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An Old Year And A New

IF WE RECKON our blessings in material things, we can write down 1950 as one of Prince Rupert's best years...

A year ago in these columns we ventured to predict a healthy continuation of industrial development and the sustained progress of our timbering, our mining, our fishing, our civic improvement and our community building...

So we have much to be thankful for from 1950—much to be confident of in 1951.

A year ago today, of course, we were not faced with, or at least not realizing, a tense international situation which, in the latter half of the passing year, has projected itself into the affairs of us all...

Viassitudes and anxieties notwithstanding, it is well that we should face 1951 with cheer and confidence—appreciative too that here in Prince Rupert we reside in one of God's favored spots in one of the world's most singularly blessed lands.

We should stand prepared to face with courage and resolution the events which may come even though they may mean trials and sacrifices. In our easy way of living, possibly we have not yet accepted a realistic appreciation of the situation and have not commenced to govern ourselves accordingly.

Here in Prince Rupert we are well embarked on a new era of industrial development. There is no need to worry about the future from that standpoint. While the international situation, better or worse as it may turn out to be, must of necessity affect us in a very direct way and we may not expect to go on in the old easy way, if there is any point we may make as 1951 dawns it is that Prince Rupert people should essay in the next twelve-month to keep pace with new developments, both at home and abroad, and see that we are not left behind in the fast-moving course of events.

For many years we had hoped for and worked towards such good times as we now enjoy. Now that those good times are here, it is for us to keep up with them. That might be an appropriate thought to bear in mind as we enter 1951—a new year and a new half-century.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Revelation 19:6.

New Stamp Is Comprehensive

OTTAWA (AP)—Charges that Canada's new \$1 postage stamp, devoted to the fisheries, ignores the fish of the western lakes brought a curt rejoinder yesterday from J. R. Carpenter, superintendent of the stamp division.

"The stamp does, too, represent the inland fisheries," Carpenter said, adding that officials are careful about the accuracy and comprehensiveness of their representations. Carpenter is a native of Regina.

Happy New Year 1951 advertisement for Rupert Motors Limited, featuring a car and text about collecting good luck tokens.

Services in the Church

DIRECTORY

Services in all churches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday School at 12:15 except as shown.

ANGELICAN CATHEDRAL 4th Ave. W. at Dunsmuir St. Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 2:00 p.m. Canon Basil S. Procter, E.A., B.D. Rector: (Blue 753)

FIRST BAPTIST 5th Ave. E. at Young St. Minister: Rev. Fred Antroubis (Green 812)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 4th Avenue East Rev. K. A. Wright, D.D. (Green 922)

FIRST UNITED 636 6th Ave. West Rev. L. G. Sieber (Green 618)

FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE 202 6th Ave. West Pastor: C. Fawcett Services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School 12:15. (Green 331)

SALVATION ARMY Fraser St. West C.O.: Capt. W. Poulton Directory Class 2:30 p.m. Sunday School 3:30 p.m. (Black 269)

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN 5th Ave. at McBride St. Pastor: E. Sollund (Black 610)

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN Seel Cove Sunday School: 11:00 a.m. Evening Prayer: 7:30 p.m. (Blue 427)

