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As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT

SECRET HEART TONIC

A FELLOW called me upon the other day and said: "I can't understand how you can be so cheerful. Don't you see that we are galloping straight to hell?"

I mumbled some sort of answer that things were really not too bad.

But I have a secret heart tonic which I always use when the world looks as if it is plunging straight for the bow-wows.

I read history—just any good history which tells what things were really like in those "good old days."

Bad as things have been in this century, the sum total of the titanic world moving picture adds up very much on the right side.

DO YOU believe that democracy is a good thing?

Do you believe that government of the people, for the people, by the people is the safest and best system yet devised for human welfare?

If you do you cannot be too downhearted. For the liberation of India from colonial rule was not only the greatest achievement of British democracy. It was by far the greatest, most massive advance in the whole history of democracy.

Far from weakening the long range British world position it is already becoming clear that the very opposite is the truth. The British Empire lost a sub-continent peopled by several hundred million unwilling colonial subjects. But by this brave act of faith the British Commonwealth gained the respect, affection and friendship of one of the two most populous nations on earth.

India is already playing her mighty role as the foundation base of future democracy for one entire section of the human family. She is Asia's peace-maker and the UN's peace-maker.

DO YOU believe that the right to eat is the first of all human claims?

Then you cannot be too downhearted. For now—for the first time in the period for which we have records — we have the KNOWN means to produce enough food, clothing and shelter for every one of the two-billion-plus people who are now alive.

The scientists already have the know how to chain the waters, to reclaim the deserts, to make every part of this earth "God's country." Given the chance, they could amply feed half again as many human beings as are now alive.

IN THE THOUSANDS of years in which human beings have fought wars they have killed each other by just about every possible device, from stones and clubs, to bombs and poison gas.

In one sense, the atom bomb is just another bomb. Which is the more immoral? To kill 60,000 British civilians as the Germans did in six years of bombing? To kill 60,000 German civilians as itself—the war that compels it?

Letters to the Editor

WHY WEED OUT INDIANS?

Editor, Daily News: As I am one who has taken a very active part in the fishing industry and as an executive member in the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia, I believe I have some right and responsibility to voice views on an important matter that concerns the native people in the fish industry.

Those affected as of now are Indian shippers. I am one who captains a large fish vessel.

The question I wish to discuss is the weeding out of Indian skippers and Indian manned boats from the actual participation in fishing for herring. I can remember the earlier days when the native people performed splendidly in fishing for herring on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Today I do not know of one native skipper on the west coast with the exception of one or two who may be sent out to pack herring.

The question here involves the actual fishing for herring. On the east coast of Vancouver Island the natives take a major part in fishing for herring. Within the last few years the native skippers, one by one, have been refused the right to fish for herring. Instead a few are asked and granted the privilege of packing the herring to the reduction plants.

In approximately the middle twenties of this century I remember that the policy was to have a fifty-fifty basis of Japanese and Indians taking part in the herring industry. In those days we, the two combined, were in the majority. The wages then were in the vicinity of \$90-\$125 per month per man. Today within the herring industry it appears that there is a certain amount of weeding out of Indian skippers and Indian manned boats. I, and the rest of the native skippers, and the Indian organization as a whole, would prefer to know definitely the reasons for this action on the part of those in authority.

In years gone by and also at the present time the natives have continually done their share in all phases of the fishing industry. And we will continue to do so to the best of our ability. I might add the ability of some of our native skippers is unsurpassed.

During the last war period the native fishermen, seiners, halibut men, etc., combined their

the British R.A.F. did in six hours of bombing Hamburg? To kill 60,000 Japanese civilians in one moment of bombing Hiroshima, as the Americans did?

Is the duration of the killing process that is the crime? The numbers killed? Their skin color—tongue—or is it the killing? Is it more sinful to kill a baby by an A-bomb than by an XYZ bomb—or by starving that baby to death by naval blockade of a whole nation?

TO ME the meaning of the atom bomb is this: Man now holds in his hand the means either to blow himself and his world to atoms or to transform it into a place really fit for human Sons of God to live in. Man must choose.

He must choose a TOTAL answer. He must end all war. He must either organize WORLD peace under law, or die.

I don't think mankind will choose to die. I think man will choose, rather to establish world peace under world law.

supreme effort in aiding a huge production within this major industry. And yet the thanks we are receiving is a certain amount of displacement that is very noticeable.

It is a fact that certain of our fishermen have not worked up to expectation but the blame should not be placed on the Indians.

In the fishing industry we do not believe in racial discrimination. We are all one people with the white and Japanese fishermen. And there is room for all those interested in the fishing industry. This idea of oneness produces harmony and goodwill within the industry. And this is required in the economy of our province and country, especially during this present world crisis when Canada is preparing for a united front.

So let us not consider the Indian a mere substitute fisherman. It seems that when war breaks out the Indians receive full employment. Just remember that the Indians also go to the battlefields to win in order that we obtain freedom and security and equality in employment.

