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Inconsistencies

AT MUNSAN we see the Communist truce negotiators objecting to the United Nations proposal for behind the lines inspection following the reaching of a cease fire agreement.

At Paris, Russia insists on international control and inspection of atomic forces after the banning of same and the western powers are, apparently, unwilling to go that far.

The two attitudes on either side would seem to be diametrically opposed in the separate issues.

It might appear naive to wonder at the attitudes taken on occasion by either side and to speculate if there is not often the inclination just to be opposite with no particular reason although there may be complex explanations.

To the simple observer, it is to wonder if there is not often an inclination to get away from fundamental considerations, confusing them with suspicion and possible inhibitions of hostility.

Contribution of Royalty

THE CONTRIBUTION of the Throne of Great Britain as a living symbol of the best in the traditions and life of the peoples of the Commonwealth is incalculable.

United states people and others, who do not understand that the Royal Family of Great Britain is also the Royal Family of Canada, often question Canadians regarding the cost to Canada of the Throne of Great Britain.

They cannot understand that the priceless contribution of the King of Canada to the maintenance of the standards of parliamentary and public life of the countries of the Commonwealth is borne by the people of Great Britain; that the only cost in money to us is that of the office of Governor-General of Canada. The money cost is insignificant in relation to the constructive contribution of the institution to the standards of law and justice. In dollars and cents the expense of the monarchy throughout the British Commonwealth and Empire is only a fraction of the cost of political graft that destroys the standards of public life in some countries which are completely run by political machines.

LETTERBOX

CITY WATER LINE

Editor,
Daily News,
In order to combat subversive tactics employed in an effort to persuade the city to abandon its gravity water supply line from Woodworth Lake on the grounds that it has had its day and can no longer be depended upon for service, the substitute to be electric pumps at Shawatlans Lake, the waterworks foreman, C. J. Gustafson, at my instigation, has submitted a report dealing with the physical aspects of the line. It speaks for itself and is in full accord with Mr. Bonney-castle's report of 1950. The report of Mr. Gustafson in full is enclosed and I would ask you, Mr. Editor, to publish it in connection with this letter.

ALD. GEORGE B. CASEY,
Chairman of Board
of Works.

G. B. Casey,
Chairman,
Board of Works,
City of Prince Rupert.

Re: Your letter, requesting a true report on the condition of the City Water Main at Shawatlans.

I shall endeavor to give you a detailed report on the conditions of, first:—

The 18" steel water supply main at Shawatlans, from the Pumping Station to the Power House, second:—

The 45" penstock from the Power House to Woodworth Lake Dam.

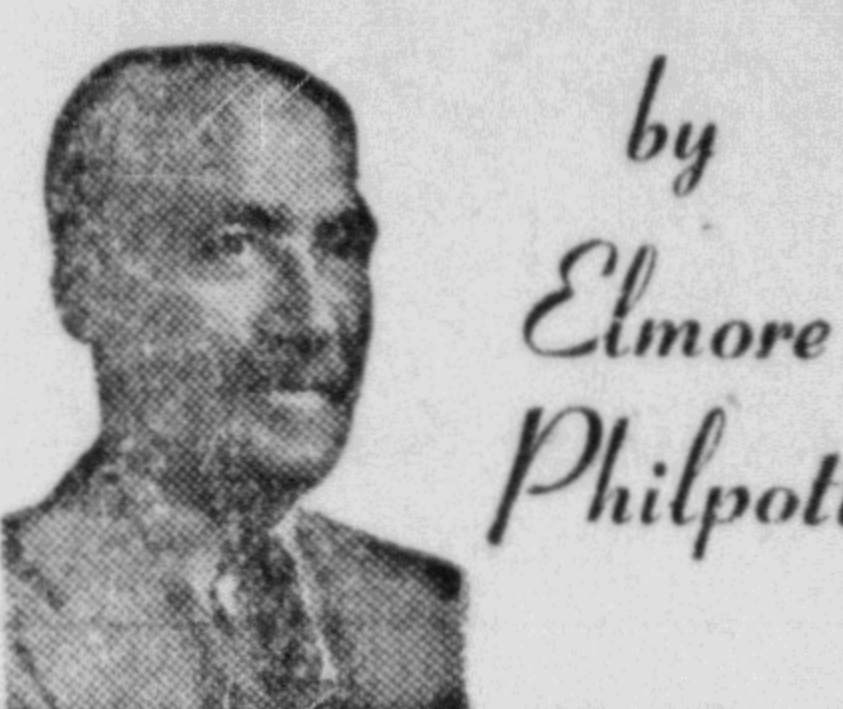
Having worked on maintenance, patrolled and done repairs in emergencies on both these sections since 1924, I believe I am in the position to give you first hand information from experience and practical knowledge.

(1) The 18" steel water supply main from sea level at Shawatlans Pumping Station to the Power House is still in serviceable condition for the next 10 to 15 years as far as the material strength of the main is concerned. It is true, that in later years many pin holes have developed in one particular section along the shore of the lake, but to no greater extent than those that developed in the section replaced last year by the new 24" steel main, and on which pin holes developed 25 years ago.

Pin holes do not necessarily mean that the pipe has become

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As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Britain's Class War

THE FIERCE all-night battles in Britain's new parliament look ominous to me. They look like the first manoeuvres in a dangerous class war.

The new Churchill government proposes to revive the Home Guard. That proposal seems sensible enough, on the surface. But the real reason for the fierce and absolutely united opposition by the entire Labor party is clear to anyone who understands the realities of British politics today:

The Labor party fears that the Home Guard is being re-created not as a means of defence against a possible Russian invasion, but as a device to intimidate or coerce the working class in event of severe labor troubles in Britain.

