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Reactionary Idealism

IT MIGHT SEEM a paradoxical statement but sometimes even the so-called idealistic theories appear to be reactionary. For example, the orthodox Marxism—those who climb aboard the communistic bandwagon will find it, after all, to be hitched to a faded star of nineteenth century materialism, a continuation, in fact, of the development of the superstate. The terminology is changed but the purpose is the same.

The most intractable dogmatism, it seems, whether secular or clerical, are found among those who cling to material rather than truly idealistic values. The search for truth really requires of the searcher that he be willing to accept the wings that idealism gives—providing they can be found scientifically and practically sound.

ROAD SHOULD BE KNOWN

KEITH WARREN, motoring from Arizona to Prince Rupert, made inquiries at Osoyoos on the B.C. border, concerning the Skeena River Highway. But those supposed to provide information were ignorant—knew next to nothing about it. Such incidents seem to happen frequently and will occur again unless good-sized signs are boldly displayed along the road, and employees at border points given full data and warned that complaints from prospective visitors will mean satisfactory explanations.

The Skeena Highway cost millions and arouses the praise of all lovers of mountain scenery. There is such a road, and its time—certainly—officials knew about it.

The Skeena Highway was built about five years ago. For a while, no small degree of effort was required to have the public realize this. There were, of course, contradictory reports. But today traffic is rapidly growing and the road should be more widely known.

It gives one a pain to think there should still be responsible agents unable to enlighten the arriving stranger. Perhaps they dislike the idea of knowing anything about British Columbia, north of Vancouver. But a great many do not.

WHY KILL THEM AT 65?

A DOUBLE DILEMMA faces the bread-winner over 40.

If he (or she) is looking for a job he'll find some employers don't want him—he can't keep up as stiff a pace as a younger man.

If he is employed in a company with a pension plan he'll probably be retired at 65. That's the last thing that many a keen, vigorous worker wants. He won't starve—but he's apt to rot. For too many men retirement has been a death sentence.

Many employers now realize that, in the proper job, an older man can be worth more than he was 20 or 30 years earlier. The older shoulders carry wiser heads.

As for the man nearing retirement age, why cast him aside if he's still delivering value? It may seem cruel, but many able men would rather die with their boots on than face the killing boredom of retirement. Why not give them their choice?

—Macleans.



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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Seven peaks of the Rockies will bear the names of Alberta soldiers who served nobly. Between Prince Rupert and Prince George are scores of lofty snow-crowned crests. Northern and Central British Columbia can think of veterans who deserve remembrance.

Most of us might have the feeling that, if asked, unexpectedly, to name all of Canada's Prime Ministers, there would be little if any difficulty, in doing so. The total number is twelve. It's a simple enough matter to remember, say, six! But how about travelling all the way back to 1867? Well, the procession goes this way—MacDonald, MacKenzie, Abbott, Thompson, Bowell, Tupper, Laurier, Borden, Meighen, Bennett, King, St. Laurent. Paste this in your hat.

Because of their weight and size, Jack Garland and Mayor

Houde, newly elected to Parliament, have perhaps never been able to find seats large and comfortable enough. But now, once in the Federal House, that cramped feeling should disappear. Awaiting them will be specially built chairs of heavy wood, bolted, instead of being glued and mortised together. Each seat will be tested with sandbags, not only for a solid weight, but also for 500 pound man sitting down hard. Mr. Garland and Mr. Houde should have permission to ship each chair home for use between sessions.

It may be taken for-granted that although invited to return to Soviet Russia or Turkey, comparatively few Doukhobors will leave Canada. They know a good and a free country and patient authorities when they see them. And Canadians are able to distinguish between Doukhobors and the Sons of Freedom so called.

ANCHOR FOR MEN'S MINDS IS GREAT NEED

In these times of revolutionary change and challenging uncertainty due to scientific development and delving into the mysteries of nature which mysteries, as a result, become even deeper, there is need more than ever for the anchor of the spiritual fundamentals, declared Rev. George E. Sendall in his Sunday morning sermon at First Presbyterian Church. The pastor's subject was "Pivotal Things" which he enumerated from Philippians 4:8—"whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things." Natural and physical things, which, through discovery, caused confusion and frustration in the minds of men, had always existed, Mr. Sendall reminded the congregation.

