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Neglecting Home Defence

MAITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the Minister of National Defence at Ottawa that Canada's naval strength is to be divided almost equally between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, the strategic position of Prince Rupert on the Pacific Coast again comes naturally to mind. We have no desire to quarrel with Esquimalt but why the whole naval strength of this coast should be centred at that extreme end, lying almost within and nearly surrounded by American territory, is something that we have long failed to understand.

In the changing picture of Canada's defence, more and more focussing westward and northward, it would seem logical that Prince Rupert should become the site of a naval base of equal if not greater importance than Esquimalt. It is not a very creditable state of affairs if, for political reasons or just because naval personnel desires to remain around Victoria, the implementation of a realistic policy in the arranging of the defences of the country is interfered with. If it was so important that Prince Rupert should be a strong defence centre in the emergency of war, it is hard to comprehend why it should be utterly ignored in the establishment and maintenance of defence measures in time of peace and against the possibility of war.

Air Service Soon

NOW that a strong case has been put up before the Air Transport Board for the establishment of a regularly scheduled air service between Vancouver and Prince Rupert, it is to be expected that the necessary licence will soon be granted and that the service will be duly commenced possibly by late spring or summer. It will be an important step forward in bringing up-todate transportation and communications between the two cities. The institution of such a service will have the tendency of speeding up the

doing of business and making of contacts personally and by correspondence.

for instituting the service. The granting of the necessary licence is practically a foregone conclusion. All that remains now is to finalize the assignment of the necessary equipment to the route and the setting up of operating machinery at this northern ter-

Prince Rupert is at last to be on the air map.

Trawling Tie-up

N THE TIE-UP of deliveries of i trawl-raught fish at Prinle Rupert, this port feels directly the adverse affect of an industrial dispute getting out of hand. In fact, it is already quietening down the local waterfront very materi-

The fish companies, in the long run, are not seriously hurt except for the disruption of their operations. They, of course, immediately cut over-

head with the laying off of workers who are the real sufferers. The operators of the fishing and delivery vessels. of their own choice, cut off their means of livelihood and support. But the worst sufferer, as usual, is the public.

Apart from all that, of course, is the unfortunate situation whereby a form of food supply is cut off at a time when an orderly production and distribution of food is so badly needed.

Ever stand in a spotlight? You'll notice it's mighty difficult to see what's going on around you.

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

The temperature in the Sahara desert is often 130 degrees small letters were never used at mid-day, and near freezing concurrently; either all capitals at inight.

LARGE OR SMALL

In ancient times capitals and were used or all small letters.



USES THE PECK AND HUNT SYSTEM - Checking over the ledgers at the Franklin Park Zoo, Boston, Mass., the self-appointed clerk of the institution, a macaw named Leo, literally uses the peck system on the typewriter to fill out a report. Just how he would handle that telephone is something only a realistic and stuffy (a word Leo loathes) person would bring up.

TWO DIE AS BLEACHERS COLLAPSE

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (P)-Perdue University today counted two surance and retirement pension of a coalition without a return dead and about 200 injured in plans and an enlarged immigra- to the people would be undemosports history following the col-Canadian Pacific Airlines, it lapse of wooden bleachers last by Rembrandt, depicting the emergency and was the product is already known, has gone a night at the end of the first long way in connection with half of a western conference by a gold chain, nealized 750 which followed a decade in the preliminary arrangements | basketball game with Wiscon-

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OF INDUSTRY IN BRITAIN NEEDED

Taking a transAtlantic mental flight last night, Prince Rupert Citizens' Forum discussed "Government, Business and Laborthe British Trend." The score of members present concluded that a vast re-organization of British industry is necessary and that the present Labor government is not moving too rapidly in that

Basing their arguments on the nation's economic keystone -coal-the members brought out the point that present production shortages are a result of pre-war inadequacies in administration and production methods which must be scrapped as quickly as possible and replaced by modern techniques. In the light of the desperate economic urgency that exists in the country today, this reorganization is not progressing rapidly enough, the members concluded. However, a toorapid change, which would be tantamount to revolution, would create the danger of industria dislocations which could devastate the nation.

In answer to the question: "Do you think that in the present emergency, Great Britain would be better served by a OTTAWA, (9-In a submission | Coalition government?" the to the government, the national Forum members returned a unanimous negative.

Since the British people electreductions, removal of trade re- ed the Labor government by a strictions, national health in- soustantial majority, formation | the third major tragedy of its tion policy on a selective basis. cratic, the meeting held. The wartime coalition government LONDON O - A self-portrait was formed in a state of high painter in a dark cloak crossed of a state of political confusion guineas (\$3,150) at an auction. which no general election had

Also, in view of the divergent ideological views of the Conservative and Labor elements in the country, the particular type of economic planning expound-

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Chairman of the Forum was J. M. Black.

