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## The U.S. Warehouse

PRINCE RUPERT will be the poorer, with the warehouse dismantled and shipped to Edmonton as lumber. An important facility will be removed from a port which is on the eve of great development. The city will be back to where it was seven years ago.

It is possible demolition will be cancelled. But every day sees the great building being further reduced. If this is to be halted, then immediate and strong action must be taken.

Granting the warehouse has plenty of room to spare, that admission does not in the least degree, excuse its sale, and transfer to the Alberta city. Here it was built, and here it should remain, and this holds good even if there was no such thing as a disturbed world situation. Eventually, an asset of such major value and usefulness would, in some way, be taken full advantage of. The beginning might be of small or minor moment, but it would at least be a start, and increase in scope as Prince Rupert's business and influence expanded.

Who knows what was in mind when this mammoth warehouse was planned, or that it was being erected just as much for 1950 as for 1943? It is common knowledge that when the Americans first saw Prince Rupert they were agreeably surprised with the strategic position of the port. They might be astounded to be told that this masterly example of their handiwork only a few short years ago, is today being torn down because Edmonton wants some lumber.

There is large scale business just ahead at Prince Rupert. Early in the New Year, the cellulose industry will open. The aluminum enterprise, which means the spending of scores of millions, will be in this district, if indications mean anything.

The trend is all on a large scale, and in keeping with the size of the warehouse, immense as it is.

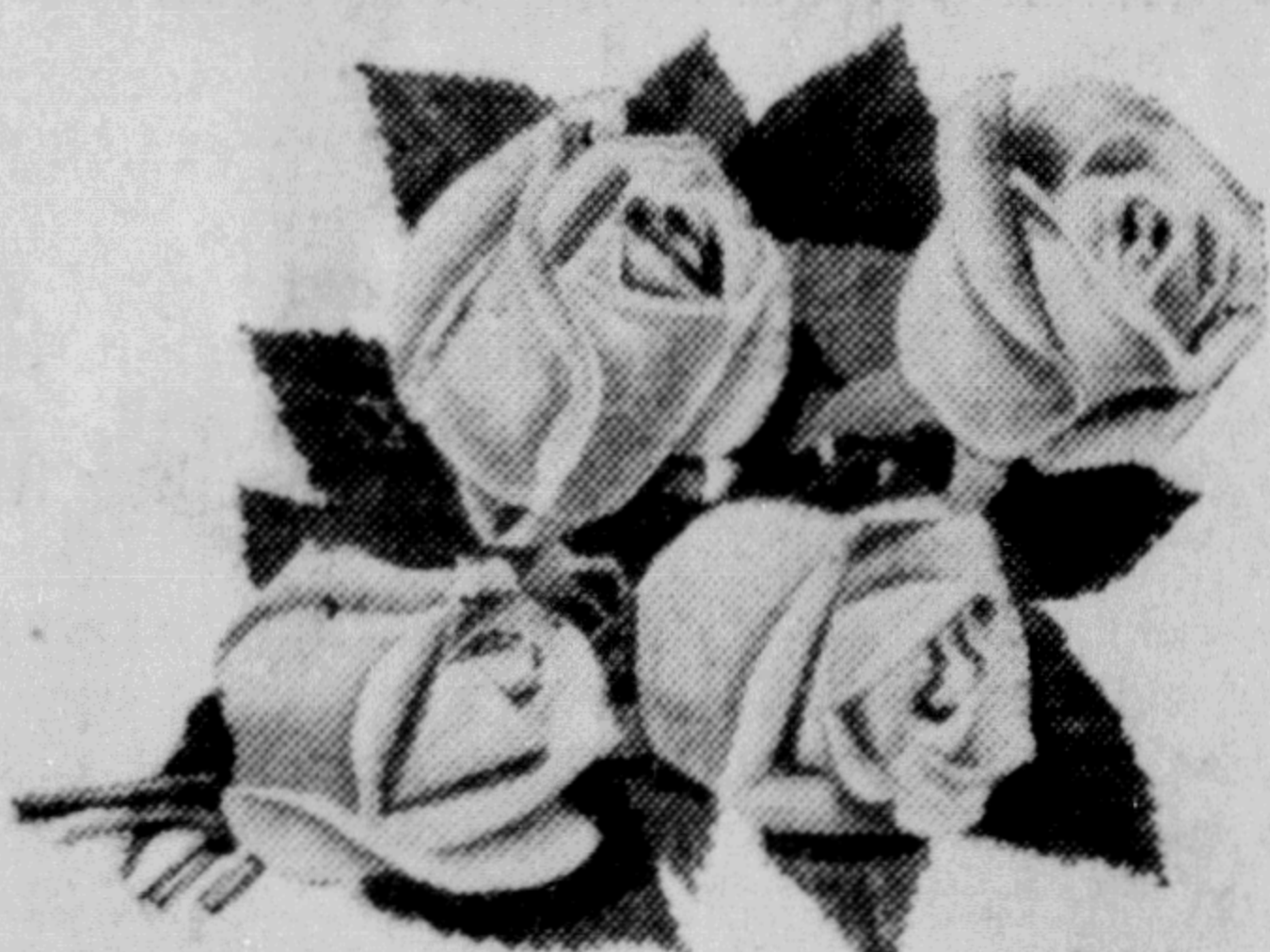
None can deny that today, the possibility of war broods over the earth. There is certainly a threat touching the islands and the lands bordering the Pacific. All countries, if they have defences, are making the most of them. While a warehouse, such as the one at Prince Rupert, cannot be called a weapon, it nevertheless comes within the meaning of defence.

