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Hong Kong Report . . .

The whole miserable question of Hong Kong would probably have been of better odor, unpleasant though it might at best have been, had it not been allowed to develop into the political dispute over whether or not shortcomings of the expedition should have been permitted a full public airing. There would appear to be little real excuse, protestations about security and the public interest—those good old alibis—withstanding, for not letting the public in on the whole matter. There the government erred, leaving itself open as political game.

That mistakes were made is admitted now by the announcement that two generals have been retired as a result of revelations made in evidence before the Duff Commission.

Had reasonable publicity been given the proceedings of the Duff Commission, it would probably have been most effective in preventing the repetition of such costly episodes than all the political bickering which ensued and which may be expected to continue.

It is very unfortunate that the bad taste, which will now be hard if not impossible to eliminate, should have been ever permitted to develop to the stage it did.

Forthright publicity from the outset would have shown at least good faith and we are not satisfied that satisfaction in this regard could not have been given to the people of Canada without giving information of value or comfort to the enemy.

Encouraging Home Building . . .

Announcement by Mr. Ilsley, the minister of finance, of a plan whereby the National Housing Scheme may be extended to further encourage the building of small and permanent homes where shortage of living quarters is acute proves of particular interest to Prince Rupert. Such a building scheme would, in the end, be of much more value to the community than mass building projects to take care of a floating population on a temporary non-owning basis.

There are, doubtless, many people in Prince Rupert today who would be glad to avail themselves of any such home owning scheme which would be within their means. It is to be hoped that such a scheme may be devised which will be of practicable application in Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert needs homes as badly today as ever and it needs home builders as badly as it needs homes.

Of course, there may be difficulties in the way of perfecting a home building plan under existing conditions but in any scheme of re-establishment later it will, doubtless, be an important factor. Give people homes which they own—even though they may be humble homes—and there will be a happier and a more progressive community.

Attempting to justify our own shortcomings by those of the other fellow is as dangerous a business today as it ever was. Even a million wrongs don't make a right.

VIVID FILM COMING OUT

"Next of Kin" is Training Movie For Commando Troops—Stern Warning Against Careless Talk

LONDON, July 30.—"The next of kin have been informed."

Through the medium of movie film these words, made known by so many official war communiques, have been turned into Britain's most forceful warning against careless talk. From them came the title for the film, "The Next of Kin," acclaimed by critics as the best war film they have ever seen.

Originally intended only as a training movie for commando troops, "The Next of Kin" now is being released to the public after prolonged discussions between the War Office and the Ministry of Information.

The story is told with stark realism: somebody talked—just a word here, a word there; but it was enough to give the enemy advance information. Then, on the coast of France, hundreds of brave Britons died needlessly.

It is a full-length movie, dramatic but simply done, packed with action, and so realistic that one officer who saw it remarked: "Everyone who sees it knows in his heart that at some time or another he has talked too much—but never again."

Filed in Cornwall

No visitors were allowed on the set during production and everybody concerned, from Producer Michael Balcon down, was sworn to secrecy. The pictures of the raid itself were filmed in Cornwall.

The story begins with the dispatch of two German agents to Britain to investigate special training of men for raids abroad. One is caught, but when the picture ends the other—played by Lt. Mervyn Johns—is still at work listening intently in a railway carriage to careless talk about secret munitions production.

Facts, most of them trivial, are collected by a network of spies. A phony bookseller, a night club dancer's dresser, an innocent-looking doctor, a Dutch refugee caught in a Nazi web . . . all gather information which fitted together forms the complete pattern of the planned commando raid.

Near the end of the movie is shown the slaughter of the British troops who tried to make a surprise raid on France only to be mowed down by forewarned Nazis. Fields are strewn with British dead, bloody and asprawl. Some of the bullet-riddled bodies were those of men who had inadvertently helped the enemy with remarks made innocently to their sweethearts.

Because somebody talked, Britons died and . . . "The next of kin have been informed."

Native Son In Recent Nuptials

Miss Betty Free is Bride of Well Known Local Young Man

The marriage took place recently in Vancouver of Lance Bombardier Nicholas James Killas, R.C.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Killas, Prince Rupert, to Betty Violet, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred W. Free, 1419 Harwood Street, Vancouver. Rev. (Major) George G. F. Pringle D.D. officiated at the ceremony.

Lance Bombardier Killas, a native son of Prince Rupert enlisted in the R.C.A. about one year ago, subsequently being transferred to Vancouver.

