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## It's The Best Band

A TINY village up the valley of a Northern British Columbia river not far from Prince Rupert has produced a musical aggregation which any of the largest cities of Canada would be proud to own. We speak of that wonderful Greenville Concert Band which made a two-night stand in Prince Rupert's Civic Centre late last week and which acquitted itself with a most amazing degree of excellence—the more remarkable by reason of the fact that these people have relatively little contact with the outside world, certainly with metropolitan musical association. That band demonstrates what can be achieved along cultural lines under difficulties and handicaps which, if the ambition and the perseverance exists, can be completely conquered as has been done in this case.

Civic Centre has imported numerous big-name artists of voice and instrument. We do not think any of them afforded more delightful entertainment of a high class nature than did those 50 native men, ranging in years from 16 to 60 and representing one-seventh of the entire population of their village. The local audience demonstrated its appreciation in no uncertain terms and it takes mighty good music to keep an audience happy through more than two hours of a solid program of any kind. The native bandsmen, even as they played the last of 12 ambitious and enthusiastically-applauded numbers, left the audience hungry for more.

We have generally taken it for granted that, when it comes to real talent, we must import. In the Greenville Concert Band this area has something, instead, to export. It is interesting to hear that steps are already being taken to send the band to Pacific National Exposition next year. There is not a doubt in the world that they will make a great impression there. So far, the Greenville Concert Band has not been widely known and even the people of Prince Rupert did not realize the excellence of its attainments as a musical organization. Once it gets started, it should travel far and win wide acclaim. After hearing its performance here, we would say that, for a musical organization of its kind, it is second to none in Canada and the fact that it has come up under its own ingenuity, skill and perseverance makes it all the more interestingly unique.

Bandmaster Fred McKay and his artists are to be highly congratulated. We hope they will come back to Prince Rupert more often to delight us and we will also be glad to share this find with the rest of the country which we are sure would be equally appreciative if they had the chance to hear them.

## WOMEN IN POLITICS

IT IS INTERESTING to hear that move is under way to organize a strong Liberal women's association in Prince Rupert—not because it is Liberal women but because we think it is good and fitting that women should be actively interesting themselves in the important business of politics be it under the banner of any of the recognized and esteemed parties—Progressive Conservative, CCF, Social Credit or what not.

With women taking their place in the economic and business life of the country and certainly directly interested in the vital questions of the day by reason of their primary function as home makers and mentors of the rising generation, they are, indeed, long overdue to be playing a much larger and more active role in the public affairs of the country.

Incidentally, Prince Rupert seems to have a budding political prospect of considerable natural ability and promise in Mrs. Kay Smith who has served notice on the men of her party that, even if they do not wake up themselves, the women are going to do something about arousing the party from its between-elections somnolence.

And there are other women in Prince Rupert competent and fitted to make good in the political field. The Liberal party does not own them all either.

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## U.N. Relief in Korea



Moving swiftly to alleviate the suffering of the civilian population of Korea, the United Nations is undertaking a vast program of relief and rehabilitation. Here, inhabitants of Seoul are seen receiving the daily ration of rice distributed by the United Command with the help of local organizations to the city's seven districts. The rice was largely contributed by Thailand and the Philippine Islands.



As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT

## NO WORLD WAR YET

ANYONE WHO climbs out on the limb of prediction these days is likely to find it sawed off behind him.

But at the obvious risk of a nasty bump I will climb this far:

The intervention of Chinese forces in Korea does NOT prove that the Chinese or Russian government is willing to plunge into world war three. It looks like a local move made for:

1. The protection of the big electrical power dams which supply Manchuria as well as Korea with energy.

2. To gain a bargaining point for the admission of Communism.

China into the United Nations.

IF COMMUNIST rulers had decided that the time had come to force outright war they would hardly do so in a nibbling, itsy-bitsy operation. Would they not, rather, launch the attack where the payoff could be really big?

They could sweep across western Germany, and probably to the Atlantic—perhaps to Gibraltar—against only token resistance, for the obvious reason that there is no now-available Atlantic land force to stop the 175 Russian divisions. They could sweep down through Persia or across Turkey into Palestine and the vital Suez Canal. They are stopped from doing so by many considerations, including military ones:

1. The certainty that the U.S. would immediately atom-bomb vital war production centres in Russia.

2. The certainty that even if the Russian and Chinese Communist armies swept all of Europe, much of Asia, and half of Africa into their control, the western democracies could nevertheless survive the initial shock of such an attack, and in the long run mobilize an army that could land near the vital centres of Russia herself.