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As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT  
U.S.-Canada Merger

NOT LONG AGO I was asked to assist at an international gathering of the Y.M.C.A. clubs. The Phalanx and Wiseman groups of this part of the continent were having their annual get-together.

My job was to act as consultant for one of the five discussion groups. Our topic was "Should the United States and Canada be one country?" About 18 young chaps took part. They were about equally divided between the U.S. and Canada. There was one keen young Canadian in Active army uniform and one bright young man of Chinese race. The Chairman and Secretary were from Everett, Washington.

I WAS A BIT nervous about this topic before we got under way—and wondered whether it would not end in a pitched battle with the Americans all saying "yes" and the Canucks saying "no".

Actually I have never been in a more helpful discussion group. Instead of debating the question and simply hearing arguments pro and con we proceeded by quite a different technique.

The group as a whole decided simply to list the greatest probable advantages for a merger of the two countries—then to list the greatest possible disadvantages or difficulties. By this method we by-passed any possibility of a pitched battle.

We agreed in the first instance not to discuss each point at length, but simply decide whether to list it or not. Then we went over the points one by one and anybody who wanted to comment did so.

THERE WAS NO hard and fast record kept of the discussion and no attempt was made to come to any conclusions. But the group agreed that the following were the main possible advantages of an out and out union between the U.S.A. and Canada.

Greater military security. Free trade in products and the movement of people would be a benefit, especially to Canada. The lines of intercourse would run naturally, more north and south than east to west.

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Saving on cost of governments and number at border customs points etc.

THE MAIN DISADVANTAGES were listed:

Canadians would regret to lose their national identity and British Commonwealth connection and feel a sense of failure if merely absorbed into U.S.A.

French Canadians would probably resist and resent this even more than English-speaking Canadians. As a minority of about three million in a sea of English speaking people of about 163 millions their political influence would be very minor, compared with the present in Canada.

Increased military power which would result from an outright merger might be offset by increasing the danger of world

Expose—

## Defences Of Prince Rupert

Local Warehouse Mentioned in Article

In American Magazines Howard Green, M.P. (PC) broadcasting from Prince Rupert has been calling attention to the necessity of greater defence measures in Northern British Columbia according to New Liberty magazine.

Mr. Green, and other members, it says, are planning to blow a whistle on defence in the north as soon as the Federal Parliament convenes which will be early in the New Year.

This, the New Liberty goes on to say, will fit in neatly with what it calls an "expose" by

war. If Canada were annexed to U.S.A. would not Russia's answer be the outright annexation of all the countries in eastern Europe?

SOME DECLARED that a better answer than a U.S.-Canada merger would be a federation of all western democracies.

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Liberty says "the millions in work and material at Prince Rupert, the warehouse, staging areas, plus the ancillary things that go with these installations have either been sold at five cents on the dollar by War Assets, or are falling apart."

(The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and the Daily News have been campaigning for a long time for retention of the warehouse air field development and other matters which would fit into the defence picture at Prince Rupert.

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A social evening at the home of Mrs. A. S. Hamilton Monday night was enjoyed by the Women of the Moose social service committee. Winners at cards were Mrs. B. Blair and Mrs. R. Giske. Guests were Mrs. A. S. Hamilton, Mesdames O. Stegavik, R. Giske, F. Grimble, P. Bond, B. Blair, H. Tweed and R. B. Skinner and Miss F. Johnson. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to set off an enjoyable evening.

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