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DRY DOCK SITUATION

PRINCE RUPERT PEOPLE can be excused if they feel the situation in regard to the dry dock here is a little hard to take. Earlier in the year when protestations were made at the yard not being used for new shipbuilding, explanation was made that it was never meant as a shpibuilding yard in the first place but was ntended as a repair yard. Now the annual overhaul of the company's own ship comes up and it is announced that it is to be carried out in the south. Naturally, it makes local people wonder what kind of repair work, if any, is to be carried out here.

Plausible enough reasons are advanced as to the emergent conditions which make it more efficacous to carry out the overhaul of the steamer Prince Rupert in the south. Lack of personnel and organization to do the work speedily here is the chief reason. There is not that personnel and organization at Prince Rupert because there is not enough continuous work to justify the overhead.

No doubt, it would be very fine to have the Prince Rupert repaired here. Everybody is disappointed that it cannot be done. The problem now seems to be something much more far-reaching than the mere job of repairing one ship. It involves the larger question of use and development of the port facilities here generally.

People of Prince Rupert have good reason to be unhappy and dissatisfied with a situation wherebv the railway company, which is charged with a job of giving as good a service as it can compatible with sound business principles, is unable to have the steamer repaired here. They are still faced with the solution of the problem of broad development to bring about conditions under which such incidentals could be taken in stride. The railway officials have been constantly reiterating their desire and continued efforts towards a fuller use of this port and its facilities, including the dry dock, for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

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GOUGING THE FAMILY

PULLING DOWN out of the clouds all the fancy teminology of economics and the double talk of politics, the simple fact is that tomorrow's business will be determined by the ability and willingness of families to buy, says Financial Post.

Right now the family is being gouged by everybody. Unless there is a fast turn-around in this trend, today's "gimme groups" will hand themselves and everybody else a business slump that will be as unpleasant as it will be dangerous.

Today's farmers are getting very nice prices plus subsidies.

Labor is cutting a thicker and thicker slice of the production cake.

The unholy wedlock of price control on standard goods and high taxation gives the manufacturer little or no encouragement to produce the staple lines consumers want and much encouragment to produce fancy alternatives or non-essentials.

The effect of all this—which is a scarcity of goods people really want and very substantially hgher prices—hits the farm, labor and proprietor, but not nearly so hard as it hits the fixed income families.

A swiftly growing share of the family income is going for the bare essentials of life. Family food bills are soaring. So are family clothing bills. So is almost everything else.

Thousands of Canadians are already starting what could become a nationally serious "buying strike."

With their spending power crippled by taxation and crushing costs for the barest essentials of life, they not only have less to spend on things, but they are becoming increasingly intolerant of the prices they are being asked—and in many cases, the quality they are being offered.

That group whose income is relatively fixed, and who have not participated in the upward adjustment which has kept family income closer to its traditional balance with family outgo, represents a very big and important segment of the market for the products and services of farmer, labor, proprietor and professional man.

That middle income group is the big market for new cars, refrigerators, furniture, insurance, contributions to church and charities and so on.

Early repeal of wage and salary control may do something to restore a more healthy balance between what might be called the producing and consuming groups. It may do something to improve the spending power of the nation's great "middle class" market.

Without prompt adjustment, there is substantial cause for concern about the business outlook and not too far in the future either.

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Frederick C. Crawford, former president of the National Association of Manufacturers in the United States, recently said: "Shakespeare wrote, 'all the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players.' I want to add, all except newspapermen, for they must look on and report events."

LETTERBOX

CFPR HEARD FROM

Editor,
Daily News:

May we request a part of your valuable space to reply to the letter written by Don Gallinger.

Thanks, Mr. Gallinger, for yours. Letters unsigned, or bearing non-de-plume, are not worth the paper they are written on. The only ones which carry any weight are those bearing a signature. As to writing letters—yes, by all means, as these give us something in black and white to work with. Any letters addressed to the station are promptly forwarded to the persons concerned and as for phone calls, we like to hear from you but, with any legitimate complaint, we cannot transmit a phone call as we would a properly signed letter. The more letters, the easier to get a decision on a complaint. We were barraged with phone calls last Saturday but, to date, have only received three letters with which to work. It only takes half the effort to write a letter than it does to spend five or ten minutes on the phone raising Cain and accomplishing exactly nothing.

