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Has Granby The Answer?

THE thriving city of Granby, Quebec, across the St. Lawrence River and about 45 miles from Montreal, has ninety-one industries and from many parts of the world others are looking for the opportunity to locate there. Granby offers no concessions to industrial prospects but the city does promise that the people who are brought there to work and live will be provided with the amenities of good living, the most important being that of adequate housing. It is as simple as that but it is proving a great inducement and by that means Granby is becoming a community of permanence, happiness, comfort and prosperity and a model for all Canada.

The city of Granby actively participates in the financing of a co-operative housing scheme by providing assistance where necessary. Workers who come there are able to obtain homes on a rental-purchase plan whereby as little as \$25 a month is required, not merely as a rental but including the monthly payment with a view to eventual ownership. With \$1000 down and a similar monthly instalment, a fairly ambitious home can be obtained.

It might be well for Prince Rupert to find out more about the Granby housing scheme.

Lack of housing is the thing that is really holding up Prince Rupert now. It is the big stumbling block to everything. We thought all would be well and happy once we got big industry located here. Now the big industry is here and we are unable to take care of it from the housing standpoint—to say nothing of the requirements of new people who would come here as a result of the expansion of attendant new industries and expanding business.

Yes, Granby, Quebec, seems to have something that Prince Rupert, British Columbia, needs badly.

Civilian Defence Vital

IEUT. Gen. Kepner, United States Army commander in Alaska, says that a civilian defence system is vital to the territory and is urging the cities of the territory to get along with the job, commenting significantly that there is "so much to do and so little time."

If that is true in Alaska, and military authorities at least are giving warning of emergencies that might arise in the event of an outbreak of war, it would certainly seem to be true of the whole British Columbia coast and Prince Rupert in particular. Yet, there is still an attitude of public indifference and complacency towards civilian defence which, to the more realistically inclined, must be downright alarming.

Prince Rupert and the British Columbia coast seems to be pretty much of a sitting duck and today would be in real danger of enemy attack and, indeed, enemy taking over if the world war, which everyone seems to be worried about, should actually break out. It is, indeed, a fallacy to think any more that it could not happen here.

If we are going to wait much longer to organize our civilian defences, we might as well forget it altogether because, if it is going to happen at all, it will probably happen very soon.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."—Eph. 5:17.

2800 Migrants Are Arriving

HALIFAX—A total of 2800 immigrants arrived at this port between Friday and Sunday in three liners, leaving dockside for western Canada in seven Canadian National Railway boat trains. The steamship specials are being operated through to Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal, to take them to all sections of Canada.

Included among the large group of immigrants to reach here this week-end were domestics, farmers, shepherds, miners, woodsmen, sugar beet and other unspecified classes of workers. Others include immigrants' relatives of whom more than 300 are children under twelve.

First of the three ships to

dock was the Cunard liner *Georgic* arriving Friday from Southampton and Le Havre, whose nearly 1500 passengers transferred to four waiting CNR boat trains.

Saturday the Greek liner *Nephtunia* brought 260 immigrants from Naples. The S.S. General Taylor arrived Sunday with more than 1000 immigrants from Bremerhaven. The seven trains are taking 84 persons to maritime points, 824 to Quebec, 1338 to Ontario and 550 to the four western provinces.

Miss Enid Ball of the local teaching staff returned to the city on the *Camosun* last evening after spending the Easter holidays in Vancouver.

James N. Forman returned to the city on the *Camosun* last evening from a brief trip to Vancouver.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

MR. NEHRU ATTACKED

BALGALORE, India.—Here for the first time in India, I have heard Mr. Nehru's foreign policy sharply and publicly criticized.

I am speaking of a meeting of the Indian Institute of Culture—an organization which stems from the William Quan Judge branch of the world Theosophical Society. There were about a hundred or a hundred and fifty people present—nearly all Indian. The back half of the hall was given over to seats, Western style. But in the front, half the young men from the adjoining hostel sat, Indian fashion, on floor mats.

My speech, arranged on a few hours' notice, was about the need to move from the present system of international lawlessness to a true system of world law, made by a world parliament actually empowered to make law.

I tried to show that India was in key position in all the world to help mankind make this move from nationalism to worldism. It was, in fact, the same speech that I have been making for the last twenty years or so in Canada. At the end there was about a half-hour of keen questioning.

