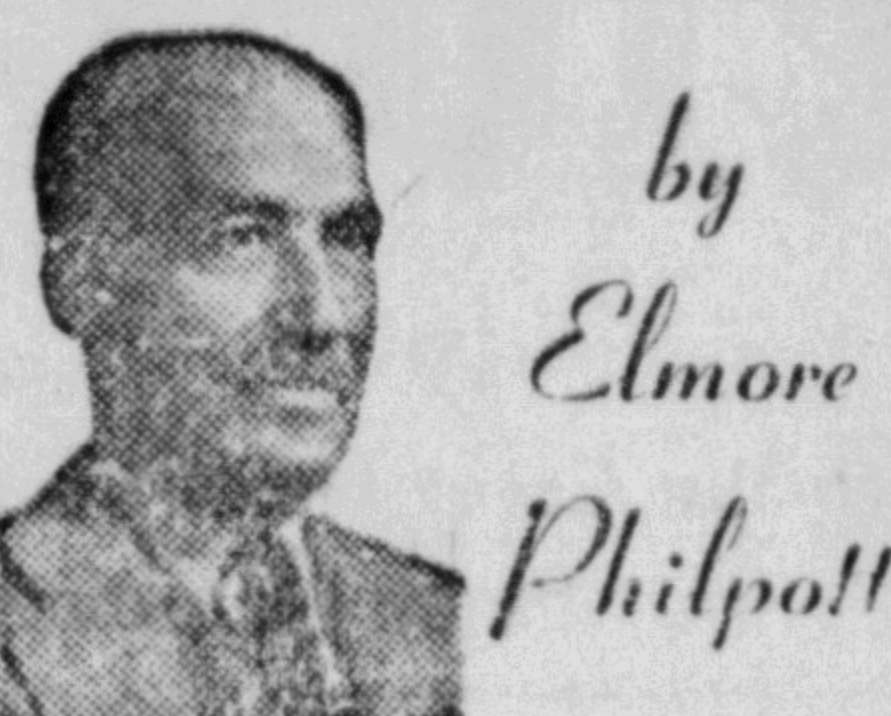


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As I See It



4000 POLICE SHORT

LONDON, England - About the first thing that strikes your eye when you get to Britain these days is the sign, "Men Wanted."

More precisely, I should say men and women wanted. Every bus carries a notice informing the public that many conductors' jobs are open - for male and female.

The London Police Force is already 4000 recruits short, to keep its ranks up to quota and permit retirements. The Congregational Church is desperately short of ministers - can't man all its pulpits. So all around the circle.

FROM ONE POINT OF VIEW the above is all to the good. I remember writing editorials for the old Toronto Globe, back in 1928, when we were raising funds for the relief of unemployed Welsh miners.

There is no such distress today - and it is my opinion, for what it is worth - that there never will be again in all British history. For the people will never again tolerate any government which tells them they can only be fully employed in time of war, or in periods of preparation for war.

NEVERTHELESS, BRITAIN IS in a very dangerous position today - and I am not now talking about the danger which faces all mankind - that is, of another war.

Britain is in danger of an economic crisis caused by the fact that you just can't have all the armaments that are now thought to be necessary, and also have an adequate supply of civilian goods.

In the Hitler days in Germany, when the world was being pushed toward World War II, Goering said Germany deliberately chose "guns before butter."

Britain is finding out, the hard way, that she must choose between guns and butter, too. Some people in the U.S.A. and elsewhere make fun at Britishers wasting their time arguing over whether or not the state should go on providing the people with "free wigs and glass eyes" under the health care plan.

The British people do not talk about such issues - at least not so volubly as one might suppose from reading the papers, or the news about the crisis in the cabinet.

But my impression is that they have a solid grasp of the substance of the issues. The free wigs and glass eyes are trivialities, but as symbols of the principles at stake they are big and even vital.

THE BRITISH PEOPLE WILL do their duty and stand by their guns as well as their principles in any world crisis in our time. But on the broader, deeper issue they have long since made up their national mind:

They are for butter before guns.

They are for homes before bombs.

They are for planned reconstruction and not more destruction.

They are reluctantly "going along" in the world wrestling match, for Russian truculence has literally compelled them to do so, much against their own wishes. But they will not do so for one moment longer than is absolutely necessary.

THE MAIN DIFFERENCE that I see in all Western Europe as compared with 1949, when I saw it before, is that there is much



MASTER BEDROOM - New official home of Canada's prime minister has this main bedroom suite of two rooms with a connecting dressing room. Besides the master bedroom there are six guest rooms at 24 Sussex Street. (CP from National Film Board)

more general prosperity and much less poverty.

The Marshall Plan has worked. The vast outpouring of American money HAS raised the standard of living in many countries west of the Iron Curtain.

But now the danger is that the self-same process will begin to operate in reverse.

It is one thing for the United States to plunge into a vast armament and mobilization program and to attempt at the same time to maintain high standards of living. The North American productive machine has never yet been worked to its full wartime capacity - and what the experts call its "potential" provides vast room for expansion.

That is not true of Europe - and especially it is not true of this Britain - this "tight little isle." A real increase in the armament production, or rebuilding of big armies, can only be at the expense of the living standards of the people.

These are far below those of North America already. Any marked lowering of those already standards would have consequences that nobody can predict.

The Marshall Plan gave Europe, and Britain, the economic lift that Europe desperately needed in order to get back on her feet. But the Martial Plan of war preparation compelled by Russian truculence is a horse of a different color.

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ray .. Reflects and Reminisces

Sometimes a touch of levity brightens the Commons. For example, the following appears in a debate:

Mr. Cruickshank - Where is the missing stone of Scone?

