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Future of Peace

It is thirty-six years today since the outbreak of the First Great War. Since then, two Great Wars and two periods of peace, so called, have taken place. Today, in Korea, a minor war is raging and diplomacy endeavors to avert it spreading into another major struggle. In addition to this it is planned to devote enormous sums for defence. Dispatches say Great Britain contemplates an outlay of ten and a half billion. The United Nations want peace and, if fighting for it is becoming an absolute necessity, then the United Nations are committed to that course. So far as one can see now, future peace will hinge on power to maintain and enforce it.

BUILDING BOOM

It is generally conceded that the extent of its building activity may be taken as a measure of a community's prosperity. If that is the case, it should be a good fall and winter coming up for Prince Rupert.

Nearly a million dollars worth of major building is now going on in the city or is about to start including the new theatre and liquor store projects to which the two fine new school construction projects are about to be added, now that contracts have been let and signed up.

Meanwhile over at Watson Island finishing touches will be put on the great pulp mill project which is to be in operation early next year.

A problem continues to be that of providing housing complementary to the industrial and business building. This in itself would involve a building volume of major proportions. Somehow or other, this is bound to come soon.

SIGNIFICANCE OF KOREA

THE Korean situation demonstrates how well the aggressors are prepared. Korea, an adjunct of Japan, was "liberated" from that domination less than five years ago says Windsor Star. In the interval Russia was able to build up first-class fighting forces, including men who could handle aircraft, tanks and other modern arms.

Deep down, there is an even more significant aspect to Korea. In less than five years of occupation, Russia was able to indoctrinate thoroughly the people of North Korea with Communist fanaticism.

The United States had an equal time and similar opportunities to win the people of South Korea to democracy. There is no evidence she succeeded in her task in any way comparable to what Russia accomplished.

It may be the United States relied upon the wrong people in South Korea, just as she did in China — upon an upper crust of society in which the masses of the people had no confidence.

It isn't that Communism is more acceptable than democracy to Asians, or other people. The fault lies rather in our methods of promoting democracy. That, surely, is cause for concern.

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As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT
1940 — 1950 — 1960?

USUALLY WHEN I take my annual holiday I read nothing but detective stories. Usually I never read the newspapers, never listen to the radio, until I get back on my regular work routine.

But this mid-summer, 1950, seems different. The real war in Korea—with the visible threat of much bigger war a few months away—makes it impossible to settle down to the usual fare of Whodunits.

Between newspapers, I have been reading Churchill's Secret Speeches of the war, and a diary by Storm Jameson covering that awful year 1940, when Britain stood almost alone against the whole might of Hitler's fascism. Then in came a city paper, with a reprint editorial from The Arizona Star:

"One of the benefits of the Korean incident is that it is presenting to the American public some of the stern realities about the kind of co-operation it can get from the rest of the world and particularly from a strong, wealthy neighbor like Canada. Think of it. Canada a great wealthy country of 12,000,000 rugged enterprising, has only 3,000 men (the three battalions) available for her defence. . . . However, Canada is not so much to blame as Britain and Washington. Both have treated her like a spoiled and pampered child. It is surely up to the Washington administration . . . to call on Canada to contribute help, the kind where blood is shed. They have a right and duty to call on Canada to pull her fair share of the load."

TO ANSWER THAT UNTRUE and insulting blast from the Arizona Star Canadians might well take a glance ahead toward 1960 as well as one back to 1940. Just ten years ago Britain stood alone in Europe. Her own forces had escaped from Dunkerque almost literally naked. There was only one fully armed, fully trained division in Britain — which was our own First Canadian. British troops were being hastily re-armed with rifles rushed over from Canada and secretly borrowed from the arsenal of the United States.

The Presidential election was in full blast in the U.S.A. Wendell Wilkie was warning the people that if Roosevelt was re-elected their sons would die on foreign battlefields. But Roosevelt was emphatic that this was a dastardly lie. Even with Britain standing alone—even with the fate of all western civilization hanging literally by a hair there was no voice in U.S.A. raised for standing by Britain and the cause of democracy.

Writers, like Storm Jameson in Britain, were burning their private papers. For the Nazi airborne invasion was expected any day—and everybody knew what would be the fate of noted anti-Fascists like that novelist.

THERE WOULD BE NOTHING easier nor more natural than for Canadians to remind The Arizona Star and others that we did not need to be shot into either the first or second world wars. Our casualties in the first war were equal to those of our mighty neighbor, with eleven times our population.

