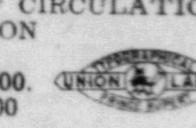
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## Defence of Europe

DUSSIA'S atomic advance has vastly altered two infatuation with strategic bombing and made turbance. Western defence planners begin to think of other means for making effective reply to a potential which shows this trend. attack. Second, it has emphasized the difficulty of repeating landings such as those in Italy and Normandy where massed troops and supplies would be newly vulnerable. Furthermore the development of new defensive weapons has added to the probability that recapture of Europe would be tremendously difficult.

These factors are pushing military plans toward far greater emphasis on holding the line of the Elbe or the Rhine. The Western powers cannot today guarantee success for such a plan. But plainly a strategy which seeks to protect the people of Europe rather than one for their eventual release is more likely to win united, confident, and enthusiastic support from them.

In any common defense effort this strategy is indispensible. Any plan which contemplates even temporary abandonment of the heart of Europe will forfeit it. Any plan which retains it has an immeasureable advantage. leaders and statesmen charged with shaping Atlantic Pact defense must give full weight to such intangibles of the spirit.

### OUR FINE WEATHER

THIS is practically mid-December and as yet, and private room. Less and less Prince Rupert has experienced no real winter. It has not been consistently agreeable but it has not been severe enough to cause harm or damage. There has been an absence of rigorous cold. Saturday night saw the first snow which was little more than a flurry with indications of gradually turning to rain. Seasons so lacking in sharp and sudden changes go a long way in shortening a winter. It is quite probable that here there will be little difference perhaps not until New Year or even later..

Contrast this with the prairies, eastern Canada, and the northern states. November saw the arrival of zero, bitter gales and snow drifts not to mention the imperative need of more clothing, fuel and food. Blessed Prince Rupert!

### Sheriff's Sale

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### Hospitals Going Democratic-More Multiple Words, Fewer Private

VICTORIA — B. C. hospital design is being changed by hospital insurance.

The rich will no longer bask in private room military calculations. First, it has cooled the luxury. The poor won't squirm in public ward dis-

St. Joseph's Hospital here is building a new wing

The four-storey addition will have 128 beds, in four-bed, 17 this way: "The more you isolate by 24 foot wards, eight to a patients in private rooms the floor. Each ward will be di- more expensive you make hosvided, in effect, into two semi- pital operation. To give adeprivate rooms. Patients will no quate hospitalization for all, we longer face each other. Each just can't afford big private ward will have toilet, wash rooms. They are far too expenbasin and shower, each patient sive. In the United States they his own clothes locker-now an undreamed-of luxury in public wards. No patient ever likes his clothes taken from him and hidden from his view.

This new-style wing will make pioneer St. Joseph's one of the most modern hospitals in North America. It was designed by H. Whittaker, former chief architect for the Provincial Government, who has made a specialty of hospital architecture.

Since hospital insurance came in, hospitals have been crowded most private rooms are now semi-privates. Some have three beds. It is almost impossible to get a private room. This is infuriating people who want privacy above necessary hospitalization for other people.

There is a greater demand than ever for private rooms. With insurance paying public ward rates, many can afford the difference between public ward they can do this, because there just aren't the private rooms. And there are going to be fewer and fewer.

Private rooms take up too much space, one patient taking room three could use. The province-which means the taxpayers-can't afford many private rooms. If new wings have as many private rooms as formerly, if private rooms aren't turned into small wards, premiums will go up again. The government is dead set against

Private rooms will always be needed for desperately sick cases. No longer, however, is the person in hospital a few days for a tonsil operation going to allowed to luxuriate in a suite with bay window, private bath and telephone, Oriental rugs and a pretty nurse almos to himself. He will have to give that up so the man with little money won't have to go into a big ward. A compromise is coming, for the good of everybody. The new types of semi-privates. as St. Joseph's shows, saves space and nurses' time. The time a nurse spends going from private room to private room must be staggering.

A lot of people don't like this new deal, but it's part of the "we-are-our-brothers' keepers" pattern of B.C. social services. Health and Welfare Minister George Pearson puts private

room vs. public ward argument

bed. That would cripple us in B.C. We can give good hospital For Mrs. Duffon service without unnecessary For Mrs. Duffon

tion. By and large, however, hospital insurance is proving a great blessing. Just ask the man who say they can't afford the Ages" and "Abide With Me." citizens had to pay.

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While on the subject of hospi- Funeral service for Mrs. Chartal insurance, this reporter lotte Dutton, 73, well known in would put in a good word for it. Prince Rupert and the Kitwanga There has been confusion, true, district, who died here Friday, what some people think a poli- was held in Grenville Court itical double cross when prem- chapel last night. Rev. L. G. Sieiums were upped after the elec- ber of First United Church offi-

Relatives and many friends of who can thumb his nose at a the deceased were present. Mrs. \$600 bill. There shouldn't be J. C. Gilker was organist to actoo much patience with people company the hymns, "Rock of

premiums. How would they Mrs. Dutton is survived by one meet a \$600 bill without insur- daughter, Mrs. C. Michaloff of ance? They wouldn't. They this city; three sons, Eugene aidn't in the past. Their fellowe Prince Rupert and Russell and Leon of Kitwanga.

> Remains were forwarded to Kitwanga for burial.

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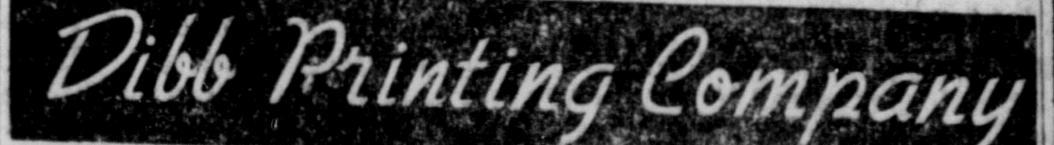
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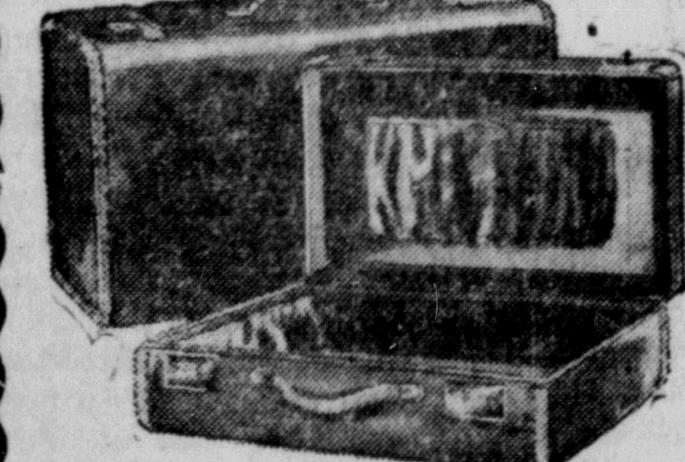
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