The Indians were the first backbone of the fishing industry and we have gone a long way. What those in authority have done for us we full consider and appreciate. And since we have organized into fish workers and fishermen organizations we have striven for better conditions and wages. We have helped in the development of the fish industry and we certainly expect co-operation like we have given. And now we are partners with other groups concerned in the conservation of salmon. We are even missionaries in this respect. And yet we have not got a member of our race to sit on the International Fisheries Commission. I believe we should have a native member on this commission.

I interviewed recently one of the northern representatives of one of the major fish companies and he agreed with the opinion I have written above. However, he stated that the final say in regard to the weeding out of native skippers was not in his department, but that the final solution rested in the hands of higher authorities of the fish companies.

I am not one to be writing to the editor of any newspaper, but this is such a vital issue that I feel sincere in voicing this matter to the public. You have heard

Associated Boards Gets Higher Fees

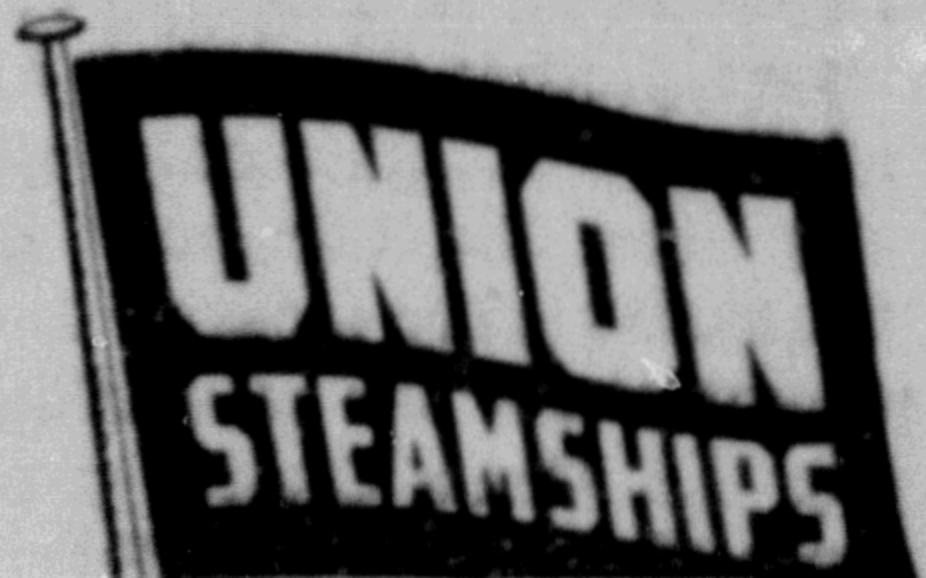
Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce has been notified of a new system of financing the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia. The per capita assessment on constituent boards is increased to \$1 and boards in such communities as Prince Rupert and Prince George having over 5000 population will be assessed \$100 per year and those under \$10 per year. By this means more adequate funds are hoped to be obtained for the Associated Boards which, during past years, has labored under financial stringency.

Cincinnati Blast Kills Two Persons

CINCINNATI (AP)—At least two persons were killed and 15 hurt Saturday in a terrific explosion which wrecked the two-storey plant of the American Water-proofing Co.

and read my opinion. You as a member of our democratic province and country, should we not have a fair employment practice within our fishing industry and in all other industries? I and the rest of the native people are always prepared to co-operate. We have done it. Why not employers and firms? After all we are one group who rotate the earnings back into business hands.

DAN ASSU, Native Brotherhood Vice-President, Cape Mudge.



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ALICE ARM, STEWART AND PORT SIMPSON

Sunday, Camosun, 11 p.m. FOR NORTH QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS ss. Chilcotin, Dec. 1 and 15 9 p.m.

FOR SOUTH QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

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KEEP POT BOILING

THE ARMY POT goes out again at the end of the week and the bell will jingle in front of the Post Office. This gives us good occasion to mention the fine work of the Salvation Army which is confined not only to Christmas but all the year around and which reaches into quarters that many of us may not know or think about. Therefore, we would commend the attention of our readers to the statement from Captain W. C. Poulton, local commandant, outlining comprehensively the activities of the Army in the line of social service and relief work that they carry out when other means fail to meet the situation.

It is very well for us to throw our contributions into that pot as we pass by. Possibly, some would desire to make more substantial contributions. If so they could be made direct to the Army or, as Captain Poulton suggests, by way of the Daily News office. It is once again a pleasure for us to co-operate with the Army in this way.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof."—Rom. 13:14.

