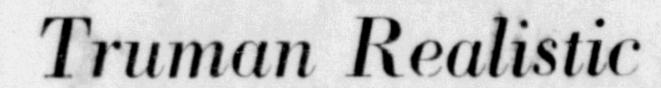
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DRESIDENT TRUMAN, admittedly one of the world's outstanding international realists, frankly tells the Congress of the United States that a large portion of the forty billion dollar budget which he presented yesterday is to head off another war. In this connection is again emphasized the urgent necessity of financing further reconstruction aid to the nations of Europe to prevent them falling into the power of the totalitarian Soviet, China being in the same category.

As long as there is the present insecurity in Europe, the President declares that there can be no let-up in the program of government spending. The President thereby admits that war or threat of war makes possible the continuation of boom conditions. Unfortunately, the time is not yet for the building up of real peacetime prosperity. But what to do about it in the meantime at least is still another question.

TO END WAR IN CHINA

THE QUICKEST WAY to end the civil war in I China would, of course, be to stop the shipment of arms to the country-arms from this country to the central government of Chiang-Kai-Shek and from Russia to the Communist rebels. But, as long as Russia is feeding arms to the communists in a continued uprising which the Soviet beyond a doubt is aiding and abetting, the western world would be remiss in failing to do all it can to aid Chiang in the defence of his legally constituted regime.

Indeed, the United States and the other nations are as fully justified in aiding Chiang as they are in preparing their own defences for the threat of Soviet totaliarianism which becomes more manac-

ing every day. China is fighting a war today in which we ourselves may become involved in soon unless there is an early change in the attitude and actions of the Soviet.

ABOUT RAIN

DESIDENTS OF PORTLAND which gets a Mere 41.62 inches of rain annually are lectured on the art of capitalizing on their rainfall by Richard L. Neuberger Oregon feature writer who holds up Ketchikan (annual rainfall 150.89 inches) as a drenched example of community

"Ketchikan is proud of its rainy climate because its fishing and lumbering industries require rain for their very existance," Neuberger says. "The rainfall maintains the myriad of salmon streams, and salmon provide the major source of

income in laska." Acceptance of Ketchikan's dampness extends to all generations. "Jiminee!" exclaimed one boy, about

13, "I'll sure be glad when summer comes and the rain ain't so cold." Portlanders, however, do not accept their liquid holders operating 450,000 vehicles

blessings so gracefully. When "The City of Roses" endured nine inches of rainfall in one month, last October, complaints about the weather were "as noisy as artillery."

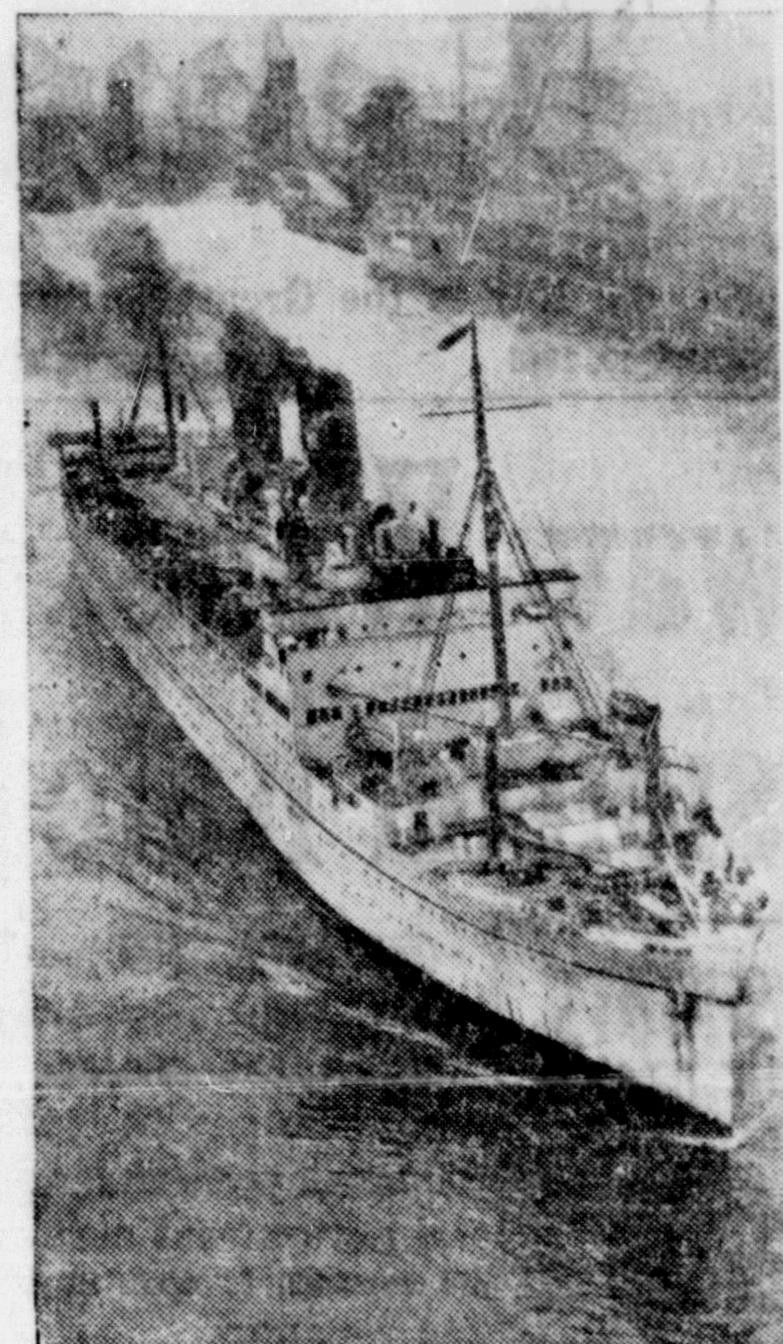
Quoting the Ketchikan weather man, a former Portlander, the article says: "If Portland would only develop the same psychology, you'd never hear a peep in Portland about the rain. Portland with 41.62 inches of rain gets more notoriety about its weather than does Ketchikan with 150.89 inches. This is because Portland makes such a fuss about it. Ketchikan accepts the weather philosophically, and that's all there is to it."