Baseball Standings

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	69	29	.704
St. Louis	59	37	.615
Cincinnati	52	44	.542
New York	53	46	.535
Chicago	47	54	.465
Pittsburg	43	52	.453
Boston	41	61	.402
Philadelphia	27	68	.284
American League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	67	31	.684
Boston	55	43	.561
Cleveland	56	46	.549
St. Louis	52	49	.515
Detroit	48	52	.480
Chicago	42	55	.430
Philadelphia	40	64	.385
Washington	40	60	.400

SPEAKS ON SELECTION SERVICE

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present personnel at the shipyard and various port improvements, if there were any place to house that quantity of labor. This is just a sample of the problems which Elliott Little has to contend with.

"Another case of lost time is inexcusable absenteeism. Nothing can justify the taking off of a day without an absolutely legitimate reason. Inexcusable absenteeism averages 15 to 20 percent of production time. You can imagine the difference it would make in production if this could be overcome. Instead of allowing the worker to rove at will, we are faced with the necessity to move him under a fixed plan and hold him in place in the same manner that armies are moved and placed in strategic positions. It is to this end that selective service authority is working. Under an authoritative government, such as has been established in Germany, Russia, Italy and Japan, this is a simple matter. There a man gets his orders and disobedience means severe punishment, often death.

Under a democratic system of government it is not so simple. Firstly, the co-operation of employer and employee must be obtained but, once the vital necessity of the scheme is grasped by employer and laborer, there will be less difficulty in its administration.

Global Struggle

"This global struggle, as Mr. Roosevelt calls it, has only just begun to touch the lives of the fortunate dwellers of the American continent. We have heard that there has been a war in progress for some time but its effect on us, up to the present, has been to increase our prosperity and has banished many of the economic ills that have plagued us for the last decade. That is all past now transportation by war.

"Here in Prince Rupert, we have a problem with another aspect. We could employ nearly double the and we are coming to the hard

part. The lives of our youth, the toll of our workers, the profits of our business and our accumulated savings, must be thrown in to the scale if we should save anything at all and save ourselves from becoming the subjects of a domineering, strutting race of super bullies under a yoke which might take us centuries from which to free ourselves. Every man must feel that he is in the first line of defence and desertion from his work is fully as disgraceful as the soldier who drops his gun and runs in the face of the enemy. By the same token, the employer who subjects his workers to unfair treatment and attempts to deny him the right to a fair wage and decent conditions of working and living, is equally a traitor. There must be equality of sacrifice. The employer must put up with the same irksome regulation of his freedom of action as the worker.

"How far it will be necessary to go with this matter of control is not yet defined but at the present time, a worker is free to quit his job if he wishes to. However, he must go to the Selective Service Officer for permit before obtaining other work. You cannot have a situation existing where the boss can fire but the man cannot quit. We must try and create a condition where the working man must acknowledge his necessity to do his part in this struggle and the employer acknowledge the necessity of co-operation with his employees fairly, and make equal sacrifices to keep the production line moving.

Many Difficulties

"There are many other difficulties involved in trying to evolve or apply an integrated national plan for the effective and economical use of manpower. This problem of moving the worker to another is a tremendous task. You might suggest that compulsory transfers would be in order but I would remind you that, though you might be able to arbitrarily move a man to the job, you cannot make him work at it, at least not to the best advantage. There is a world of difference between the accomplishment of a man whose heart is in the job, and who is encouraged to carry out that job, and the forced laborer. There is no substitute for the zeal of the worker who understands the significance of his job and carries it out to the maximum of his ability by the co-operation and understanding attitude of his employer.

"Transfers, there will be lots of them. That will mean inconvenience and trouble for thousands of Canadian workers within the coming year but the director believes, and I think he is right, that the people of this country, both worker and employer, will do anything we ask if we explain the why of it to them and if we keep in mind that we must all sink or swim together.

"We are going to call upon women to fill the gaps when men have been diverted from less essential jobs. We are going to ask women to take on work that women have not been hitherto asked to do. So far women have proven their willingness and ability to perform tasks that were formerly regarded as entirely men's work. The bulk of this work is of a hard unromantic type and there are no chic uniforms to go with it.

"As I can see it, we are all in a ghastly situation and we must all give of our toll, of our savings, and of our freedom unstintingly before we will again see the light of liberty and peace."

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Sheep Creek	.70

Oils

Calmont	.12
C. & E.	.92
Home	2.20
Royal Canadian	.02 1/2

Toronto

Beattie	.59 1/2
Central Pat.	.73
Cons. Smelters	33.00
Hardrock	.33
Kerr Addison	3.85
Little Long Lac	.80
McLeod Cockshutt	1.11
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