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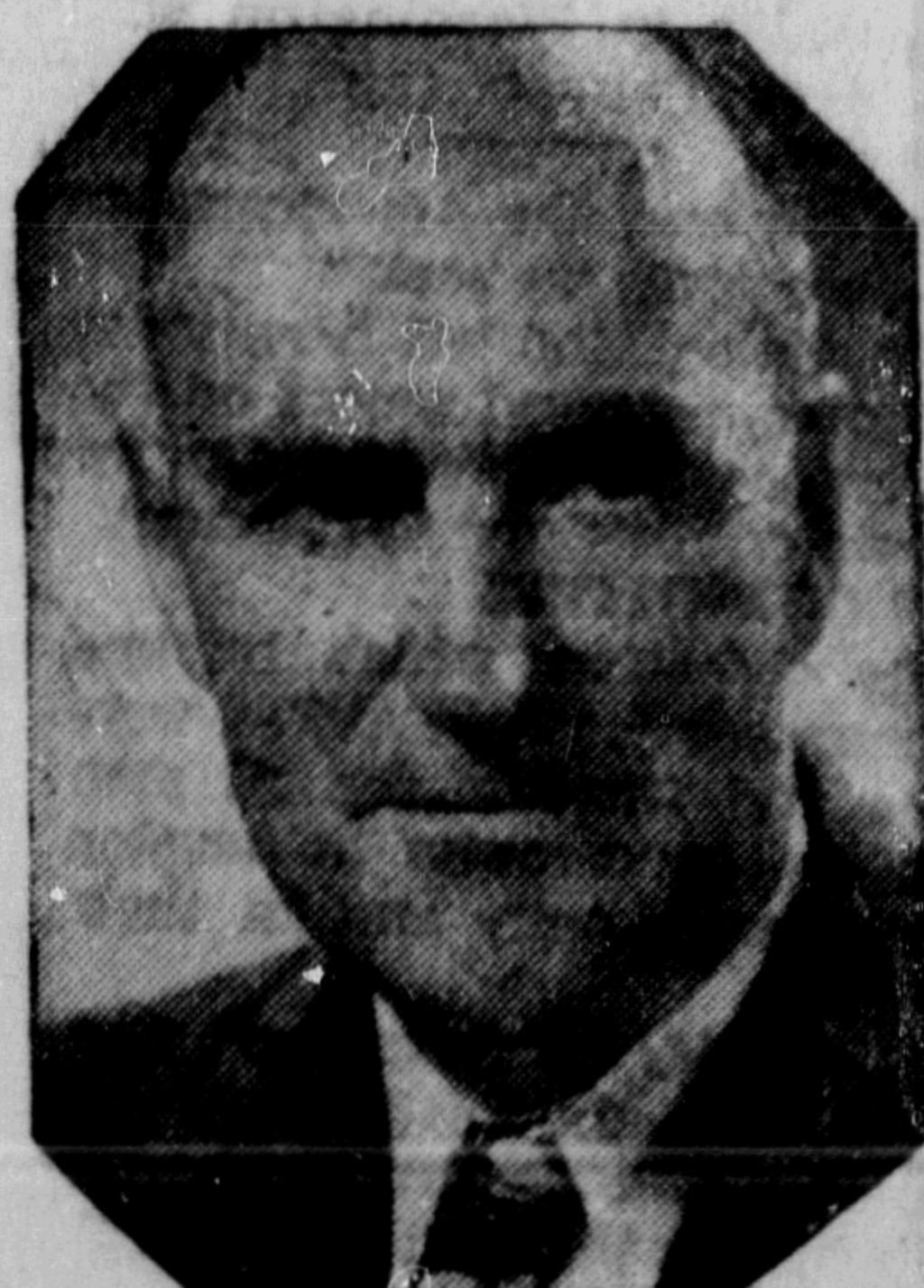
Some comparisons between B.C. and Scandinavian Forestry Policies and Administration.

Hear this Interesting Talk by

HON. E. T. KENNEY

B.C. Minister of Lands and Forests

CFPR



10:15 p.m. TONIGHT

VOTE YES!



VOTE YES!

All eligible citizens of Prince Rupert

VOTE YES

For The

Canadian Legion

"Taxation Exemption By-law 1950"

and the

"Sale Authorization By-law 1950"

YES

A yes vote on the "Land Sale Bylaw" means that the CANADIAN LEGION will pay the full assessed value for the property on which their old building on Third Avenue stands, thereby making the building and the property on which it stands subject to full taxation. The land is assessed at the present time at \$2600.00.

YES

A yes vote on the "Tax Exemption Bylaw" would mean that the CANADIAN LEGION will pay full taxes on the greater portion of their waterfront property, purchased with the building from the War Assets Corporation. The exemption asked for is on a small portion representing reasonable access to the new Canadian Legion building.

YES

A yes vote on these bylaws means that the voters in Prince Rupert are behind the Veterans of Canada's Armed Services, who participated in past wars, in their attempt to provide recreational facilities and social services for themselves and their comrades. The CANADIAN LEGION is asking for the approval of these bylaws in order to meet fairly its obligation to the community as a whole, as well as to make adequate provision for the future welfare of all veterans.

Support the LEGION ---

VOTE YES!!