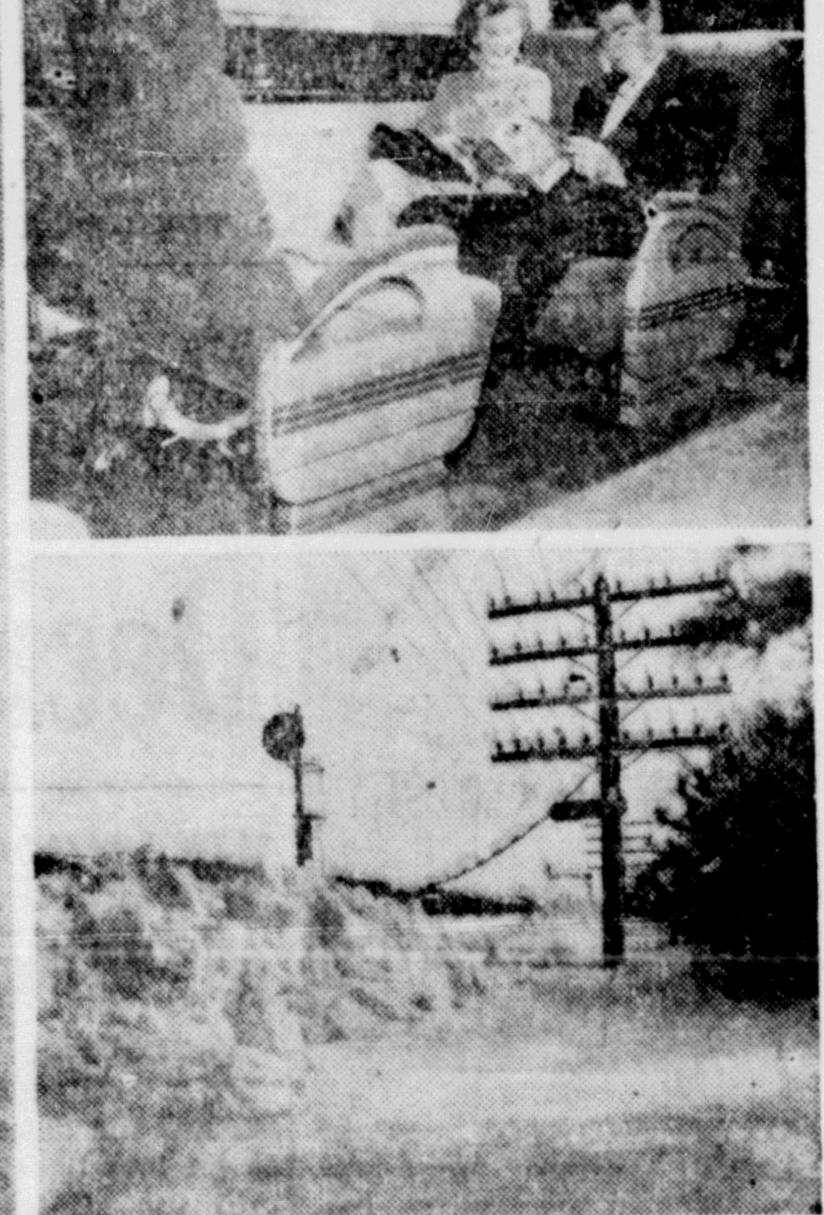
To the people of Prince Rupert, who last year were washed by 107.95 inches of rain, the same psychology could hold true. Actually, this city's average rainfall is a more 90 inches, which would make it that much easier to develop the same attitude which Ketchikan finds for morale-boosting and profitable.

