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## Great Experiment

ONE OF THE WORLD'S great constitutional experiments began in historic Strasbourg today.

Under the watchful eyes of their foreign ministers, 87 members of Parliament and other leading men from 10 west European countries are meeting in an attempt to form a Parliament of Europe.

Britain's delegation of 18 members comprises 11 Labor members of Parliament, headed by Herbert Morrison and Hugh Dalton; six Conservative members, headed by Winston Churchill; and one Liberal member of the Upper House, Lord Layton.

France and Italy, with populations about equal to Britain's, also have 18 delegates in the consultative assembly. Belgium, The Netherlands and Sweden have six each; Denmark, Norway and Republic of Ireland, four each; and Luxembourg, three.

The ten governments which have joined this experiment have provided themselves with every guard against it running away with them—against any possibility that a supra-National parliament will move too quickly to uproot rational barriers and unite Europe.

But their pledge to co-operate in the "Council of Europe," as the new body is known, is a first step toward realization of the aim of idealists who, for centuries, have campaigned for some form of union.

Sponsors of the experiment express belief that it has far greater chances of success than the League of Nations or the United Nations, earlier attempts to knit countries together. Its advantage, they say, is that it will group nations with the same cultural background and history, and with similar political systems; and furthermore, the experiment is initiated at a time when western Europe is being subjected to greater outside pressure than ever before.

## CITY MANAGERSHIP

IT HAS OFTEN BEEN suggested that the institution of the city manager system might go a long way toward improving municipal conditions in Prince Rupert and getting things done. The idea of a city manager is once again engaging the attention of the Victoria city council and the Victoria Times is all for some further investigation of the proposal at this time. In approving an expert study of the matter the Times assures its public that "we do not imply by this that a city manager should necessarily be installed. We say only that the facts should be gathered and listed for public consideration, and in this regard the engagement of a firm of business consultants would seem to be in order.

"For the past year or more, in particular, there has been some belief in the City Council that a salaried manager, with full responsibility and freedom to act, would solve the problems of routine administration which are being encountered. Such a system would enable the Council to concentrate exclusively on matters of policy. Administration of the programs would be left to the manager. There are others, of course, who feel that a compromise arrangement would be more effective, with a city 'adviser' serving as a link between the Council and the execution of its decisions. A third view is also held—that new personnel on the Council might obviate many of the difficulties now encountered. Then, too, there is the question of departmental organization to be considered, with its attendant problems of efficiency and economy.

"Clarification of many of these points should be provided by the survey which has been authorized, and the residents of this community should be kept fully informed as to its outcome. Any form of city administration must preserve full control by the elected representatives of the people. That is a fundamental tenet. At the same time, any salaried official upon whom is placed responsibility for any phase of civic work should be permitted adequate freedom from "advice" in order to carry out his functions. A full investigation of City Hall arrangements should place the whole problem on a sound basis for further consideration."

A CLASSIFIED AD IN THE DAILY NEWS WILL BRING RESULTS



**PLUCKY PARALYTIC**—Twelve years ago, Peter Dyck of Carman, Man., became paralyzed and faced the prospect of spending the rest of his life on his back. Today in a specially constructed vehicle, 37-year-old Dyck has become one of the most widely-travelled motorists in Manitoba. Dyck got his first vehicle—built on bicycle wheels and powered by a washing machine motor—in 1943. The next year he had a larger one built. In 1946, with help of friends, he bought a jeep and converted it to his special needs. Now lying on a bed, level with the windshield, and operating the accelerator, clutch and brake by lever, Dyck travels throughout the province. Here Dyck can be seen in his jeep. (C. P. Photo)

## Ray Reflects . . . . . . and Reminisces

"I wonder," remarked a New England visitor the other day as her gaze rested on the sea and hills, "if you people in Prince Rupert realize how fortunate you are. Such scenery, and so cool and fresh in midsummer—the season we dread, back home. If you don't you should."

Fish are said to be vocal. Considering the millions paid out in freight charges for halibut shipments from Prince Rupert, year after year, there must be something to it. For money talks!

Using a parachute evidently requires about all the nerve anyone (particularly a novice) can summon. Gliding through space with the greatest of ease looks simple enough viewed on the screen. But is it? Ask parachuters engaged in "Exercise Eagle." Correspondents say that some, when the time came to drop into air, declined to leave the plane at all. Perhaps they tried again, after thinking things over. Anyhow, it's a long long way to Tipperary—or in this case, the good old earth.

Six murders, and one manslaughter case were committed in little more than a week in Toronto recently. It's quite out of place to attempt a clumsy pleasantry. No one wants to hear of "Toronto the Good" in the face of tragedies on this scale. The situation is something Toronto must face and, like enough other Canadian cities, will in time be called on to do the same. Canada likes to brag of her law enforcement, at the expense of other countries. What now?

Ross Munro, rated top Canadian correspondent during the war, spent the week-end covering "Exercise Eagle." Quizzed as to how he handled the situation, Mr. Munro said he did pretty much the same as in Europe—that is, he just went around among the troops and asked questions. But it's more than likely he already knew many of the answers.