SEA POWER still has tremendous advantages over land power—in that it enables the sea

## Letters to the Editor

### FEMALE CHEATS, ETC.

Editor, Daily News:  
May I crave the indulgence of your paper to address George Bush?

Please, Mr. Bush, you really shouldn't go on so. Blood pressure comes early enough in life, so let's put this matter in its true perspective and consider things calmly.

First, I'll concede that the offending editorial did give you grounds for protest. But Mr. Bush—your comrade (sorry, that does sound rather revolutionary and you DID assure us that you were not a Red, didn't you?) workmate in the same issue submits that the large majority of the men out at Watson Island are decent, clean-living citizens.

But, and this is the part that bothers me, you state, quote: "I venture to say the hardest hit will be the beer parlor operators, taxi drivers, bootleggers, and semi-professional female cheats!"

Now leaving out the first two, it would appear from YOUR remarks that your workmates have more than a nodding acquaintance with the two categories of our less desirable citizens. I don't believe this, Mr. Bush, I really don't!

And if you'll pardon my bluntness, I don't believe you speak with any authority when you make such a statement.

Referring again to what you term "semi-professional female cheats" (and though your phraseology is cautious I think I know what you mean), I cannot say I am an authority on the subject of female delinquency, but I can say that I know and respect quite a few of the female citizens of this town and I can't credit that Prince Rupert is a worse sink of iniquity than, say, New York, London or Paris.

power to land relatively small armies well in the rear of advancing aggressors—actually making the previous advances of such aggressors their greatest military liability.

We had a striking small scale example of that in Korea. The North Korean aggressors had chased the Americans all but completely out of the country; but a small force, landed far behind the aggressors, neatly cut off the limb behind them.

The military master minds in the Kremlin are not so dumb as not to see the lesson in that.

THE COMMUNISTS may be attempting, however, to get expandable wars going, in fact, without having those wars declared.

They know that the UN would

You'll pardon my ambitious comparisons but your words leave me no option.  
If things WERE as bad as you indicate, I should consider it the duty of our city fathers to apprehend, not only the women themselves, but also their clients who by their patronage encourage such a calling.

So in closing, Mr. Bush, I hope we find ourselves on common ground in two instances—first, that of encouraging reasonable and logical arguments, and second, in cleaning up and ridding our town of any elements, male or female, if it proves itself objectionable.

Excuse my presumptuousness for signing myself

"VOX POPULI."

### BAND APPRECIATIVE

Editor, Daily News:

At the request of Fred McKay, bandmaster, and those associated with him in the Greenville Concert Band, I wish to write on their behalf to express appreciation for the splendid reception given to these native musicians on their recent visit to Prince Rupert. They are deeply appreciative of the splendid turn out at the two concerts held at the Civic Centre and they hope indeed that their efforts were much enjoyed by the many people who turned out to hear them. Mr. McKay especially wishes to thank the authorities at the Civic Centre, for their courtesy and co-operation in the arrangements about the concert. The band have now gone back home to their village on the Naas and carry with them happy memories of a very splendid association with all who helped to make the concerts of this week the happy events that they undoubtedly were.

F. E. ANFIELD,  
Indian Superintendent

not dream of authorizing the use of atomic bombs on Moscow merely because Chinese Communists have crossed into Korea. They also know that on the very first day of the war in Korea the United States, by proclaiming its naval protection of the Chinese (not Korean) island of Formosa, put itself in a dubious position legally. They know that this U.S. blunder was never supported but pointedly repudiated by the other UN supporters, notably by Britain, Canada and India.

Their move into North Korea may be the oriental idea of tit for tat.

Manufacturing wage rates in Canada have more than doubled since 1939.

A. W. Priest, who has been in Vancouver receiving medical treatment, returned by plane Saturday.

K. F. Harding, Martin Erickson, Peter Rusoy, Martin Krueger, and A. M. Martinussen, who have been in Vancouver attending co-operative sessions, returned to the city on Saturday afternoon's plane.

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