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## Liquor Situation

IN ATTACKING the present liquor situation, Andrew Whisker (Cln—Cowichan-Newcastle) told Legislature that people in his district "had no specific suggestions to offer." Perhaps we can help him.

We know that the present laws require a citizen, when he wants liquor, to buy it at a government liquor store, or at a private licensed club. When he wants to drink it he has to do that in private—under cover.

Private clubs are open only to a minority. They have little or no competition so there's only one price for a drink. Most private clubs make fortunes.

A government liquor store sells only in large quantities. For one drink, a whole bottle is bought. After that, whole bottles are often hurriedly consumed. Most government liquor stores make a fortune.

Taking advantage of people's weaknesses and ignorance is exploitation. There is no greater exploitation in Canada today than that which concerns its people and liquor.

No doubt the Attorney-General has enough experience to place before the House a sensible, proper solution, as Mr. Whisker pointed out, but let's be specific about it.

Place the sale of liquor on a competitive basis. Let people take a drink in public in congenial surroundings—if they want to drink. And when they take too much, let the public bear witness to their shame.

## Closer At Home

PRINCE RUPERT is notorious for its excess in drinking throughout the length and breadth of the province. We probably spend more on liquor per capita than any other city in British Columbia, perhaps Canada. Surely, this is not a healthy sign, and as surely there must be an explanation for it.

In Prince Rupert there is perhaps too little opportunity for wholesome recreation. Is our city so drab and depressing that its people are driven to drink? Or is it that only in its beer parlors are found companionship, community spirit and congeniality?

And exploitation does not end with the liquor problem. Whenever a commodity is scarce, it goes to the highest bidder. If it remains scarce, all sense of value is lost—the bidding becomes a frenzy of hysteria and we have inflation. Real estate—housing—in Prince Rupert has reached this point. Efforts to keep the situation thus would leave one only with the impression there are those who favor this situation; are taking advantage of it; are exploiting their kindred beings not for their weaknesses, ignorance or desires, but for their dire needs.

## Save Music Festival

PRINCE RUPERT has already had two very successful music and drama festivals and ambitious plans are being laid for another this year. However, there has been a disappointing response so far in the way of entries so the closing date for the entries has been deferred for two weeks.

After the good showing that has been made, it would be regrettable indeed if this splendid cultural event should be permitted to languish or lapse this year. There is plenty of group and individual talent both in city and district and it is fitting that it should be brought together in competition, particularly under such auspices as these festivals afford when expert adjudicators are on hand to criticize constructively and advise helpfully.

Within the next two weeks, it is to be hoped that music and drama groups and individual competitors will rally to this event and make it even more successful and interesting than its predecessors have been.

It does not speak too well for a community of this size if it is indifferent to an event such as this. Here is a challenge to musical organizations and those who have the cultural life of the city really at heart.

## Hotel Arrivals

(Prince Rupert)  
H. Higgins and W. Hicks, Victoria; A. E. Small, Everett, Washington; A. F. Chapman, F. D.

Howatt, E. R. Campbell, G. M. Meredith, H. J. Hodgins, A. J. Bell and H. W. Jefferson, Vancouver; H. Boquist, Houston Sing Fun, Stewart; W. Katerenchuk, city; C. B. Thompson, Toronto; W. Comeau, Topley.

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## As I See It



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### ISLAM SAYS UNITE

KARACHI, Pakistan—Believe it or not, visiting newspapermen rate free haircuts today in this mushrooming Asian capital, for the WELCOME sign is out in all sincerity to the visitors to the World Moslem Conference.

Of course, the free haircut is primarily intended for the official big shots. But it was nice of the barbers to think of us working newsmen, too. For on the basis of need, there is no doubt who will benefit most by the free shearing operation.

MY VISIT in Cairo coincided with the meeting of the Arab League. So this gathering—which is much more comprehensive—is another concrete evidence that the whole Moslem world is astir. Moreover, the whole Mohammedan world is now astir under the beginnings of intelligent, gradually crystallizing leadership.

It is not a pointless, running-round-in-circles business. There is a deliberate attempt, at the various levels, to get the various Moslem countries to cooperate or, later, even to unite.

IF YOU LOOK at a map of the world, and color the Mohammedan countries in brown, you can get a good idea of the direction of one of the next big tides in human affairs.

For, while there is a lot of mere talk at these Arab and larger Moslem gatherings, there are certain common objectives very plainly emerging. Chief of these is the completion of the colonial liberation process.

At the moment France is the main target for the blasts of the arriving delegates.

According to Murad Klouna, editor of the Algerian paper, International Young Islam, four hundred thousand Moslem boys in that French-ruled country are without schools. Freedom of speech is outlawed, he declares. Even freedom of religion has been curtailed, for the government (that is of France) has taken over the selection of the Mufti and Imam.

I CITE THE ABOVE because it is typical of the many blasts which are let loose as plane-load after plane-load of delegates arrive.

In this part of the world one does not hear so much about the question which looms so large in North America—whether or not there will be a war between blocs led by the United States on the one hand and Russia on the other.

But one does hear a great deal about the iniquities of imperialism—and of the need finally to liquidate it, especially in Moslem countries.

