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Eliminate the Barriers

IT IS encouraging to hear from Ted Applewhite at Ottawa that serious interest is being shown in the development of Prince Rupert as an export point for grain.

Although this port has been by-passed for years, sooner or later it must become apparent that more than one mainland outlet to the Pacific is needed to handle the bustling trade of Canada. In the grain-handlers' strike in Vancouver we have an example of what happens when an emergency closes off the coast's principal or, as too many shippers seem to regard it, only exit. Idle carloads of grain have become jammed up across the prairies. All the red lights went on until plans could be worked out to route traffic to this foreign northern port.

Despite its natural advantages as a harbor and its choice location on the northern sea lanes, man has somehow managed to counteract these features with his own artificial barriers which steer ships away. Local shipping agent George Nickerson has drawn attention to one example of this by comparing Prince Rupert and Vancouver pilotage charges. Cost of pilotage for a recent grain ship into this port was more than \$680. The fee for this service into Vancouver would have been \$200.

This is a particularly glaring instance of how man has bested nature to lower the value of this port, for the distance a ship needs piloting into harbor here is 28 miles, compared to 90 miles going into Vancouver. While there are logical reasons for the higher cost, they are all cancelled out by the single fact that the bylaws governing pilotage do not compel vessels to take a pilot. It is, therefore, a penalty against Prince Rupert which is not supported by the book of rules.

A recent visitor to the city who represents a large west coast company further declared that this city had lost his company's shipping business because of inadequate docking facilities. This is a matter which also needs attention, with the arrival of industry in this region, Prince Rupert will have an opportunity to handle many cargoes besides grain.

It cannot be said that preparations now would be premature because the opportunity is, in fact, already here. The era of new activity so long predicted for Prince Rupert has begun. It is no longer a question of doing things too soon. We must guard against doing them too late.

THE LETTERBOX

SUBMIT IDEAS

The Editor,
The Daily News:

His Worship the Mayor has exercised his prerogative and appointed the writer General Chairman of the Coronation Celebration to be held in Prince Rupert on June 2nd next.

A dozen sub-committees have been struck off and a fine bunch of citizens already at work on them seeking ideas and forming tentative plans to be finalized at a general meeting April 8th. Prince Rupert has enthusiastically observed every Coronation since 1911.

To insure a real Celebration in 1953 we want suggestions from the citizens of the City and District.

May I through your paper ask our people to write to the Editor, or myself, their thoughts on how best we can celebrate the Coronation.

F. EARL ANFIELD.

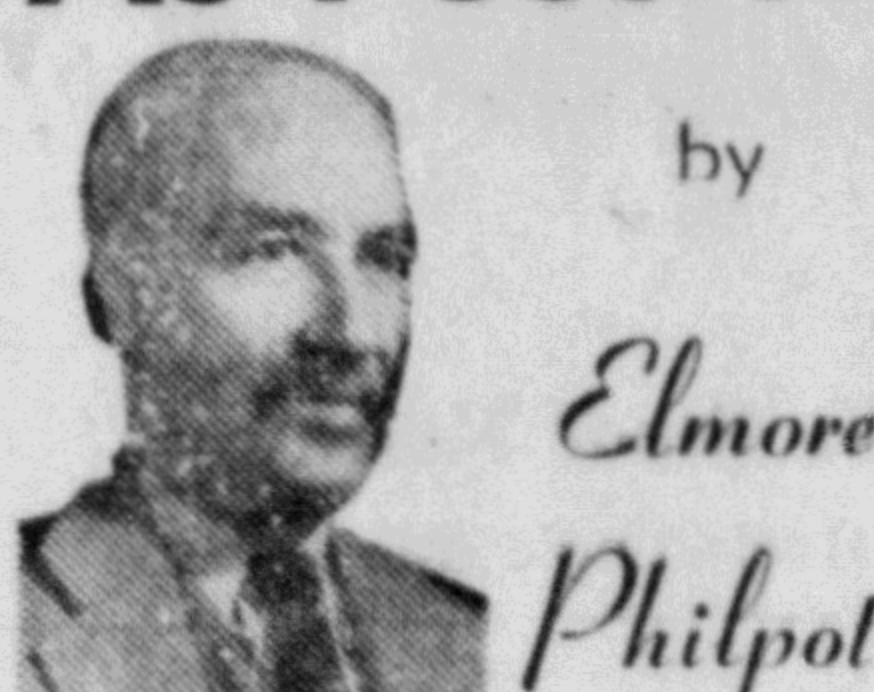
U.S. Approves Travel Permit For Vessels

WASHINGTON (U)—The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee Thursday approved a bill to permit Canadian vessels to transport passengers and merchandise between points in Alaska and the United States.

