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EDITORIAL

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Is Prince Rupert Safe? . . .

Since the Japanese air raid on Dutch Harbor last week, there has been consideration by many Prince Rupert people of the safety of the situation here from a physical standpoint. The fact is that some people, fearful, of some sort of an attack, have left and some more may be going. In the ordinary course of events many Prince Rupert folk would have left the city for the summer this year, possibly more than usual because the most of people are making more money these days and are in a better position to send their wives and children away for vacations. The war scare is sending some away a couple! of weeks or so earlier than they would ordinarily have done. By the time all have gone it will probably prove to have been little more than an ordinary summer exodus. And while some people move out there appear to be others just as anxious about moving in, some of these having been prevented from coming owing to the shortage of housing accommodation.

As for the question of physical safety in Prince Rupert, it is undoubtedly a difficult matter on which to advise. Unfortunately, the enemy does not tell us of their plans. There are undoubtedly reasons why they might elect to pay us an unwanted visit. On the other hand, there has been possibly a tendency on the part of the more fearsome to magnify the hazard. No doubt there are a good many safer places than Prince Rupert to be in these; days and likewise there are many others that are a good deal more dangerous as far as the likelihood of attack is concerned. We always have had a very strong sense of our importance here and recent developments have not been of a nature to minimize that sense.

It should also be remembered that the "war of nerves" is no new game in this conflict. We have already! heard from Tokyo that the Pacific Coast is in a state of general panic as a result of the Dutch Harbor raids--a fine example of pure double-barrelled propaganda designed to bolster up morale in Japan and to disturb it in

these parts. The question of whether or not the nervous or the useless of us, the young children, the aged and the infirm, should move is something for personal and individual decision. The only official suggestion is that there is no serious cause for alarm. No doubt, the authorities will be making some suggestions when the time for an evacuation might appear propitious. There is certainly no necessity now or will there be in the future for anyone to feel

panicky. That is just what the enemy wants. People who are in any way doing a useful job, and one does not necessarily have to be a service person or a ************* wartime industrial worker to be doing a useful job, should carry on. Those who are of no use or who are so nervous! that they are unable to carry on would undoubtedly be well-advised to go somewhere else. And for the very old and the very young a holiday would likely to them good! G anyway.

Quite a few of the folks who leave will probably in a couple of weeks or so be more anxious to get home; L again than they were to leave.

What Vancouver Thinks...

Comments of a couple of the Vancouver papers on : 5 the coast situation following the attach on Dutch Harbor may be of interest.

The Vancouve Province says:

"If these raids are the the foreshadowings of things ! A to come, there would seem to be little in them to excite us here. It is about 1900 miles from Dutch Harbor to this coast. The directions and dispositions of the military authorities suggest that our joint defences, American and Canadian, are at least well prepared and excellently co-ordinated.

"We are at the position of 'alert.' We shall do well, \ in the general sense, to remain so. There seems no reason to become any more concerned than that."

The Vancouver Sun says:

"We believe that our defences are in a vastly better \; position than they were at the beginning of the year. Any raid on this coast of the character of that at Dutch Harbor will get a very hot reception.

"Air Raid Precaution officials will no doubt be re- second Avenue Phone 580 } people to co-operate in every way, obeying every instruction of the authorities."

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In his general report covering rvisor C. F. Leslie tells of making SUNSHINE two trips to Terrace on organizational work. The citizens of Terace have been very co-operative nd a fine program is planned here, an experienced supervisor having been assigned and installed Bulkley Valley Has Had Ample, n the camp.

As a new unit on the highway were unable to open a canteen and no stores were near the supervisor erranged a mobile canteen in the ruck which visits the unit daily. The officer commanding and men have been very appreciative this service. A new supervisor is low stationed in this camp.

ransformed sports activities at welcome, even by the farmers. 'or play every evening from Mon- erman for the next month. offered to donate a sports trophy point. for monthly competition on the Hay and grain are in fine shape,

Nichols who also edits the Aliford practically assured. Bay station paper and is in charge of sports, a music appreciation course has been instituted and is meeting with a growing response. Col. Armstrong, a radio specialist, has installed an excellent amplification system which gives full tone quality to the better classical re-

Motion pictures are vitally imortant to an isolated station such

ade grounds has been obtained for 3 for the murder of his blind wife. a playing field. This allowed or-Group Captain Gordon which is last week at the age of 47.

to be awarded on a monthly basis. Activities with the Navy have been much greater than in the past months. Although playing space has been at a premium the Navy have had more personnel than usual participating in outdoor sports. Indoor recreation also has increased greatly.

