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Ratepayers Organize!

DRINCE RUPERT is probably the only city in British Columbia which has no ratepayers' association-at least, it hasn't an active one, and that's just as bad. This situation indicates that either there is no need for any interest in our civic administration or that there just isn't any interest.

An active ratepayers' association keeps elected city council on its toes, for one thing;

Shows that home-owners and businessmen have a live interest in their community;

Is a means for citizens to strive for improvement of the community;

Can be a valuable source of future candidates for civic government;

And it represents a democratic power of majority opinion to which higher bodies must lend an

Without such an association, individuals or small representative organizations must carry the load of responsibility. And often such an individual or organization hasn't got the backing or support from the majority in the community and so loses the power of persuasion.

For instance, there is our housing shortage, about which much ado has been made in the past. To what avail? Perhaps something could be done, should every citizen who pays taxes and realizes this need get up in arms and demand an answer.

We have many more problems before us to which an answer could be obtained by the demand of the clamor of many voices.

Democracy is representation of majority, but how can we have democracy if there is no representation? We wouldn't stand for a one-party government on a higher level, so we should be as jealous of democratic principles and functions in our city.

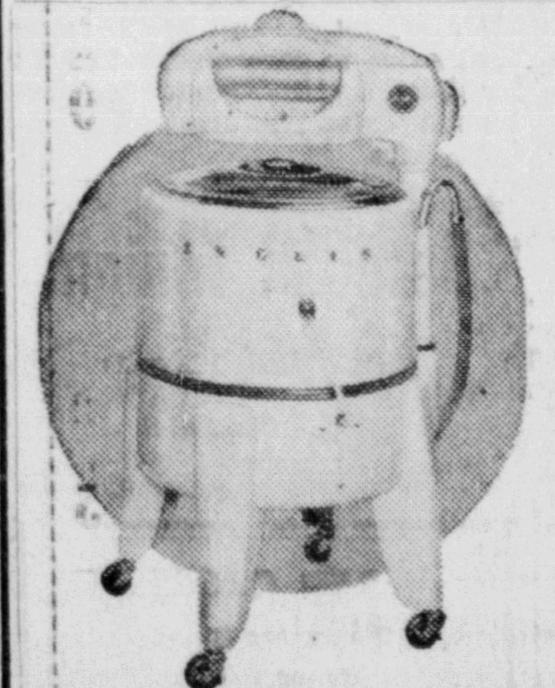
Unnecessary Proposal

H HE SOVIET proposal for a five-power peace H pact between the United States, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, France and China is of course not new. It was first put forward by Vyshinsky last September in the United Nations Assembly. There it met with very little favor and was rejected by a large majority in the political committee.

Indeed, it is a proposal which has little or nothing to commend it. "Peace pact" is a vague phrase, and nothing has been said to explain exactly what it means. But it is very hard to imagine what the five could pledge themselves to in any "peace pact" that they have not already pledged themselves to in the charter of the United Nations. And what good would it do to suggest that the obligations of the charter need reaffirming? If they are valueless, of what value would a reaffirmation be? If they are binding and accepted why bother to repeat them?

President Shvernik in his letter to President Truman suggests that the five powers should "unite their efforts for the purpose of supporting international peace and security." But what else are they supposed to be doing in the Security Council? For what other purpose were they made permanent members of the Council?

The whole proposal seems, in fact, to be completely superfluous. Anything it would conceivably achieve can be and should be done in and through the machinery of UNO. If-for whatever reasonthe five cannot co-operate in UNO, why imagine that they could do any more or any better outside?



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Yes, this will take the gals clear ers where strange millions dwell, ditional taxes." to Virginia-"the Old Domin-

The zest for more blood broods over the earth. And it's all right so long as the donors are as numerous and as willing as they

Iran, reported more favorable men had been in Cuba and else- farmer is always more conscious two weeks ago, was not so good where in the West India islands of God, or the divine power, than a week back. Today it can best for weeks. One, having his is the city man. Of course he is, be described as a sameness. So, doubts about something, filed an because his life and work comall in all, it's just as well to inquiry. The big boss replied: pel him not only to remain ever preserve a discreet silence.

appear to be around Prince Ru-

When Premier St. Laurent was in Saskatchewan a few rising and a rebellion. What's that gains nothing. And th interesting Saskatchewan today dam is certain.

Singing Mayor Has New Style

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask, (CP) Mayor J. M. Guelenaere sang "If You've got the Money, Honey. I've Got the Time" to Resources Minister Winters at a recent

The mayor jokingly adopted the new approach in a reference to civic attempts to get certain construction projects approved

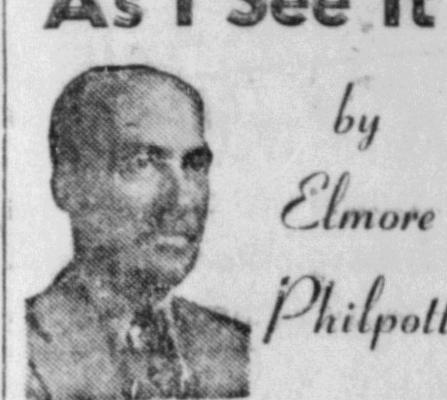
across the Rockies and the vast by the federal government.

of wheat.

concerning his colorful career, some.