BUT MY OLD FRIEND, MR. Konanda Rao, who happened to be the chairman, took what seemed to me to be a somewhat pessimistic size-up of the world situation.

Coming from one of the 24 servants of India—who are one of the most influential organizations in all the world, as well as from a close associate of the late Mahatma Gandhi—it rather surprised me.

India has forfeited the right she might otherwise have had to act as world peacemaker, said Mr. Rao, first, by resorting to violent defense measures in Kashmir, and later by refusing to settle the Kashmir controversy by conciliation and compromise. He was frankly fearful that India would not be able to handle her food crisis. The inevitable effect of accepting the U.S. food grant, he said, would be to line up India with the West, for, as he put it:

"Beggars can't be choosers." Moreover, he thought it was time for India to line up solidly with the Western democracies and to join in a stern joint warning to Russia that "if you attack anyone of all, we shall all fight you with our combined power."

I HAD PREVIOUSLY READ sharp criticism of Mr. Nehru's foreign policies in a brilliant weekly, called *Mysindia*, which is published in Bangalore, but which has a national circulation. That paper takes about the same line as did Mr. Rao—the India is pursuing a foolish policy by trying to stand apart as a "third force." Also, the paper pungently criticizes Mr. Nehru's failure to apply the same principles to the Kashmir dispute which he advocates for others.

I HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING how widely these views are held. But it is quite clear, even from a hop, skip and jump around the southern part of this vast sub-continent, that Indians in the south would probably welcome an agreement with Pakistan over Kashmir, if such could be honorably achieved.

AS TO THE CRITICISMS OF Mr. Nehru's general peace-attempting position in world affairs, there is no doubt that it has overwhelming support in parliament; and I have not met a single person in India who does not expect the Congress Party to be returned by a substantial majority in this year's general election.

As one keen man said to me: "There is only one person that every man and woman in India knows. That person is Gandhi. This year the people will in effect vote for Gandhi—for those of them who know Nehru by name regard him as Gandhi's follower."

I MAY GET A DIFFERENT slant on things in a few days, when I have a date to meet the whole national executive of the Socialist Party.

These are still in the throes of split emotions. Some of them secretly still believe that they should have stuck by Nehru, in the Congress Party. This group think that, with Nehru as Prime Minister, the Socialists could, in fact, have captured the whole



THE LETTERBOX

RENTAL BOARD

Editor, Daily News:

Why can't we have a board to settle our disputes over high rents?

Isn't that the democratic way to go about it?

It would be a nice way to put some of that tax money into its proper use. We wouldn't have to go out of town to find someone who would be suitable—a doctor, a housewife, a working man, a fish-packer, pulp-worker, store clerk with two or more children, one good lawyer. I'm sure we could get a landlord or two and tenants are easy to find.

These people who live in rented houses most of their lives and others who rent houses most of their lives should know all there is to know about this subject. The doctor would be the health inspector, the housewife or working man could speak for themselves and the children who are the most important. The lawyer, of course, would be there to see that both landlord and tenant stayed within the medium of the law.

You may be wondering what I think these people whom I hope will make up a future Prince Rupert Rental Control Board are going to do. They would take any house which has been put up for rent and consider it for its age, condition (inside and out paint, plumbing, lighting, cleanliness), neighborhood (isn't fair for persons to have to pay high rent to live in a part of town where drinking, bootlegging, and brawls are frequent and which have a definite no-good effect on his children), size, distance from shopping centre. The taxes are lower on places farther out why shouldn't the rents be the same?

People who make a living off their rents but who have places that wouldn't comply with new regulations could be given an allotted time to bring them up to specifications.

Of course, there could be a maximum and a minimum to protect those who are dependent on their rents for a livelihood.

After all who'd mind paying out hard earned money if they are getting the worth of it back in comfort, relaxation, and a

government. But the others (who are clearly in the party leadership) figure they had to start some time to found a real Socialist Party.

Anyway, you don't get any easy answer in India in 1951 to this riddle: Did the Socialist Party desert Mr. Nehru, or did he desert them?

The Road to Failure is Paved with Wasted Assets

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United States Brides Younger

Canadian girls apparently cling to single status longer than their sisters south of the border.

A recent survey shows that the average American bride is between the ages of 21 and 23. In Canada, the average bride's age is 25 (25.3 to be exact), according to latest census figures.

