

**As I See It**  
by Elmore Philpott

**ISRAEL'S ELECTION**

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL.—I have postponed discussion of Israel's election till now, because the people of a country always seem more important to me than their government.

But right now Israel, the mighty midget amongst the nations of the world, is getting ready for a crucial contest. The real issue will be:

Is Israel to have an ordinary, genuine and modern democratic government, where all power derives from the people, and all governments are responsible to the people?

Or is Israel to be ruled on the basis of ancient Mosaic law, as interpreted and applied by organized religion? In other words, is Israel to be ruled, directly or indirectly, by a church?

UP TILL NOW, THERE HAVE been only three or four effective political organizations:

Mapai — the party really in power now. This is a right wing Labor party, about like the Canadian CCF or British Labor Party in outlook.

Mapam — a more leftist Socialist party, which put more emphasis on out-right state socialism than on co-operatives; and which has, at least till recently, favored an international alignment veering more towards Soviet Russia than toward the Western democracies.

The Religious Bloc — itself a loose coalition of four variants of the idea that the church should run the state.

The Communists.

I omit other splinter groups, as they are of no real significance and only complicate the picture.

UP TILL RECENTLY, THE Mapai party held office, but without a clear majority. It was dependent on support of the Religious Bloc. Twice the latter precipitated crises, always on the question of religious education.

The Religious Bloc wants to make this compulsory for all school children — that is, to teach its own particular brand of Judaism to all children and to give its own interpretation to all the old sacred writings, etc.

The ruling Mapai party, led by Prime Minister Ben Gurion, want somewhat less, rather than somewhat more, religious teaching in the schools. It wants western-style separation of church and state. Moreover, it wants the parents of the children, and not the church leaders, to have the say as to what "trend" of religious training the children are to get.

I should explain that while all children get some religious instruction, there are four different "trends" of teaching now in use. We might call them, from right to left:

- Ultra-orthodox.
- Orthodox.
- Liberal.
- Ultra-liberal.

In cities and bigger towns, parents choose which school their youngsters will attend. In the rural communities, such as the kibbutz settlements, there is only one trend of teaching in each. But you have your choice in the beginning as to which community you can join. Also, you are free to quit, or change at any time — subject to commonsense conditions.

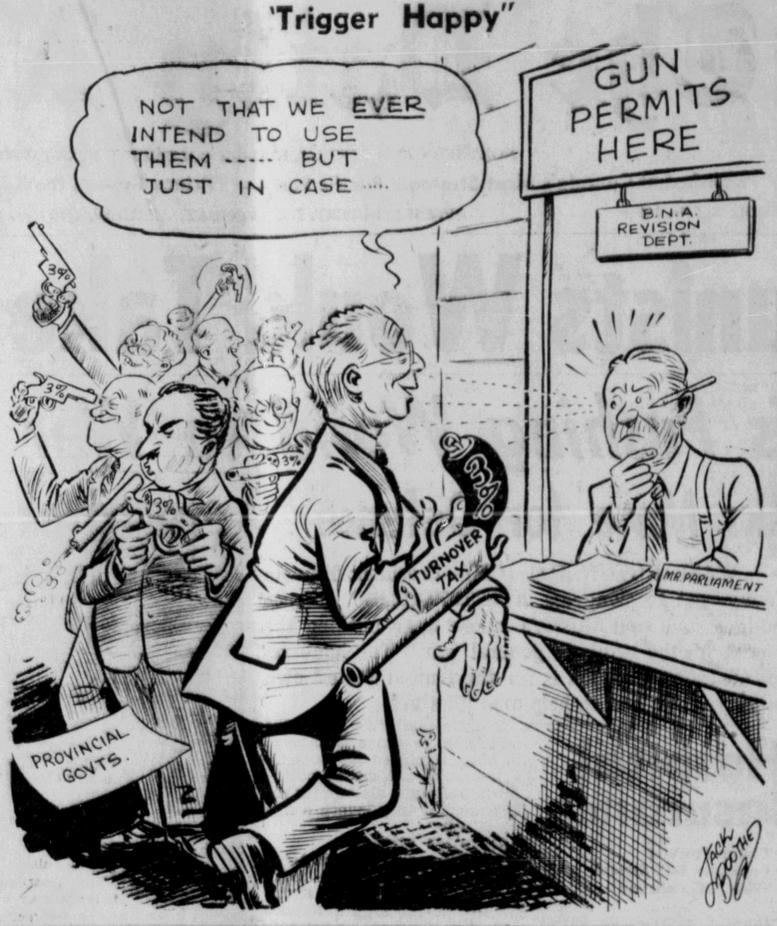
ON THIS CHURCH-and-state crisis the Mapai and Mapam parties have stood pretty well together. However, the fundamen-

**CNR Orders Hopper Cars**

MONTREAL—Valued at more than \$600,000 an order for 75 seventy-ton longitudinal hopper cars has been placed by Canadian National Railways, E. A. Bromley, vice-president, purchases and stores, announced here.

