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## Air Field Issue Hot

PRINCE RUPERT appears to have won support in high places for its air field case. Grant McConachie, president of Canadian Pacific Airlines, told the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce during his visit here that a well-equipped 24-hour day airport was essential to economic air transport at this important city. J. R. Baldwin, chairman of the Air Transport Board, said it was obvious that there should be facilities here for handling wheeled aircraft. From a defence standpoint, particularly in view of the situation in the Pacific today, it would also appear to be requisite that there should be a landing field at Prince Rupert.

We appear to be well on our way now in the campaign for an air field.

E. T. Applewhite, M.P. for Skeena, has been active on this matter in Ottawa and has had the support of other British Columbia members as well as officials of Canadian Pacific Airlines. A generally favorable attitude appears to be developing at Ottawa towards the Tugwell Island proposal.

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, and the Daily News, which have been in the forefront of the movement since we started writing lonesome editorials about it two or three years back, may be depended upon to keep the matter alive now that it is hot.

## COURTESY PAYS

TWO incidents of official discourtesy to visiting motor tourists from the United States came to the ears of the Daily News yesterday. They were minor and probably unintended incidents arising on the spur of the moment but, nevertheless, they were the sort of thing that makes bad impressions for a community and its public servants.

In the course of our busy day's work all of us become impatient at times. We have many routine things to do, many tasks to attend to. The tourists, on the other hand, have plenty of leisure time to spend asking questions and doing what might seem to us minor things.

However, if we would only realize it, it is quite as easy to be smiling and courteous as to be brusque and uncivil. And the important thing is that it pays off in goodwill both for ourselves and our community. We should practice courtesy and patience. That goes for all of us—the postal clerk, the police officer, the store attendant and all the rest of us.

## TRUMAN DOCTRINE

LESS than three days after the Russian-sponsored government in Northern Korea began its Communist attack on Southern Korea, President Truman ordered United States planes and warships to give every possible aid to the defenders of the invaded territory. This action on the part of the chief executive at Washington—after consultation with Democratic and Republican leaders—implements in practical form the machinery of the United Nations and follows refusal of the aggressor to heed the cease-fire order issued by the Security Council last Sunday. Regardless of the obvious risks involved, the course now decided is an indication on the part of the most powerful member of the global organization that it has learned the lesson of timidity in similar circumstances which marked the failure of the first League of Nations. It should also quickly disclose just what further plans for the Asiatic continent, and elsewhere, the men of the Kremlin have up their political and military sleeves.

—Victoria Times.

## YOUR JOB

Wherever you're working in office or shop  
And however far you may be from the top  
And though you may think you're just treading the mill  
Don't ever belittle the job that you fill.

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They could do without you we'll have to admit  
For business keeps on when the big fellows quit.  
But always remember, my lad, if you can  
The job's more important—(ah, yes)—than the man.  
So if it's your hope to stay off the shelf  
Think more of your job than you do of yourself.

Your job is important—don't think it is not—  
So try hard to give it all that you've got.  
And don't ever think you're of little account  
Remember you're part of the total amount.  
If they didn't need you, you wouldn't be there,  
So, always my lad, keep your chin in the air.  
A digger of ditches, mechanic or clerk—  
Think well of your company, yourself and your work.  
—Mrs. C. R. Sumner.

## Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Members of the House of Commons munched sandwiches as they sat at their desks last Thursday. They knew which side their bread was buttered on, wanting to prorogue as early as possible after a lengthy session.

Three destroyers of the Royal Canadian Navy will serve in mid-Pacific to await further orders. Quite a change since the days when the ancient R.M.S. Egeria made occasional calls at Prince Rupert in the course of her survey duties. And also a change from the fall of 1914 when the new and fast ss. Prince George blossomed out as a hospital ship as the ominous dawn of the First World War spread over the universe.

British Columbia requires a Lieutenant Governor, which leads the Sun to inquire if it's worth any man's while to spend

\$30,000 a year to be the province's social leader. It's God's truth there isn't the money, but we do have a charming bedside manner.

Ottawa, one learns, is to allow more latitude where immigration is concerned. It's needed all right. Growth is slow but it's also a fact that, in the period since Confederation, the greatest population expansion in Canada's history occurred. Were the bars let down or certain restrictions forgotten, scores of millions could and probably would soon people this land. The Dominion's general policy has been one of prudence and discretion and kept well within the lines of reasonable caution, even if admission of the Doukhobors is regarded by many as having been a prize blunder.

There are plenty of men who, having been through one or more wars, have no objection to another. Right now, Toronto reports numerous veterans making inquiries about Korea. If acceptable, they will wear a uniform again. Of course, there are reasons. It could be economic, or domestic, or love of change and excitement. It is not often sheer patriotism. More than likely "to go soldiering" just comes natural.

A New York financial house is in communication with Edmonton, being interested in the establishment of a civic centre. This would involve the use of four city blocks. The future may show that the difference between Prince Rupert and Edmonton will be the difference between quality and quantity. To say it suggests impertinence, however.

An island, like Tugwell, has advantages. If situated as conveniently as this one is, there's many a seaport scattered over the globe where it could not be bought.