Sometimes a good story breaks out when least expected. On Sunday morning in spring, year ago, there was hardly a soul on Saskatoon's streets, and not a whisper of anything untoward or scandalous. Water was high. The little steamer City of Medicine Hat, on her way to Lake Winnipeg, appeared around a bend of the surging Saskatchewan to make a discovery. A new traffic bridge spanned the river

and there was not room to pass below. The smokestack hit the bridge, the firemen with ladders and ropes raced to the rescue, and by-and-by a cable connected the badly strained boat with the nearest stout tree. Prairie navigation sometimes runs into surprises. This one provided a readable one for Monday's front page.

## WIDE INTEREST IN CITY RITES

A wedding of wide interest in the city and district was solemnized at St. Andrew's Cathedral at 8 o'clock Thursday evening when Helene Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kasper, Inlander Hotel, became the bride of John Stromberg Furness, son of Mrs. Fred B. Shannon and the late John Furness. Canon C. A. Hinchliffe of Smithers performed the rite before a floral background of gladiolas and roses.

Wearing a gown of white slipper satin edged with tubular beads and with sweetheart neckline, the bride was given in marriage by her father. Her costume was crowned with a coronet of orange blossoms from which fell a floor-length net veil with border design of satin wedding bells. Her bouquet was of American Beauty roses.

Bridesmaid was Miss Catherine Thompson whose gown was of blue, silk taffeta with matching shoulder-length veil. Her colonial bouquet was of pink carnations and sweet peas. Flower girl was little Lynne Charlene McIntyre. Her floor-length dress was of yellow organdy, sheered and ruffled with blue forget-me-nots.

Groomsman was J. C. Franks and ushers were Fred Grimbale, jr. and Donald Llewellyn. During the signing of the register, organ music was played by Peter Lien.

A large number of friends attended a reception which followed in the Oddfellows' Hall. Receiving were the mothers of the bride and groom. The former wore a gown of deep blue beaded crepe while the latter's gown was of royal blue.

The couple sailed last night on the Prince George for Vancouver, Seattle and Victoria on a month's honeymoon. On their return they will take up residence at 1369 Overlook St. The groom is a member of the city fire department.

## PRESENTATION TO ROD McLEOD

Rod McLeod, for many years Public Works foreman here, was presented with a handsome onyx and chromium smoking set at a ceremony at the Public Works office on Saturday afternoon. Mr. McLeod, who retired on June 1, will make his future home at "Lochnagar" in the Langley district. The presentation was made by his friends in the department.

Col. and Mrs. C. V. Evitt of Departure Bay, Vancouver Island, and Hugh Philpott of Vancouver, both former business leaders of this city, arrived by car Saturday night from the south on a three-week visit.

**TIMBER SALE X45714**  
SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Minister of Forests at Victoria, B. C., not later than 11:15 a.m. on the 23rd day of August, 1949, for the purchase of Licence X45714, to cut 11,701,000 f.b.m. of Hemlock, Balsam, Spruce, and Cedar on part of Lot 461, west shore of Kildala Arm, adjoining the north east and south boundaries of Indian Reserve No. 4, Range 4, Coast Land District. Six years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B. C. (H)  
**TIMBER SALE X45758**  
Sealed tenders will be received by the Minister of Forests at Victoria, B. C., not later than 11 a.m. on the 18th day of August, 1949, for the purchase of Licence X45758, to cut 1,501,000 f.b.m. of Spruce, Hemlock, Cedar, Balsam and Fir, on Lot 87, North Bentinck Arm, Range 3, Coast Land District. Two years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B. C. (H)



**NO COAL BILLS**—This well-insulated bungalow-type home of A.W. Bromley of Kitchener was well-heated last winter with no coal bills to bother the owner. Mr. Bromley used heat in the ground by reversing the basis of operation of the ordinary home refrigerator. (C. P. Photo)



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Four judges—Col. S. D. Johnston, Lt.-Col. J. D. McRae, Sgt. L. A. N. Potterton and Government Agent Gordon Forbes, who used the marking forms on which the team will be judged at Spokane, expressed their satisfaction.

It was an almost one-hour show, the high-perfect carrying out of intricate routines reflecting the intensive preparation and practice.

Led by Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell the team, leaving here for Spokane next Friday night, consists of Edith Jordan, drill captain; Donna MacArthur and Alma Knutson, lieutenants; In-

ger Petersen, Margit MacArthur, Claire Ritchie, Sheila Bennett, Marjorie Tattersall, Rena Ingram, Noon Webster, Barbara Teng, Alice Nickerson, Carole Moorehouse, Joanne Langridge, Lalla Husoy, Jean Calderwood, Diane Kennedy, Mary McAfee, Susie Knutsen, Marion Shenton, Agnes Smith, Peggy Gowan, Kathleen Smith, Heather Brewer, Mary Addison, Melaine Brechin, Mary Strachan, Janet Rackow, Ethel Moorehouse, Olive Strand, Norma McKay, Gerd Lien and Ruth Ketcheson.

Others planning to visit Spokane, in addition to the team itself, will include Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell, Pat Mitchell, Bob Mitchell, Mrs. Robert Gordon, Mrs. L. W. Kergin, Mrs. James Simpson, G. J. Dawes, Miss Dorothy Kergin, Miss Rusty Thain, Miss Ann Astoria, Miss Beth Astoria, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ritchie, George Dawes, Tip Nicholas and Duncan Munro.

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