THE FINAL BATTLE

FERTAIN BIBLICAL prophets have interpreted from the Scriptures that the last great war of the world will be fought in the Middle East in the very cradle of Christianity. Today Palestine occupies the international spotlight as the focal point of current tenseness. There are to be found today explosive elements in which one does not have to be unduly alarmist to perceive the makings of much more serious complications. And behind the scenes are, doubtless, the influences of potentially warring idealogies which might precipate major conflict.

It is not inconceivable that another war—the war to end wars-which it seems has not yet been fought—may stem from that very quarter but it would seem highly improbable that it could ever be confined there. Armageddon, according to the Revelation of St. John, "the great battle in which the last conflict between good and evil is to be fought," conceivably, might be so extensive, so terrible, so destructive, that it would mean the end of the world, at least in the present conception of civilization. The world may even today be sowing the seeds of its own destruction. It seems a terrible statement but, nevertheless, it is realistic in its possibilities.





RAILWAYS IN POST-WAR-Resumption of transAtlantic passenger service between Canada and the United Kingdom by the Empress of Canada, left above, was an important event in 1947. During the year, the ship made seven voyages to Montreal and one to Halifax and Saint John, N.B. Delivery of the first post-war passenger coaches, featuring the comfortable "Sleepy Hollow" chair and extra-wide "picture windows," as illustrated in upper right picture, marked another forward step by Canadian railways during the year. The year also saw the railways overcome the most severe winter operating conditions on record when January, February and March produced unprecedented snowfall. Picture at lover right shows a yard shortly after it had been cleared following heavy storm.

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Britain Acquires Control EXPRESS SURVEY Of Big Transport System

NATIONALIZATION MEASURE LARGEST EVER UNDERTAKEN; GOVERNMENT TO \$4,000,000,000 AS COMPENSATION

By JAMES McCOOK Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP)-Britain's railways, canals, longdistance road haulage services, the London Passenger Canadian National Express from Transport, and hotels, steamships and other assets Edmonton, arrived in the city ... Referred to the wage comowned by these concerns passed January 1 into the at the end of the week. He met mittee a letter from the Carpenhands of the British Transport Commission, appoint- City Clerk H. D. Thain this ters' Union which informed ed by the Transport Minister.

More than £1,000,000 (\$4,000. 00) will be payable to private transport service is necessary owners as compensation, mai

Under this measure of nation alization, the largest ever under taken, the nation acquires:

Sixty railway undertakings operating 52,000 miles of single track, and about 585,000 privately-owned railway wagons.

Road haulage concerns which peration over poor service operate beyond a limit of 25 miles. Nearly 200,000 licence-NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. are affected.

Road passenger services in commerce goes about its homeway. It collects "scenic views" 53,000 buses and coaches.

Canals of more than 1,640 to advertise the area in the miles operated by 19 concerns. United States, and has estab In addition, B.T.C. will keep lished a library containing maps docks and harbors operations of Niagara peninsula and under review. Where deemed ex- comprehensive business directpedient, these services will be ory for interested industrialis acquired by the national ser-

EFFICIENT SERVICE MUST BE PROVIDED

B.T.C., under the Transport Nationalization Bill passed last summer in the face of strong Conservative opposition must exercise its powerss "to provide, secure, or promote the provision of an efficient, adequate, economical and properly integrated system of public inland transport and port facilities within Great Britain and to extend and improve that system."

B.T.C., headed by Sir Cyril Hurcomb, former director of war transport, will be helped by five executive groups composed of officials skilled in certain branches of transport and associated service. The executives will have first responsibility for railways, London Transport, docks and inland waterways and hotels. The com mission will assure co-ordination between the various executives to run the whole transport system as a single unit.

Sir Eustace Missenden, former Southern Railway general manager, who started work as a boy sweeping out a village station will head the executive for British railways with 600,000 railwaymen under his direction.

B.T.C. will nave wide powers to improve transport services. It may issue stock to borrow money for capital purposes up to £250,000,000 and in addition raise not more than £250,000,000 in temporary loans.

Opponents of the plan say they agree co-ordination of

IS BEING MADE

Pick-up and Delivery Here Is Justified

travelling representative of the the city some years ago. for the next few days making for journeymen carpenters in the survey. Mr. Herget was for- now \$1.40 an hour, instead of press agent here.