Construction of the Nechako weeks ago, he is reported to have dam, which is part of the imremarked it would be more ac- mense Alcan undertaking, is not curate to describe the outbreak without some difference of of 1885 as an "uprising" rather opinion among trappers, settlers than "the Northwest Rebellion." and guides. Many are prepared The premier is an amiable and to negotiate while others are peace loving man. He is also a seeking higher terms. That's lawyer and, like many another about what would be expected. with legal training, sensitive to One of the officials, boarding the finer points of phraseology, the plane to return south, is Most of us can see precious lit- reported to have received "boos" tle difference between an up- from some of the assembly. But

As | See It



Heart of Prairies NEAR SASKATOON.-I

am staying for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wright, the editors of UNION FARMER.

Jim is the author of SLAVA BOHU, the best book so far written about the Doukhobors. As ter section, good luck would have it. Peter Bludofi, his translator, was also at the Wright nome when I ar-

they were over near Landis, also living on a small acreage just Last time I visited the Wrights outside town. Here they have about 20 acres, well treed, with plenty of birds.

As a reminder of how time les, young Dane, who was a babe in arms on my former visit, is now a five-year-old fireall. He is as direct and purposeful as a prairie wind with his red head and challenging dark brown eyes.

But he loves stories and will sit like a lamb if you read him something good like Winnie the Pooh (bear story).

YOU NO SOONER get back into the heart of the prairie country than you get hit by the cold blast of reality re farming. The grain farmers are prosperous plains where the wheat, the oil Mr. Winters replied it was a today, probably as prosperous or and 40 below come from. This "beautiful sentiment," but he more prosperous than they ever will reveal the inland seas and was glad the mayor had left the were in history. Yet now as alof course, fertile and correct word "if" in the serenade. "It's ways in the past they operate Ontario. They will hear the all a matter of taxes," the fed- on the raw-edge of natural hazthunder of Niagara. And finally, eral minister said. "You know ards that would give stomach through hundreds of skyscrap- how the people like to pay ad- ulcers to the city business man

How far will the thermometer is oil, pipe lines and the price go down tonight-just to two points above freezing, or a few points below? Nobody knows, for Now that William Randolph sure. But if it goes a few points Hearst is dead, a revival of yarns too low it means ruination for

but perhaps not all according to So all along the line. The city Hoyle, can be expected. This one man rightly says the farmer is may be told again. Difficulties philosophic-for he has to take between the United States and nature as is. The religious ex-Meanwhile, the situation at Spain were brewing. Hearst's perts say, rightly, that the "You send the news. We'll send aware of man's dependence on



he can to nature's laws.

operate with such cruel impersonality as they did at the very end of my visit to Alberta, year-old only son of one fine it does to farm half a section. family. But the farmer, on these prairies, never forgets his place THE ABOVE facts are in nature's scheme of things.

ets. You can hear dozens of it has been all in the family. an ox and a bag of flour, the rose gradually. Investment

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root of the changing picture on the prairies today. Farming NATURE has been very good to today is becoming Big Business. the farmers, as a whole, in The rapid switchover is not this greatest of all bread bask- apparent because, up till now,

stories about Tom, Dick, Harry, That is, the old pioneers made Ivan or any one of a hundred the farm, then retired and turndifferent names—all about the ed it over to sons or daughters some. How, with a few dollars, and sons-in-law. Little cash sometimes as little as ten, plus changed hands. Prices of land homesteader took over a quar- farm machinery was little by

Now, on that same land, live But the broad fact, is tha modern, well housed and well young folks who went off the heeled farmers who operate on farm, and who have to buy land stainless Greas techniques which the original and equipment to get back on- efficacious. Moone's Emersia homesteaders never dreamed of, just can't make it today. They But is it all good? I certainly haven't got the \$50,000 it takes,

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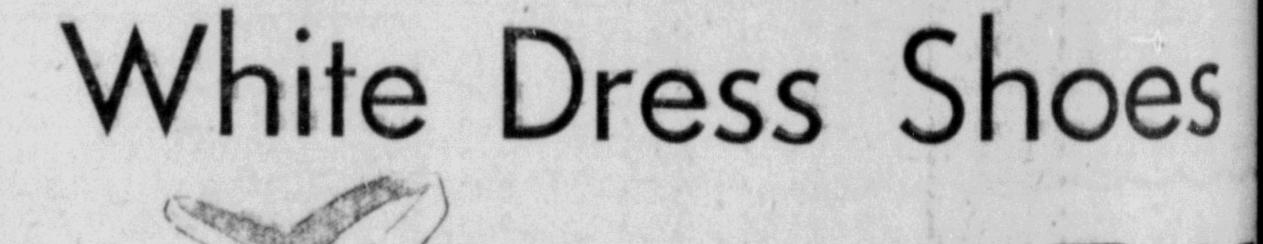
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