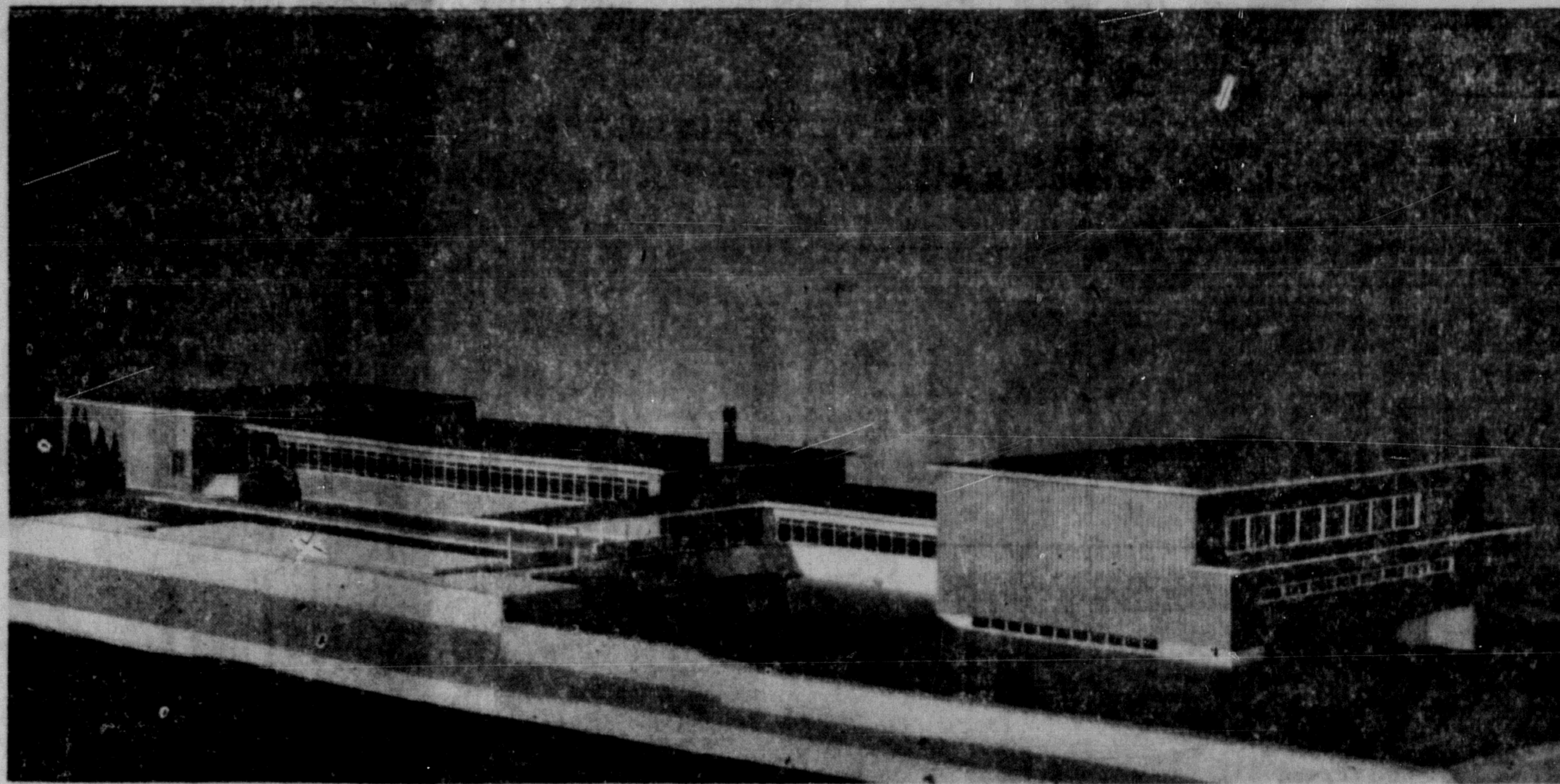
So in the second war, we were in there from the first day. We will be in a third world war—if it comes—from the first day also. And the people of Canada will be just as ready to do their bit and pull their fair share of the load as the editors of the Arizona Star.

But we will make up our own minds in our own time as to when, where, and how we will send our sons to fight and die, if they have to fight and die. We are not taking orders from Washington — and when we consider that on the same day on which Washington announced its right and proper intervention against the Korean aggression it simultaneously announced its wrong and improper intervention to protect Chiang Kalshek in Formosa most Canadians are more dubious than ever of Washington's political wisdom.