Mr. Glen - In the Fraser River.

Mr. Speaker - Order!

NO STATEMENT AVAILABLE - Vancouver, a large proportion for the Orient. It surpasses in quantity anything known previously. Having lived here only forty years it is impossible to say anything relative to the local situation.

IN SHADOW OF MT. RAINIER

Seattle's population is 467,900, according to last week's statement. Some change from the days of 1838, when ivy-covered cottages stood where business blocks now tower, when the land around Lakes Union and Washington was being cleared for fuel, and plenty of folks had enforced leisure.

WANTED WORST WAY! - Prince Rupert has long suffered from not being included with-

in the international load line boundary, but there is now sound reason to look for the matter being settled once and for all. Business on a vast scale is setting in northward. Alcan is certain to inquire about the exclusion of a seaport like Prince Rupert. Too many interests are pending to have anything remain unanswered or neglected.

Twelve more ships will be built for the Canadian Navy. The yards are in the Maritimes, Quebec and British Columbia. The cost will be sixty millions, and it may be safely assumed that Canada expects each man will do his duty.

We picked up a piece of money, on the street yesterday and another one this morning. Each was small. Everyone knows gold is where you find it, but the trouble is, copper is far too common. The other isn't.

OF COURSE IT'S GRAND

This is merely another typical summer day in Prince Rupert. It's a duplicate of how it looked and felt yesterday, and many a day previous to that. Yet, there will be the customary exclamations, faces wreathed in smiles and inquiries. But there's nothing to be surprised about. This is just up north in early summer.

SCHOOL RADIO - Free radio receiving licenses issued to Canadian schools for education programs numbered 8,232 in 1950-51.

They Deserve It

IT IS INDEED an appropriate move of the exhibition committee of the Civic Centre Association to feature as one of their main attractions a native arts and crafts display.

In their attempt to establish a Northern British Columbia exposition of industry and natural resources they deserve both credit and support. Such an event will have far-reaching ramifications in the publicity Prince Rupert and surrounding area will derive.

As our native population in Prince Rupert and surrounding villages comprise a formidable part of the district's economy, it is their due that they receive this recognition, albeit sadly lacking at times.

And the native people, with a cultural background rich and ornate, can show us much of an edifying nature if we give them that opportunity.

True, much of their artistry has been put aside and in some instances almost lost, but is this not perhaps for the reason that their culture has not been appreciated? All races have their own intrinsic fundamentals on which their development and progress is based. It is only with a serious appreciation of these fundamentals that we can hope to understand people of other races, and only through such a will to understand can we live in equanimity and peace.

If we then invite our first pioneers of this fast-developing North to tell us their story by means of their arts and crafts, let us show a real appreciation, not only from a sense of curiosity but with a sense of understanding.

Scripture Passage for Today

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God." Deut. 29:29.

Weaving Club Forced to Disband

Dwindling Interest in Melfort Organization

MELFORT, Sask. (CP) - Melfort Weaving Club, noted in the west for its handiwork, is being disbanded after eight years of operation. Dwindling membership was cited.

The Melfort group won innumerable prizes across the country and was responsible for bringing 64 similar clubs into operation in Saskatchewan.

The group's first venture - the weaving of five yards of brown material - was selected to be displayed in Montreal. In 1946 articles were sent to the Canadian handiwork display in Vancouver.

Eighteen women made up the first membership and between them they collected enough money to buy a loom. This was loaned to each member for a month at a time.

PACIFIC STRONGHOLD

The island of Guam, American stronghold in the Pacific, is 30 miles long and between four and eight miles wide.

World Brotherhood Woman's Aim

Present Objective of Mrs. Van Der Elst of London

LONDON (CP) - A campaign for a one-world brotherhood has been launched by Mrs. Violet Van der Elst, Britain's militant foe of capital punishment.

After inserting an advertisement in the personal columns of a London paper, Mrs. Van der Elst reported that she had been deluged with telephone calls and letters from people interested in her campaign.

She plans to forego temporarily her activities for abolition of the death penalty and concentrate on the world brotherhood drive.

"I want people who don't believe in frontiers," she said. "I hope to find 1,000,000 of them and my experience as an occultist tells me that now is the right time."

LONDON

The burglar alarm in the Tower of London, where some of the world's most fabulous jewels are stored, was accidentally set off when a workman made a wrong electrical connection.



DIVISIONAL COMMANDER - Maj.-Gen. A. J. H. Cassels, left, commander of the Commonwealth Division being formed in Korea, visits the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade, which will make up one-third of the new division's strength. He is talking with Maj. J. H. J. Gauthier of Montreal, company commander in the Royal 22nd Regiment. Extreme right is the 25th's commander, Brig. J. M. Rockingham of Vancouver. The other soldier in the photo was not identified. (CP from National Defence)

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Would Keep Homes Here

Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce will ask city council to do everything in its power to hold within the city of Prince Rupert a co-operative house building project which is being organized by fifty permanent Columbia Cellulose workers, rather than permit it to go to a new townsite which is being put on the market at Port Edward June 14.

T. Norton Youngs told the Chamber that the city had offered the group a building area near the Ridley Home but this was not considered suitable. Every effort should be made by the city to find property for the group, Mr. Youngs felt. The Chamber, by resolution, agreed and will so inform the city council.

BIRD'S NEW BITE BRISTOL, England (CP) - A secretary bird at Bristol zoo recently broke its beak and dental students fitted it with a metal one. They drilled the old stump and riveted the new one while the bird was under an anaesthetic.

Customs collection for Prince Rupert, which was almost the same amount collected in 1950, for this year so far is \$29,000 less than same time last year. Prince Rupert customs collected \$503,331.52 for whole of 1950.

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