At the Prince Rupert Red Tri-With the increase in the military angle Club billiards, ping pong, stablishment in this area, the card games are engaged in continactivities of the Young Men's uously and entertainment provided Christian Association war services through other programs such as organization are becoming more concerts, broadcasts etc. The broadraidespread and diversified. There casts each Wednesday evening tre no less than seven supervisors from the Hut over the local station CFPR are gaining in popularity with troops and civilians.

IS NEEDED

If Not Too Much Rain, For Crops

SMITHERS, June 10 - Although at this time of the year a good quantity of rain is always to desired and is invariably appreciated by the farmers, still the Over on the Queen Charlotte generous downpours that have Islands a new playing field has been just a little more than is

Hiford Bay. It is one of the finest A good spell of dry and fairly ports fields in the area and a hot weather would be especially great deal of credit is due to the welcome by everyone and in the gen who helped voluntarily to general nature of things it might nake it. There is now a ten team be expected and it is hoped that oftball-volleyball league schedule this will be the order of the weath-

day until Friday and the majority There is plenty of moisture in of men able to play these games the ground throughout the Bulkwill have the opportunity. A soccer ley Valley just now to last for sevteam is also organized and doing eral weeks. In fact the ground has well. The Commanding Officer has just about reached the saturation

however, and it would appear that Under the guidance of Cpl. good crops in these lines are now

NEWS FROM EDMONTON

With a crucifix raised high, Pierre Cougan, Janvier reserve Inthis and provides practically dian, cried "God Help Me till I sole entertainment available to die," as Mr. Justice Tweedie, in an Edmonton court last week, sen-At Seal Cove, the use of the par- tenced him to hang on September

ganization of an eight-team league Dean of laws at the University on the station for both softball of Alberta for many years, John and volleyball. Competition is very Alexander Weir, eminent Canadian keen for the trophy donated by law authority, died in Edmonton!

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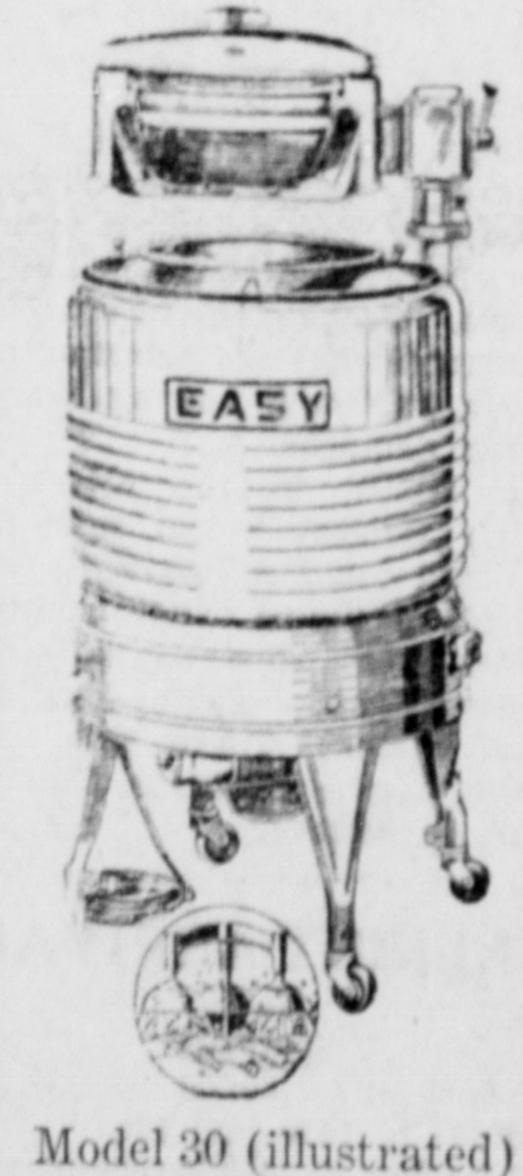
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