In simplest terms, the Labor party wants guarantees that the Home Guard is not to become just a glorified force of strike-breakers.

I REPORTED from Britain in the recent election that there were "two nations within a single island." The two political forces face each other as unyielding as the two opposing armies in Korea. On the surface everything is very, very polite—very British.

But the big boys in both political camps know perfectly well that Britain's basic position is such as soon to require drastic changes in her economy. They know that somebody is going to have to "take the rap."

What they are really doing now is "squaring off" for the surely coming fight.

IN THE recent election Mr. Aneurin Bevan won a considerable success, first within the Labor party itself, and later in the general election.

As I reported, he seemed to me to be firing the first shots

in the NEXT election—not the one then going on. His candidates won, mostly by increased majorities, even where "regular" Labor candidates went down to defeat in next-door ridings.

Bevan was fighting frankly on a "class war" platform. I was told by some of Mr. Bevan's supporters that the first important move by a victorious Conservative party would be to re-create the Home Guard as a tool of class interest. The Bevan boys predicted that, in such an event, the set-up and composition of the Home Guard would be very different from that of the Second World War. Back in the early forties the Home Guard was a decidedly "leftish" affair. Tom Wintringham, of Spanish civil war fame, was one of its key members.

The new one, Mr. Bevan's associates told me, would be the very reverse.

THE KEY to the opposition by the Labor party to the proposed Home Guard is the demand for LEGAL guarantees that the force will not be used in labor disputes. The Conservative ministers have given verbal assurance that the Home Guard will not be used in such cases. But Labor is adamant in demanding guarantees, written right into the law, that there are such limitations.

So far the Conservatives have refused to give these.

BEHIND the struggle is this key fact:

Even before the big armament program has got really going, Britain is unable to do all the things to which she is already pledged. In other words, cuts are coming. Somebody is going to get hurt, economically. Whose piece of pie is going to get sliced—and my how much?

The present struggle over the Home Guard is just the first round in the fight.

The longer range truth is that Britain can never regain her old prosperity, except in a world of stable peace.

Local Grain Ship Fuels at Seattle

SEATTLE—Having come here to refuel after having loaded a full cargo of grain at Prince Rupert, the Japanese steamer Kiyokawa Maru sailed from here at the week-end for Japan.

November Dull, Wet

November was a rainy month in Prince Rupert with 9.17 inches of precipitation on 22 days.

Nor did Old Sol show his face very much in the eleventh month. He shone for only 31.8 hours on 13 days.

So far this year sunshine in Prince Rupert totals 944.4 hours which makes it still a brighter year than 1950 with 923.9 hours in the corresponding period.

The precipitation this year so far aggregates 68.71 inches compared with 73.83 inches in 1950's first 11 months.

The maximum recorded wind velocity for the month was 34 miles from the southeast on November 16.

The weather summary for November, as issued by the Dominion meteorological station at Doby Island, was as follows:

Maximum temperature, 59 on November 5.

Minimum temperature, 28.2 on November 22.

Mean temperature, 41.7.

Maximum barometer reading at sea level, 30.34 on November 1.

Minimum barometer reading, 28.51 on November 30.

Precipitation, 9.17 on 22 days.

Sunshine, 31.8 hours on 13 days.

Maximum wind velocity, southeast, 34 miles per hour, November 16.

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Reflects and Reminisces

Mrs. Sampson, Montreal lawyer, says more women should enter public affairs. They are just as responsible for general conditions as the men. This attitude is deserving of respect but someone will have to be in the kitchen now and then.

A move is under way to settle the beer strike. According to what is heard in Vancouver, there is possibility of adjustment before Christmas although it's just as well not to be too hopeful. But anyway, something is stirring. Under the circumstances, a single month is becoming an uncommonly long time.

Terrace also has its garbage problem. It's much more simple than the one existing here, yet enough to create a situation called deplorable—and that's somewhat strong language. It's like this. There is a gulley near Terrace and the village truck, from the edge of the ravine, dumps all the rubbish away down into it. So there you are. But the general public decline to co-operate. Private citizens, with their own collection of debris, do not follow the example

of the truck driver. Instead they dump what they have on the village highway, which soon blocks the road and that means a bulldozer, expense, and sharp disputes. There is something about garbage that seems to be just one dashed thing after another, as most of us well know.

"Boys in B.C. make so much money they get delusions," said Mr. Justice O'Halloran in Vancouver last week. "We had one boy in here only 15 years old who was making \$12 to \$13 a day." He was charged with theft of things he had not the slightest need of.

It's all very well to predict 1952 a big and busy year in Northern B.C. It sounds well. It makes one feel cheerful. People say they are confident construction will be seen. Have you heard what F. A. H. president of the National Builders' Association. The cost \$35 to \$40 more next year carpentry work \$25 to \$30 and paint maybe \$1 more. To split it out this is brutal, we know. But patience and optimism sound worse.

HARWELL, England, is now has the world's first atomic central heating system. The building, containing 50 offices, draws heat direct from a atomic pile.

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Prince Rupert that I require the presence of the said electors at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Fulton Street, on the sixth day of December 1951, at ten o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them as Mayor, Aldermen, School Trustees and Park Commissioners.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two electors of the municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and twelve o'clock noon of the day of nomination; the said writing may be in the form numbered 3 in the Schedule of the "Municipal Elections Act," and shall state the names, residence, and occupation or description of each proposed, in such manner as sufficiently to identify each candidate; and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll shall be opened on the thirteenth day of December 1951, at the Civic Centre, corner of McBride Street and Second Avenue, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Prince Rupert this 29th day of November, 1951.

R. W. LONG,
Returning Officer.

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