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Press and BCHIS

PROVINCIAL cabinet ministers and even Prince Rupert's own MLA have been saying that the press has been unfair in its editorial criticism of hospital insurance affairs, particularly in regard to the recent hike in premiums and the co-insurance scheme.

They claim that the press has been largely responsible for the great hue and cry that has gone up on all sides over this hospital insurance business. The press may derive some satisfaction to itself at this admission of its power and influence. At the same time, it will resent any suggestions that it has been unfair.

Further, in the handling of the hospital insurance discussion, even if the press may have been critical, it is difficult to see that principles of freedom of the press were violated. The very fact that the press is free to criticize is the nub of true freedom of the press.

Now that the cabinet ministers and the legislative supporters of the hospital insurance policy have become convinced that the press has been doing their scheme a lot of harm, they might look to their own public relations which, with the possible exception of Mr. Anscomb's publicity organization, have been so deplorably deficient.

If the government gets out to really and effectively present its own side of the case, it will find the press fully co-operative. If the hospital insurance case is so worthwhile, it should be worth, for instance, supporting with some explanatory publicity so that the situation may be fairly elucidated. In fact, it is the duty of the government to see this is effectively done.

And anent this subject, the Vancouver Province has some timely editorial comment:

It is to be hoped that this wise reconsideration of requiring old age pensioners to give up part of their checks on entering hospital, will mark the beginning of better public relations for the hospital insurance administration. This newspaper has said repeatedly that it is not so much WHAT has been done but HOW it was done that has aroused the public.

The ministers must bear the brunt of public displeasure and it is from the ministers that sensible direction must come. They can not allow adding machine policy to be flung in the face of the public. If they do they will kill the hospital insurance scheme and kill themselves politically.

They must learn that people can be led but they don't like being pushed around.

Faith of Pioneers

MINISTER of Lands E. T. Kenney has called attention to pioneers of the north who did not live to witness the coming of Alcan and the immense economic growth it will mean. The minister's reference was a timely and fitting courtesy, as well as a happy reminder to survivors of far-off days. Of the thousands who have passed on, some settled in Skeena because they were not easily discouraged or vanquished by disappointment after having experienced both. They possessed the confidence that knows no weakness, felt a belief that could not falter and, in that faith, carried on to the end.

Prophetic Words

MORE than 50 years ago, Theodore Roosevelt, former United States President, wrote prophetic words about Russia. Some called them startling words.

He said: "... a problem very appalling ... if she ever does take possession of northern China and drill the northern Chinese to serve as her army she will indeed be a formidable power. But when Russia grows so as to crush Germany, the crushing will be once and for all."

Numerous prophecies—strangely borne out—about Russia, about American power, about American politics and labor movements were discovered in the Roosevelt letters at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He wrote of Russia: "Russia chooses to develop purely on her own line and resists the growth of liberalism. She may put off but cannot avert the day of reckoning. She will some day experience a red terror which will make the French Revolution pale."

Of American power, he wrote: "To be rich, aggressive, and yet helpless in war is to invite destruction."

Scripture Passage for Today

"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."—Matthew 28:19.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

ONE WORLD AT ROME

ROME, ITALY.—After our longest separation in 29 years of marriage, my wife and I are reunited here in the Eternal City.

However, the gracious lady arrived by bus, from Naples with not quite all love in her eye.

In my enthusiasm for sea trips, I had sold her on the idea of crossing the ocean by ship, not plane. They had a really terrible Atlantic crossing on the U.S. Export Line ship Excambion (ocean's fault, not ship's).

"From now on, it's planes for me—you can have all the old ships you want," says the better half.

NATURALLY, IN THIS ancient, lovely and mighty city, we are seeing all the sights, the holy places of the Catholics, and the visible reminders of the time when Imperial Rome ruled most of the known world.

We are here now to help promote the cause of a different kind of international or, more precisely, supranational government. For we are in Rome this April, 1951, to attend the fourth meeting of the World Movement for World Federal Government. This is a loose federation of all organizations, anywhere in the world, who believe in the principle of "the parliament of man, the federation of the world."

THE CHAIRMAN of the meeting is the tough and wise old Scotsman, Lord Boyd Orr.

The famous food expert and Peace Prize winner told the first meeting that the choice for mankind was really very simple: More world wars or real world law.

Noted speakers from Japan, India, France and several other countries, including America and Africa, all stressed the same idea, but emphasized the urgency of the decision that mankind must make. Time was very short, many said at the first session. The real question was whether we would get real world law in time to halt the two-bloc struggle that is dragging mankind towards the greatest disaster in human history.

