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C.N.R. Finances

WITH gross operating revenues of the Canadian National Railways at an all time high during the year 1948, it is an ironical situation that the government lines should have recorded during the year the largest deficit since pre-war days. We can sympathize with the C.N.R. in the situation for their financial story for the year just ended has been paralleled by many a lesser business in the country due to overhead having increased more than revenue. But, added to this situation, the government railway is saddled with its crippling burden of bonded indebtedness.

While we have at times railed and protested at the railway over its seeming lack of the old spirit of broad development and the loss of the great vision on which our line into the port of Prince Rupert was conceived, annual financial report time, with its realistic picture, has the tendency to bring one down to earth and to elicit the admission that, in many ways, C.N.R. is not doing such a bad job after all. We will, of course, continue to protest for fair and indiscriminatory treatment at all times.

THE BETTER WAY

WHILE a few may have been there, the majority of those in Canada who praise Soviet Russia and her way of life have never been in that country. Any number of Canadians whose affection for Moscow seems so steadfast have little notion of the Russian language and not much knowledge of the real history of Russia, past and present. Perhaps some have never been away from Canada.

It is a curious circumstance to find people who are so certain of what they say, so firmly wedded to what they want to believe, so prone to idealize.

Yet, there is nothing actually new in any of it. Communism, or the same under another name, is an old, old story. The broad, general principles and theories have been spread over the earth before and it cannot be denied that the sophistry, so widely preached, has its followers.

Vast wars cannot follow one another, without more human misery and destitution as the world struggles back toward something approaching security, a normal state and the freedom always accepted as a matter of course.

This is the soil in which the seeds of socialism flourish, for the aftermath of conflict provides unrivalled opportunity that is taken fullest advantage of.

Through sane industrial progress, fair play to all, equality, there is a sure way to a life which the Kremlin only vaguely promises.

MIGHTY SMALLNESS

THE HUMAN MIND has been baffled by the infinitude of the universe. Theologians have depicted man as a "worm," and God as enthroned in a region.

Infinite lengths beyond the bounds
 Where stars revolve in their little rounds.

That appealed to our imagination, but God is not a deity who looks down upon and rules this world from some remote Olympus. When the Psalmist surveyed the starry heavens he was overawed and humiliated by the vastness of it all, and he asked: "What is man that Thou art mindful of him?" Science is beginning to answer that question, or at least to turn our vision in the opposite direction and confirm the mystical doctrines of Christianity.

We need no longer be obsessed and humiliated by bigness, for the little things of life are confounding the mighty. The explosion of the atom has shattered our conception of a giant God and of our own insignificance. We are turning from the futile exploration of space to the contemplation of the wonder and mystery of the world within and around us. It was in this direction that Jesus turned our attention when He said: "The very hairs of your head are all numbered." It has taken science two thousand years to discover that biological fact. We are only just beginning to understand what Jesus meant when He said: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin, and yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Tennyson came close to the mystery when he wrote

Flower in the crannied wall,
 I pluck you out of the crannies;
 I hold you here in my hand,
 Little flower—if I could understand
 What you are, root and all, and all in all,
 I should know what God and man is.

TWO FINED, ONE SUSPENDED IN LIQUOR CASES

Two taxi drivers were fined and a third was given a year's suspended sentence by Magistrate W. D. Vance in city court this morning following their conviction Friday on charges of keeping liquor for sale. Appeals against the convictions may be lodged by their counsel, Angelo E. Branca of Vancouver.

A \$500 fine was levied against Patrick Mazzei, while Sam Julian was fined \$300, the minimum under the Liquor Act. In view of extenuating circumstances, Dominic Montesano received a year's suspended sentence from the magistrate.

In all three cases, a \$50 security bond was set by Magistrate Vance pending an appeal. The amount was fixed after Mr. Branca had asked that an appeal security be set by the court.

Julian was given the minimum fine at the request of Mr. Branca who told the court that no previous Liquor Act convictions had been registered. Crown Counsel Brown raised no objection to the minimum fine.

However, in the case of Mazzei, Mr. Brown objected to the minimum sentence on grounds that he had previously been convicted of Liquor Act offences. Magistrate Vance set the fine at \$500.

Turning to third defendant the magistrate said: "I am here to put young fellows right. I wouldn't mind giving you a break if you give me your promise to behave."

