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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Last Day—First Day

DELHI, INDIA—During my brief visit to Pakistan I naturally heard plenty about the red hot question of Kashmir.

Pakistan is very "Kashmir conscious." So far as I could find out, the relationship between India and Pakistan is the most important state concern in Pakistan; and so far as Pakistan leaders are concerned, a settlement of the Kashmir question is what loggers in Canada would call the "key log" in the jam which is holding up a really over-all settlement of the differences, which are gravely injurious to both nations.

From the highest statesmen, as from humble people, like Mohammed, the bearer who waited on me in my hotel, I got the Pakistani side of the argument.

But I made up my mind not to write about that ticklish question unless and until I could get the Indian side of the story, too; and, if possible, the story of the Kashmiri people who are still on the spot.

GOOD LUCK, PLUS A lively young lady, was certainly on my side, for no sooner had I finished my first breakfast in India than Helen Bridle (originally from Preston, Ontario) turned up with a car. A tiny inside page item in the paper said that "Sheik Abdullah, the Premier of Kashmir, arrived in New Delhi Saturday" and was expected to leave again Monday.

Could I see him, without prior appointment? We drove through the old bazaar, and also the cattle market, where cows are sold right on the street, and Mrs. Paul Bridle popped into the Kashmir headquarters. Yes, the Sheik would see the visiting newspaperman from Canada.

THE NET UPSHOT IS THAT I have a date to visit Kashmir and get as much as possible of the on-the-spot feel of the people.

I took a great liking to Premier Abdullah as soon as I met him—took the liberty of kidding him a bit about the number of times he had been in jail. Was it six or seven?

"Seven times." The last sentence was for nine years—not for committing any crime, but merely for advocating the kind of step-by-step democracy which we have long enjoyed in Canada—but for advocating which Nehru had to spend half his adult life in jail, as did Abdullah in Kashmir.

SO I WILL LINK THIS piece about my last day in Pakistan and first day in India, without apology for the mix-up and the flash-backs.

For better or worse, either as (Continued on page 3)

THE LETTERBOX

APPROVES EDITORIAL

Editor, Daily News: Your late editorial "Are We All Dumb?" is timely, and probably apropos generally. There is however, much fresh, interested, new blood coming in to Central British Columbia and we may look for revived vigor.

Japan wants huge quantities of wheat and can pay for it. W. C. McNamara, assistant chief commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, says that the chief problem in selling wheat to Japan is getting the grain to Vancouver because of the box-car shortage.

The natural outlet for wheat from the Peace River and Edmonton areas is via Prince Rupert. There is market and we could more than double our output of lumber from Central British Columbia had we sufficient railway boxcars. Your wheat elevator could be kept busy and the boxcars, in returning, load up with lumber. The distance and cost savings should be evident to our Canadian National Railway people. Shipping time would be conserved. (Would the C.N.R. catch?)

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of a Colorado mining daily, which as a specimen might interest you. "Sprags and Stulls" is often quite good. The Daily News is so much more worth while. I think I shall send a copy to the Editor of this "Times Record."

WALTER WILSON, Burns Lake.

ray.. Reflects and Reminisces

When Prince Rupert woke up Sunday it was to see no snow storm but to feel, instead, a vigorous breeze cold enough to have a bite. There were frozen pools. Some hastening early birds going out to buy breakfast first rubbed one ear and then the other. The sky was bright and clear. Everyone talked weather.

No one could say definitely what the temperature was except that most of them thought it was seven above.

"But I'm not saying it's official" would come as a reminder. "How about the water in your house?" inquired a neighbor un-casualy.

The other fellow confessed he was not worrying. That is, he wasn't, when last there. But how could he, standing there talking, tell him the latest?

SINGING AND STARING

A few years after the turn of the century, the first Doukhobors to ever set foot in Canada, filed ashore at Sand Point, in West St. John, New Brunswick. As the CPR liner neared the dock all were on deck, singing and staring. What they were really a prayer of gratitude for having safely crossed a mighty ocean. There were only a few hundred, if that many. Men and (Continued on page 6)

Report from Parliament

Fisheries Council to Meet—Telecommunication Coming Up

Of particular interest to Prince Rupert and others along the Coast will be the announcement that the sixth annual meeting of the Fisheries Council of Canada will be held in Ottawa's Chateau Laurier, March 19, 20 and 21, under the chairmanship of President J. H. MacKiehan of Halifax.

