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The Power Situation

LAST year the failure of the Falls River hydro-electric plant to maintain the power supply of this city caused everyone in Prince Rupert great inconvenience and discomfort. Hardship occurred in some cases with loss of money and business by many people. Great was the indignation at that time and there were threats of all sorts of action. With the ending of the crisis, public feeling soon quieted down and little more was heard about the matter. The power company promised that it would have a new emergency diesel plant in operation before another winter emergency arose.

Now the emergency has arisen—due, it is granted, to entirely unforeseen and certainly most exceptional conditions. Yet the emergency might well have been caused by foreseen conditions in the experience of the new type of winters which Prince Rupert appears to be getting with fair consistency.

Prince Rupert people cannot be blamed if they have felt more than a little irritated over the inconvenience of the past few days and are concerned about just such a new situation arising as occurred last winter and which had been threatened the winter before.

True, the new plant at the dry dock—at least a third of it—will be in operation within the next few days. There are some who question whether even the full 2400 kilowatts to be developed there will be a supplement or a stand-by adequate to meet the situation. It would, to some, appear questionable, should another severe cold winter come and both Falls River and Shawatans become dried up, whether there would be sufficient power to meet Prince Rupert's greatly increased demands—to say nothing of the new industries adjacent such as the Nelson Brothers Fisheries plant.

Prince Rupert people are doing a good deal of speculating about the power supply these days and are in a critical mood. Granted there is a fundamental feeling of goodwill towards the company and a tolerant understanding of weather conditions, it is imperative, however, in order to preserve public goodwill—the most valuable asset which private enterprise must merit if it is worthy of survival—that the company should make well ahead of time preparations necessary to meet the requirements of this rapidly developing community.

A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small parcel.

SETTLING THE WAR

IN AN ASSESSMENT of the needs of immediate moment in the Korean situation, it would appear that, first, the military situation must be stabilized and, second, all possibilities of a political settlement be explored. In fact, those could be the bases of policy in Europe, in the Middle East, in Southern Asia and the Far East.

The two bases are complementary. Attempts to reach any settlement except from the position of stability would simply lead down a dangerous path of fruitless appeasement, invite intensification of offensives in the hope of extorting more and more concessions and merely mean indefinite prolongation of the cold war.

Stabilization is not merely a military operation. It implies and involves, as Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of Britain has said, "the strengthening of our social, economic and military defences." The purpose of all would be to render the free world strong and stable enough to resist the impact of all offensives that might be directed against it.

Then to seek solutions on political lines does not, by any means, imply appeasement but is plain common sense. If and whenever Russia and her associates realize the futility and danger of continuing the cold war, they must be given every opportunity of securing peace by negotiation.

If Russia and China are prepared to end the conflict which they began the door should be left open for them to do so. Every possibility should be explored if they show any willingness to co-operate. But if they are not willing, if they are resolved to continue their efforts to disrupt and destroy the political, social and economic stability of the other camp, there can be nothing for it but to continue strengthening defences and to prepare resolute resistance to every form of assault against any part of the free world.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."—Rom. 5:1



As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT CHRISTMAS BOOKS

IF YOU WERE to say to me, "We are very hard up this year and can't afford to give many Christmas presents," I might answer, "Aren't we all?"

But even for a dollar or two you can send a really nice present to the kind of friend you can't ignore.

For instance you could send Dorothy Livesay's latest book of poetry *CALL MY PEOPLE HOME*. It is published by Ryerson Press, and is for sale in most stores for just one dollar. Many people heard this moving documentary poem over the CBC radio. It tells the story of the heartbreak of the mass deportation of the Canadians of Japanese ancestry.

The late beloved U.B.C. professor, Garnet Sedgwick, told a group of which I was one that this was one of the really great poems written by Canadians.

The little chap-book also contains seven shorter poems by Dorothy Livesay.

EDNA JAKUES also has a new book of poetry called *FRESIDE POEMS*. Price \$1.25. Mrs. Jakues writes of simple, homely themes, and this book is in her best tradition.

PENCIL STUB STANZAS, by Gus Sigurdson, is he-man stuff, with ringing rugged poems of war logging camp and even Vancouver's skid road.

Gus publishes his own book at \$2.25 (address 4333 Parker St. Vancouver).

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S latest book in the war series is called *THE HINGE OF FATE*. Sells for \$6. Mine has just this minute come in so haven't had a chance to get into it yet.

The best book on Korea is published by the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and is called *KOREA TODAY* by George M. McCune. Sells for about \$4. Address C.I.I.A. 230 Bloor West Toronto.

BRUCE HUTCHISON'S thrilling story of the Fraser River country is called *THE FRASER* and sells for \$4.50.

The best novel that I have come across for many a year is still *THE EGYPTIAN* by Mika Waltari. It shows what happens when a king by decree tries to enforce what we might now call Christian ideals on a people not yet prepared to accept them.

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Coroner's Job Different Now

WINNIPEG — Manitoba's provincial coroner, Dr. I. O. Fryer, says the coroner of medieval times had a vastly different job from his modern counterpart.

Ancient coroners, or "crowners" spent most of their time keeping watch over crown property, he said in a service club address.

In this category came buried treasure and salvage of the sea, including shipwrecks and whales or sturgeon either washed up on shore or caught near the coast. Dr. Fryer said the modern coroner's work is often misunderstood by the public who think he spends all his time with corpses involved in cases of violent deaths.

Activities of the modern coroner actually include detective, medical and pathological work as well as work of an executive, administrative and legal nature.

In Manitoba, about 750 cases a year are investigated, most without the help of a jury. During an average year in this province about 500 jurymen are subpoenaed and 1000 witnesses sworn in for coroner's hearings.



"Why, no, lady—you haven't seen me before."

Labor's Candidates Christmas Trees From Kamloops



WILLIAM GRIFFITHS



DARROW GOMEZ

Here are Labor's two candidates in the aldermanic election this year. They are William Griffiths, president of the Marine Workers and Industrial Union and for many years an active trades unionist, first in Wales and then in Prince Rupert following his arrival in the city a few years ago. Darrow Gomez is a member of the United Fishermen's and Allied Workers' Union. Both Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Gomez are ex-service men, the former having served in World War I with the Imperial Army Ordnance Corps and the latter with the Canadian Army in World War II, landing in Normandy on D-Day and winning the Distinguished Service Medal.

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It was a grey, mild Sunday morning in Prince Rupert. Perhaps there was not the excitement there was in Seattle, but everywhere, faces were grave and there was a persistent call for more news. None could tell what might be next, or how soon it would occur. Japan, for the time being, was master of the Pacific, in all its vastness.

It can hardly be said all the casualties have happened in the field in the Far East. General Rockingham reports that some of his most highly prized decorations are missing. The belief is they were stolen.

War will never yield but to the principles of universal justice and love and these have no sure root but in the religion of Jesus Christ.—William Ellering Channing.

Newfoundland is impatient. Some of her public men are saying that if greater progress is not made, it is to be expected that a move for annexation to some other province will be launched. Why the rush? Its only a year or so since Newfoundland became a province. The

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country has hardly had time to become accustomed to the change. St. John's is only a comparatively small city but it took three of four centuries to grow to that much.

The introduction of electric light in Saskatchewan, sixty years ago, is being observed with fitting honors and acclaim. Use of electricity commenced in a small way, and at first, without particular enthusiasm. Today,

the province is one of the served in Canada. On the candles and northern lights. long since been oxidized. Jack Dempsey says he has lost, not only the shio, but the ability to Dempsey is familiar with feels to be top dog, and can say he never loses the of knowing how to use his Reach Every Home-By

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