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As I See It



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Nehru Hasn't Quit

NOBODY can accuse the British Colonial Office of doing things in too much of a hurry.

A solemn announcement says that on 22 September, 1951 the town of Singapore will officially become a "city".

The population of Singapore town is about one million.

Living through the desert country of the southwest U.S.A. you get the other extreme. I remember one sign which read—

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WHEN I was over on the prairies many people asked me had I heard the news over the radio about Nehru quitting his job.

That is just another proof of how deceptive radio news can be, unless given out with clarity and explanation.

Nehru resigned from the executive committee of the Congress party. But he has not resigned as Prime Minister—and has been endorsed by the Congress Party M.P.'s, following his resignation from the outside party committee.

We would have a similar situation in Canada if Mr. St. Laurent were to say that he was resigning from the executive of the national Liberal party—but meanwhile summoning the elected Liberal M.P.'s to a caucus to declare whether or not they were to back him, or the outside committee.

NEHRU LOOMS far above most of the members of the Congress party in his prestige with the people. But between Nehru and the people stands the Congress party machine—much like the Democratic machine stood between Roosevelt and the people in the U.S.A.

The people will not vote for Nehru unless all signs fall. But the candidates who will be elected will be hand-picked, not by Nehru but by the hard-bolled plum-picking Congress party.

That is what the turmoil is all about in India. Nehru is an advanced thinker, a progressive, who is the leader of a "party" or political party in which most of the other generals and colonels are hard-boiled reactionaries.

Thus in a sense, Nehru has been a prisoner of the army he is supposed to lead. That is what is really behind all this fuss and furore—but how it will come out is just a guess.

DOES BRITAIN'S health scheme pay? Would the Tories abolish it if they came to power in the forthcoming election?

Not on your life. Here is one figure which explains why. The death rate in England and Wales fell no less than 20% in 1950 as compared with 1949—the greatest drop in any year since 1929.

BRITAIN IS soon due to start repayments of the huge post-war loan from the U.S.A. Unless all signs fall, she will be unable to pay more than a small fraction of what she contracted.

When that happens, the skies of Washington will be shattered by outraged roars.

I figure the worst mistake the British ever made was to ask for, and take that loan from Uncle Sam. The whole British Commonwealth should have had the guts to get together and stand on its own feet—without accepting handouts from anybody. For the "borrower is servant to the lender," as a very wise book wrote thousands of years ago.

RECLAIM MARSH  
CHEBOQUE, N.S. (CP)—An engineer says vast areas of the Cheboque marshland could be reclaimed at "a very economical rate." He estimates that more than 1000 acres of valuable land could be reclaimed between the Cheboque River and Arcadia.

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VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA.—The people who call themselves conservationists showed, this reviewer thought, some hysteria during the recent hearings into the controversial Buttle Lake situation.

The conservationists, much to my surprise, I found staging a real high-powered high-pressure campaign, complete with costly public relations experts, expensive lawyers, even hotel suites filled with good Scotch so that they could better be able to talk, with telling effects, all about conservation.

One conservationist, in a moment approaching hysteria, got up and cried aloud and in some forced agony that the government had hidden an order-in-council authorizing the B. C. Power Commission to dam Buttle Lake. The government had done no such thing; it was just that nobody asked to see the order-in-council.

Conservationists in the past have been wrong. It's only 10 years ago that they were in misery because the government was building a streamlined Island Highway. Why, cried the conservationists, look at the timber that's being ruined, just for a road! Look at the beautiful, really picturesque old Island Highway by the seashore that's being abandoned.

Yes, some timber was ruined and the old Island Highway has been more or less abandoned. But would we have progress stemmed? People today want streamlined highways; if they want the picturesque they can mooch along on secondary roads down by the seashore.

It's not long ago, either, since the government was hounded by conservationists who wept because a fine stand of timber on the Malahat was being chopped



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Reflects and Reminisces

Some folks live happily after—deciding not to get married.

FULL WALLET FEELS FINE!  
It was Lenin who said the best way to destroy free economy is to choke it by printing unlimited quantities of money and government bonds. But the trouble with a lot of us is the idea there can't be too much cash—even in unlimited quantities.