THE CONVENTION was opened by that great and wise statesman, the present Italian Foreign Minister, Count Sforza. He spoke first in Italian, and then repeated his speech in English, in which he is equally fluent. (The count spent many years in America as a democratic exile from Mussolini's Fascism.)

RIGHT AT THE OUTSET I came to the conclusion that the Count is a pretty smart operator. He was doing the glad-handing job on behalf of the government of Italy. Yet he very judiciously put his finger on the very crux of controversy at this convention:

Is it better to try for complete world government now, or would believers in the principles of world federation be better advised to move toward it step-by-step?

He made it plain that he favored the step-by-step process—he thought Europeans should concentrate first on federation of Europe, which was possible and practicable, rather than on the world goal at this stage.

However, he said, quoting some Italian poet or scripture, that there are many paths to God, so there might be different paths towards world government.

He cited Dante as being several hundred years ago an eloquent advocate for and prophet of the world government we are here to discuss and help plan.

THIS CONVENTION abounds in personalities—many of them famous names—but to me the most striking is a French priest. He is the "Abbe Pierre," who

Services in the Church

Saturday Sermon Gifts of God

(By Rev. L. G. Sieber, First United Church)

At this time of year the Church often remembers particularly the providence of God. That leads me to the creation narrative in Genesis. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." ... "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creatures after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing,

and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so." ... And God said: "Let us make man in our image after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." ... "And God said, behold I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed: to you it shall be for meat." From the beginning God provided for man's physical life. Realizing this, and more, I thrill to the words of experience in Scripture: "O taste and see that the Lord is Good."

When we read the Sermon on the Mount we have Jesus Christ's words concerning God's care and goodness. He points to the fowl of the air and the lilies of the field saying: "Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?"

God has given us, too, the gift of language. So often we forget about this gift. By it we may communicate to each other thoughts and convictions and experiences of God's goodness and care of us. This vehicle is

used in many ways. We may speak unto each other directly as Jesus spoke to his disciples and people. We may use the printed word whereby we read our Scriptures and set them before others as in this very paper. We may bring the words unto others near and far by the radio. I rejoice that all these means of communication are given that the Gospel may be brought to all in and through the Christian Church. May these means continue and increasingly be used by the whole Church in our land and in the world.

The great provision God has made for us is in the gift of His Son. In John's Gospel we have these words as to this Gift: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." Behold, He stands at the door and knocks.

Let us rejoice and be glad in God's gifts unto us, and in Him.

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

634 Sixth Avenue West
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Rev. Lawrence G. Sieber

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Anthem: "A Little Seed Lay Fast Asleep."—Junior Choir.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
Anthem—"Sun of My Soul."

—E. Turner
COME AND WORSHIP
SUNDAY SCHOOLS — At First United all at 12:15; at Conrad United Hall all at 1 p.m.

runs some kind of a Catholic orphanage in Paris, but is also a French MP. He has a fine war record in the anti-Nazi underground resistance and is honorary chaplain of the French Navy. Small, bearded and with close-cropped hair, he speaks behind beautiful, clear French that even we unfortunate who learned only Ontario high school French can follow him without the translating earphones.

ON THE FIRST day the convention declined to admit "observers" from the Partisans of Peace—that is the Communist-engineered organization which prompted such dubious, or bogus, hoax campaigns as the "Ban the Bomb" petition, even while Russia was promoting the aggression in Korea.

Needless to say, I agree completely with the convention's decision. It seems to me infantile, even fatal, to admit even as "observers" people who, consciously or unconsciously, act for World Communism, which believes in world government—but of a kind totalitarianly different from the world free democracy we seek to promote here.

Our kind is what Tennyson predicted:

Where the commonsense of most shall hold a fretful realm in awe

And the kindly earth shall slumber wroth'd in universal law.

We mean democratic law, made for and by the people and not by any dictatorship.

In Rome, dictatorship is a very old story and also not so old a story. They have had it with Caesar's kind and Mussolini's. Never again!

