

## Middle East

THE ISRAELI FORAY into Egyptian territory bears comparison with the charge of the famous light brigade at Balaclava, of which an astute French observer remarked that it was magnificent but it was not war. The Jewish military picnic certainly was not good politics.

However, it gave the British Foreign Office an excellent occasion for publicizing the many good reasons which exist for co-ordinating American and British policy in the Middle East, a co-ordination which would logically prove a restraint on the ambitions of at least the more heady groups within the new state.

Stability in the Middle East is essential to world security and the success of the Marshall Plan as well as to British interests.

The whole strategic position of Britain in that area could be upset by the effect of unrestrained Israeli military success on the Arab regimes. This would mean new burdens for the United States, which is much less well fitted to play policeman-benefactor in Arab territories than is Britain.

Israeli assurances that Jewish troops did not intend to occupy Egyptian territory but were engaging in a tactical raid, have helped to quiet the alarms the raid raised. But these assurances surely will not be permitted to interfere with renewed efforts for closer co-operation between America and Britain in an area vital to both.

## MEMORABLE EVENT

THE FAMED Harlem Globe Trotters, noted basketball champs and gymnasium floor entertainers, have come and gone. It was a stroke of the best of good fortune that Prince Rupert was favored with their visit. The enterprise of Don Forward, Civic Centre director, and a combination of fortuitous circumstances made it possible.

Any large city in the country would have considered itself lucky to have been favored with a visit from this group of super-athletes and showmen. It was a memorable incident in Prince Rupert's history and something that local folk will continue to talk about for a long time.

Without the facilities of the Civic Centre, the project could not have been entertained. Let's just rejoice again that we have such an institution which requires an extraordinary function of this kind once in a while to remind us of the many uses and pleasures which it affords us. Jesse Owens, world-famous Olympic sprint star, himself referred to Prince Rupert's good fortune in having such an asset as the Civic Centre.

## THE SENATE

THE PRESENT STANDING in the Canadian Senate is Liberals 65, Progressive-Conservatives 15, with 16 vacancies. The majority are well along in years and, within the past few months, several deaths have occurred.

A general election is expected this year and how it will result cannot but have a bearing of more than ordinary interest on Senate affairs. It is probable that before the election is called the vacant seats will be filled including those for Newfoundland, making total party strength 86.

Few assume, should the Progressive-Conservatives win the election, that they would do anything more than seek gradual better balance as vacancies happen. The average remains at five or six every year. None can read the future and should the C.C.F. ever take office at Ottawa there need be little uncertainty as to the fate of the Chamber. The C.C.F. stand on their record as favoring abolition of the Senate—an out and out declaration.

## BIG BLAST ON SUNDAY

Next Sunday has been set as the date for the setting off of the big blast when 40 tons of dynamite will be detonated to loosen 80,000 yards of rock in a new quarry being opened up by Canadian National Railways at Hole-in-the-Wall, three miles west of Salvas, to provide rock for rip-rapping the railway embankments on the Skeena River as part of the repair program following the 1948 floods.

The blast will be directed by Steve Markovich and C. A. Berner, divisional superintendent.

R. G. Davidson, divisional engineer, and A. E. Carlson, roadmaster, will be on hand to witness it.

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## BAPTIST CHURCH HAS GOOD YEAR

Annual Congregational Meeting Hears of Larger Membership, Satisfactory Finances, Enthusiastic Work

Increased membership, satisfactory financial position and a gratifying interest in all the branches of church work and activities featured reports for 1948 presented at the annual business meeting of the congregation of First Baptist Church.

Officers were elected as follows:  
Clerk, H. M. Daggett.  
Treasurer, C. H. Elkins.  
Deacons, P. H. Linzey and H. Vanderheide (two years) and H. M. Daggett and C. H. Elkins (one year).  
Communion Steward, Mrs. J. Armstrong.  
Mission Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Gilker.  
Envelope Steward, M. Vanderheide.  
Organists, Mrs. J. C. Gilker and Mrs. W. D. Smith.  
Sunday School Superintendent, P. H. Linzey.  
Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, M. Vanderheide.  
Junior Department Superintendent, Mrs. T. Lloyd.  
Finance and Property Committee, C. H. Elkins, H. M. Daggett, P. H. Linzey, Mrs. W. D. Smith, Mrs. W. A. McBroom.  
Auditors, H. M. Daggett and M. Vanderheide.

In the absence of the pastor through illness, P. H. Linzey was in charge, leading in a thoughtful devotional period.

H. M. Daggett reported an increase in church membership, seven having been baptized upon the profession of their faith.

Mr. Daggett moved a vote of appreciation to the pastor for his faithfulness and devotion to the work in Prince Rupert.

C. H. Elkins, the treasurer, reported finances in a satisfactory condition.

Mrs. Waters, president of the Mission Circle, and Mrs. J. C. Gilker, Mission Treasurer, told of a hearty interest in missions within the church as evidenced in greatly increased giving to missions and in increased attendance at the Circle and special missionary meetings.

