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What About Civil Defence?

WHAT has happened to our Civil Defence Committee?

Six months ago, in July, this committee was formed to co-ordinate all public utilities and authorities to work under a civil defence co-ordinator.

In September, a candidate from Prince Rupert, along with 29 others from all of Canada, was sent to Ottawa for a three-week civil defence course.

Prince Rupert has been cited as one of five centres vulnerable to attack by enemy action, a point which Maj.-Gen. Stein stressed when talking to city council.

Prince Rupert also has been chosen as a filter centre by the Air Defence Command, in view of its strategic importance.

Why has such an important matter as civil defence been left hanging up in the air? If the city council does not think this matter important, why then form a committee at all?

The Canadian government is spending \$5,000,000,000 on arms, ammunition and armed services to oppose a possible aggression.

If our government considers the threat of aggression real, surely we should be aroused into action by the thought of what destruction, suffering and loss of life by enemy air attack could bring here.

Surely we should not be playing around with civil defence in such a haphazard way when our country at large is doing its utmost to protect our nation against possible aggression.

ray.. Reflects and Reminisces

Pigs and poultry will be cheaper, said a Monday despatch. Wonder if this includes our old friends ham and eggs. It amounts to practically the same thing.

NOTHING IS WRONG The proposed oil pipe line from Yellowhead Pass to Burnaby awakes found hallalujahs. But of course, that's Vancouver. With hundreds of millions being spent in northern and central B.C., distributors of oil in this part of the province might appear economical. In other words, what's wrong with a pipe line to Prince Rupert.

It is a favorite excuse to plead lack of leisure or pressure of business when invited to be a candidate for alderman. Yet Prince Rupert is full of men with plenty of time—some spent in explaining how affairs in Prince Rupert should be conducted. This city is entering on a new era. There is no question about that. There has never been a period when public service could mean more to a citizen, already with some experience, or to a young man

prepared to learn as he goes along.

WHERE THEY BELONG Of course, something like this had to come. The open fireplace on Christmas Eve is being discouraged. Instead, children will be told to hang their stockings by the window for it's there Old Man Claus will deliver the goods. The open fire is dangerous. We know it. Tots' clothing might catch. Of course! Yet who ever heard of such a thing? Or who ever will? And anyway, stockings always hang by a glowing hearth—not alongside a cold and bleak window.

It has been suggested that General Kurt Meyer, serving a life sentence, be freed if he promises to join the United Nations Army being organized in Europe. Presumably, his troops will be exclusively from one country.

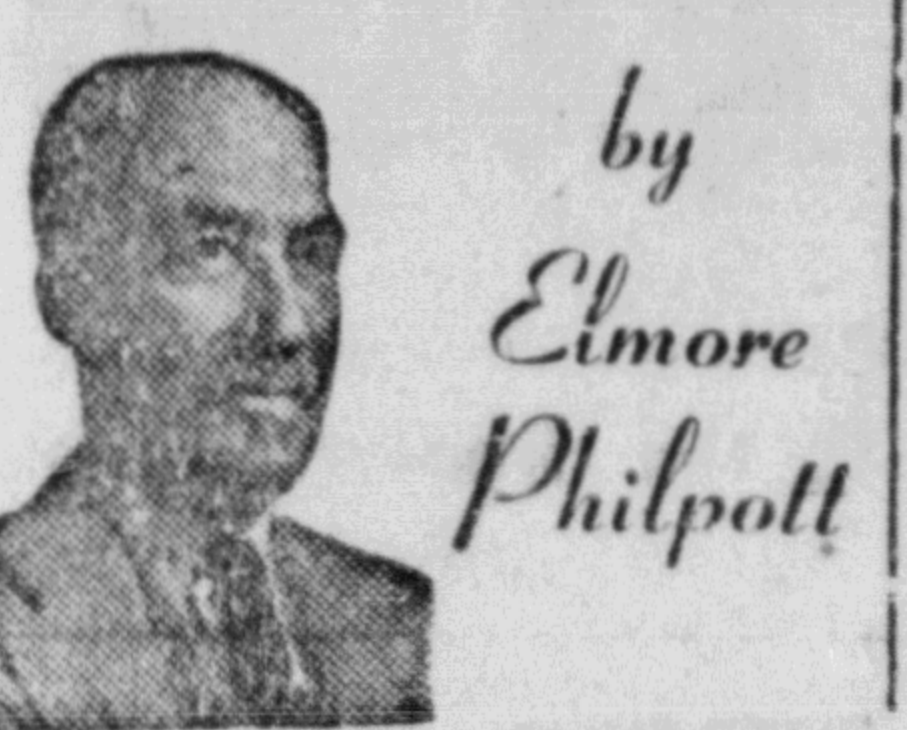
WHO KNOWS? As time goes on and big business grows, heavier material handled along the harbor front is noted. A bridge, for example, could be mentioned. Some day—and it will perhaps be earlier than expected—a large warehouse will be necessary.

