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OF DIRECT CONCERN

AN INTERNATIONAL incident which brings a state of "near war" between United States and Yugoslavia is something that even here in Prince Rupert is fraught with immediate concern. War between United States and Yugoslavia would, probably, imply war between United States and Russia. Western Canada and Prince Rupert would well be in the vortex of war between Russia and the United States. Canada, as General Pearkes reminded Parliament only Monday, would be the battlefield. Prince Rupert would, possibly, be the scene of hostilities unless the United States was so quick on the draw that the Russians would never be able to get this far along.

The situation in Iran and the Near East, in Palestine, in the Dardanelles all are of immediate interest and concern in Prince Rupert. Failure to compose differences in such great gatherings as the Paris peace conference and the United Nations organization all might have quick and immediate bearing on physical events to ensue even here. No longer is our interest in such events and proceedings remote and detached.

PORT DAY

POSSIBLY there is no more appropriate sort of a celebration for a community such as Prince Rupert than that which is planned for tomorrow in the revival of the Port Day when all manner of water competitions, including several of commercial aspect, will be staged in a big list of events which will take up the entire day—morning and afternoon. From the sea Prince Rupert to large extent derives its living and it is fitting enough that we should have an observance and recognition of marine affairs such as this.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is to be congratulated on its enterprise and energy in staging this significant event. People who were here before the war will remember the fine Port Day we had in 1939—

Noted Musician To Visit Canada

TORONTO—Bernard Heinze, Australia's best known musician, plans to visit Canada this winter. During January and February he will make a concert tour of the Dominion. While on tour

he is scheduled to direct the Vancouver and Toronto symphony orchestras and the orchestra of Les Concerts Symphoniques de Montreal. Dr. Heinze, professor of music at the University of Melbourne and principal conductor of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, is to arrive in Canada in December. His four-month visit to Canada follows a 1945 tour of Australia by Sir Ernest MacMillan, conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

how much interest was taken in it and how successful it was. Tomorrow's event gives every promise of being equally intriguing. People of Prince Rupert are advised to turn out and spend the day along the waterfront. They will find the program that is to be offered enjoyable, instructive and interesting.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL

PRINCE RUPERT is being honored for a couple of hours late this afternoon with a casual and informal visit by His Excellency, Viscount Alexander, the Governor-General, Lady Margaret and family. There will be no official formalities on this occasion since the call here is but incidental to the transfer of the vice-regal party from a quiet cruise along the coast to rail here for their return journey to Ottawa.

The Governor-General, since his arrival in Canada, has been losing no time in familiarizing himself with the Dominion and, in an unobtrusive and quiet way, has been learning about the country.

The people of Prince Rupert may feel a little disappointed that they were not encouraged to do His Excellency official honor at this time but they hope that it will not be long before he is back again when the community may have the opportunity to extend its formal welcome and proffer its fealty to the Empire and crown of which he is the official representative.

STUPID VANDALISM

MUCH favorable comment had been heard during the past week about the direction signs erected in various parts of the city by the Prince Rupert Public Relations Council. They were to have been of benefit and convenience to motorists heading on to the Prince Rupert Highway.

However, hardly had the signs been up for a week than one of them at the main corner of Third Avenue and McBride Street was the victim of nocturnal hoodlums who ripped down one of the direction boards altogether and left it split on the ground while the other was twisted out of place.

There are few enough people who have the initiative and energy to provide the city with such conveniences. Naturally, they become discouraged when idle and senseless hooligans can find nothing better to do than to destroy them.

Citizens who may have any information about the persons who commit such acts should exercise the responsibility of good citizenship and assist the authorities in bringing about due prosecution.

RIDE ON TOP OF POLICE CAR; ENDS IN JAIL

Intent on taking a drunken native into custody, city police entered a milling throng of protesting natives on Third Avenue West at 10:30 Saturday night and after a fracas, emerged with two men—one of them a purely voluntary passenger who had apparently perched himself on top of the police car to watch the "fun."

Inside the car was the native whom the police originally sought—taken from a trouble-seeking crowd estimated by police to have numbered 200.