CONVICTED YESTERDAY

A crowded police court Friday afternoon heard Magistrate Vance convict Mazzei and Montesano on charges of keeping liquor for sale after police constables had testified that they had lured the men into making early-morning liquor deliveries to the waterfront by using disguised voices on the telephone. Like Sam Julian, who was found guilty earlier in the day, Mazzei and Montesano had employed Angelo Branca, Vancouver lawyer, for their defence. All were remanded for sentence until this morning.

Prosecution evidence in all three cases was similar to the extent that the police constables had disguised their voices to imitate Indians when they telephoned for liquor from the waterfront. Police testified that the events which led to the Mazzei and Montesano prosecutions occurred on the early morning of Sunday, March 6.

An objection against the admissibility of the alleged telephone conversations as evidence entered by Mr. Branca during the hearing of the Julian case Friday morning, was reiterated in both the following cases. The court ruled, however, that a precedent quoted by Crown

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Tenders For School Building
 Sealed Tenders, endorsed "Tender for School Building" will be received by the undersigned up to and including April 16, 1949, for the erection and completion of the following schools:

1. Three-room school at Telkwa, B.C.
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- The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
- A. MUHEIM,
 Secretary-Treasurer,
 School District No. 54,
 Smithers, B.C.
 March 8, 1949. (76)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN PROBATE
 In the Matter of the Estate of Edward Byrnes

and
 In the Matter of the "Administration Act"

TAKE NOTICE that by Order of His Honor Judge W. O. Fulton, made the 17th day of March, A.D. 1949, I was appointed Administrator of the Estate of EDWARD BYRNES, deceased.

ALL PARTIES having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to furnish same properly verified to me on or before the 30th day of April, A.D. 1949 after which date claims filed may be paid without reference to any claims of which I then had no knowledge.

ALL PARTIES indebted to the said Estate are hereby required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith.

DATED at the City of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of March, A.D. 1949.

GORDON FRASER FORBES
 Official Administrator
 Prince Rupert, B.C. (77)

Services in the Church

SATURDAY SERMON

NORTHERN NEIGHBORLINESS

Rev. R. A. Wilson, M.A., First United Church

Luke 10:33 "A certain Samaritan came where he was."

When Christ was asked to answer the question, "Who is my neighbor?" he took as his example of a neighbor a man who was a Samaritan. No doubt, his answer was offensive to His fellow Jews who thoroughly despised the Samaritans. Our own twentieth century racial problems are different in many ways to the hatred that existed between Jews and Samaritans in Jesus' day. However, all hatred belongs to the same family of relationships. Even if Jesus had never mentioned Samaritans we would know that he stood for inter-racial neighborliness.

On the basis of our Christian ideal of neighborliness I would like to set forth a few reflections regarding our community's relationships with the native people of the district.

1. We do not have a "racial problem" of the same sort as exists in South Africa or United States and thinking of this question as a problem could aggravate what problem there is. However, the time to stop the development of a problem is right now while the community is still young. The community is about to undergo considerable change. The customs which are established in the near future will tend to be permanent and difficult to change.

2. Our native people are a proud people and the rest of the community is proud of them. If you doubt this, go to the prairies and listen to someone, from Prince Rupert speaking about the way "our natives" do things. There are two things I would like to point out in regard to the justifiable pride of our native people. First, a proud man will ask for equality but he will not ask for privileges which others cannot share. Secondly, a proud man will refuse to excuse himself by saying "People are picking on me." Most of us feel like making excuses for ourselves at some time or other. One of the ways we pity ourselves is by grumbling that people are not paying enough attention to us. Such self-pity, however, is never admired even when it is justified.

3. The community cannot afford to allow segregation. Segregation of any part of the population is an "insult not only to those who are segregated but to the rest of the community as well. A point in the book "The Robe" by Lloyd C. Douglas illustrates this. One of the characters points out that the effect of slavery is to degrade the life, not only of those who are slaves, but also of those who are free. By thinking of human life in the form of slavery as a cheap thing, men are forced to conclude that human life in any form is a cheap thing.

The same result follows from any custom which segregates part of the community. When you see your neighbor shut out of a theatre seat or hotel room you are being injured yourself. Everyone has a right to be treated as an individual. It is unfair to anyone to treat him as if he existed merely as a member of a group no matter what the group may be. Most of the world's troubles seem a long way off and far out of our reach. Here is a problem that is close at hand. It can be solved by that northern neighborliness of which we are proud. Practical men who are unconcerned by ideals need to realize that unfairness at this strategic time will multiply trouble in the future. Practical Christians know what their duty is. Let them do it!

