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## Join Civic Centre

THERE WILL BE no house-to-house canvass in the annual Civic Centre membership drive, now commencing. Instead, it has been decided to appeal to the citizens to take out their memberships voluntarily. There will be no direct sales measures. It is a new technique of money-raising for the Civic Centre and we hope it will work out. Certainly there is every good reason why it should.

Surely there are few people in Prince Rupert who are not convinced of the boon of the Civic Centre. If there are still any who are not so convinced, we would only suggest, as we have often done before, that they try to picture what Prince Rupert would be like without this fine institution which is already the envy and example of much larger communities both in Canada and the United States.

We might also suggest that there are few people in Prince Rupert to whom the Civic Centre is not of direct use and advantage. And to everybody, even those who may not use it very much, there is indirect advantage and pride in the possession of such a rendezvous with all the conveniences and facilities it has available for use at such small cost as is involved in the annual membership fee.

We have been trying to think up reasons for anyone neglecting to voluntarily respond to the appeal to "invest in citizenship." The only reasons we can think of are sheer neglect or refusal to meet an obligation.

We would suggest that the people of Prince Rupert consider the appeal which they receive either through the newspaper, by mail or otherwise in the same way as they would a statement for goods sold and delivered or for services rendered and make immediate remittance.

Incidentally, by payment of one's Civic Centre membership one is entitled legally to a voice in the affairs of the Civic Centre and if he or she has ideas how things should be done or should not be done or has suggestions to make for improvements and a better Civic Centre they are not only entitled but are expected to make themselves heard in useful and constructive criticism.

By all means join and support the Civic Centre. There is no better investment.

## JOB'S COMFORT

WE DON'T KNOW how much consolation people can get out of knowing that they are better off than someone else, but whatever it is, it belongs to us.

We complain very bitterly about the cost of living. We seem to feel that somebody is taking a sharp advantage of us. "There ought to be a law," we say. Well, it would have to be a fairly universal law. Let's take what cold comfort we can by asking ourselves where we could go that we would be any better off? That sort of question isn't too consoling, but it is disciplining. Undoubtedly our best course would be to stay where we are, our worst to try Mexico or Iceland or Peru. Taking the figures of August, 1939, in all cases, and using them as the base of 100, then in December, 1947, Canada's cost of living was up 45 points to 145.

On the same basis the cost of living in Sweden and Norway on the same date, was up 56 points. In the United Kingdom, possibly by reason of scarcities, it was up 61 points. No, it couldn't have been wholly the scarcities, for in Switzerland it was 163, and in the opulent United States 169.

Beyond these countries there is real reason to complain. The cost of living in Czechoslovakia stood at 278 points, in Mexico at 305 and in Peru at 307. And, hold your hat! Iceland stood at 318.

We don't know about the other countries but in Canada we have certain consolations. At the same time that the costs of living were going up 45 points, Canada's income according to the Bank of Montreal's Business Review increased by 95%. We're not doing too badly but, of course, we are not too happy about it all, particularly the average wage earner.

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PLATFORM SPADEWORK—Selection of the resolutions which will form the platform of the Progressive Conservative party occupies the attention of the resolutions committee at the party's national convention. Committee members show interest as J. M. Macdonnell (standing right, in shirt-sleeves), president of the party, stresses a point. Resting on his elbow at the head table is Fred G. Gardiner, K.C., of Toronto, committee chairman. R. L. Stanfield of Halifax, president of the Nova Scotia Association, sits between them. (CP Photo)

## JUNIOR CHAMBER PLANNING DRIVE

Organization to Stage Campaign for New Members

Planning to make the current year the most active one in its history, the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce will embark on a membership drive designed to recruit a much larger part of the city's young men between the ages of 18 and 40.

Assurance that the drive would get under way within the next month was made to a business meeting of the Junior Chamber last night by Harold Chamber Wednesday night by Harold Hampton, membership chairman, who urged every member to enlist at least two more.

Need for a larger active membership was pointed out by Mr. Hampton, who told the meeting that the climax of the current year would be the annual B.C. regional convention which will be held here and that, as hosts, the local body must be able to present a list of accomplishments for its seasonal effort.

Culminating the membership drive will be a new members' initiation night late in October, he announced.

The meeting discussed various plans for committee projects, notably the leadership training class, which will begin on October 12 under chairmanship of Tony Crawley. Meetings will be held weekly on Tuesday evenings to give instruction and practice in public speaking, chairmanship and other phases of leadership.