The American survey also bares these further characteristics of the typical among 2,000,000 girls who take the long walk each year in the U.S.:

She has been engaged three to four months.

She favors a double-ring ceremony, with rings of gold or platinum, or the yellow and white

metals combined.

She spends \$1,750 over a three-year period to set up house.

In selection of household needs, she looks for quality, price, a sentiment and style, in that order.

She maintains three budget and charge accounts.

What about the average bridegroom? The survey didn't enquire, but one can be sure that the final characteristic at least, will apply as well to him.

Owney McFadden, pioneer transportation and mining man of the Portland Canal district, was a passenger aboard the *Camosun* last evening returning to Stewart after spending the winter in Vancouver, Victoria and elsewhere in the south.

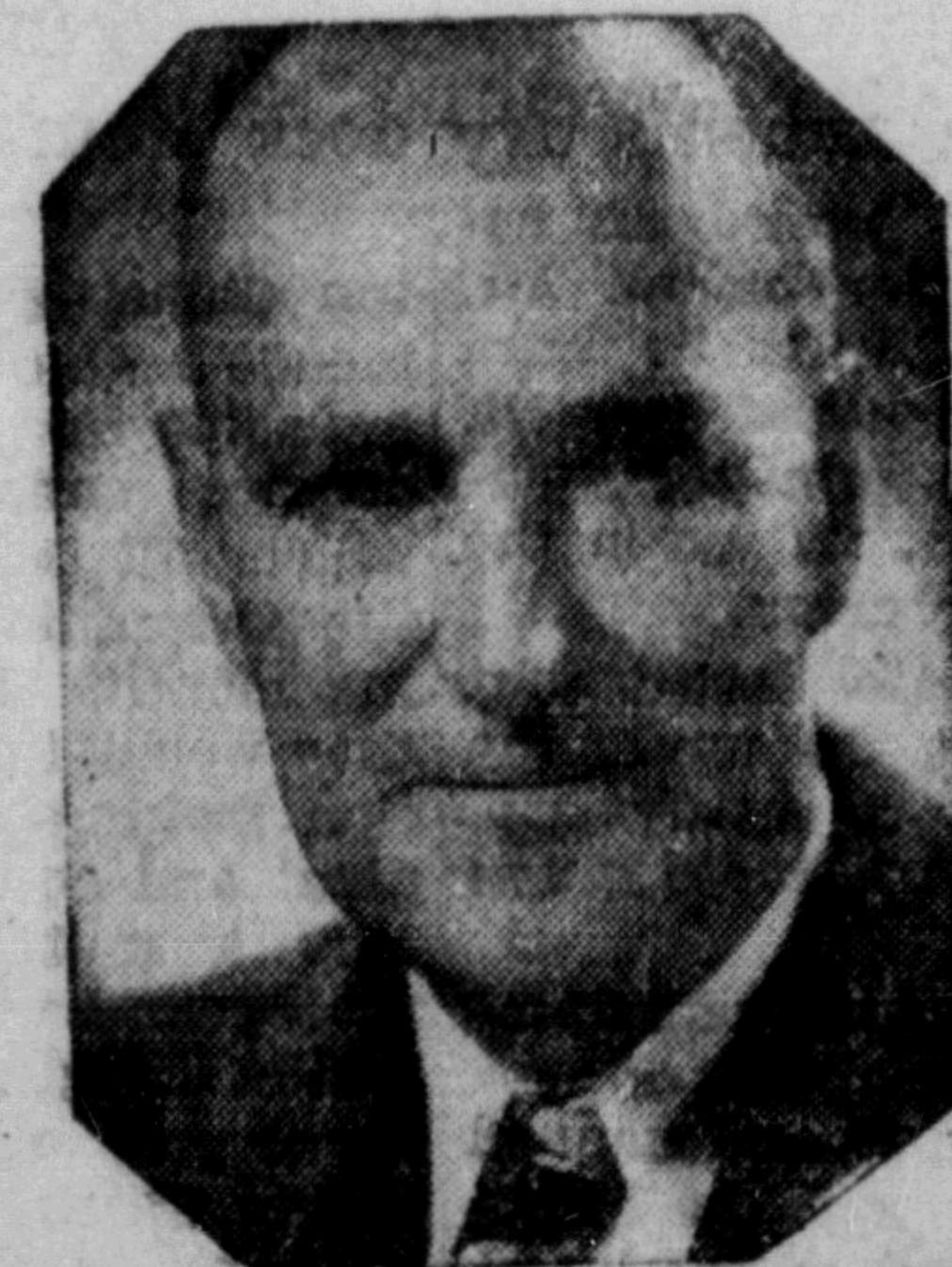
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MONDAY, APRIL 2nd