REGULAR BAPTIST 629 6th Ave. West Blue 803 Pastor: Rev. Leonard A. Thorpe

ATTENTION

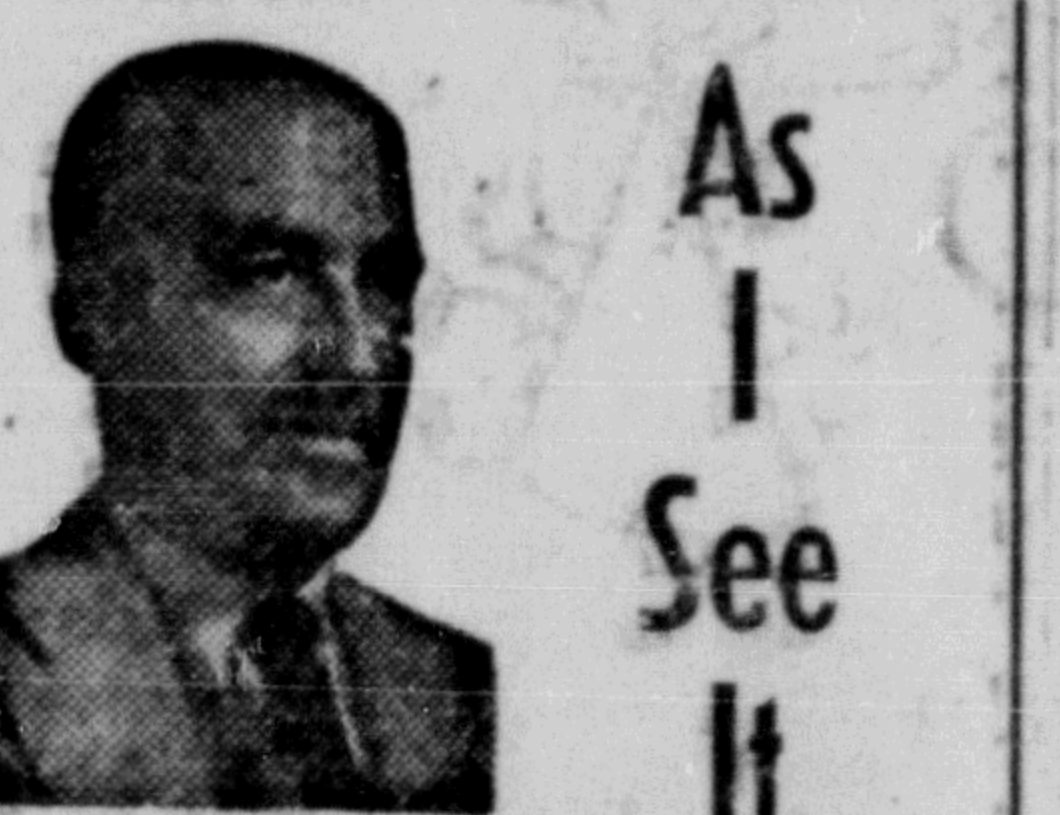
Full Gospel Tabernacle 202 Sixth Ave. West

SUNDAY: Morning 11:00 Sunday School and Bible Class 12:10

SUNDAY EVENING 8:30 Instead of 7:30

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE Starting 10:30

Pastor: C. FAWCETT Green 331



By ELMORE PHILPOTT

50-TO-1 FOR 1951?

LOYDS OF LONDON

will lay you odds of 50 to 1 that there will not be a world war in 1951.

I wish I could be as sure as the Lloyds experts.

Personally I would not bet more than even money that an all-out war would not begin before January 1, 1952. Most calculations by western experts seem to me to be based on most dubious reasoning.

All we need is time, says President Truman. Then why should the other fellow give President Truman that time?

AS 1950 ENDS AND 1951 begins we see an international picture the like of which has never been seen before. In Korea the UN army, headed by the United States, is at war with Communist China. Specifically, troops of the U.S.A., Britain, Australia, the Philippines, Siam, Turkey have already clashed with the armies of China, and suffered heavy losses at their hands.

Yet not even the United States, whose forces comprise over nine-tenths of all the UN contingents, has formally declared war on China. This is, at one and the same time, the most hopeful part, but also the most confusing part, of the picture.

The fact is that the U.S. and Red China ARE at war. But the U.S. Congress has not so far taken the obvious step and declared that a state of war exists. This is chiefly because the allies of the United States, especially Britain, Canada and France, have exerted every possible pressure on Uncle Sam not to declare such a war.