Miss Yvonne Hamilton-Grant, after a visit here with her parents, Lt. Col. and Mrs. A. Hamilton Grant, left by today's plane on her return to Vancouver.

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NEW MEXICO COUPLE

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ing was a long way outside—"miles back in the bush, it seemed."

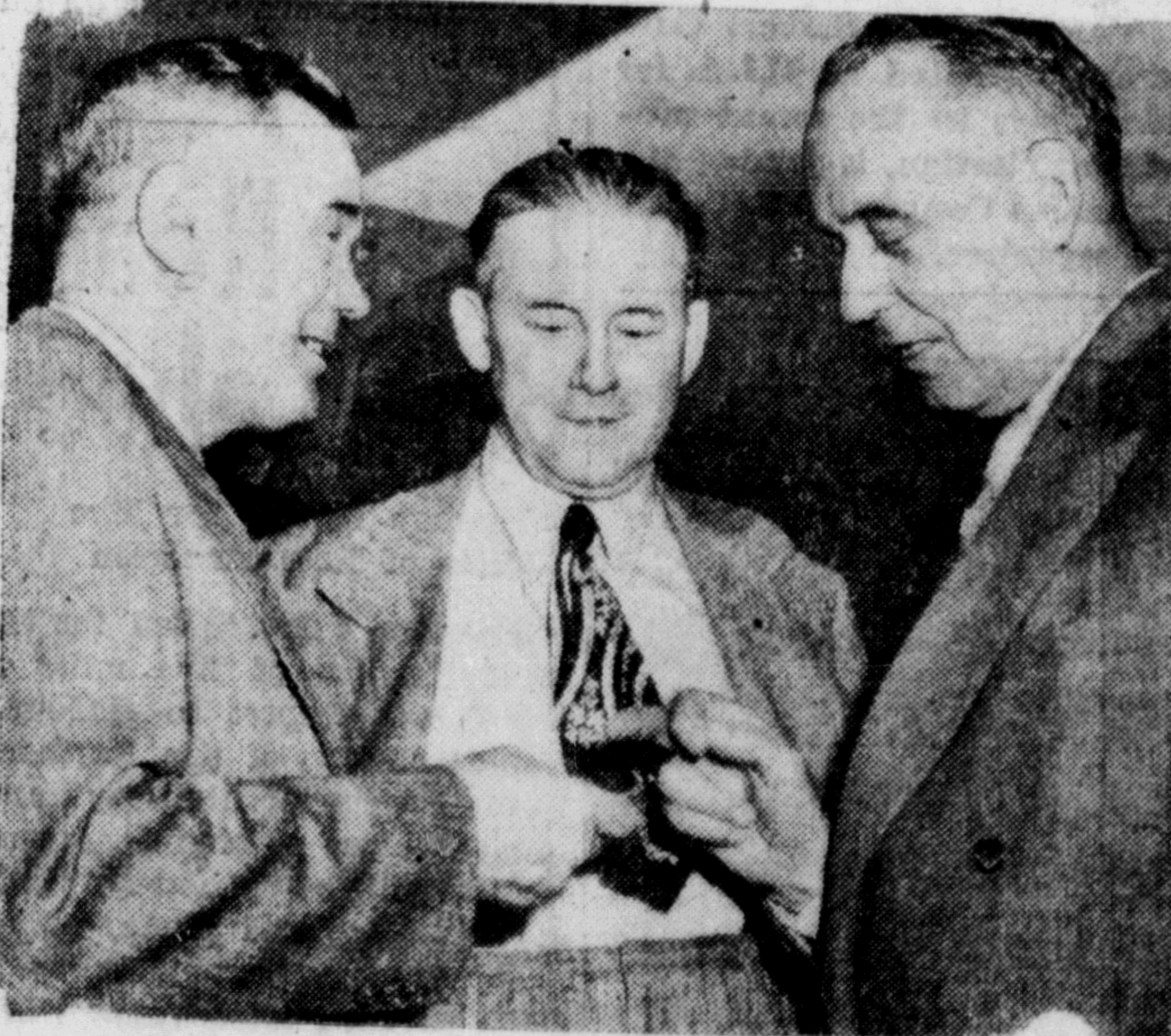
Lack of directional road signs, particularly in the intermediate towns, often causes tourists to get on the wrong roads, resulting in annoyance.

