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Prince Rupert and Interior

Every time a Prince Rupert person visits the central interior towns, as a Daily News representative did this week, he is impressed with the increasing community of interest that is developing between the towns such as Smithers and Terrace and Prince Rupert. The opening up of the highway has had a great deal to do with this and, now that the road artery is tied up by slide and snow conditions, there is a real feeling of isolation. Everybody is pressing for the bending of all efforts to get the road reopened for it is now regarded as vital to the carrying on of business and friendly relationships.

The people of Prince Rupert and the interior towns have accepted an attitude of co-operation and a desire to work together in their mutual interest such as was never to be noted before. Their heart is in it and they feel the realism of its value. They realize their mutual progress and advancement are very much tied up together.

The fact that the war boom is over is accentuating this spirit all the more as the fact is accepted that it will take the best united efforts of all to promote a new era of permanent progress along industrial lines in utilization of the natural resources of the whole district so as to pick up the slack which is now setting in.

All of this is going to require a rejuvenation of spirit, a renewal of enthusiasm and confidence and a dispelling of the reaction and inferiority complex which has been somewhat evident of late.

Prince Rupert is ready and anxious to serve with all the facilities it has available the requirements of the interior communities and it is gratifying to see them linking up more closely in the bonds of interest and discussion.

The highway, communications, development of resources and settlement, all of these and other things are of mutual concern. They are matters on which exchange of confidence and views and united effort can be of the greatest benefit and the more we move in that direction the better.

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cedent. Their presence was much in Talks Endtion from Prince Rupert Chamber Conciliation the Terrace Board which a delegaof Commerce attended this week. And the ladies took an active part in the business, initiating the proposal that the Board should interest itself in the organization of recreational and cultural activities which they Fisheries Ltd. and the Canadian felt would do much to improve the Fish & Cold Storage Co. Ltd. public spirit and get things out of the man-made rut.

What is being done at Terrace affected were advised by the might well be considered even here wish to conclude new agreements in Prince Rupert where the staid calling for compulsory Union old Chamber of Commerce has been membership as a condition of wondering what could be done about revitalizing itself. Certainly, the employer. women, a full fledged members or as other proposas were made by some sort of an auxiliary body, the Union relative to hours and might contribute a valuable part in wages but the compulsory memfurthering the phase of public af- bership and check-off demands fairs with which the Chamber more important and those most deespecially concerns itself. Already sired by the employees. women are playing a very promi- The two companies affected nent part in civic affairs here. Now advised the Union at initial the war is over and they will not be to the compulsory features of so busy as they were with the war their proposals, believing that effort, they will have the time and such were unnecessary and the energy.

It would be something different ist between the companies and but it might be very good.

Mr. Molotov's Absence

.The absence of Foreign Commisar Molotov of Russia from the UNO Assembly at London has been the cause of some comment but the fact may not be of such very vital significance.

The Assembly meeting at London is after all, primarily for organizational purposes. It would be surprising if any questions arose which could not be tackled by diplomatists below the level of Foreign Minis-

As for the question of appearances, this is not the first time the Russians have exhibited a brusque disregard for them. Mr. Molotov's expressed view at San Francisco that that conference was not a tea party is typical of the Russian attitude toward the conduct of foreign relations generally.

If this attitude seems also to express a continuing skepticism about international co-operation, the Soviet leaders can always deny this when it suits them to do so, and at other times remain enigmatically silent. It may be that as Russia's allies make less of Mr. Molotov's absences from their councils they will have the pleasure of his presence more often.

Molotov's absence, indeed, may reflect a Russian inclination, noted heretofore, to conserve Mr. Molotov's energy for meetings where his presence is essential to getting a specific job done.

Compulsory Union Membership and Check-off at Issue

During the past few days,

negotiations have been in pro-

gress between the United Fish-

ermen's & Allied Workers Union and two local companies, Atlin At approximately the end of December, 1945, existing Union agreements between the above parties expired. The companies

were advanced as being the most

would be detrimental to the very satisfactory relations which extheir employees.

In view of the serious nature of the Union's demands, representatives of the two companies involved advised the employee's negotiating committees that, until such times as there

was some finality on these proposals, they would be unable to consider the suggested revisions relative to hours and wages.

The Union maintained its stand that the principle of compulsory Union membership was essential, thus preventing any further negotiations on the new agreements as a whole.

It is likely now that the controversy will be referred to the Government's conciliation procedure in an effort to reach a final settlement.

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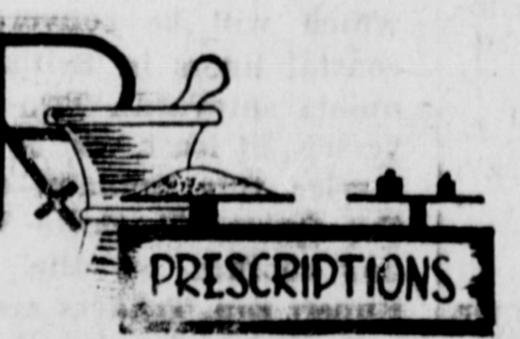
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FOUR JUVENILES CHARGED WITH BREAK, ENTRY

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