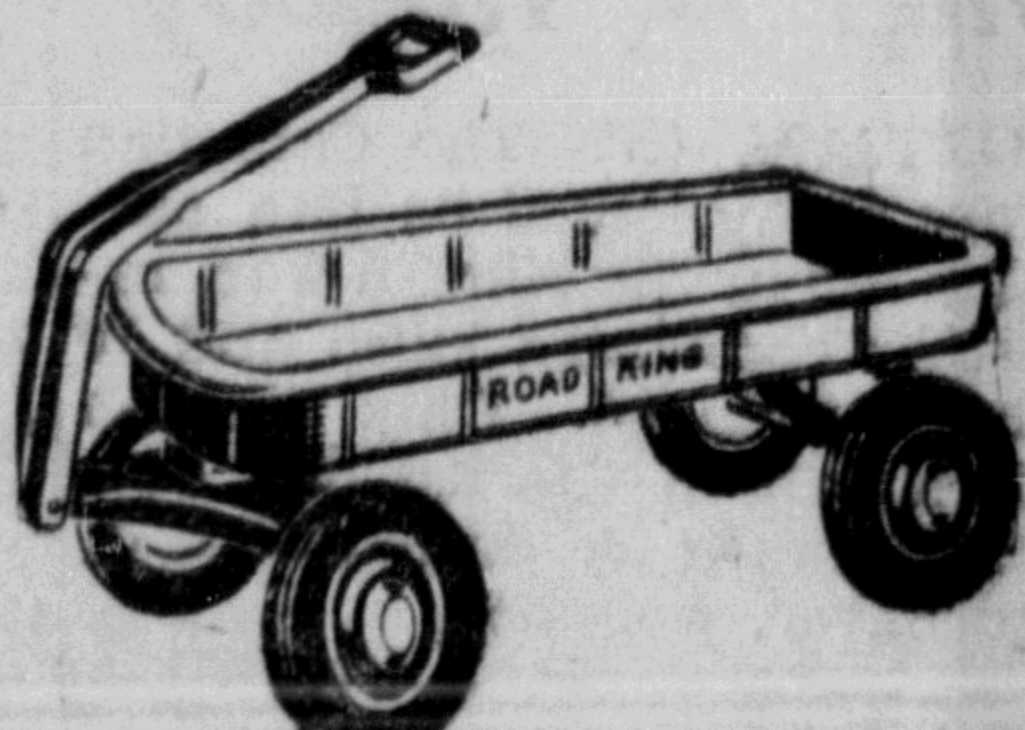
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PELL OUT OF TUNE
CANTERBURY, England (CP)—
The tenor bell in Canterbury Cathedral, installed in 1778, has been a little out of tune recently. The bell will be recast.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRISTIAN LIFE CRUSADE

APRIL 29—MAY 10

Sunday Services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Monday 7 p.m.—Junior Church

