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Open Your Stores

BY A NARROW margin of one vote the City Council decided against the request of a group of merchants to have their shops remain open only one night a week, for the convenience of the construction employees of the Cellulose Company who cannot get into town before six p.m.

Granted the proposal is a perplexing one, nevertheless the arguments in favor of granting this application are unquestionably strong.

Prince Rupert is fortunate in having a great purchasing power available among the workers at the big plant. It is fortunate, too, that stores have not been opened in the vicinity of the plant. The employees of the retail stores in town do not appear to object to the small overtime involved in order to get the available business.

With a big purchasing power right at our doors, is it common sense to refuse to make our commodities available to that body of people with such purchasing power in their pockets?

The results from this policy can only be to drive the trade into mail order houses or encourage people to open stores near the plant.

Prince Rupert is largely dependent upon a big retail trade. It must remain the chief shopping centre for the people in the surrounding area if it is to be a prosperous community.

Fishing, producing, shipping, railroading, wholesaling plants are fundamental to the maintenance of our economy. But along with these basic concerns come the retail and servicing trades and professions in which generally more people find employment than in the basic callings.

It is the combination of producers, distributors, service callings and of course consumers that creates and maintains a city.

A temporary condition exists whereby a large group of workers are unable to spend their money in town. The merchants and council ought to find some reasonable way of supplying a service.

If they do not, then they have no one to blame if stores are erected nearer the plant and a new community gets the business driven away from Prince Rupert. It has happened elsewhere. It can happen here.

The council and merchants should reconsider this question.

FUNDAMENTALS

STICK more to fundamentals in primary education, advises the Estevan (Sask.) Mercury. "Mental indigestion comes sooner or later from a system of education made too easy, pleasant and palatable through evading many of the basic things of the subjects involved. If more time were spent in the public schools in fashioning for the children the tools of the three R's with which they finally carve out their own education, a tremendous advantage would be gained."

"Not only would they be better prepared to absorb the teaching of the subjects in high school grades but they would leave school ever so much better equipped than they are now. On top of that the cost of educating them—both directly and indirectly—would be lessened."

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

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As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT PEACE OR WAR NEAR

IN ONE short week we have been plunged from the doorstep of peace in Korea to defeat and possibility of world war three.

No one in our part of the world is sure of the reason.

Did the Chinese Communists come crashing south because General MacArthur by-passed the peace negotiations which Britain and India had all but completed in Peking?

Or was the earlier Chinese Red retreat just a stall for time—retreat a "come-on"—to get the UN forces in a position where they could be trapped?

As Ernest Bevin admitted, we do not know.

IN LESS OMINOUS times Canadians might be forgiven for indulging themselves in the luxury of criticism of General MacArthur.

Even interpreted in the most favorable light his order for a "home-by-Christmas" attack was a bad blunder. British and Indian diplomats in Red China had worked out a "gentlemen's agreement" whereby the war in Korea would be ended by leaving a demilitarized buffer zone of about 20 miles next to the border of China.

Maybe the Chinese Reds were playing the British and Indians for suckers in these negotiations. But the point is that MacArthur shot away the chance of finding out if the war could be ended on terms which should have satisfied everybody.

IT WAS THAT grand old statesman Clemenceau who said truly that war is too important to be left to the generals.

The vital—and it could be catastrophic—weakness of the UN campaign in and around Korea is that MacArthur was allowed to step beyond his proper role as a military commander. He made moves which definitely trespassed into the realm of high politics. These began with his theatrical trip to Formosa—kissing the hand of Madame Chiang Kai-shek. They ended with the "home by Christmas" attack order at the very moment when British diplomacy had worked out the buffer zone deal.

BUT WE SHOULD keep all the above in proper proportion. The present point is, not "how we got this way" but what should be done now. We cannot now afford the luxury of a western family quarrel.

Are the Chinese Communists and their Russian allies sincere in wanting peace. They—not we—made the war in Korea.

Or are they cleverly using MacArthur's mistakes to make trouble between the British and Americans?

