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Editorial Opinion

WE WELCOME the letter to the editor today from our good friend, William Brett, former MLA and ex-alderman.

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 referendum—which 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

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.

The dividing line has already been drawn, incidentally, much more favorably to the UN forces than was suggested last summer when Mr. Acheson told the world that the U.S. would accept a peace at the 38th parallel.

EARLY in October the London Times exposed the fallacy behind these wrangles. In a leading editorial it reasoned thus:

If Korea is to be divided there is only one line of any importance on which that can be done—namely the line which was crossed when the aggression began.

The Times argued, therefore, that the only way to test the sincerity of the Communists was to agree to a cease-fire and then see what happened.

I THINK history will vindicate the sudden decision taken by President Truman when he ordered U.S. forces into action to help the South Koreans resist the original aggression from North Korea.

But, as I pointed out at the time, this was an action which embroiled the UN, in a way that UN had no right to be committed under the terms of the Charter.

As Senator Taft says in his new book, the U.S. actually dragged the UN into that Korean war.

Nevertheless, it was a good 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 met by counter-force.

THAT MUCH can be said in support and praise of U.S. policies. Americans have paid a very heavy price, in life, limb 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 tying up with Chiang Kai-shek they intervened illegally and contrary to the UN Charter in the internal affairs of the Chinese republic.

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 ally Chiang) should come too close to the Manchurian border.

General MacArthur made a 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 appeacart.

One instance was the sensational 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 should keep on shooting anyway—presumably just for the fun of it.

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 shooting is for.

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

VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

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 super-enthusiasts 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 since he was elected leader of the Liberal party which automatically made him the Premier. This wasn't done by the people's wishes, but by a vote of a political group.

Mr. Johnson hasn't had an easy time of it. He has had to walk the ever-tightening tight-rope of Coalition. He has taken great care not to hurt the feelings of his Tory mates—more care than they have taken not to hurt his.

He's looking forward to the end of Coalition, like everyone else connected with it. He takes the view, however, that the people endorsed Coalition in 1949 and that it wouldn't be honest to them to break the government now and call an election, purely for political purposes.

There are those who say Byron Johnson isn't tough enough to be a successful Premier, that he won't scrap, and slap down his enemies. This may be, perhaps, he's not as much fun on the hustings as some of the more flamboyant but there's no doubting the record—that this province has gone forward tremendously since Mr. Johnson became Premier.

And so, happy birthday, Mr. Premier, happy birthday to you, and may you long sit in the top government seat in the Victoria where you were born December 10, 1890.

POLITICAL SUICIDE.—W. A. C. Bennett has probably committed political suicide by joining Social Credit. He was in a strong position as a Coalition rebel. Lots of people liked his fight, his independence. He showed up strong in the recent Esquimalt by-election, when his candidate came second to the

New Members of Fire Department

Two new appointments have been made to the city fire department—William Parsons, who until recently has been engaged in trucking, and Gilbert Trumppour, who has been with the Northland Dairy.

Parsons and Trumppour succeed John McLean, who recently became assistant fire chief at the dry dock, and Delmar Whatnam, who left the department service recently.

VOTE THURSDAY VOTE DEC. 13

VOTE Civic Centre VOTE

George Douglas Frizzell for Mayor

VOTE PROGRESS—Vote for the construction of Sewers to replace septic tanks and nightsoil collections wherever urgent and practical.

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 expand; 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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Reflects and Reminisces

Iron ore from British Columbia's coast is exported to Japan on a ten dollar 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 about.

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 Woodrow Wilson.

Often a dash of judgment is better than a flash of genius.—Ex.

Rocher de Boule is producing tungsten concentrates. The "Mountain of the Rolling Stone"

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10:15 P.M., MON., DEC. 10TH

overlooking the junction of the Skeena and Bulkley rivers at famous Mission Point is again providing needed metal, as well as some of the most superb views in a scenic province.

Turning over in the grave is merely a saying but, if the father of a Vancouver boy could know about the case might make the attempt. The boy inherited \$40,000 and every copper in a year then playing the horses, poker, and bookmakers. Now he is in a garage at so much per

On the Air— Tonight at 7:45 CFPR Harold Whalen 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 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 Prince Rupert to support my candidature as Mayor of the City for the unexpired term of three months. I have now served the three months, as your elected Mayor, and having again requested by a large number of taxpayers of the City to allow my name to go before the Electorate in the forthcoming election as a Mayorality Candidate, I have consented to do so.

My reason for consenting to do so, is that this City, 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 expansion.

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

The housing situation is and has been acute in the vicinity both the Federal and Provincial Government City and we have, by hard and consistent work, that that houses are a desired necessity, with the result that we have cleared 22 lots in the section 2 area, 12 lots in the 11th Avenue area, and 16 lots on 5th and 6th avenues East, upon which will be built new houses. We 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 in the three short months ago and, if elected at the forthcoming election, I will do all in my power to see that the interests of the City are always safeguarded, and, in making my statement, I wish to say that I am most strongly against selling or disposing of our City Owned Telephone system 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 lost? derive revenue from other than taxes?

You know my stand on the domestic water system of this City and also on the power situation, and the referendum presented to you at the coming election, feel fully assured that you the Electors will have studied the question sufficiently and intelligent enough that you do not need my advice to tell you to vote "YES" or "NO."

If I secure your support as Mayor at the forthcoming election on December 13, I pledge to you I will endeavor to do 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 Prince Rupert a larger and better City.

H. F. GLASSEY Mayorality Candidate

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