The measure would permit Canadian ships to carry passengers between various Alaskan and U.S. ports until June 30, 1954.

The present law permits only U.S. vessels to transport passengers and merchandise from one U.S. port to another.

As I See It



Tito Trip Triumph

THE VISIT to Britain by Marshal Tito climaxes the greatest triumph of British diplomacy since 1941.

In that year Mr. Churchill proclaimed all-out support for Russia when Hitler invaded that country. That quick act really won the war.

Between 1938 and 1941 Britain and Russia had been bitter enemies. The immediate cause of that bitterness was what you might call the double-double-cross. At Munich, to gain time, Mr. Chamberlain sold the Czechs down the river. But he said to Hitler, in effect, "If you go to war—go east."

The Hitler-Stalin deal of the following year was the direct reaction to Munich. Stalin played his joker. Stalin said, "No—go west." We got the Second World War. We could never have escaped defeat had not Britain stood like a rock against the whole might of combined and concentrated evil. But we never could have won the war outright, without Russia.

WHEN Hitler attacked Russia there were fools, knaves, even short-sighted persons in high places who said, "Fine—more power to him."

If you study even the immediate reactions of the great Mackenzie King you will note that, in Winnipeg, he expressed gratification that the two big totalitarian powers were in mortal combat, and might destroy each other. If Russia had gone down, we would have gone down, too, a little later.

You never heard Churchill talk that way, for a single second. He laid aside his well-known hatred of Communism. He told Stalin and all the world that Britain would stand by Russia through thick and thin, till the Nazi beast was slain. He kept his word. So did Britain.

BUT Churchill as the greatest modern exponent of traditional British palace-of-power politics always knew that the end of the Hitler war would mean terrible war stress and strain. Roosevelt had nobler designs and loftier visions. For the conception of "One World" which Wendell Willkie famed was Rooseveltian to the core. Had either F.D.R. or Willkie lived another ten years our world would have been a lot further away from the atomic hell-on-earth that faces us today.

But Churchill was more down to earth. He knew world law and order could never be built, except on solid balance of power. He held out to the bitter end for the main Second Front landing in southern Europe ("Soft Under-Belly"). He saw that the west must gain and hold a line—a balance-of-power line, against the Red giant from the east—then our ally.

Yugoslavia was then, and is now, the key, the most important link in what you might call the Churchill world strategy.

WITHOUT a single shot having been fired, Yugoslavia now stands as a free sovereign nation, firmly allied with the west. That alliance is based on the most powerful and compelling of all national motives—sheer self preservation. All Yugoslavs are ready to fight at the drop of the hat, if necessary, to keep themselves free from any foreign domination.

BEST OF ALL, what Tito has done, others can do. Britain obviously hopes that sooner or later the new regime of China will do, peaceably, for China, what Yugoslavia has done in the interest of Yugoslavia. Nehru—the world's greatest living peace-maker—hopes and believes, much the same thing.

MILESTONES

From the Files of The Daily News

40 Years Ago Today

On Easter Monday an excursion train will be run from Prince Rupert to Port Edward to give the citizens an opportunity to view the interesting development being done there.

Judge Young fired the first shot when the rifle range was declared officially open for the season by Captain R. W. Cameron.

30 Years Ago Today

The G.T.P. is appealing against assessments placed on its property by Assessor J. C. McLennan claiming some lots assessed at \$51 were only worth \$7 and others valued at \$15 were assessed for \$277.

Alderman Theo Collart has bonded the Spider group of mining claims at Stewart on behalf of himself and other Belgium interests.

20 Years Ago Today

M. P. McCaffery, guest speaker at the Gyro luncheon, gave an interesting address on the reciprocity movement with the United States.

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MANKIND MAY NOT MISS HIM, BUT THE CARTOONISTS WILL.—By Robert Chambers in the Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

UNDER OUR ROOF

By JOHN STURDY

HOLLYWOOD.—We are just sitting around the hotel room, waiting for the studio to call us, and this inactivity bothers Hamish.

"Aren't you ever going to work?" he demanded yesterday. "Patience, Hamish," I said soothingly. "Patience, my boy. We've only been in Hollywood three weeks."

"And you've had three pay cheques."

"That's true," I agreed. Every Saturday morning a small man comes to our hotel and leaves a cheque at the desk and I go downstairs and cash it.

"It's like taking money under false pretences. If I were you, I would go right out to Colossal Studios and demand that they put me immediately to work."

Poor Hamish, he's very ignorant about some things. I felt that I had to explain to him a few of the facts of life about Hollywood.