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as the man who chews the date URGE USE OF off his railway ticket in eras-ELEVATOR

The Greater Niagara chamber of pert's grain elevator used for the export shipments of grain. which about 4,800 operators use town boosting in a systematic The aldermen last night passed resolution urging the federal owned railway and grain elevator for shipping frain to foreign countries. Copies of the resolution, which was introduced by Alderman G. B. Casey, seconded by Alderman T. B. Black, will be sent to Prime Minister Macken-Christopher Columbus' entire zize King, Minister of Agriculexpedition probably cost about ture J. G. Gardiner and H. G. Archibald, M.P. for Skeena.

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What City Council Did

ham Avenue) to L. G. and Fran - duced by Alderman T. B. Black, ces Crampton for \$600, subject chairman of the finance comto a 50 percent rebate for ex- mittee. service personnel.

Avenues at the rear of the new Amount of the insurance is \$6,-Lindsay garage and Dr. Hankin- 500. son's new office building.

licensing committee which grant- by his department between De- confusion of thought when ed two new business licenses—a cember 20 and January 7. The get people talking politically dry cleaning license to P. K. report contained a long list of Deane and an electrical appli- works projects either completed ance repairs license to G. J. or under way.

. . Approved a utilities committee recommendation that a street light be installed between the city for donating the former 1815 and 1823 Graham Avenue, the owners of the adjoining Island community for use as property, Fank Dibb and A. E. church bell. The bell now hangs Field, having undertaken to de- in the steeple of St. Peter's fray the cost of the power. Simi- Church, Kitkatla, the letter lar action was taken on a re- stated. quest from the Hospital Board, that a light be placed on Fourth Avenue at the approach to the Nurses' Home.

Receiving a request from Mayors and Municipalities, city council decided to remain with the organization and authorized payment of the \$25 annual dues

tion by the board of works that Winnipeg city council she is con-To make a survey to ascertain the Catholic Church be re-im- sidering organizing all Winniif, under the regulations, ex-bursed to the amount of \$55 for peg women against the bill press pick-up and delivery ser- improvements made to the Cath- boards which she terms unvice may be extended to the olicisection of Fairview Cemetery, sightly eyesores. east of Hays Cove, H. H. Herget, with an agreement made with

morning and will be in the city council that union wage scale merly Canadian National Ex- \$1.25 as was the case last year, The wage committee will meet Extension of the pick-up and at an early date to consider the

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NEW RED AND WHITE

. . . City council last night ad- | . . . Gave first reading to a opted a finance committee re- land sale bylaw covering several port covering the sale of lots 19 lots sold by council to individuals and 20, block 3, section 2 (Gra- in 1947. The bylaw was intro-

. . . On recommendation of . . . On recommendation of the finance committee, council the Board of Works, council awarded the insurance covering authorized construction of a three buildings at the Seal Cove lane between Second and First air base to Armstrong Agencies.

Adopted a report of the the City Engineer for work done "I'm continually running

Received and filed friendly letter from the Kitkatla council expressing thanks to fire hall bell to the Porcher

. . . City council will meet Commissioner John Shirras of the B.C. provincial police when he visits the city late in Feb. ruary, the aldermen decided. the Canadian Federation of new police contract will be discussed at the meeting.

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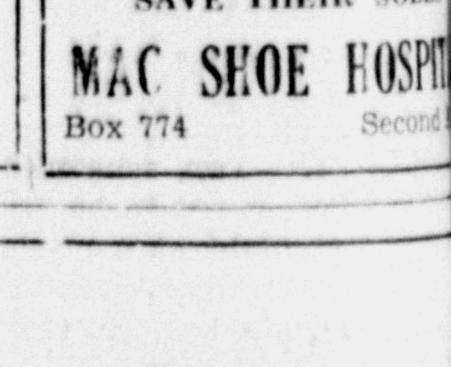
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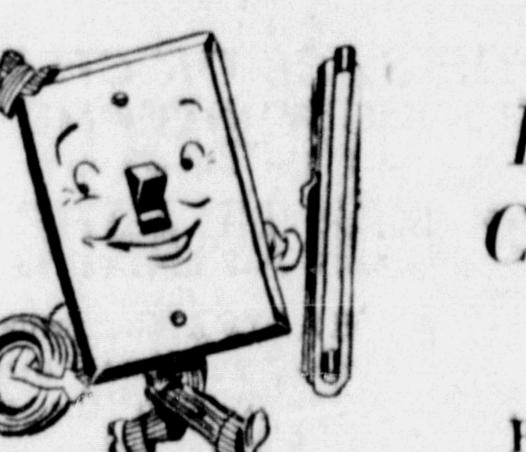
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