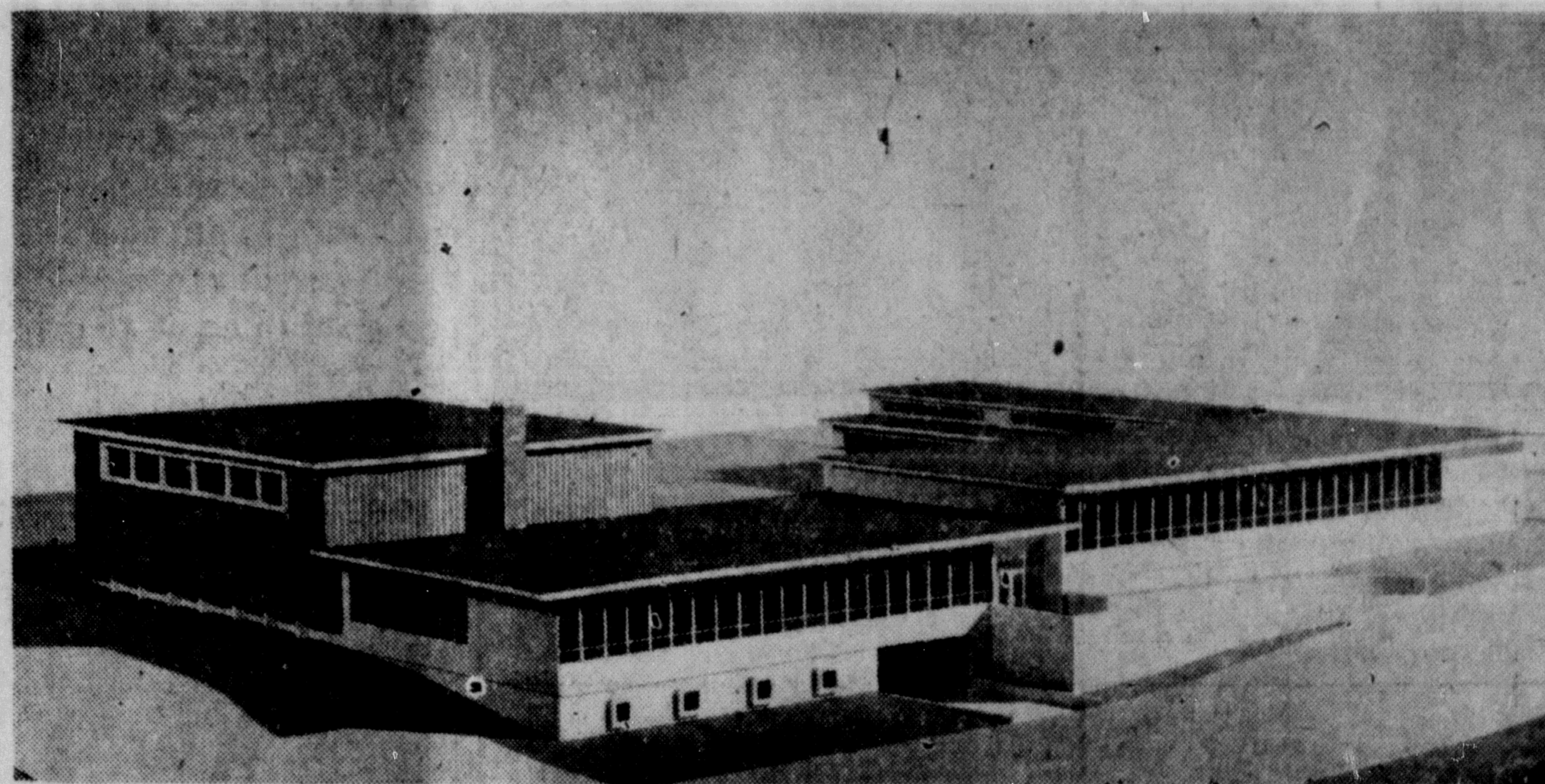
CANADIANS ARE WILLING to help defend an intelligently planned world line. Most Canadians agree with Anthony Eden that that world line should be planned NOW.

Other nations remember their Pearl Harbors. We remember Hong Kong. If our sons have to fight again we insist that they do so at the points of vital decision and not in blind alleys.