The program will feature discussions on export trade, research, conservation, inspection and other pertinent subjects. Monday afternoon, March 19, will be devoted to specialized sessions on various phases of the industry—canning, salt, fresh and frozen, and by-products. How the fisheries industry in the United States is co-operating with government to work under controls affecting wages, manpower, materials and prices will be outlined by C. ("Charlie") E. Jackson, General Manager, National Fisheries Institute, Washington, who is looking forward to renewing acquaintance with many Canadian friends. It is anticipated that the Hon. R. W. Mayhew, Federal Minister of Fisheries, will be on hand on Tuesday morning to welcome the delegates and also to address the luncheon gathering on the same day. Arrangements are being made for other special speakers.

Turning from fish to radio: a bill has reached us from the Senate, making certain amendments to the Radio Act, including a new and all-embracing definition of the word "telecommunication." This bill has a section to empower the Governor in Council to accede to any international convention in the whole field of telecommunication. It also has a section whose purpose is to amend the exemption from licensing requirements, now given to tourists, to radio equipment in other classes of stations, including installations in aircraft, trains and motor vehicles temporarily in

Canada. Another section is to permit the employment on radio stations in Canada of radio operators who are not British subjects and are not residents of Canada, but hold Canadian certificates of proficiency or their equivalent, in cases where reciprocal permission is granted to Canadian citizens. The Prime Minister has tabled an Order in Council transferring all powers, duties and functions relating to civil defence and the control and supervision of the personnel concerned therewith from the Minister of National Defence to the Department of National Health and Welfare. I want to finish this report with a few remarks about the proposed new Department of Defence Production, the bill for which is now before us, having passed the resolution stage. Mr. St. Laurent introduced this measure and Howard Green acted as official spokesman for the Opposition. The new Department was first announced in the Speech from the Throne, and Mr. St. Laurent did not have to take up much time to get the bill introduced as all Parties had said they would not oppose its introduction. On February 5, in the debate on the (Continued on page 3)

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A REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

—that graduation time at Canadian Universities is fast approaching

The demand for university graduates is brisk due to the impact of defence production on an buoyant economy. In addition, the number of graduates seeking employment is smaller than during the past years.

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Education Week

EDUCATION IS truly "everybody's business," as a special observance of Canadian Education Week is endeavouring to impress. However, it is a business which the most of citizens are inclined to neglect, possibly taking it too much for granted and something that does not require a great deal of their attention.

That we can take it for granted that our educational affairs are being well attended to without much thought or effort of our own may be a good testimonial to those who are entrusted with the administration and carrying out of our educational services.

But it is not good enough that we should leave the preponderance of responsibility of education to our school administrators and our teachers, good and efficient as they may be. After all, their responsibilities are only for the aspects of education involved in the schools—and education is even more in the home and in the hands of the parents directly as it is in the schools.

However, it is fitting that, as Education Week opens, we should stress the importance and desirability of the co-operation and interest of the citizens, in general, and the parents, in particular, in the work that goes on within the schools.

We all take a direct interest in such assets and material things as our money, our concrete possessions, our jobs and such things. Maybe we do not always realize that our greatest and most worthy asset is our children and our young people and that education is the function of developing and shaping those assets.

What our country is tomorrow depends upon what the people of tomorrow will make it—and the children of today are those people of tomorrow. Therefore their education—be it in the school, the home, the church, the street—is something of the greatest importance in the developing of citizenship and the building of the nation which is merely collective citizenship.

Yes, education is "everybody's business" and mighty important business at that. If Education Week can incite a fuller and more active interest in matters educational, it will be worthwhile. It is desirable, too, that the interest which this week may develop on education should be a sustained and continued interest.

Might Be Worse

JUDGED BY present day standards, soldiers and sailors years ago (flying was unknown) were miserably paid. But today, the young fellow with an eye on the future can do a lot worse than get into a uniform and stay there. And this goes for all ranks. He will have no unemployment or maintenance problems, draw a decent income, dress well, see a lot of the world and have leisure when still young enough to enjoy it—and, if the worst comes to the worst, he has weapons to protect himself.

Scripture Passage for Today  
 "Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners."—1 Cor. 15:33.

J. C. Gilker, assistant manager of the B.C. Packers, left on today's plane for a week's business trip to Vancouver. Stan McClay, who has been a visitor in the city on contracting business, left by today's plane on his return to Vancouver.

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