The new order, he said, raises to more than \$86,000,000 the value of rolling stock now on order by the company. It was placed with the National Steel Car Corporation Ltd.

The cars will be designed for shipping coal and other bulk commodities as well as for ballast service. The tight doors of the four hoppers will open longitudinally, allowing ballast to fall on the inside as well as on the outside of the rail.



**Summoned to Jury Service**

Forty-eight citizens of Prince Rupert and district points are being summoned for jury service at the spring session of the Supreme Court Assizes which opens here this Tuesday.

- They are:
- Prince Rupert—G. W. Abbott, J. G. Anderson, W. J. Ballinger, J. S. Black, William Bremner, Mrs. Julie F. Cavenaile, George Davidson, John Davidson, H. A. Dodd, E. A. Evans, T. M. J. Fortune, G. S. Fowle, G. H. Fraser, W. T. Gair, R. W. Goodlad, C. J. Hardin, Sam Haudenschild, L. J. Hitchins, Frank Hoelt, R. A. Holkestad, R. S. Hood, William Hutson, Andrew Kaardal, R. H. Larson, W. M. Martin, James Mellor, R. B. Mitchell, W. R. McAfee, G. S. McInnes, W. J. McLean, A. B. McNaughton, V. E. Nystad, David Owens, L. M. Rice and Oscar Strom.
- Hazelton—R. J. Allen and J. R. Smith.
- Ocean Falls—Mrs. M. M. Antilla.
- Terrace—James Attwood and John Hepburn.
- Smithers—A. E. Davis and C. R. Goodacre.
- Copper River—C. S. Dobbie.
- Southbank—E. H. Hanke.
- Telkwa — Mrs. Marjorie S. Hoops.
- Grassy Plains — Mrs. Nettie Knelson.
- Doughty—A. L. Murray.
- Houston—M. J. McQuatt.

tal issue of world-bloc alignments divides them.

As in the case of India, Israel is committed morally to the Western camp in the event of a future show-down with Kremlin-run Communism.

MOST OBSERVERS WITH whom I talked believed that the Communist would lose ground in the coming election. They have just one member—a Halfa Arab—who however, gets most of his support from Nazareth.

They use the Proportional Representation system in Israel, which enables minority parties to elect MP's they could not elect on our Canadian scheme.

The Communists, however, are the only party which openly and sincerely opposes Zionism as such. Hence, they get the votes even of rich Arabs who would not dream of voting Communist on domestic issues.

The Communist MP, himself an Arab, is a smart operator who made the Knesset (parliament) sit up and take notice lately when he made his first speech in Hebrew.

**Union Steamships Granted Subsidy**

OTTAWA—Subsidy of \$345,000 has been granted Union Steamships Ltd. for the operation of its services between Vancouver and Northern B.C. ports including Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands.

LOW AREA The Dead Sea, now shared between Israel and Jordan, has an area of 405 square miles and is 1,286 feet below sea level.

**Trigger Happy**

could be described as truth half told, something capable of harm.

Another thing that merits protest is the deletion of too much from council reports.

GEORGE B. CASEY, Alderman.

EDITOR'S NOTE—It is not a violation of the freedom or responsibility of the press when an editor deletes matter from a report which might be considered damaging to an individual or which might be of an unduly personal nature. There are also times when the exigencies of time and space make it impossible to print every remark that every alderman says. Ald. Casey is mistaken if he suggests the press cannot be held responsible for publishing the expressed opinions of others. But that is a common misapprehension.

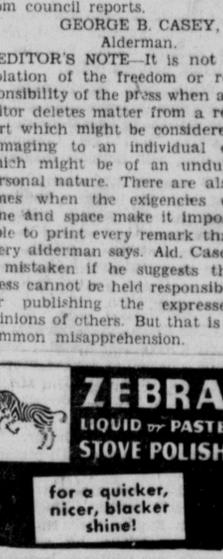
**LETTERBOX**  
COUNCIL REPORTS

Editor, Daily News:  
Freedom of the press is a laudable slogan and is accepted by many as a bulwark of democracy, a foundation of liberty, a mirror of morality, etc. Like most other things, the privilege conceded was born of necessity in the struggle for freedom. Therefore, Mr. Editor, the privilege enjoyed by the press is to some extent equalized by its responsibilities.