P. H. Linzey, superintendent, and Betty Blake, secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School, gave accounts of the steady growth of the Sunday School, with the financial situation very good. Appreciation was expressed to Henry and Maynard Vanderheide for their generosity and efforts in rounding up and bringing large numbers of children to Sunday School. The Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. J. Armstrong, reported on her work with the small children.

It was decided to accept a share of responsibility for the requested amount for the Baptist Advance Fund for missionary extension within the province.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Henry Vanderheide and a social hour was enjoyed.

## Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I was balled up by so many questions."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "gauge"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Penitentiary, penetration, peninsula.
4. What does the word "contrive" mean?

## ANSWERS

1. Say, "I was confused."
2. Pronounce gaj, a as in age.
3. Penetration. 4. To plan ingeniously; to plot; to scheme. "Their plans were cunningly contrived."

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## BRITISH DIVORCES ARE ON INCREASE

LONDON—Divorces in Britain are being granted at ten times the rate they were in 1937. Eleven years ago 5,750 persons filed divorce petitions and the courts disposed of 5,222 suits. New laws to ease divorce resulted in a great increase in petitions. Recently a judge somewhat satirically suggested that divorces might be obtained from any local post office.

## PIONEER PERSONALITIES

### WILLIAM MANSON

Prince Rupert's second Mayor was William Manson who was well versed in early day affairs in this city and along the north coast. It is worth noting that in the choosing of their first two mayors, local electors selected two men who had had experience in that capacity. The first, Fred Stork, served in Fernie in the Crow's Nest country. Mr. Manson was mayor of Nanaimo from 1901 to 1904 inclusive.

Mr. Manson came to Canada, originally from Scotland and much of his active life was spent in British Columbia. He was interested in public matters and, in this, enjoyed a measure of success. He was elected member for Alberni in the Provincial Legislature and subsequently became British Columbia's Provincial Secretary.

It was after this he took over the duties of Government Agent at Port Simpson, later assuming the same position at Prince Rupert. Since leaving the north a good many years ago, Mr. Manson has been living in Vancouver.



INDIAN REBEL—Jules Sloui sits at a desk in his Indian "government" headquarters at Loretteville, Quebec prior to leaving for Quebec jail to be sentenced for conspiring to incite Indians to rebellion. The well-scrubbed office on the Huron reservation is Sloui's home, barbershop, and grocery store. Himself a Huron, Sloui can't speak a word of any Indian dialect. (CP Photo)

## FISH SHIPMENTS HIT BY INCREASE

### East Coast Industry Figures How Much It Will Mean

MONTREAL—The increase in express rates for fish will affect several million pounds annually of fresh and frozen fish, moving mostly from points on both east and west coasts. The higher cost will also apply to lake fishermen.

Rand H. Matheson of Moncton, manager of the Maritime Transportation Commission, estimates that the railway move will increase shipping expenses for maritime shippers by more than \$100,000 yearly. Sixteen million pounds will be touched by the higher charge, every year. There was not yet, an estimate on what value of traffic on the west coast would be affected but it was believed it would be higher than in the Maritimes. Both carload and less than carload rates are to be jacked up by the railways which can undertake the move without specific advance authorization by the Board because the rates are "special" tolls below the ceilings allowed the carriers.

Some sample rates are: The less than carload toll from Halifax to Toronto is going up from \$1.70 to \$2.50 per 100 pounds while from St. John, N.B., to Toronto will increase from \$1.50 to \$2.25. On a carload basis the Halifax-Toronto charge goes from \$1.80 to \$2.25, while from Lunenburg, N.S., to Toronto, it is up from \$2.05 to \$2.35.

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## Reminiscences and Reflections

If you have soured on things in general, and have that "oh, I don't give a ———" sort of feeling that now and then overtake the most of us, go see someone who has real trouble. Because, in comparison, you have none whatever. It's astonishing how well you feel, after leaving.

Clyde Gilmour of the Province staff, challenged to do a bit of investigating, took an hour off, and in that time visited four different buildings and held open 17 doors for a total of 29 times for a total of 37 women. Here's their reaction to this little courtesy: Sixteen said nothing and didn't notice him. Ten said nothing, but looked. Some definitely glared. Eleven said thanks.

The luckless proof-reader usually deserves to be fired but there are times when the slip, instead of being an example of grievous negligence, is close to the truth and puts everybody concerned in the humor for a laugh. For example, this from the Medical Economics Magazine: The Wichita Eagle reported a Kansas surgeon who was quitting active practice: "Dr. S ———, one of our most eligible bachelors, is retiring from practice. Hale and hearty at 65, the doctor says all he wants is a little peach and quiet."

The west continues to struggle with snow and all that jolly rot. It comes, and what are you going to do about the situation? But long before next midsummer, when it's good to be outside, the difficulty will have solved itself. It's so pleasant to be chatting with tourists, describing advantages and opportunities, fishing and scenery, the celanese

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