"It had the makings of an ugly riot," said Sergeant Hall, who with three other policemen, took part in the arrest. "However, the police got their man and got him back to headquarters before things got out of hand."

A charge of drunkenness was laid against the native, and a similar charge against the man who had ridden on top of the car. The police did not discover that the man was astride their vehicle until they were moving out of the danger area. They kept going until they got to headquarters.

The man's weight on the car's sheet metal top made "a dent big enough to take a bath in," police said. The police received minor cuts and bruises during the fracas. The crowd dissolved after the police departed.

LETTERBOX

DRY DOCK POLICY
Daily News,
Mr. Vaughan, president of the Canadian National Railways, surely let the cat out of the bag when he was here last time. He let us know that certain men, antagonistic to the development of the Canadian National Railways, were trying to hamstring the railway but that he very strongly protested when they suggested picking up the steel from the Prince Rupert branch. The poor man must be in very bad company, almost like Daniel in the lions' den as related in the scripture.

We have known for years that something was wrong with men in the key positions of our national railroads but that they intended to add sabotage to gross inefficiency was a real revelation.

On December 5, 1945, Transport Minister Chevrier, speaking in the House of Commons, stated that the Canadian National was exploring the possibility of having one or more of the new vessels built at Prince Rupert but plans were not advanced sufficiently to permit of making a definite settlement. Evidently plans were advanced sufficiently the other day for Mr. Chevrier to let us know that the ships must not be built here as the men might find themselves unemployed after that job was done.

A policy of curtailing all government industry can only bring about a severe depression with its bread lines and relief queues. I suggest that we should strongly demand the resignation of those who are steering our country on to the rocks and show them that the time is past when such double-dealing will be allowed.

ANDREW WASEND.

Francois Lake— Honors For Girl Vets

The Misses Marion and Virginia Keefe Back From War Service

FRANCOIS LAKE—On Saturday evening about fifty neighbors and friends gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Keefe to celebrate the return to civil life from the Canadian Air Force of Marion and Virginia Keefe. The Women's and Farmers' Institutes sponsored the party and the evening started off with whist. Mrs. Reginald Partington, secretary of the Women's Institute, presented the prizes—ladies', Mrs. J. Jeffrey, men's, Charles Hunter, consolation prizes, Marion Keefe and Fred Kempton.

Members of the Women's Institute served an abundant and delicious lunch at midnight and the room was cleared for the real event of the evening—the presentation of gifts to Marion and Virginia.

Marion was told that there was a gift for her but she must follow various clues to find it. She had to deprive one gentleman of his glasses and place on a certain lady's nose in return for a slip of paper with another clue. She had an amusing time fixing a pair of ear-rings on her Dad, and finding another clue in Lee Cooper's boot. The clues led her to the final one where she had to place a chair in the middle of the room and on it a certain young man. She had to tell him that, after blind-folding him, she had to sit on his knee and kiss him. When all was ready for the kissing it was arranged that a visitor from Prince Rupert, a smart but rather bristly moustache slip in and sit on the lad's knee in Marion's stead and soundly kiss him. The amusement over this was terrific. The clue in the lad's pocket told Marion to take Virginia with her to find their gifts on her bed. They were soon downstairs, and Virginia carried her parcel to the table and unpacked a pair

of pictures, then read the presentation verse composed for her. (Virginia was visiting Rupert last year as "Miss Tweedsmuir" at the Beauty Contest).

Marion then unpacked her gift, a large mirror. She also read her poem and thanked all in her own delightful manner.

Virginia thanked the assembly in a few well chosen words. The guests formed a ring with the two young veterans of World War II in the centre, and "They Are Two Jolly Good Fellows" made the rafters ring, followed by "Good Night Ladies" led by the stentorian Hunter.

W. E. Funnell started off a program of singing and recitations with his usual breezy skits and songs. Others contributing were the Misses Hilary and Pat Partington, Hush Neave and Fred Kempton. The party broke up at 2:30 after a delightful evening which will long be remembered by all who were there.

NEWCASTLE, Eng. —A special police squad patrols Newcastle East End every Sunday to curb street gambling.

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