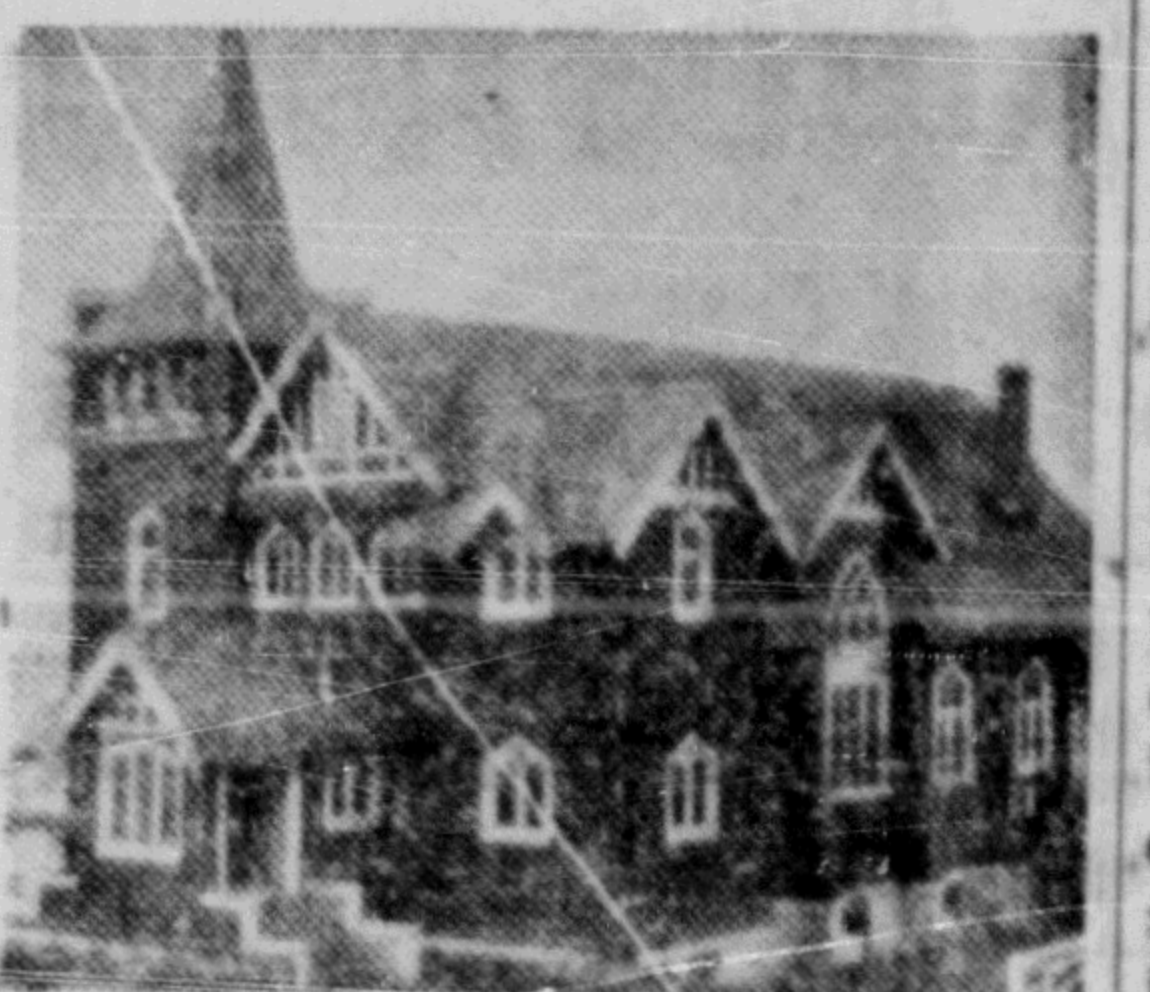
THE REASONS why Britain, France and many other countries have influenced U.S.A. not to declare war on China are these: 1. The United States itself was guilty of provoking China by proclaiming its armed protection of the CHINESE island of Formosa a few hours after the war started

SATURDAY SERMON

A HAPPY NEW YEAR (Rev. Lawrence G. Sieber, First United Church)

Taking the old calendar of 1950 off the wall and hanging up the new 1951 calendar you got from your grocer doesn't make it a Happy New Year. Yet each and every one of us desires a Happy New Year. The general attitude with which many of us enter a new year is: I hope this year will be a happy new year

First Presbyterian Church



231 Fourth Ave. East Minister: Rev. E. A. Wright, D.D. Organists: Mrs. E. J. Smith, John Currie.

Sunday, December 31, 1950 Morning Worship—11 o'clock. Subject: "Looking Backwards—Life's Unrealized Ambitions" Sunday School—12:15 Evening Service—7:30 Subject: "Looking Forward—The Secret of Success"

"Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep it Holy" We extend a cordial invitation to visitors to worship with us.

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship Sermon: "The Star in the West" Children's Story: "How Old is a Pen?" Anthem: "In Our Hearts Celestial Voices"

7:30 p.m.: New Year's Eve service Sermon: "Christ is Christianity" Anthems: "Seek Ye the Lord," "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"

SUNDAY SCHOOLS at First United all at 12:15; at Conrad United Hall all at 1 p.m. Illustrated open sessions.

in Korea. This action was never endorsed by the UN, and was in fact publicly repudiated by both Britain and Canada when announcing our intention to stand by the U.S.A. in resisting aggression by Communist North Koreans.