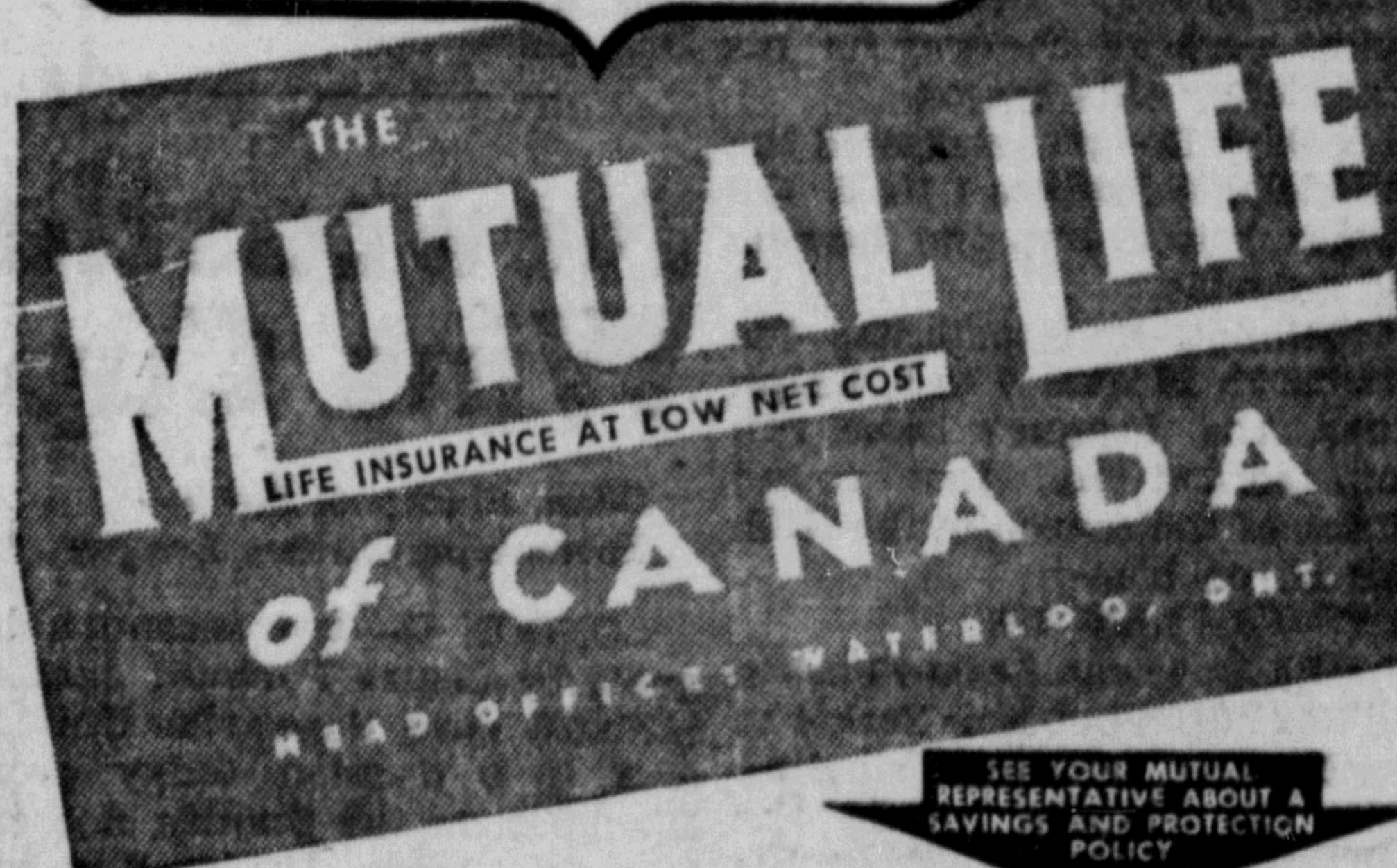
2 p.m.—Young People's Meeting

Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m.

Speaker—REV. F. HUMPHREYS, of Vancouver

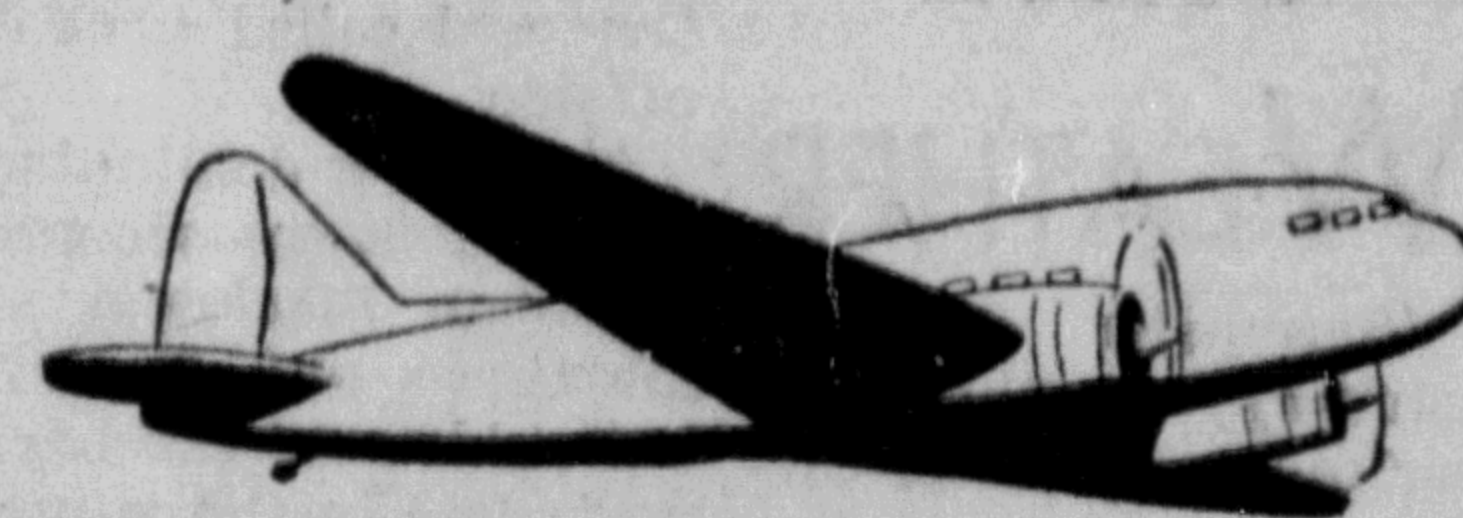
Soloist—BOB HENDERSON, of Vancouver

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The South Eastern the Rocky Mountains by Indians, from across to approach the peaks. The North western empires in the historic route for the dians travelling north.

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