Hundred million bushels of grain is going from coast elevators the present crop year. There may be such a thing as a wolf at the door but not in this direction.

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As I See It



Russia's Yes-Bomb

THE RUSSIANS have accepted the small-nations' plan to break the deadlock in UN over disarmament.

Secret talks will take place in the next two weeks to try to close the gap between what Russia says she will accept and what the western allies say they want.

If we take the words of the Americans and Russians at their face value, both sides have moved a long, long way toward the other fellow's demands. The Americans, for instance, took the first step toward possible reconciliation by accepting what they had refused to accept between 1945 and 1951. That is, they agree that all armed forces and armaments should be considered together. For many years the U.S. insisted that control of atomic weapons must come first, before there was even serious discussion of other armaments.

But, on paper at least, the Russians have gone much further toward compromise than have the Americans, who speak for the whole Atlantic alliance. That was because the Russ had a bigger step to take to come anywhere near half way.

CANADA'S own Lester Pearson has put his finger on the very centre of the disarmament controversy. On November 21 he told UN:

"The essential test of whether a government is or is not sincere is whether it will accept adequate international controls. That, Mr. Chairman, seems to me the very heart of the question—and if we cannot agree on it we are not going to get agreement."

Up till now, the whole Communist world has been adamant in rejecting anything that even approached UN inspection and control. That was true in the countries bordering on Greece. It was true in northern Korea, before the war there. It was the main rock which broke all earlier UN plans for atomic agreement.

But now Mr. Vishinsky says the Soviet will accept inspection of atomic plants by agents of the UN Security Council! Moreover, he declares in advance that there can be no veto exercised by any nation in this matter. In other words, neither the U.S.A., Russia, Britain or France could stop UN inspections of actual atomic installations. In a world hardened by a thousand Russian responses all meaning "no" this "yes" explodes like a bomb.

NOW we approach the real test of sincerity for both sides. For it remains to be seen if Uncle Sam is any more willing than Uncle Joe to have inspectors from the other fellow's country examining atom bomb factories.

But the point is that the people of the world are gradually closing in on what is the central problem of our times. The big fellows are being forced by the smaller nations to "come clean."

I THINK Mr. Pearson is again absolutely right in saying that

Air Field Kept Alive

Department of Transport Officials Make Inspection Of Sites

Two federal Department of Transport officials were here recently to investigate possible air field sites. T. N. Youngs revealed at the monthly meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce Monday night. They looked over the much discussed Tugwell Island site as well as Digby Island and a location back of Metlakatla which was favored during the war.

Mr. Youngs said that E. T. Applewhite was keeping the matter of a local airport alive at Ottawa. Recently, after the member for Skeena had brought the subject up on the floor of the House, Hon. Lionel Chevrier, minister of transport, said that the matter would have further consideration. The recent visit of officials is believed to have been the outcome.

Recently, local delegates to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities were asked to take the matter up at the concurrent meeting of the British Columbia Aviation Council at Harrison Hot Springs.

