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Ernest Bevin

BLUFF, tough and indefatigable, Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin, until recently Britain's Foreign Secretary, who died suddenly, will go down as one of his country's great statesmen.

Home spun Ernest Bevin came up from orphaned poverty to the Foreign Secretaryship of Great Britain, a post he held during one of the most difficult periods in the Empire's history.

It was he who charted the nation's policy in the cold war with Russia that followed World War II. That policy conformed generally to that of the United States.

While Bevin sought to reach agreement with Soviet Russia, he spoke plainly and bluntly in warning that Britain could not be pushed "too far." He cautioned:

"The people will one day say, 'we are tired of this.' There comes a moment when we say, 'we have had enough.'"

Bevin never concealed his scorn and distrust of Communism. Early in World War II he denounced the Communist Party and its associates for having told British workers in 1940—before Russia entered the conflict—that their nation was fighting an imperialistic war.

"I shall never forgive them for that to the day of my death," he vowed.

In the spring of 1949 Bevin came to the United States to sign the North Atlantic Treaty, by which 12 nations agreed to confront any Russian aggression with a united defense.

"Our peoples do not want war and do not glorify war, but they will not shrink from it if aggression is threatened," he said at that time.

Later he described the Atlantic Pact as a western shield against the biggest army in the world—Russia's. Obviously referring to the Soviet Union, which kept insisting it was interested in peace, Britain's Foreign Secretary declared:

"There has never been a dictator in the history of this world who has not talked peace when he has been preparing for war. Do not be misled."

Bevin accused the Communists of "creating a situation of fear in order that the will of the Kremlin could be carried out and the whole of Europe brought into bondage."

The Atlantic Pact was the answer to that situation, he declared. He said the Russians and their satellites had thwarted peace efforts at every turn.

Earlier Bevin had cooperated immediately and wholeheartedly with the program outlined by U.S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall for a co-operative effort for European recovery. He hailed the plan as a "bridge to link the east and west."

As Foreign Secretary, he helped to pattern the changes that Prime Minister Clement Attlee's Labor Government effected in the British Commonwealth in the post-war years — changes that made India, Ceylon, Burma and Palestine independent.

Spare Us This Time

IT IS to be hoped that Ottawa follows the policy which Washington announces of using plain English in the orders it will be writing in relation to the defense mobilization effort.

During the last war, the legalistic gobbledy-gook in which many of the orders and regulations were clothed caused not only frustration and hilarity, but worse still, confusion and misunderstanding. The complex is also a prize way of concealing loopholes and trick clauses.

Business Week cites one gem of obfuscating officialese

"Ultimate consumer means a person or group of persons, generally constituting a domestic household, who purchase eggs generally at the individual stores of retailers or purchase and receive deliveries of eggs at the place of abode of the individual or domestic household from producers or retail route sellers and who use such eggs for their consumption of food."

This was rewritten to read:

"Ultimate consumers are people who buy eggs and eat them."

There are many places in business and industry where plain talk would also be to everybody's advantage.

Some New York real estate operators have just replaced their traditional 8,538 word leases with a new one: 992 words.—Financial Post.

Census Taking Subtle Points

By HAROLD MORRISON Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (C)—How would you like to be paid while going to school—say at 90 cents an hour? That's going to be the good fortune of the 18,000 Canadians who undertake the job of counting their fellow men in the big decennial census next June.

For four days, before the census campaign is launched June 1, this formidable army will undergo schooling in census "weapons."

And while this training is going on, in school basements, town halls and city auditoriums across the country, the census-takers will get paid—at the rate of 90 cents an hour with those in rural areas getting a little more—to cover travelling expenses to "school."

The training will start May 21 and end May 24. During that time, a corps of 850 census supervisors will drill their students in the subtle art of waging a successful census campaign.

The census-taker will learn all about the history and background of a census, its importance in the growth of a nation and the need for accuracy.

CENSUS EQUIPMENT He will learn, too, all about the pen that is loaded with black ink that conducts electricity, the little population card that replaces the old-type newspaper-size information document, the questions he will have to ask and the answers he is likely to receive.

But most of all the census-taker, man or woman, will learn something about the art of getting along with people. For without the co-operation of the person who answers the doorbell, all the two years of effort that census officials have put into the census structure will count no more than a puff of wind.

A door slammed in the census-taker's face, a stubborn refusal to supply information, or the still worse insidious supplying of deliberate untruths—these are the things that can wreck a good census.

Fortunately, say officials, Canadians in the past, such as in the 1941 census, have shown tremendous willingness to co-operate. Not a single person was hauled into court although the law says you must supply census information.

Census officials shy away from court action. They'd much rather see perfection of co-operation. They're banking heavily on the census-taker to get it.

Housing For Cellulose?

Company and Housing Officials Have Meeting

Columbia Cellulose Company officials had "no comment" on proposals for housing made last week by T. B. Pickersgill, Central Housing and Mortgage Corporation, and J. E. Brown, provincial government representative.

