsons, who cepting the challenge to fight until recently has been engaged a little war. President Truman in trucking, and Gilbert Trummay have averted the danger of pour, who has been with the having to fight a world con- Northland Dairy.

THAT MUCH can be said in sup- became assistant fire chief at icres. Americans have paid a tam, who left the department very heavy price, in life, limb service recently. and treasure, for their President's decision.

But not much else can be said in justification of the high-level American bungling—thus:

1. By declaring a "protectorate" over Formosa and tieins up with Chiang Kai-chek the intervened illegally and contrary to the UN Charter in the internal affairs of the Chinese republic. Both Britain and Canada condemned this action by declaring formally they were not parties to it. (Yet we all suffered its consequences.)

2. The U.S. twice ignored India's warning that the Chinese government would feel compelled to intervene in the Korean war if American forces (running interference for their all Chiang) should come too close to the Manchurian border.

Even after the crossing of the 38th parallel and the capture of the capital of North Korea, Britain and India had the stage all set for a peace based on the understanding that the Americans would keep their troops at least 40 miles from the border of China.

General MacArthur made hash of that by his famous "home by Christmas" attack.

THE WORST feature of the events of the past few months has been that every time "cease fire" seemed near some American upset the applecart. One instance was the sensa-

tional announcement of alleged 'prisoner of war murders." Another was the amazing argument, after the "cease fire" line was drawn, over whether the UN forces should shoot only when attacked—or whether they

-presumably just for the fun I listened to about a score of U.S. radio broadcasts on this matter and the more I heard. the less I understood what the

should keep on shooting anyway

The White House at Washington has been the home of Ameri can presidents since 1800.

shooting is for.

VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

But it's this observer's opinion

certainly what Mr. Bennett is.

turn, but don't bet on it. Per

haps Mr. Bennett, a slick hand

at explaining, a good tub-

thumping orator, will now be

able to explain exactly what So-

cial Credit is-and if enough

people fall for it he may get

Surely Mrs. Tilly Rolston, Mr.

Bennett's companion in Coali-

commit political suicide too by

joining Social Credit. She's slick

at explaining, too, but it'll take

more than her slickness to make

Social Credit popular enough to

get any seats in the British Co-

lumbia House.

somewhere, perhaps a few feet.

However, perhaps the tide will

Premier Johnson 61 Years Old Today—Has "WAC." Committed Political Suicide?

BOSS' BIRTHDAY.—This Monday is Premier Johnson's 61st birthday. He marked it in Ottawa on business for B.C. The whole province wishes him well, even his political enemies, including those superenthusiasts in his own party, those youths who like to talk and make headlines, those impatient ones who say they would blast the Premier out of office.

It was another anniversary for the Premier, too-the fourth CCF and the Coalition a poor since he was elected leader of third. the Liberal party which automatically made him the Pre-British Columbians don't think mier. This wasn't done by the much of Social Credit, and neve people's wishes, but by a vote will. Nobody understands its The dividing line has already of a political group. The peop theories, if that's what they're called. Underneath, a let of So cial Crediters are nothing but

He's looking forward to the end of Coalition, like everyor Times exposed the fallacy be- the view, however, that the peo-

be a successful Premier, that he The Times argued, therefore, won't scrap, and slap down his

And so, happy birthday, Mr. Premier, happy birthday to you, and may you long sit in the top THINK history will vindicate government seat in the Victoria the sudden decision taken by where you were born December

POLITICAL SUICIDE.-W. A. mitted political suicide by join-But, as I pointed out at the ing Social Cerdit. He was in a Esquimalt by-election, when his As Senator Taft says in his candidate came second to the

Fire Department

Two new appointments have

Parsons and Trumpour succeed John McLean, who recently port and praise of U.S. pol- the dry dock, and Delmar What-

ray...