Load Line Will O'Wisp-Port Has No Kick, Chamber Told

In advocating over the years for a revision of international load line regulation with a view to bringing this port into a more favorable winter zone, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce has been "pursuing a will-o'-the-wisp," T. Norton Youngs told the chamber at its meeting Monday night.

Running Again



Ald. George B. Casey

this is the crux and core of the whole disarmament question.

If Russia will in fact accept a genuine inspection plan, then indeed there is real hope of building the peace, step by step. But if, in fact, the Communist part of the world will not accept inspection, then continuation of the armament race is a foregone conclusion.

Can anybody tell me of an armament race which ended in anything else than war?

I have searched history books but have never been able to find such an outcome.

Meanwhile the Russians seem to have turned the tables on the Americans. For—will the Americans accept inspection of U.S. atomic plants? Or was Mr. Acheson backing too much on the Russian fondness for saying "No" whenever the U.S. asked her to say "Yes"?

Facts About Pr. Rupert

Following are among "odd and interesting facts" about Prince Rupert which British Columbia Government Travel Bureau will include in forthcoming publicity material, designed particularly for the interest of visitors:

Prince Rupert has the greatest number of publicly displayed totem poles to be found anywhere in Canada.

Prince Rupert is the most important fish landing port on the British Columbia coast and possesses the largest fish cold storage plants in the world. Its fish handling plants are always a mecca for tourists.

Spectacular mountain and marine scenery intrigue visitors no matter how they reach Prince Rupert—by rail, steamship or highway.

Prince Rupert is the nearest Pacific coast railroad point to the great new aluminum industry which is being established at Kitimat, eighty miles distant.

Eight miles away from Prince Rupert is the multi-million dollar cellulose pulp mill of Columbia Cellulose (Japanese Corporation of America).

A Vancouver divorce list shows the names of Kitty Green of Alert Bay and Philip Green of Port Simpson.

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Lot 1—The N.W. 1/4 of D.L. 1952. Comprising 160 acres of Tabor Creek, about 12 miles south of Prince George; half mile from the main Vancouver highway. Farms around it. Tabor Creek runs right through the property. Much of the land is rich creek bottom land with small willow growth. There is a gravelled road the Buckhorn Lake road on its southern line, and land near the road is covered with good timber. On the northern land there is only light timber. This land is surrounded with good farm adjoins the Schlitt farm at the Tabor Creek bridge on highway. Only about miles from PGE. It is a bargain at the price as a farm to develop or as a speculation for good farm lands near Prince George are scarce. Price \$10.00 an acre, or \$1,500 cash. Clear title, taxes paid.

Lot 2—80 acres of fine farm land right on highway, 1/2 mile from Tabor Creek bridge. Easy cleared. Very light willow and poplar growth. Price \$10.00 per acre, or cash \$750.00. South 1/2 of N.W. 1/4 D.L. 1959.

Lot 3—This is a lovely plot of land, comprising 146.51 acres with half mile lake frontage on Tabor Creek famous for its fishing. It has southern exposure. Natural poplar like land, only 8 miles from the growing city of Prince George, about miles from airport and on the Giscow highway or rather there is half mile road leading to farm and its lake frontage from the highway. About 14 acres have been cultivated but neglected past few years. But these acres are in grass and neighbours' cattle graze freely there. And people take advantage of owner's indulgence by using this property for camping and fishing and picnics. The whole 1/2 mile lake frontage has a gentle natural terraced slope to the lake where fishing and swimming are enjoyed. The property could produce a good living by one hiring out boats. It is well situated as a farm, or as a motor court, lodge, hot fishing resort, dude ranch or for country estate or home. There is a good well with splendid water though now neglected and a small creek. Plenty of timber scattered around the property for building, fences and firewood. Only minutes' car drive from the city, driving right on the lake frontage. Many trees on the property. There is no other such lake property so close to the city possessing so many advantageous features. Price is \$6,700. A mortgage can be arranged for \$4,000 if required at 6%. But having left Prince George and owing to ill health will sell for \$6,500 cash. Clear title. Taxes all paid. Fr. N.W. 1/4 D.L. 2172. 146.51 acres.

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