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 (Green 812)

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 Minister: R. A. Wilson, M.A.
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 Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m.
 (Blue 827)

First United Church

Prince Rupert, B.C.
 Minister: Rev. R. A. Wilson, M.A.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1949

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
 Sermon Subject: "Jesus and Judgement."

12:15—Sunday School
 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
 Sermon Subject: "The Understanding of Jesus."

Guest Soloist: Mrs. G. E. Sena.

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Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. If a girl does not know a man very well, would it be all right for her to congratulate him on his marriage?
 A. Yes, if she is a friend of the bride. It seems somewhat out of place if she does not know the bride. Then it would be better merely to extend good wishes.

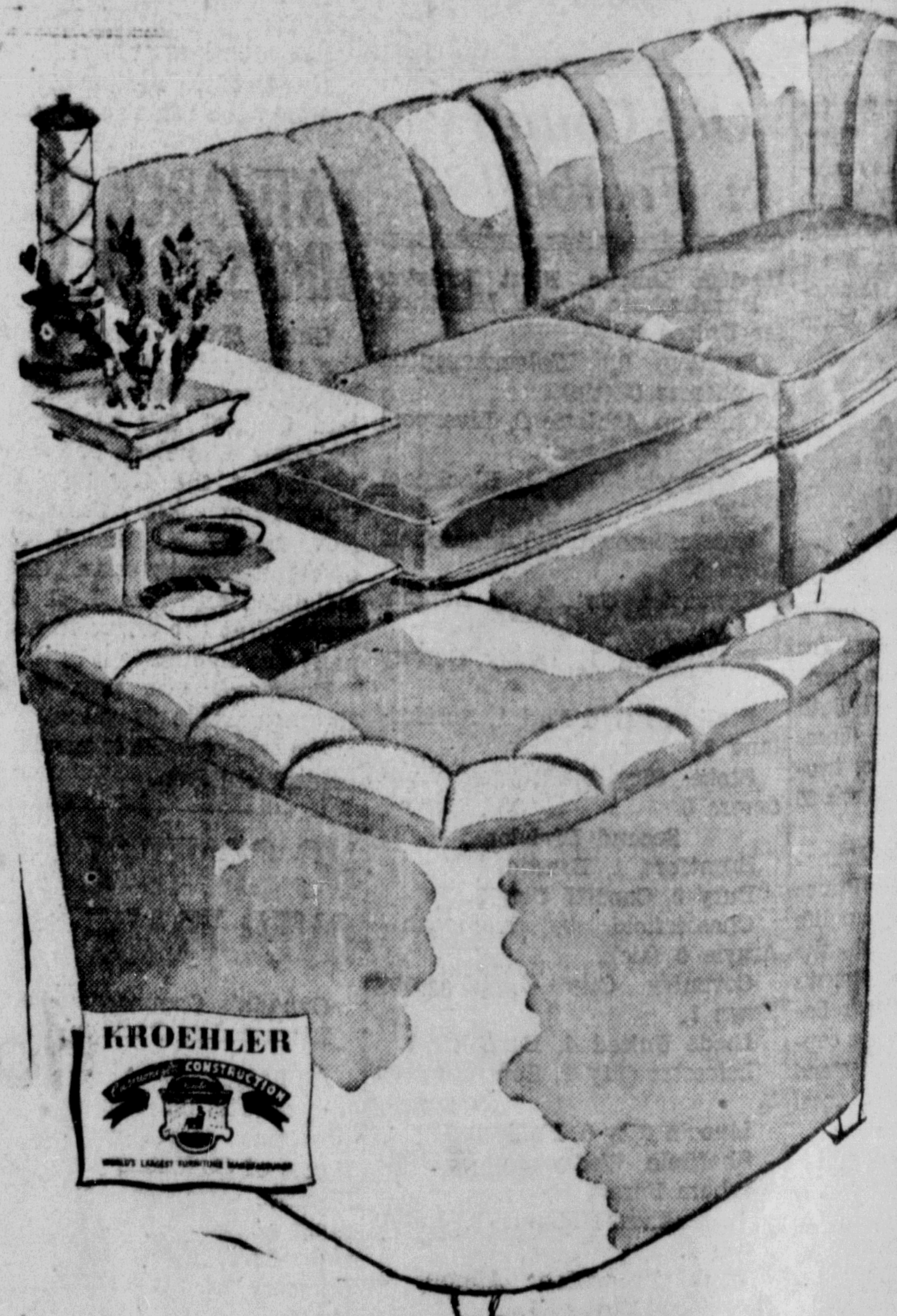
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