A feature of the leadership class will be the training of its members for radio speaking. Mr. Crawley said, and plans are being laid for weekly broadcasts of community interest.

Allan Armstrong, delegate to the Juneau convention of the

Associated Boards of Central B.C., reported on the convention with sidelights on the Junior Chamber movement in Alaska.

He suggested that the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber invite Alaska Governor Ernest Gruening to attend the regional Junior Chamber convention here next year and that the Prince Rupert group undertake joint sponsorship in the formation of a Junior Chamber at Ketchikan.

The meeting reserved plans for action on letters from Mayor Nora Arnold regarding "United Nations Day" on October 24 and the get-out-the-vote campaign later this year.

Chairman of the meeting was President S. G. Furk.

## EXPECTS DREW TO BE LEADER

OTTAWA—Eastern Ontario will go almost solid for Premier George Drew in the convention this week to determine the Progressive - Conservative leadership. This is the opinion of Russell Boucher, M.P. for Carleton. He predicts Drew will win handily on the first ballot.

"More than fifty out of the sixty odd votes," declared Mr. Boucher, "will be for him. I know, further, from talking to a great many of them that the majority of our members in the House of Commons are all strong 'Drew-for-Leader' men."

The convention opened Thursday and the leader is due to be elected Saturday.

28 PER CENT  
Canada comprises more than 28 per cent of the total area of the British Empire.



JOHN DIEFENBAKER, 53, of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Member of Parliament for the Federal riding of Lake Centre since 1940. (CP Photo)

## JUNEAU GETS NEW BUILDING

JUNEAU—Announcement was recently made here by Charles Goldstein of his intention to build a \$750,000 office block on the Olds property on Front Street, which he recently purchased. The ground was formerly occupied by the Occidental Hotel. The new building, it is expected, will be ready for business within a year.

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4:00—Ed McCurdy Songs  
4:15—Stock Quotations  
4:30—Popular Piano  
4:45—Sleepy Time Story Teller  
5:00—String Stylings  
5:30—Keyboard and Console  
5:45—Tommy Dorsey & Orch.  
6:00—Beat the Champs  
6:30—Musical Varieties  
6:40—Rec. Int.  
6:45—Plantation House Party  
7:00—CBC News  
7:15—CBC News Roundup  
7:30—Gerald Bayles Orch.  
8:00—Prairie Schooner  
8:30—Forests Aflame  
8:45—Bud Henderson, Pianist  
9:00—Appointment with Mystery  
9:30—Serenade for Strings  
10:00—CBC News  
10:10—B. C. News  
10:15—Speaking As a Listener  
10:30—Dal Richards Orch.  
11:00—Weather and Sign Off.

## SATURDAY—A.M.

7:30—Musical Clock  
8:00—CBC News  
8:15—Pick of the Hits  
8:30—Morning Devotions  
8:45—Little Concert  
9:00—BBC News Commentary  
9:15—Records at Random  
9:30—Musical Program  
9:59—Time Signal  
10:00—Band Stand  
10:15—World Church News  
10:30—Concert Favorites  
10:45—Concert Favorites  
11:00—On the Teen Beat  
11:30—Weather Forecast  
11:31—Message Perfor  
11:33—Recorded  
11:45—CBC News  
11:55—Weather Forecast.

## Makes Plea For Reformed Convicts

OTTAWA — Rehabilitation courses are being given youthful and reformable prisoners, states J. A. McLaughlin, assistant commissioner of penitentiaries. Speaking here, at a meeting of the Optimist Club, he called on the club to aid in awakening public regard for the 700 men under 25 years old who are being released each year from Canada's seven penitentiaries.

## ST. JOHN PAPER BOOSTS PRICE

ST. JOHN, N.B.—The cost of newspapers continues to increase. The Evening Times-Globe, selling for four cents, will in future be five. The Morning Telegraph-Journal, for the present, will remain unchanged. The increase in price is caused by the steady rise of costs seen in newspaper production.

## AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver—K. V. Appleton, R. D. Cleland, J. Ben, V. Lewis.

To Sandspit—G. Bryant, Mrs. Husoy and infant, T. Turner, C. Mah.

From Sandspit—Mr. and Mrs. E. McWilliams and infant.

## P.M.

12:00—Mid-day Melodies  
12:15—Recorded Interlude  
12:25—Program Resume  
12:30—Greg McCritchie's Orch.  
1:00—Memo from Lake Success  
1:30—Musical Program  
2:00—Balllet Club (Tor)  
2:45—Canadian Derby  
3:00—Piano Classics  
3:15—CBC News

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