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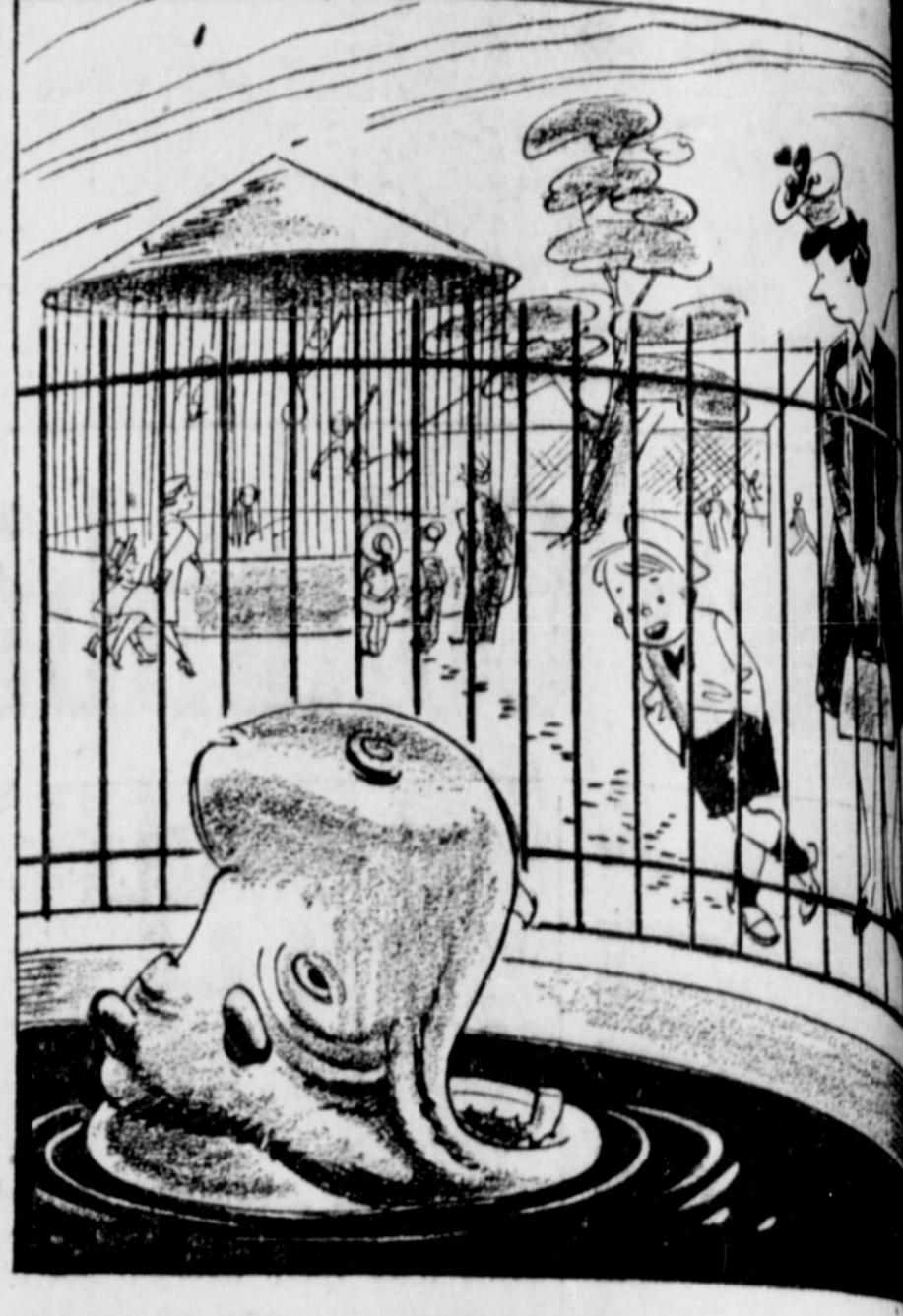
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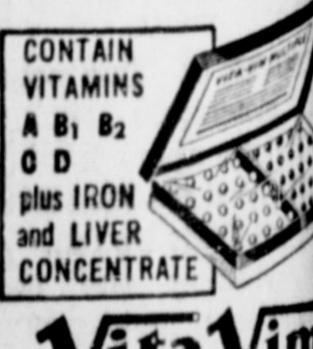
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