If what they want is a 20-mile buffer zone why do they not plainly say so at UN?

If the Chinese want peace they can get peace in a matter of days or even hours by simply "coming clean." But does the world Communist leadership really want peace in Korea or anywhere else?

The truth is that we do not know—and must be prepared to face the worst, while working and praying for the best.

IF WORLD WAR Three is at hand the three key spots are

1. India.
2. The Suez Canal zone.
3. Germany and Western Europe.

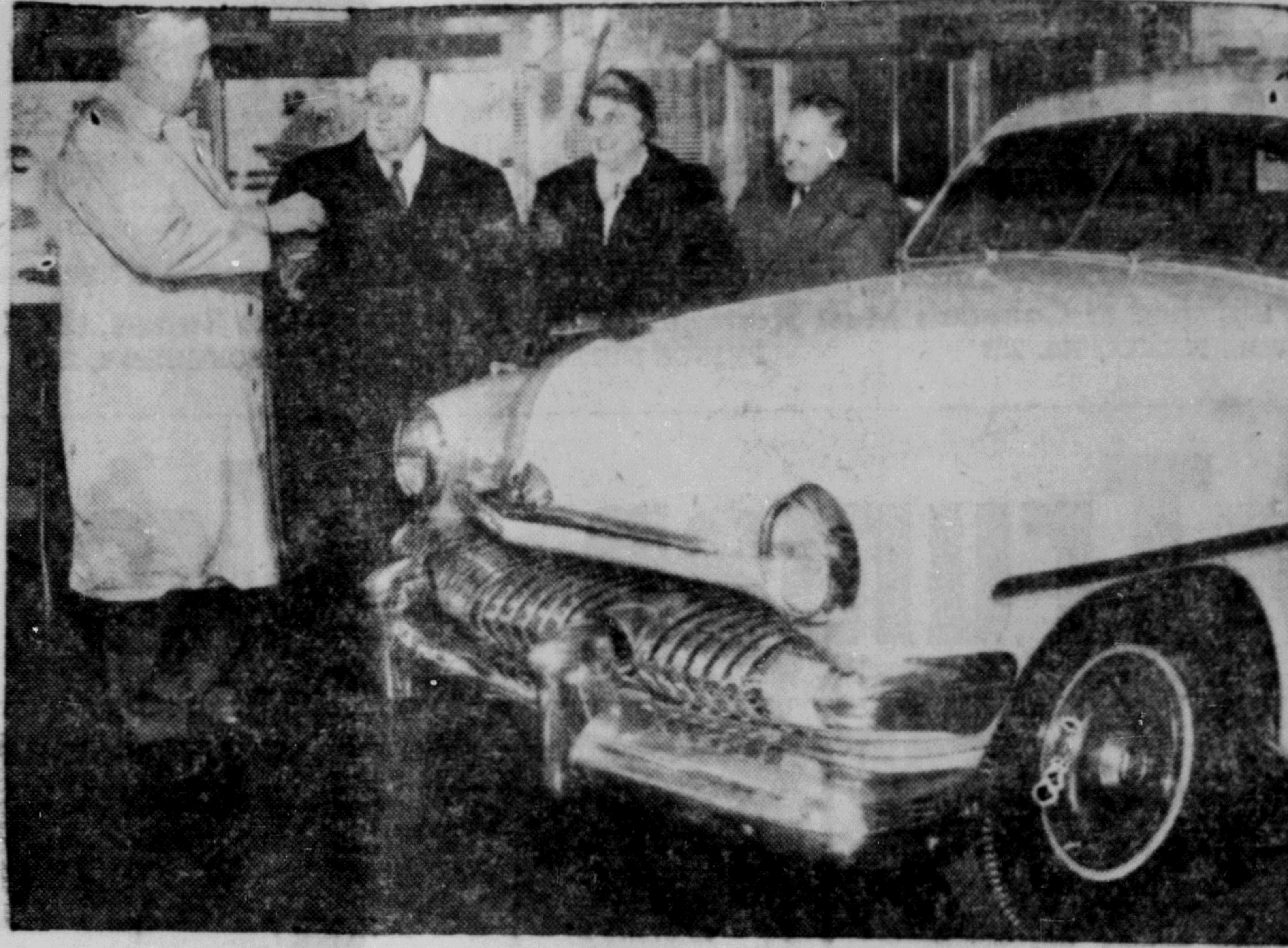
Either in cold war or hot war, as India goes so eventually will all south Asia. As Suez goes, in a struggle between the United States and Russia, so eventually will all Africa go.

As Germany goes, so eventually will all her next-door neighbors, east and west.

Local Boy U.S. Army Captain

First Lieutenant Ernest F. Santurbane of Prince Rupert has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the Army of the United States.

The announcement of the promotion was made recently in an order issued from the General Headquarters of the Second Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas, and signed by Major General Williston B. Palmer, commanding general of the division. Captain Santurbane is a graduate of the Prince Rupert High School in Prince Rupert. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Santurbane, live at 404 8th Ave. West.



PRESENTED WITH CAR—Token of affection and good wishes of hundreds of Canadian daily and weekly newspapermen and friends in the public relations and advertising fields, a 1951 Mercury six-passenger coupe was presented at Montreal to Walter S. Thompson, who retired recently after 27 years as public relations director for Canadian National Railways. Presenting the car, one of the first 1951 models produced by Ford of Canada, are G. J. Fitzgerald, Montreal Gazette columnist and president of the Montreal Men's Press Club, and Roger Champoux of Montreal La Presse, joint chairmen of the committee which sponsored a testimonial dinner for the popular C.N.R. public relations chief.

Victoria Report

... by J. K. Nesbitt

Premier Getting Better—John Hart's Party—Wallace Fine Host

VICTORIA.—Rumors have been flying around the capital that Premier Johnson will never walk again—that he will resign the government's leadership.

They got so wild that the premier's physician, Dr. John Moore, had to issue an official bulletin.

House has become a popular place. Everyone, it seems, now wants to go to the big mansion which the taxpayers maintain for the King's representative. And that's fine by His Honor and Mrs. Wallace. They give a welcome to anyone who wants to pay a visit.

Just inside the big front doors, under the imposing porte cochere, is a visitors' register. You put your name and address in that book and you get two invitations a year—to the Christmas reception and the August garden party.

So many people have signed their names that they can't all be fitted into the house, big as it is, at one Christmas reception, so there's going to be three, December 19, 20 and 21.

Victoria and Government House have never seen anything like it.

Never before in the first two months of a new regime has there been such comings and goings at Government House. There are guests nearly every night for dinners, there have been half a dozen afternoon receptions and every week-ends there are house guests from out of town.

The new First Family is planning a big family Christmas party at Government House, with sons and daughters-in-law, brothers and sisters and grandchildren.

Capital society is still talking about the big party ex-Premier and Mrs. John Hart gave at the Empress Hotel to honor Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Clarence Wallace. It was quite the fanciest private party the capital has seen in years, if ever. More than 400 people turned up in the Chinz Lounge. An orchestra played, a central table was piled high with flowers, flanked with figures of birds in dripping ice, there were mounds of food and three bars. Mr. and Mrs. Hart were gracious host and hostess and seemed to have as much enjoyment as their guests, who were sorry when 7 p.m. came and they had to go home.

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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

It's just as well that we should have a live municipal election at home. Of course, the Lord only knows what is to happen in the usual trouble zones but nothing is going to be either gained or lost in neglecting important affairs nearer where we live.

A Korean bank bill has found its way to Prince Rupert, having been sent by George Evans, local soldier, who is going places and seeing things he will remember as long as he wears a uniform and doubtless a lot longer. George writes its normal estimate is somewhat open to doubt, but present value amounts to two and a half cents. One of these cold and sunless days, Korea will probably be the same.

Capital punishment has returned to New Zealand, and no one seems sorry, save the fellow who is subject to wicked passions. The State tried it out and abides by the result which appears conclusive. For seven years the gallows was abolished. Murders numbered 87. The prevalence of a Master artist.

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