IF YOU TALK, as I have, with top statesmen who help direct the foreign affairs programs of their countries, you also very quickly find that there is a deep concern at what is considered the too-truculent approach of the United States in the world struggle with Russia.

It is not that these Moslem leaders are in favor of that immoral and cowardly process which, since Munich, has become known as "appeasement." In long and most candid talks with some of their key statesmen (which were the more candid because they were not to be reported verbatim), they have compared the proclamation of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers with the votes in the UN.

Why did the non-Asian members of the Commonwealth will and retreat from the positive-peace-making position agreed upon at London? They ask it without bitterness, but with sharp point. Why did only the Asian members stand firm on the ground unanimously accepted at London?

I VENTURED to suggest to one key figure that sometimes even countries like Canada, or even Britain, were not able to hold a preferred position in the face of pressure from the United States.

His eyes twinkled as he pointed to a big map of Pakistan. He showed me where the Soviet Union's borders adjoin this country's and also where Communist China's do.

"We have neighbors, too," he said.

I am not suggesting that the neighborly friendships are the same—for, obviously, they are not the same as between Canada and our best friend and next-door neighbor.

But if one keeps in mind that

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### Reflects and Reminisces

#### ONE PROBLEM LESS

Mr. Attlee is a busy man but nothing is neglected. His Ministry says a loaf of bread is a loaf of bread, whether sliced or in one piece, despite a recent legal ruling that, when sliced, a loaf is merely a collection of pieces. In Canada, we have the butter question.

#### CAN'T FORGET IT!

There's always a "lost mine" somewhere in British Columbia. Alfred Gaspard, grizzled and wrinkled prospector, vowed he'd find this one, believed to be in the Pitt River region. Twenty others over the years have tried also, and now it's thought Gaspard has joined them. That is, they have all "gone for aye" away in the wilderness, their bodies weakened, but with hope still strong.

#### TWENTY A DAY!

"Bursts of fire are screeching over their heads and detonating a few hundred yards away from them in the woods. The men tramp twenty miles a day in full equipment and then sleep in soaking blankets." The newcomers to the fight trained in South Korea, carried 40 pound packs as well as ammunition when they went into action. The muddy ground made every move up the mountain slopes treacherous. There was a constant danger of mudslides carrying the men into the valley hundreds of feet below. Tramping in rain-soaked clothing over stony passes the Canadians went into action shortly after the jump-

all these Asian countries, teeming with poor people, are slugging up against the frontiers of dynamic world Communism, one gets fact number one with which to get understanding of the realities here.

## Education Week Interview

With a Prince Rupert Businessman, N. L. Jones

Q—Does modern education fit the student to earn a living?  
A—Only to a very limited extent. To the average boy or girl who has to earn a living, it is of very little use.  
Q—Can education help combat delinquency?  
A—Yes, that is real education can help providing the instructors themselves are educated for that purpose. By the way what is a juvenile delinquent?  
A—Are there adequate opportunities for adult education in Prince Rupert?  
A—No.  
Q—Do you think the graduate of today is as competent to take his place in the community as the graduate of twenty years ago?  
A—Yes.  
Q—Do we expect too much of our schools?  
A—Yes, definitely. The school of today is expected to perform duties and responsibilities that rightly belong to the parents.

of at 2 a.m." So writes a correspondent.

Trousers without cuffs may again become the rule, as it was in the second war, Washington warns. Indeed, there is a prospect of control becoming effective in the use of wool in civilian clothing. But cuffless pants is no hardship. They were handy as dust receptacles, however.

#### GETS NOWHERE!

There is no sense of sportsmanship in cursing the referee. Anyone should be aware of this but evidently the majority do not. An Ottawa clergyman, feeling strongly on the subject, says it has been an illuminating experience for him to remove his clerical collar, and sit in at some sporting event. He discovered that too many fans appear to

think that the purchase of a ticket gave the right to shout prize specimens of blasphemy and obscenity. One may feel an urge to kill the umpire and recommend it at the top of one's lungs. But let it stop there!

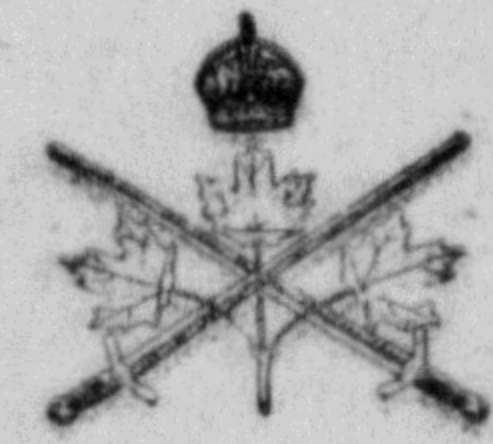
At the risk of being thought friendly to daylight saving, it's not unpleasant to behold as March takes over a sunny sky at 6:30 p.m.

#### VISITING EAST INDIES

Comes word of Sergeant Dilbahadur Gurung and Rifleman Birkbahadur Thapa, 1st Bn., King Edward's Own Gurka Rifles being awarded decorations for gallant conduct in the field. Communists in Korea needed no introduction to these wiry little fighting men from the land once known as British India.

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