2. In event of an open, all-out war with China, Hong Kong would quickly fall to the Chinese Communists. Red Chinese armies could sweep down through French Indo-China, Siam, and, maybe Malay.

"They may intend to do so anyway. But Britain and France are not likely to repeat Uncle Sam's mistake re Formosa. They are not going to give the Chinese Communists the legal excuse to make all-out war, if such can be prevented.

THUS WE SEE the amazing picture of a large scale war going on in Korea, involving Red China on the one side and the U.S.A. on the other; but with all the big powers pretending that such is not a state of war.

I said above that such is an international picture the like of which has never been seen before; and that is true. But we did see something a little bit like it back in the late thirties. That was when Japan occupied all Manchuria and when her war lords were arguing whether they had more to gain by attacking Russia or the U.S.A. For two summers in succession Japanese armies crossed into Russian Siberia. Two bloody campaigns were fought, involving large armies on both sides. In both years the Japanese were forced to withdraw into China.

Yet neither Japan or Russia declared that a state of war existed. The war was real enough. But neither side declared war.

THE GREATEST DANGER that I see arising from war without-declaration with China or by China is that this may play right into the hands of the Kremlin leaders of world Communism.

It is obviously true that they do not want all-out declared war three, otherwise they themselves would start it with a bang that would rock the world.

But they MAY want an ever increasing number of undeclared but costly wars around the whole periphery of their vast zone of power, to keep it expanding; and to drain away our strength from the scene of their intended knockout blow.

Week of Prayer JANUARY 1st THROUGH 7th. Arranged by the Prince Rupert Ministerial Association. Monday—St. Andrew's Cathedral... Tuesday—Prince Rupert Regular Baptist Church... Wednesday—First United Church... Thursday—Prince Rupert Gospel Tabernacle... Friday—First Presbyterian Church... Saturday—Salvation Army Citadel... Offerings will be for the Bible Society. Times of all meetings, 8:00 p.m.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Chinese Reds are said to have already executed 1,579 landlords and killed more than 2,000 others. Pretty tough, we'll say. Even more effective than rent control.

Some Canadians are rushing into print to predict that this time next year, if not earlier, the dollar will have a value of thirty cents, if not less. Where did feeling cheap ever do a fellow any good?

Emphasis is given the statement that in the event of a Soviet attack on the west coast, Vancouver would be the chief target. No other port is spoken of at all. But then, non-mention would hurt even more than A-bombs.

Wheat clearances in southern B.C. ports have dropped from 2,085,000 bushels in 1949 to 1,834,336 bushels in 1950. In Prince Rupert, the drop was not so pronounced.

Vancouver's plebiscite on the question of Sunday observance remains a live issue. It seems the vote was too much a "Yes—No" affair. What's wanted is more middle ground and acceptance of what is reasonable and sensible without affecting the sanctity of

Old and New Testaments to share Jesus viewpoint. We shall have to discipline ourselves with obedience to his requirements. We shall have to trust Him, believe Him and so find security and power in Him to be released from guilt, morbidity and fear. That definition of faith is good which runs: Taking God at His word.

Now the happy New Year may not take place Cinderella-like at midnight Sunday... tomorrow, but it can take place to make the year new.

the Sabbath. For, a change of some sort is coming! Perhaps they might be led as long as they have...

B.C. CLOTHIERS LTD. Third Avenue. Advertisement for clothing store.

Western Foods advertisement featuring a logo and text about food products.

Happy New Year THE GRAND CAFE extends to all Best Wishes for a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

1951 LINDSAY'S CARTAGE and STORAGE LTD. Corner Second and Park Avenues. Established 1910. Phones 60 and 68.

PHILPOTT EVITT & CO. LTD. COAL LUMBER BUILDING SUPPLIES. Phone 651. Orders for coal placed before the 29th December will be prior to the New Year's holidays. Our office will re-open Jan. 1st.

WALLACE Pharmacy. HOURS: WEEK DAYS: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. SUNDAYS: 12 Noon to 2 p.m. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. SIXTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE