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Long Range Needed

SURELY THERE IS A WAY of breaking the vicious circle of multilateral and competitive trade which is precipitating economic crisis on the western world. The need now may be to recognize that most of the trouble comes from doing what seems temporarily expedient rather than doing what is right from a long-range standpoint.

It seems to be becoming more urgent than ever for the world's statesmen to push aside details and get down to thinking and agreeing about fundamentals.

When a navigator on the ocean wants the right answer to a question of his ship's position, he gets up from his chart desk and takes a sun-sight. European nations certainly are at sea right now. They ought to get real help if they look in the proper direction.

CRIPPS STILL NEEDED

IT IS NOT to be wondered that there is much speculation over the circumstances of the rest being taken by Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps. Generally recognized as the most realistic and fact-facing member of the British Labor government, Sir Stafford has given long-suffering Britons not a few bitter pills in his obviously sincere efforts to bring about a panacea to his country's grave economic ills. And Prime Minister Clement Attlee's political family has not been so happy about it at times, there is good reason to believe. Laborite or no Laborite, however, Sir Stafford has, nevertheless, been a forceful and useful figure, vicissitudes and difficulties of his position notwithstanding.

The reasonable thing to suppose is that Sir Stafford has simply suffered a breakdown under the weight of strain and responsibility in these critical times.

Those who follow and have some understanding of British affairs will hope anxiously that, after a period of rest, Sir Stafford will be able to return to the scene of British public affairs. He could and very well may play an important part no matter what political developments arise out of a great crisis which, from the economic aspect, is unprecedented in the nation's history.

ACHIEVING MUSICAL FAME

MARIE BALAGNO-LUNDQUIST, achieving international fame as a pianist and joining the ranks of the contemporary great as an artist of the keyboard, wins further distinction in being chosen to go to Warsaw, Poland, as a competitor representing the United States in the Chopin International Competition this fall.

It speaks volumes of credit for the inspiration of her parents, particularly of her father who comes of a well known pioneer British Columbia musical family, and of her early training right here in Prince Rupert, at St. Joseph's Academy that Marie Balagno-Lundquist should have scaled the musical heights thus far—an ascent that, from all indications, has not ended yet.

This talented young lady is but one of several of Prince Rupert's very own products who have won distinction for themselves and the town from which they hail. To her parents and all concerned congratulations are due.

A REPORTER'S TROUBLES

REFLECTING on the possibility of newspaper errors, which, in spite of the best we can do, seem bound to occur, a columnist in the Prince George Citizen enumerates some of the risks one takes when talking to a newspaperman. He says:

"First, the reporter has to hear aright what talker is saying. Then he has to remember it right and write it right. Then it goes into the backshop where it has to be linotyped right. Then it has to be checked right. Then it has to go into the paper right. In the latter process any of half a dozen mishaps can occur: it can get the head from another story; its head can be reversed, it can be mutilated to make it fit, thereby losing all meaning; it can be forgotten and left out altogether.

"The possibilities of making mistakes, as you will see, are unlimited. So, it's not right reporter should be sometimes asked whether he ever writes anything right."

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Tourists often visit Canada and return home without ever having seen a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and, because of that, speak of great disappointment. Some of the advertising folders show a mountie on the cover which plainly suggests he is intended as a travel attraction which is far from being correct. It is their business to uphold law and order, and not pose as a diverting subject for someone with a camera. It is to be regretted a holiday is not always up to full expectations yet it's a fact one can tour for weeks and never get a glimpse of that scarlet tunic.

Public life has a certain glamour that often gives a wrong impression. Behind the suggestion of power and distinction, there lurks such a thing as nervous exhaustion. It wore Franklin Roosevelt to a shadow. Truman is said to be standing up well but that's more than can be said for his cabinet. Only a few months ago, Forrestal dropped from a sky-scraper window. Within the past few weeks,

Krug, secretary of the interior has had fainting spells while trying to testify, or give addresses. And now, Mr. Cripps.

Questions concerning the Senate will be asked when Parliament reassembles. Answers may bare embarrassment or possibly reveal evasion. For there is a suspicion that Canada is commencing to wonder if the Senate is becoming a one-sided club or functioning as the Fathers of Confederation originally intended.

Communists are being blamed for plenty and somehow it all seems to stick. Apparently, there is no question as to the justice of the charges concerning the London strike. And so it goes. In other times when an industrial or political entanglement provoked and grieved the general public, it was usually good form to point at the Irish.

Without giving the subject a scientific approach, one might say that what is called muskeg consists of decayed vegetable matter. Long, bright days gave it a power that puts an ardor—a strength and viridity into this business of growing. If you doubt, take time to give more than a passing glance at the acres of lush grass, tall ferns, bowers and flowers, verdure and variety within the borders of the railway reserve.

The late P. D. Ross, Ottawa newspaper publisher, was a lover of sports throughout his long life. Once, playing golf at Virginia Hot Springs, he met with an aged gentleman who, after brief conversation, invited him to play the following day. Starting out, Mr. Ross noted a small crowd following. The elderly stranger, in an amiable way remarked:

"I wish people would not be like this. For that reason, I usually play on my own links."

"You have a private course, sir," queried Mr. Ross.

"Yes. At Lakewood, New Jersey. Still I prefer a small course on the Hudson."

"You have two, then," was the surprised exclamation.

"Yes, indeed. Three, as a matter of fact. The third is in Ohio."

"I beg your pardon," observed Mr. Ross, "but may I ask your name?"

"Certainly. J. D. Rockefeller."

Tonight's train, due from the East at 11:30 daylight time, is reported two hours and thirty minutes late due to a delayed connection at Jasper. This would bring it in at 2 a.m.

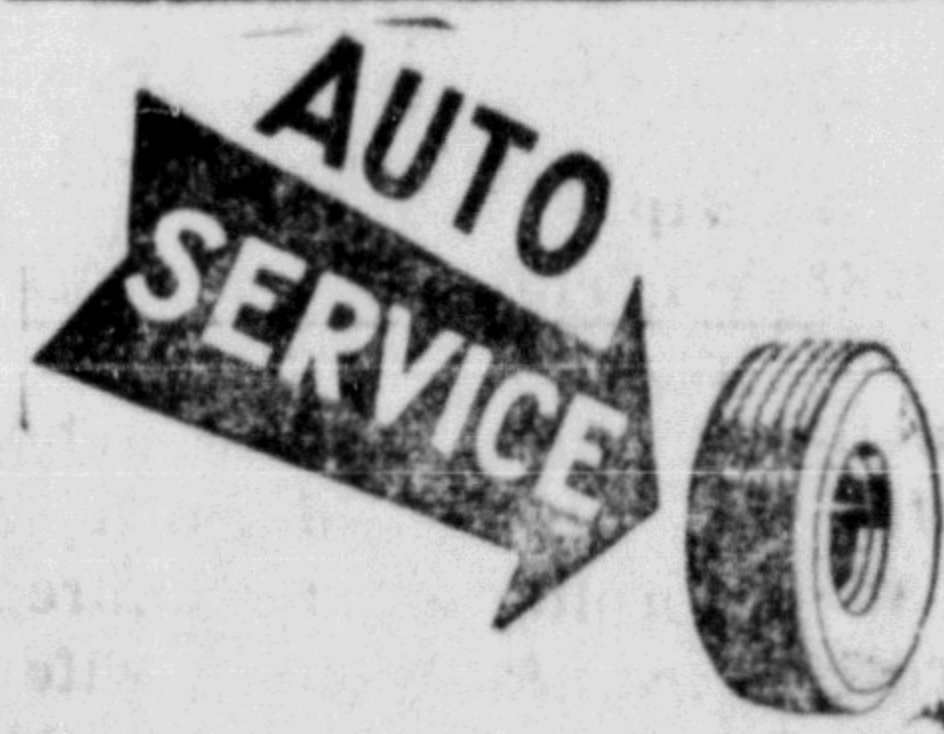


COPS IN THE "REEFER" PATCH—This bumper crop of marijuana, dwarfing two six-foot R.C.M.P. officers, never found its way to dope addicts in the Windsor, Ont., district. The officers cut down the half acre patch of the dangerous narcotic used in the manufacture of illegal "reefer" cigarettes. (C. P. Photo)

PLEASED WITH NEWFOUNDLAND

MONTREAL — "The tourist industry of Newfoundland is showing signs of rapid development," said Alistair Fraser, vice-president traffic, Canadian National Railways, on his return here today after an inspection of the company's freight and passenger traffic facilities in the new province. "Newfoundland," added Mr. Fraser, "is undoubtedly an almost untouched territory for the game fisherman and hunter and tourists can count upon a hearty welcome when they go there."

"The volume of passenger traffic being handled by the railway is encouraging," he continued, "and I think this is due to a degree to the new lower passenger rates." He also emphasized that rates generally now in effect are giving widespread satisfaction to the population of Newfoundland. "My enthusiasm was aroused by Newfoundland's fishing, mining, and newsprint industries. After brief visits to various fisheries plants, two mines and two paper mills, I think Canada has much to gain from the recent union with Newfoundland," he concluded.



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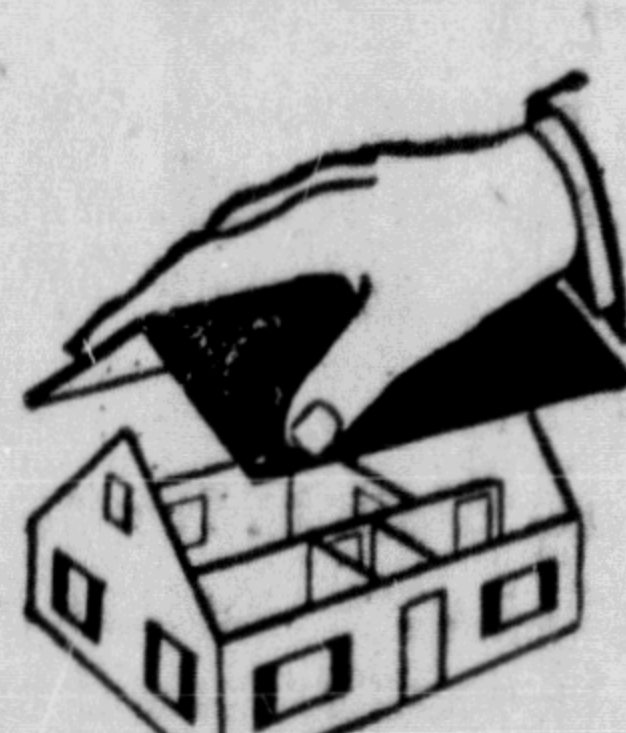


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Mr. and Mrs. Ole Skog left yesterday by car for a motor trip to the interior as far as Prince George.

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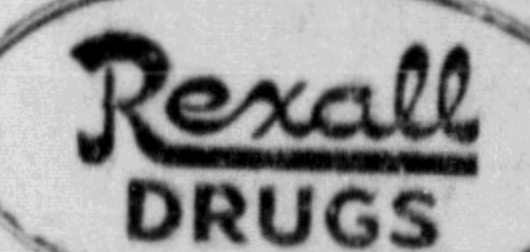
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