New Schools Here



BOOTH MEMORIAL



KING EDWARD

Mrs. Roper, secretary of the Board of School Trustees, has been informed of the signing in Vancouver by Dr. R. G. Large, board chairman, and W. J. Scott, trustee, of the contracts for the building of Prince Rupert's new schools. Contractors are B.C. Bridge & Dredging Co. whose local representatives are Northwest Construction Co. The bid for Booth School was \$423,320 and for King Edward \$279,947. The site of the former is at Hays Cove Circle and of the latter on Seventh Avenue East. Engineer of the B.C. Bridge & Dredging Co. arrived on today's plane to start preliminaries of construction.

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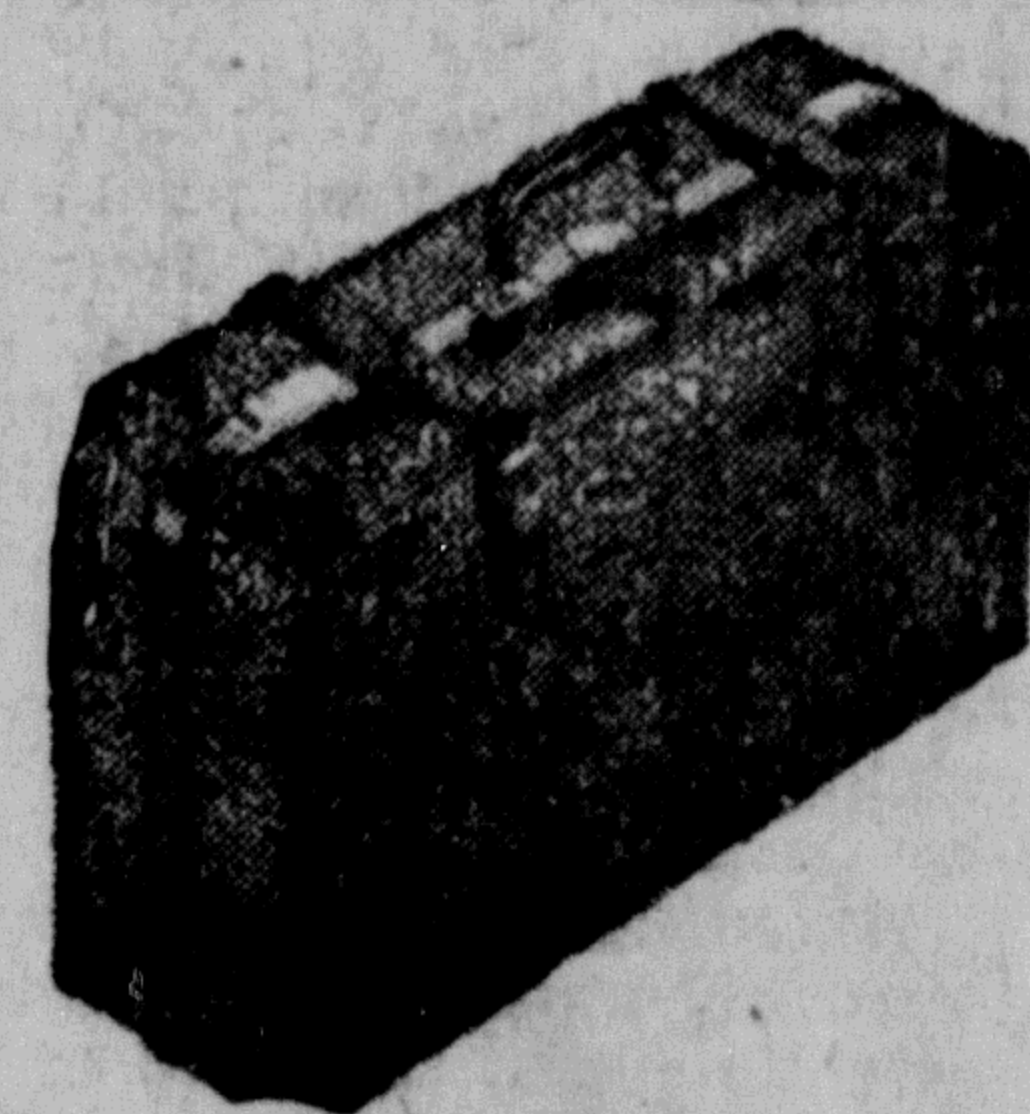
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