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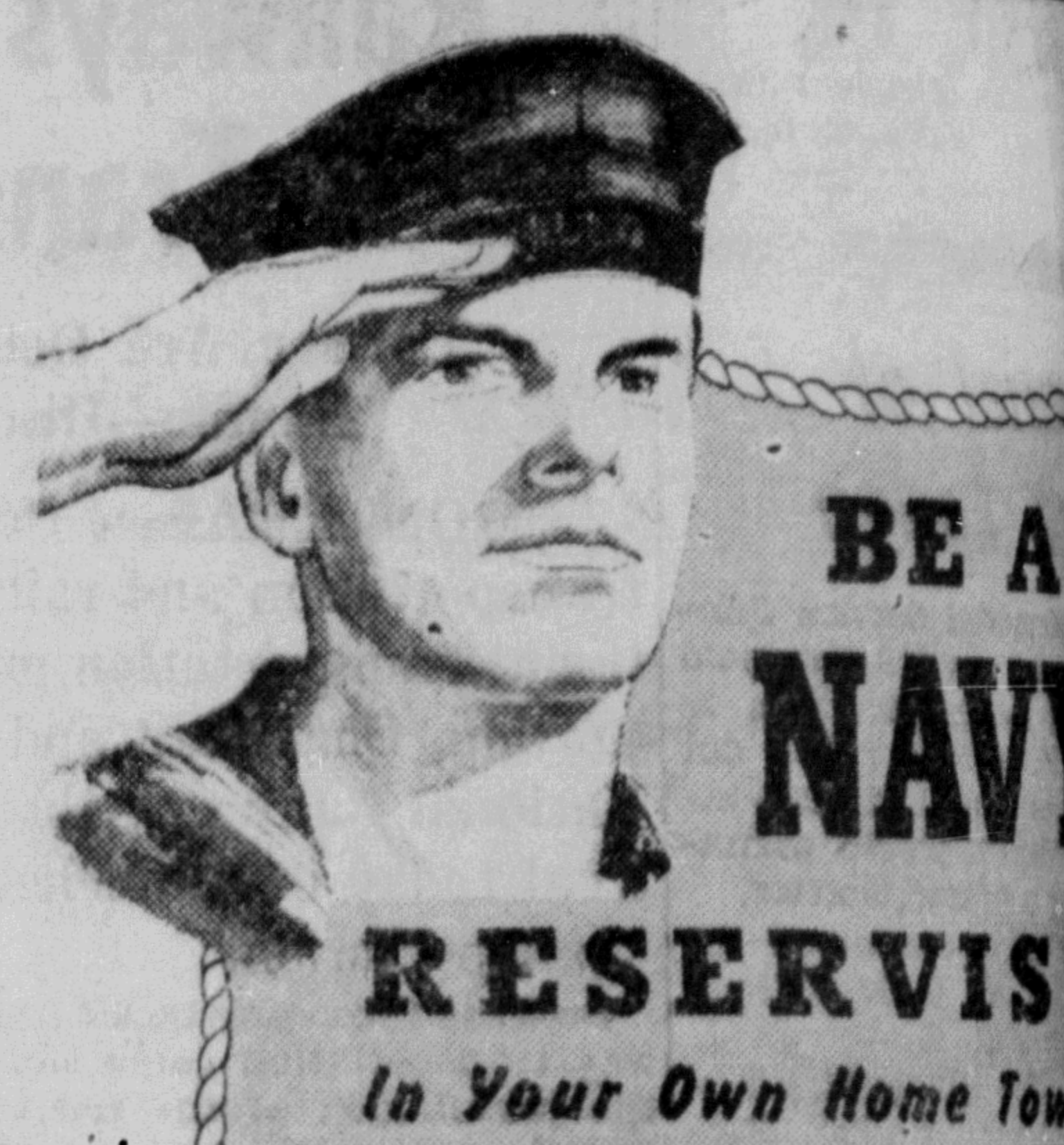
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