"I realize that people cannot spend large sums in the hope that tourists will come," Mr. Blaylock said. "But they can improve what they have as the traffic increases. And it will increase. This is the only accessible, unspoiled country on the continent and it is certain to attract large numbers of tourists. You had better prepare yourselves for that."

"If people of the United States only knew of the beauties and attractions of the Skeena Valley they would come here by the thousands and spend millions of tourist dollars," said Mr. Blaylock as he marvelled that there has not been more development of the tourist possibilities and attractions in this part of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaylock are leaving on the Prince George tonight for the south and will visit Vancouver and Victoria.

"We plan to come back, but even if we don't we have plenty of friends who will be up this way after what we tell them about the country," Mr. Blaylock said.



LOOKED LIKE "CANADA DAY" IN NEW YORK—The annual conventions of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, Amateur Hockey Association of the U.S., and the general annual meeting of the International Ice Hockey Federation opened recently in New York. More than 150 officers and delegates of various hockey organizations, pro and amateur, from all parts of the world, attended the convention. Shown in the photo are (left to right): Dr. W. George Hardy, Edmonton, Alberta, president of the I.I.H.F.; Thomas F. Lockhart, president, A.H.A. of U.S., and A. W. Packard, Regina, Sask., president of the C.A. H.A.

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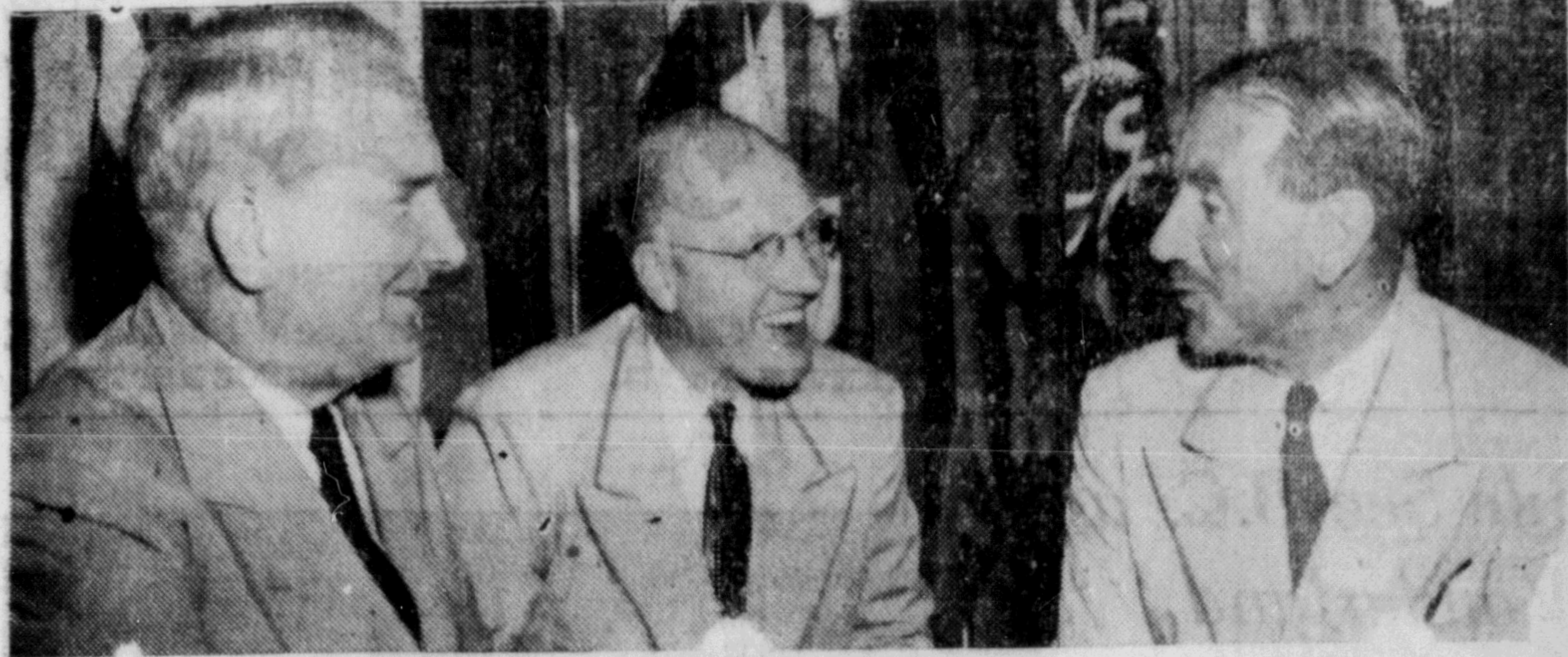
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COUNTRIES PLEDGE STABLE WHEAT PRICES—Agriculture Secretary Charles Brannan pledged the U.S. to "faithfully" discharge its responsibilities under the international wheat agreement in an address at meeting of the inter provincial wheat council in Washington. (Left to right), Edwin McCarthy, secretary of Australia's department of commerce and agriculture; Agriculture Secretary Charles Brannan, chair man of the 1949 wheat conference, and F. Sheed Anderson, of the United Kingdom's ministry of food. The world wheat shortage is at an end, according to the Dominion bureau of statistics in Ottawa, and selling below the internationally pegged prices.