Reflects and Reminisces

Iron ore from British Columbia's coast is exported to Japan on a ten dollars basis and comes back in the form of steel worth hundreds of good Canadian dollars. We're just mentioned this, while wondering what to talk

To date, United Nations casualties in Korea total 167,611 without counting 212,544 South Koreans. Some years ago an organization known as the League of Nations was founded but did not last long. The chief casualty was a man called Wood-

Often a dash of judgment is better than a flash of genius.disgruntled Tories - which is Ex.

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George Douglas Frizzell for Mayor

VOTE PROGRESS—Vote for the construction of Sewers to replace septic tanks and nightsoil collections wherever urgent are practical. Rebuilding and paving of city streets, particularly 31. Ave. East to Cow Bay, 4th Ave. East, 5th Ave. East, 8th Ave. West, Fulton Street and others.

> Reconstruction of Water System as suggested by our Hydro engineers over a period of time.

> Regaining complete control of Woodworth Lake Water, to provide adequate, healthy pure water for our citizens.

VOTE for an ABLE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION -City Business is BIG business, and thorough overseeing is necessary for an up-to-date administration.

VOTE ADVANCEMENT—Encourage our Basic Fishing Industry to ex pand; Encourage the fishermen and families who have left our city to return.

Help the establishment of additional industries and business.

VOTE NO' on the Power Referendum VOTE YES on the Telephone Referendum VOTE YES on the Fairview Cemetery Referendum

VOTE YES on the Water Bylaw

George Douglas Frizzell for Mayor

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Turning over in the grave is and bookmakers. Now he

every copper in a year thre playing the horses, poker, the in a garage at so much per

On the Air-

Tonight at 7:45

CFPR

Candidate for Mayor

Hear H. M. DAGGETT

C. F. P. R.

MONDAY, 6:15 p.m.

ELECTORS

At 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, The Power

Company Brigade will be bombarded from thee By "OLD GEORGE B."

Listen in and Hear The Bombs Explode

TO THE ELECTORS OF PRINCE RUPERT

On September 11 last, I appealed to the electors of Pris Rupert to support my candidature as Mayor of this c for the anexpired term of three months. I have now sen the three months, as your elected Mayor, and having a again requested by a large number of taxpayers of City to allow my name to go before the Electorate in forthcoming election as a Mayoralty Candidate, I consented to do so.

My reason for consenting to do so, is that this City's coming into its own, insofar as progress and expansion is concerned and progressive administration is, I think required in civic affairs to keep pace with such expan-

When I took office this City did not have one yard of gri on hand to do much needed work and repairs to our street Through my efforts, and I was opposed in council for do so, we now have on hand and stockpilled sufficient to do next year's street improvements and, when this Co cil goes out of office, I am hopeful that the gravel so sto piled will have been fully paid for.

The housing situation is and has been acute in this vinced both the Federal and Provincial Government City and we have, by hard and consistent work, con that houses are a desired necessity, with the res that we have cleared 22 lots in the section 2 area, 12 lot in the 11th Avenue area, and 16 lots on 5th and 60 avenues East, upon which will be built new houses. hope that before the end of this month tenders will be called by the Governments concerned for the erection of these new homes.

I have fulfilled each and every statement I made to three short months ago and, if elected at the forthcon election, I will do all in my power to see that the of the City are always safeguarded, and, in making t statement, I wish to say that I am most strongly a selling or disposing of our City Owned Telephone s to the B. C. Telephone or any other company. This is only utility the City has that is producing a revenue, let us hold it for, if we sell it, what has the City let derive recenue from other than taxes?

You know my stand on the domestic water system this City and also on the power situation, and the referendum presented to you at the coming election. fee! fully assured that you the Electors will have studie the question sufficiently and intelligent enough the you do not need my advice to tell you to vote "YES

!! I secure your support as Mayor at the forthcoming a tion on December the 13, I pledge to you I will endeavor de in the next two years, what I have strived to do for and the City in the past three months, and, with this in mind, let us do our utmost together to make Pr Rupert a larger and better City.

H. F. GLASSEY Mayoralty Candidate

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