It is dawning on some that all the questions to be answered to the satisfaction of the government in this seventy years old age pension business, are not so simple. But if a man does his best to qualify, and is content to let it go at that, the fact should not pass unnoticed. Ottawa would prefer to see him get his pension.

WILL GET MORE

The flooding of some score farms will be part of Alcan's operations in central B.C. Some of the farms prefer to go without the water, at the price offered, but others think six or seven thousand not so bad. Like enough everyone is wrong in a deal like this. Who ever accepts the first bid, no matter what is being sold? There must always be the little preliminary dicker-ing.

RATS, AND SUCH

Resumption of active hostilities in Korea remains uncertain. Heavy casualties are reported from the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, the rat invasion being repelled. On the Skeena frontier nothing late has been disclosed re rodent-generalissimo conferences.

CHANGING CLIMATES

People are wondering if climates change. Below-zero temperatures are becoming fewer. Eskimos are catching cod, a fish they never saw or heard of fifty years ago. Mean annual temperature of Philadelphia is rising. The change, if change there be, can hardly be called unwelcome.

NARROW ESCAPE

ABERDEEN, Scotland (CP)—A 20-pound rock, hurled nearly 200 yards during blasting operations here, crashed through the roof of a house and narrowly missed two children sleeping on the top floor.

inally set Buttle Lake and Strathcona Park aside for the recreation and enjoyment of the public.

The Legislature should now make the decision, remembering that in this day and age there's no reason for hysteria; that there can be a combination of both natural beauty and industrial progress.

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Fisheries To Be Guarded Council Told

Minister of Fisheries R. W. Mayhew will be present at the signing of the Japanese Peace Treaty next month and "will do the best he can" in the interest of Canadian fisheries, Prince Rupert city council was advised last night.

A letter from the office of external affairs and from fisheries, in reply to council's request that fisheries be safeguarded in signing of the treaty said: "Your resolution has been forwarded to the minister and he will do his best..."

Wire Rate Hike Asked

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's two telegraph companies today applied for permission to increase rates on messages sent within Canada, except Newfoundland.

They asked the Transport Board to authorize boost of 10 cents on basis of full-time telegram of ten words, with varying increases for other types of service. They asked that increases become effective October 1. Increased cost of labor and materials was given as reason for application.



"Phew!" and "Booh!"

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Civic Pride

CIVIC pride is still a live factor in many Canadian municipalities, but it is refreshing to hear of a young community that is today demonstrating the same lusty spirit of local pride and independence which created a healthy inter-town rivalry during the early part of the century.

At Corner Brook, Newfoundland, a thriving pulp and paper town on the sheltered St. Lawrence side of the island, there has been a revival of those days when civic programs and civic boasts were a normal part of local life.

Corner Brook was born only 25 years ago, but it had the good fortune to come into being with a planned townsite. In it were housed employees of the new pulp and paper mill. More than 20,000 people now live in the beautiful valley, and Bowater's newsprint plant has become one of the world's largest integrated pulp and paper mills. The result has been widespread unplanned home-building on the hillsides above the townsite, which has every modern convenience, while the surrounding areas are without even water except from wells. But realizing the danger to health and from fire, citizens have put on a sustained drive for adequate municipal services and complete independence and self-administration.

Many other Newfoundland communities have been inspired to launch similar civic campaigns for municipal improvement. For the first time in the province's history, an all-Newfoundland convention of town councils was held this month at Corner Brook, where the new spirit of civic independence first took hold.

An act making town councils possible was only passed 10 years ago. Progress was slow, but with Corner Brook to show the way, 31 town councils have sprung up, several new fire brigades, and water in many homes are other innovations. And, more important, good men are now offering themselves for municipal office.

Those Canadians who felt they were taking on a "poor relation" as a dependent when Newfoundland joined the rest of Canada in 1949 can now revise their opinion. This new trend toward municipal independence reveals Newfoundlanders intend to help themselves.

Scripture Passage for Today

"About the fourth watch... Jesus cometh unto them, walking upon the sea."—St. Mark 6:48.

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