What City Council Did

On recommendation of the licensing committee, granted trade licenses to the following: W. Eytcheson, confectionery; Queen Charlotte Airlines, agency; William Thain, service station; R. Gatzke, building contractor.

Approved a recommendation of the utilities that Pat Mazzei be allowed to have a light standard at the front of his service station on Third Avenue at Seventh Street, removed at his own expense. New location of the standard is to be set by the Northern B. C. Power Co. The standard in its present location presents an obstacle to vehicles entering the station.

Approved a report from the Pioneer Home committee authorizing the payment of accounts for the institution for June.

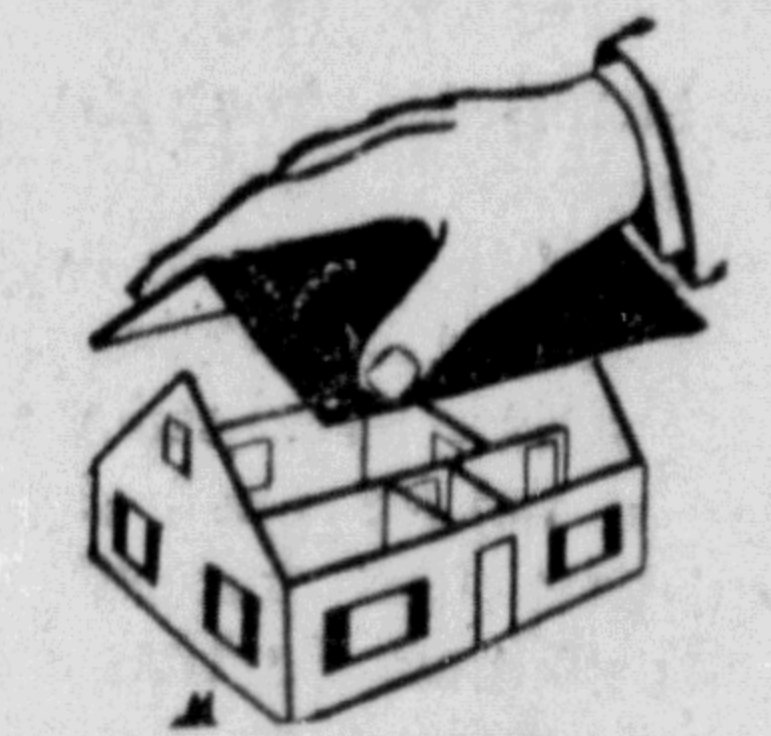
Adopted a finance committee report authorizing the sale of lots 3 and 4, block 27, section 1 (Second Avenue near Eleventh Street) to G. N. Lemiere for \$550, and lot 37, block 28, section 6 (Ninth Avenue East) to Mrs. Elizabeth Sproat for its assessed value of \$1130.

Began the laborious job of considering a list of 74 resolutions which will come before the annual meeting of the Union of B. C. Municipalities next September. The job is expected to be completed at the next meeting of council. It consists of taking a formal attitude on the resolutions from member municipalities for instruction of its delegates.

Authorized City Engineer Don Stewart to attend the annual convention of the B. C. Engineering Institute at Harrison Hot Springs next September 15. Granted leave of absence to Mayor Arnold from July 29 to August 6 and appointed Alderman George Rudderham Acting Mayor for that period. Mayor Arnold plans to spend the week on the Queen Charlotte

RE: CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO 8042-1 TO LOT TWENTY-FOUR (24), BLOCK TWENTY-NINE (29), SECTION SIX (6), CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT, MAP 923
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