Again address your letters to us and we will see they are forwarded to the responsible parties.

Thanks a lot for your space, Mr. Editor.

C. H. INSULANDER,
CFPR.

HURRAH FOR LETTERS

Editor,
Daily News:

Three cheers for all the letters written regarding the broadcasting of the Saturday night hockey games. I, too, am of the opinion that our station (or should I say CBC) could and should see to it that these games are broadcast over CFPR. It's hard at times for some of the fans to strain their ears to hear the hockey game from other stations. So why should they when CFPR is at our door? If only CFPR could give some hint of how to go about obtaining this broadcast, we would listen to that hint. Yours for better listening.

DISGRUNTLED HOCKEY FAN.

CHURCH UNION FREE KINSHIP

Rector of St. Andrew's Is Speaker Before Rotary Club

The individuality of the enlightened human spirit would constitute a major barrier to the organic union of the churches but would, on the other hand, be a strong factor toward a voluntary spiritual unity under the central leadership of Christ, Rev. Basil S. Prockter of St. Andrew's Cathedral told the Prince Rupert Rotary Club Thursday in an address on "Church Union."

Outlining the history of the movement for union of the Protestant churches and the arguments favoring it, Mr. Prockter attributed its beginnings to the foreign mission field where religious differences mean little to a convert, despite their imbedded importance in Europe.

"Church differences are not a live issue to a convert in Madras. The Christion church in India should not be American, English or Swedish—it should be Indian," he declared. "It should conform and be relevant to the life of the people."

The unity movement also grew out of the association on this continent of national churches which had existed independently in their countries of origin before being transplanted here.

The ecumenical movement of independent churches has also assisted the churches to act in fellowship, although it involved no organic union, Mr. Prockter said. Except for this ecumenical movement, which inspired a sense of spiritual unity with German Christians, Hitler might have been able to smother Martin Neimoller and other remaining German religionists. Churches in other countries gave opposition with one mighty voice.

However, unity also is fraught with danger, Mr. Prockter asserted, and one of the great dangers is that of "levelling."

"Some argue in favor of this "levelling" by saying that there is only one God—so why not have only one church?"—but I feel that the more we progress on our spiritual voyage, the more we are likely to diverge.

"Divergence and variety are things that accompany the development of the human personality. If we are not developed we tend to be all alike but the things that make us human are the things that make us different from one another."

"With national radio and international moving pictures we have very little left by which to remain individual and human. I feel that we should cling to the individuality offered by religion."

The type of union that would respect these divergences would be a voluntary type of spiritual kinship, similar to that enjoyed in the British Commonwealth of Nations in which men would be allowed to live in a certain type of unity, bowing voluntarily to a common authority.

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ROTARY CLUB PLANS CONCERT

Prince Rupert music lovers, who do not often get a chance to hear living artists of international calibre playing from a local stage, will have that opportunity on November 13 and 14 when the Rotary Club will present Michael and Raphael Kellert, widely famed as concert violinst and pianist, in the Civic Centre auditorium.

The two artists are being brought to the city to present three concerts, on the evening of November 13 and again on the evening of November 14, and a children's concert on the afternoon of November 14.

At present the two musical brothers are in Victoria, holidaying after a successful tour of the eastern United States. They have played in the large American and Canadian cities, London, and the European capitals before the war.

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BOND SALES GOING WELL

Payroll Deductions Plan Popular With Railway Employees

Sale of Canada Savings Bonds is going "very well" on the Smithers division of the C.N.R., where employees are making their purchases largely on the payroll deduction plan, the Daily News learned this morning at Superintendent C. A. Berner's office.

In the 10 days since the campaign opened, about 50 per cent of employees in the division have been canvassed and the results have shown considerable interest in this method of saving.

Final results will be available after the close of the campaign on October 31.

The Savings Bond campaign, while carried out on lines similar to that used in the Victory Loan drives during the war, is more loosely organized and the bond sales are being handled independently by some departments and not channelling through the divisional office.

However, those departments in which the bond sales are being handled through the divisional offices indicate that applications for bonds in substantial denominations are frequent. At McBride, the average purchase for those who bought bonds was $540 per purchaser.

Figures for Prince Rupert were not available.

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