Housing officials said Friday night at their meeting with city council the company would be approached Friday with a proposal under which they could build homes for their employees.

"I hope the council doesn't feel that housing for Prince Rupert will depend on anything our company may do," said W. C. R. Jones, mill manager.

Then he asked Mr. Pickersgill if the government would assist individuals in building their own homes if groups of employees undertook the actual labor of construction.

Mr. Pickersgill said this could be done only under National Housing Act loans. If these could be obtained locally, provisions were made in such cases for direct loans under the Act.

"We have men who would only be too willing to build their own houses in order to get a place to live," said Mr. Jones.

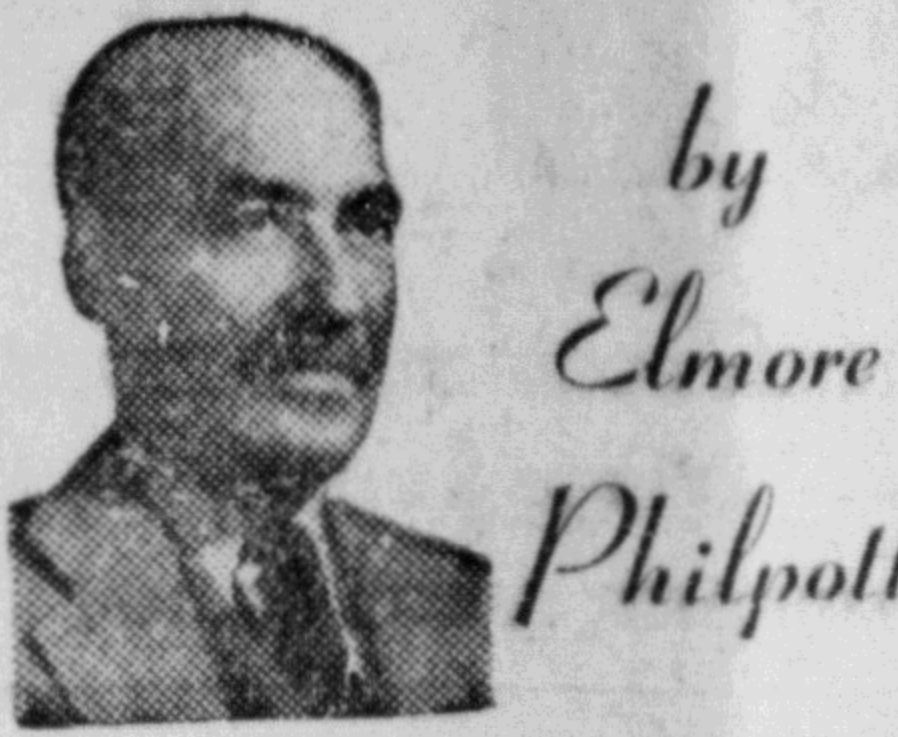
Interest Rate Boost Housing

OTTAWA (C)—Official quarters are considering the possibility of boosting the interest rate on Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation loans to five per cent from 4½ per cent, it was learned Saturday.

This development follows a general increase by insurance and trust companies of interest on mortgage loans to 5½ per cent from five.

An informant said that, if the government moves to boost the rate, it will have no effect on current Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation loans but it would have the effect of cutting down a number of prospective mortgage seekers.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

WHAT GANDHI LEFT

NEW DELHI, India--

There is one name which I have rarely mentioned since coming to India, in this report or otherwise. Yet it may be the most powerful and most alive force in this whole land even now.

I mean, of course, the name of Gandhi. It is very difficult for me even to try to guess, much less assess, how much of the teaching of Gandhi has lived on in the hearts and minds of the people. For what I do not know and cannot find out, was whether they followed Gandhi because of admiration for his tactical skill, or whether they really got the point of what he was trying to demonstrate—that you must resist what you consider to be evil, but you must do so by methods which are not evil, too.

AS A MATTER OF PLAIN fact, Gandhi demonstrated the mighty power of some of the truths which Jesus Christ himself taught in the Sermon on the Mount.

(Suddenly this thought strikes me; In a few days I myself may stand on the very spot where the Master Jesus preached that mighty sermon.)

Gandhi, apart from being a great saint and teacher, was also one of the most productive political leaders who ever lived. But would his techniques have worked if his "antagonist" had been, say, Joe Stalin or Francisco Franco, and not British statesmen who had also absorbed the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount, often at their mothers' knees as infants?

OVER AND OVER AGAIN I have thought of the meaning of this:

There is no nook or corner of this vast land where the name of Gandhi is not known, in fact, Gandhi's name is the only name that everybody in India does know. Not another name of living or dead, human or non-human, is so well known.

The above is the key to the election coming up this year in India. Congress will win over-

whelmingly — because Gandhi was its real head till it and he did the crucial job. Even Nehru knows that all he has to do to win THIS election is to show the fine picture of which I was given a copy of Gandhi and himself sitting side by side.

THEY ARE TALKING OF building a huge structure, a six-storey building shaped like Gandhi's head. It will be right here in Delhi.

