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Welcome, Jaycees

THEY MAY NOT be many in number but they are an important group of young men—the delegates to the British Columbia regional convention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce who are arriving in Prince Rupert for the sessions which will take place here during the next few days.

For many years Prince Rupert has had an active Junior Chamber of Commerce which has taken a leading part in numerous projects of civic betterment and edification. This community has been the better for its Jaycees. The delegates now here play similarly useful parts in the communities whence they come.

The Daily News extends a hearty welcome to the visiting Jaycees. We hope that their sessions will be profitable and beneficial to all concerned through the exchange of ideas and the discussion of problems. We also hope that, apart from the business sessions of the convention, which are, of course, the main purpose of the gathering, there may be time out for enjoyable entertainment and social intercourse and that the delegates will long remember with pleasure their brief sojourn among us.

GRASSY BAY

PRINCE RUPERT'S most immediately contiguous picnic beach, Grassy Bay, a short distance off the Prince Rupert Highway not far out, has long been a popular resort, particularly for people who may not have the facilities for travelling far afield by highway or water. The resort now suffers from the approach walk, half a mile or less, having fallen into a state of disrepair—a situation which could be rectified by the efforts of a good energetic party of workers equipped with axes and hammers and a few boards. To make a good job, of course, a few days work by an organized party such as might be provided by the public works department would be better.

It has been suggested that some local organization which might be interested in a minor project that would result in a large measure of benefit could take this matter up and either do the job itself or find some ways and means of having it carried out.

There are few enough resorts around Prince Rupert and this one should not be allowed to remain inaccessible for want of a few hours of effort.

Letters to the Editor

CAPITALISM INEVITABLE

Editor, Daily News:

It is not difficult to change political opinion or party but it is an entirely different thing to change the economy of a nation. Many political parties have promised such a change but, the more they try to change it, the more it is the same. That goes for the British Labor party, or the Social Democrats in any part of Europe and also for the C.C.F. in Canada.

There are parties of many different names but all are bound to the economy of capitalism which means production for profit—in other words, the exploitation of labor at the point of production. When I say the point of production that covers a very wide territory and includes a lot of people for a commodity is in process of production until delivered into the hands of the consumer.

Merchants and others who do their own work are in the exploited column of wealth producers as their service creates a surplus value paid at the point of production.

No one will dispute me when I say that the world is divided into two classes—the capitalist class on the one hand and the working class on the other. The conflicting interest of buyer and seller constitutes the class struggle. The conflict of interest is expressed solely at the point of wealth production.

It matters not to the worker who his exploiter may be—co-operative, private company, state or nation. The condition of his employment demands the same thing—the production of a surplus value over and above his own wages. Therefore, the C.C.F. stands on exactly the same footing as the coalition insofar as the working class is concerned. The coalition stands for private enterprise exploitation. The C.C.F. stands for state exploitation of the working class. It means one and the same thing. For myself, I prefer the coalition method, it being more efficient in production and appreciative of the effort of the individual.

Social legislation, such as workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, family allowances, widow's pensions, old age pensions and all forms of social assistance, is the child of capitalism. It is a provision of security for working class people who suffer adversity from time to time and, particularly, in old age. It simply amounts to a return of a portion of the surplus value created by labor. It matters not from what source it is collected as labor produces all wealth.

The question now arises — where does the C.C.F. go from here? As Karl Marx warned they are now at an impasse.

Social reform is the business of capitalism. Social revolution is the business of scientific socialism.

GEORGE B. CASEY

Coalition bulletin

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FLYING FANNY ARRIVES IN U.S.— Fanny Blankers-Koen, sensational Olympic women's track star, is shown with husband, Jan Blankers, as she arrived at New York via plane from her native Holland. It is the first visit of the long-legged young matron whose Olympic feats included the winning of four gold medals, first feat of its kind in history of the international games. She will compete in meets on this continent.

FORMERLY LIVED IN PRINCE RUPERT

Joseph Moran, who leaped from the Pattullo bridge at New Westminster recently used to live in Prince Rupert, according to a report from Vancouver. It is said that in this city he had worked as a laborer. His age was 58 years.

A note indicating Moran intended to take his life was found in a pocket of the coat he was seen to throw off, just before he vanished in the water 150 feet below. He had been under medical care for some time and, because of the state of his health, had been unable to work.

A surviving brother lives in North Vancouver, and a brother and sister are in Winnipeg.

Ray Reflects . . . . . and Reminisces

Speaking politically, the tenth province undoubtedly has a mind of its own.

Had the Skeena River highway, with the shadow of an invasion-minded Japan haunting the north, not been rushed through to completion, what would the situation have been today? Anyone with a car deciding to drive from Prince Rupert to Smithers would have made Hazelton his starting point.

Even long years back, touring parties from the United States came this far north. Ones we recall best were informal and not large. One afternoon, about press time, a dozen strangers strolled in, and watched The Empire being 'put to bed" and a little later to read the news of the day. They were easy going, all of them being newspaper folk themselves, mainly from California. Some came from towns smaller than Rupert. Another day, visitors from Georgia dropped in. They learned about Skeena and the office was enlightened about life in Dixie. They had brought north dozens of watermelons and one was presented to every mayor they met on the way to the Pacific.

This is a big province and any development worth a hang calls for big plans, big money big ability and big minds. No where in Canada is there less room for smallness of all sorts.

Ripley the cartoonist, whose "Believe It Or Not" earned him a fortune, could not afford to make mistakes. To avoid finding himself trapped, he never took anything for granted. This involved wide travel. For example, one of his last cartoons said it took a plane nine hours to fly over Honolulu, a statement some might regard misleading. The official area of Honolulu is 540,000 square miles—940 miles south to Palmyra, and 1560 miles west to Midway. Ripley was right.

The strategic importance of Prince Rupert is given emphasis by counsel for the C.N.R. in submitting recommendations to a Royal Commission. That discovery was made more than forty years ago when this port was picked. A drydock matched the splendid harbor. Early in the port's history, somebody took a long, long look ahead. Later on, the foresight was justified.

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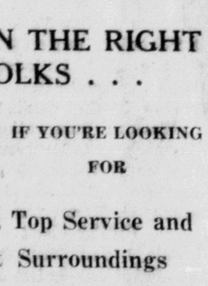
A Challenge

I, William Duncan Smith, Coalition Candidate for Atlin Constituency, do hereby challenge Frank Calder, C.C.F. Candidate for Atlin Constituency, to prove the truth of the statements and to name the persons hinted at in Paragraph Eight of his signed statement published on Page 2 of the May 31, 1949 issue of the Prince Rupert Daily News.

SIGNED,
W. D. Smith

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