"If I went out to the studio," I said, "and demanded I be put to work, what would happen? It would embarrass a lot of people. Some nosy executive would start asking questions, and eventually they would discover that I was on the salary roll, and they would have to fire me. It's much better this way."

"What happens if you just sit here and cash studio cheques?" asked Hamish.

"Well, of course," I said, "eventually the studio books will be audited and they will discover that there are a lot of writers like me on the payroll, and then—oh, maybe a year or so from now—we will be quietly dropped. On the other hand, there is always the rare chance that they may find a job for me to do."

"That would be nice," said Hamish.

"It happens very seldom," I told him, and then, to explain my point, went on to tell the story about the famous author who came out to Hollywood under contract to write screenplays. This author lived in Jackson, Mississippi, and he only came to the Coast because the pay was impossible to refuse.

He sat in a hotel room for three months, waiting to be called and surprisingly enough they

did call him at the end of that time and a producer gave him a copy of Gibbons' "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" and told him to dash off a small feature which would be titled "Abbott and Costello in Rome."

Well, now that the author had a job to do, it was necessary of course that he report every morning at the studio and occupy a urinal in the writer's building, but after working on "Decline and Fall" for a couple of weeks, he went to the producer who had hired him and said: "I can't seem able to work in that office of mine. Do you mind if I finish this script at home?"

"Not at all," said the producer. Of course, it turned out that they made a picture called "Abbott and Costello Meet Dracula," instead of "Decline and Fall," and everybody forgot about the famous author until one day the studio bought the movie rights to a best-selling book and the producer said: "We should get the author out here to work on the adaptation," and a minor official spoke up and said: "He's here already. We've had him on salary for the past year and a half."

"Call him on the phone!" the producer ordered. "Tell him to (Continued on page 5)"

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Reflects and Reminisces

Communist firing squads are more numerous in the Kwangtung district of China. It seems the hapless Nationalist landlords have been exploiting land—as much as two acres at a time.

People are divided between those who have flown south, and those who have flu at home, comments a contemporary. Some folks must be figuring out a new way to spell.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN

W. R. Townsend, a Confederate veteran, who died last week aged 106, was fond of prescribing three tablespoons of whisky a day, and daily tobacco as a first class recipe for a lengthy life. But who is to argue that without the smokes and swigs he might have even reached 120 or even 125.

A talent for double crossing was true of Stalin said one of his candid critics. Evidently a fact, for here's what the late premier is believed to have said not so long ago: "Sincere diplomacy is no more possible than dry water or wooden iron."

SPEAKING OF STROLLS

Speaking of exercise, the average individual walks the equivalent distance of twice around the earth in the course of a lifetime. How was this ever discovered? No one walks today.

Groups in Canada mourned deeply when the Soviet Prime Minister passed on. We do not recall any demonstrations of grief, other than four or five lines in the Moscow press, on the occasion of King George VI death.

Garv Cooper in "High Noon" was the year's best actor, and "The Greatest Show on Earth" the finest production in 1952, according to Thursday's screen "Oscars." This is just opinion. It doesn't necessarily say so.

The flow of "wish you were here" post cards from Southern California and Florida is not quite what it was. The season was becoming tiresome. And anyway, now and then we're on the verge of wondering if they really meant it. And supposing we suddenly had appeared?

COMING UP:

This year, Canada will observe the 24th of May on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th, which is the week ending with the last Monday before May 25th. Nevertheless, it will all still be called Victoria Day. In course of time, Ottawa may be moving the Sabbath away from Sunday.

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INFORMATION

On How To Prepare

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Saturday Sermon

By REV. JOHN S. TWING, B.A., L.Th.
Rector St. Peter's Anglican Church

The "Father" in the story of the Prodigal Son is a God. God is ever eager to forgive and to restore. When the father had watched for him daily. He recognized him when he came home.

Seeing the prodigal at last, the father ran to meet him, and with great joy kissed the boy again and again. "Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hands, and shoes on his feet; and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."—(St. Luke 15:22, 23, 24.)

Here was the fulness of a father's love! God's love for the sinner is overwhelming.

"For the love of God is broader Than the measures of man's mind, And the Heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind."

Someone has said "love towards God begins with penitence." The prodigal "came to himself." When we came to ourselves, when we realize how far we have strayed from our Heavenly Father and repent, God's love "is ready to pour itself out in forgiveness and restoration."

In Holman Hunt's famous painting "The Light of the World," Christ is holding a lantern, standing outside a door knocking. The story goes that a friend of the artist, one day referring to the painting said, "Yes, God is ever waiting to let us in. We must open the door of our heart only, and it will be wide open."

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Sunday School 12:15 p.m.

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Rev. E. A. Wright, D.D.
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