It is a wise and timely precaution for Alaska to take a look around and see that her communities join in considerations of defence. No part of North

America has more reason to do so. It is true that, while fighting in Korea does not mean the same in Alaska, it is no time to try and forget, or shun, obvious possibilities. Alaska does not want to risk another reminder of Dutch Harbor.

Once upon a time Korea was known as "Land of The Morning Calm." It's time for a revision.

At last, a Barrel of Money — and right here in Prince Rupert. Everyone has heard of that pleasing sight, but it's doubtful indeed if it's actually been seen even in a mint. A thousand in cold cash for guessing the time it takes for a barrel to drift along the Skeena, has been won. That's close enough.

A correspondent on the Korean front has suffered a shot in the foot. Well, at least here's something entirely new. It's usually a shot in the arm.

Hundreds of fine young shade trees are growing on the railway reserve off Second Ave. Sooner or later, they will be destroyed unless use is made of some. Why not, should you own a home, transplant a few? For trees are such good citizens. They offer peace, beauty, freshness and decency against the rush, clamor and harshness of what we call our modern civilization. Yes, trees are good citizens and neighbors.

As Alderman Frizzell remarked through the loud speaker Saturday morning, there is another side to the fishing industry picture. The sky is not always blue. The sea is sometimes wild. Rain can descend any old time. Gales can whistle and boats have been known to pitch and roll. And there are times when men work all night and most of the day.

Prince Rupert had a wintery winter but it will not be the fault of Nature if the last batch of snow on the peak across the bay does not vanish before the coolness of fall is felt.

An Ontario newspaper exchange criticizes the lack of briskness in the walk of the average man today. There is the tendency to shuffle or slouch. The carrying of a walking stick

is urged for it would at least give a beneficial poise. Discovering how to carry oneself, and sticking to it has never yet harmed anyone. And twirling a cane has a few points in its favor, as well.

## Fish Markets Look Promising

OTTAWA — Market prospects this year are "encouraging" for most of Canada's fisheries products, the fisheries department reported yesterday in its marketing bulletin.

North American markets, which accounted for 80 per cent of marketed value of Canadian fish last year, are expected to be "stronger." Canadians themselves, are expected to eat more fish. Sales to the United Kingdom this year will probably consist only of the existing \$5,000,000 contract for canned salmon and token shipments of canned lobsters.

Fresh and frozen types of fish will be in a "stronger position than cured products."

Traffic conditions along the Skeena River continue good, according to the many who were out over the holidays. Frank McLean returned a few days ago from Smithers, where he purchased an automobile.

Miss F. Hilton, senior public health nurse, left at the weekend to spend a vacation at her home at Port Alberni and other Vancouver Island points.



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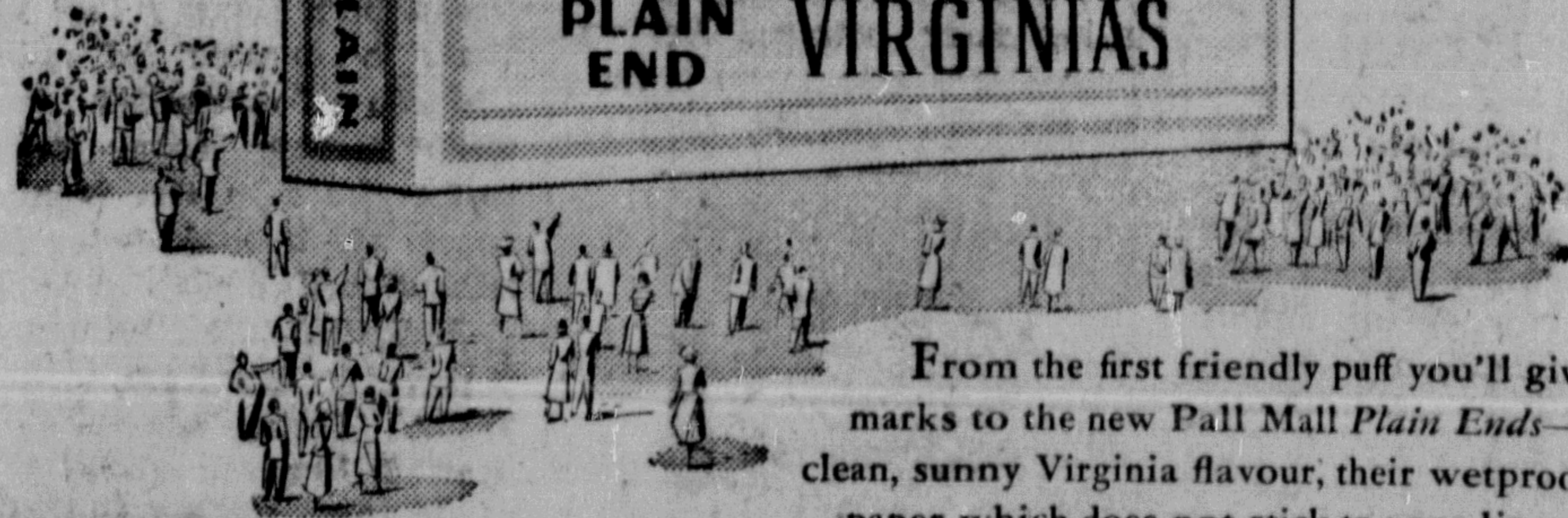
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