That seems like a bad sign to me. For if admirers will do something so contrary to everything for which Gandhi stood only a few years after his passing, what will they say of him centuries from now?

Maybe they will get as far away from the teachings and actions of the little old saint as we in the West got from the actions and teachings of the Galilean carpenter.

But, again, maybe not. The world has had the Sermon on the Mount for over 1900 years before Gandhi took the principles it proclaimed and harnessed them to social action.

Gandhi took them out of the holy book and put them in action right in the streets, and sometimes, even of untouchables. Maybe it won't take another 1900 years to do it again.

BABIES EXEMPT VANCOUVER (CP)—New-born babies at least are exempt from the provincial compulsory hospital payments plan. The General Hospital has advised doctors that "there will be no co-insurance charge for newborns while the mother is in hospital."



IMPORTANT BROADCAST HEAR HON. HERBERT ANSCOMB Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party in B.C. and Minister of Finance in the Johnson - Anscomb Coalition Government, Speak on . . .

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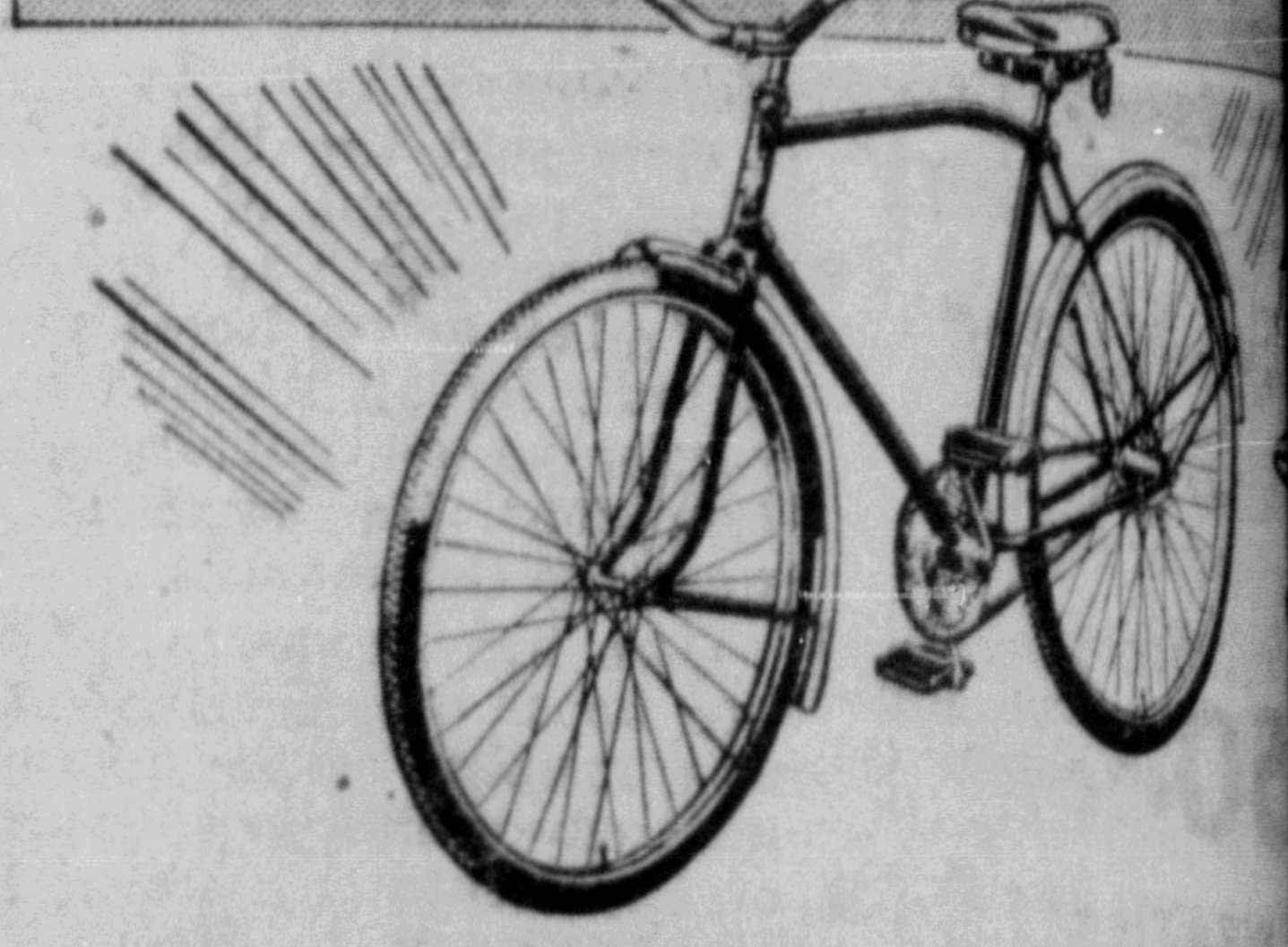
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