In no way can the press be held responsible for the expressed opinions of others but, according to the code of fair play, care should be exercised in reporting council meetings as the public depends solely on the press to keep it informed as to what is going on in civic circles under the direction of their elected representatives who direct the expenditure of the people's money in connection with civic expansion.

While the people cannot compel the press to publish matter, neither can they stop them from omitting matter that should be published as is often done which

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**No Sure Winners**

EVERYBODY who starts a new business hopes the business will make a profit. This hope is shared by investors, management and employees alike. These people all have a stake in the venture and they all share the risk that goes with it.

The risk is a real one. One measure of its substance is provided in the 1950 edition of Taxation Statistics, published by the Taxation Division of the Department of National Revenue.

Each year a substantial percentage of Canadian companies end up in the red. The year 1948—latest for which figures are available—was no exception. Out of 44,320 taxable companies that filed returns that year, 27,997 reported a profit and 16,323 reported a loss.

In other words, 37 per cent—or more than one out of every three companies—lost money on the year's operations.

The ratio for manufacturers alone was slightly better than average, but there were still a great many losers. Of those reporting, 7217 announced a profit and 2589 declared a loss. This means that, for every 100 manufacturing companies, roughly 74 made money and 26 lost money.

If further evidence is needed, one has only to consider the rising trend of business failures in Canada. A survey made by Dun and Bradstreet of Canada, Ltd., shows that 717 companies, including 159 manufacturers, went out of business altogether in 1950. This is an increase of 20 per cent over the 596 failures recorded in 1949.

These figures serve to emphasize the fact that until somebody invents a surefire formula for success in business—in other words, a guaranteed way of eliminating the risk factor—the profit-and-loss system will continue to involve losses as well as profits.

**Aggressive War**

THERE is evidence that the Chinese people are restless under Red rule and not enthusiastic about war in Korea, observes Christian Science Monitor, discussing the suggestion of more aggressive war against Communist China. But if American planes begin to rain bombs on their heads (and you can't bomb plants without bombing people), is it not likely they would count it aggressive war and rally behind the Communists?

What a field day Moscow would have throughout Asia with this seeming confirmation of its charges of "imperialist aggression"! The public opinion of Asia could be lost overnight and a political situation created which no military action could solve.

*Scripture Passage for Today*  
"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."—1 Corinthians 15:22.

**"CIVIL DEFENCE for B.C."**



This important matter will be discussed by  
**Hon. W. T. Straith K.C.**  
B.C. MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
**CFPR**  
10:15 — TONIGHT

Jubilant—

**Alcan Cheers Applewhaite**

OTTAWA—"The biggest thing that's happened to British Columbia since they built the CPR" is now E. T. Applewhaite, MP for Skeena, described the go-ahead signal for the \$550,000,000 project to be built in his riding by the Aluminum Company of Canada.

Puffing on an old pipe and grinning like a man who's just won the Irish Sweep, Applewhaite admitted to a Vancouver Daily Province reporter: "I simply can't talk of anything else."

He is not sure that the first estimate of 50,000 population for the new town which will spring up around the smelter at the head of Kitimat Arm "is not a bit over-optimistic."

He thinks 15,000 to 20,000 a more likely figure for a start—but even at that, Kitimat, as he hopes the town will be called, will still be the biggest in his riding.

And the new town will have to be fed. The rich farmlands of the Skeena and Bulkley valleys, he says, can grow all the food Kitimat will need—even if it does grow to 50,000.

"It's up to the people of the area. The market will be right at their back door."

Mr. Applewhaite believes it will be possible to avoid any serious damage to the salmon runs—at an expense of \$1,500,000.

TERRACE TO BENEFIT The first beneficiary of the project, he thinks, will be the Skeena River and farming town of Terrace. He expects Terrace to grow its present 2700 population between 5000 and 6000.

Griming joyously Mr. Applewhaite said: "The whole thing about this is the chance. It's not like the industry, which is always subject to fires and to the danger of the forests. This is for MAYHEW PLEASED Fisheries Minister Mr. Applewhaite's member of the federal cabinet, called Aluminum Company of Canada project in north-western "probably one of the best things that have ever come to the province."

Mr. Mayhew added that he convinced the power plant be built without harm to fisheries industry.

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