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The Crown

WHEN the curtain rises on the coronation it will be a curtain rising on a deep vista of history. Not the least of the benefits of this ceremony is that life in the present takes on a profounder meaning in the larger context of time which its pageantry recalls.

The coronation is an act of the highest poetry in the Commonwealth's life, saddened on this occasion by the death in March of Queen Mary—widow of a King, mother of two Kings, and grandmother of the reigning Queen.

In relation to the Crown we are mystics. Our Queen is not a person exalted above us by Divine Right, nor a person of our own choosing. We have a part in her dignity, but she does not achieve that dignity at our will.

The Queen is the unimpeachable figure of all that is good in government; her crown is a symbol standing above creeds and parties. In a materialistic age, when the world is threatened by dangers never before known, the British Monarchy endures in noble strength. It is, in essence, the exaltation of dutiful example as opposed to the hazards of ruling by the mailed fist and the fleeting greatness of dictatorship.

One virtue in the coronation rites is that they are out of date. How could the stability and continuity of the national history be more impressively shown? Our Queen is crowned with the same ritual as that with which her predecessors have been crowned for more than a thousand years.

This is the oldest state ceremonial in Britain, and perhaps the oldest in the world. The first preserved ritual of an English coronation dates from the eighth century. There is one attributed to St. Dunstan, said to have been used by him at the coronation of King Ethelred in the year 978.

The forms are ancient, but the spirit embodied in them never grows old. That spirit is the solemn recognition of the sacred character alike of royalty and loyalty.

—Monthly Letter, Royal Bank of Canada.

Outlook for Peace Brighter, Nehru Says in Policy Statement

NEW DELHI (CP)—Prime Minister Nehru of India said today "the outlook for peace is brighter than it has been for a long time."

The remark came in a major foreign policy statement made before both the upper and lower Houses of Parliament and received with great cheering.

Nehru welcomed Prime Minister Churchill's proposal for a conference of the leaders of world powers at an early date and added: "I would earnestly commend this suggestion."

He noted that President Eisenhower was not opposed to such a conference but had said that the time for it was not ripe.

Nehru said he felt a solution

of the Korean prisoner of war problem was more likely to be found on the basis of the United Nations resolution and the Chinese eight-point proposal than on the latest United Nations counter-proposals.

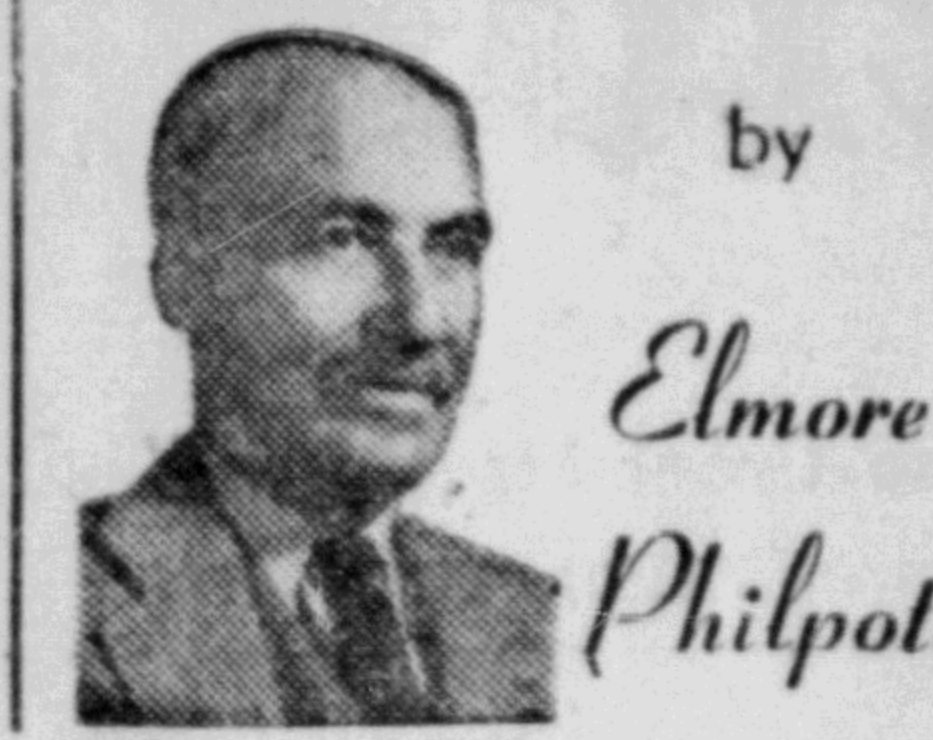
The UN resolution, adopted last December, provided that the UN take custody of any POWs refusing repatriation after a four-country repatriation commission had had them for 90 days and a political conference on Korea had discussed their future for another 30 days.

The Communists last week proposed that a five-country repatriation commission—including India—take over the prisoners for four months. The fate of any refusing repatriation after the period would be settled by a political conference.

Beauty Hint

REGINA (CP)—Women who talk to themselves while applying lipstick get a more beautiful finish, says Ardelle Saunders, travelling expert for a cosmetic firm. "Too often, women forget they are applying lipstick to a living pair of lips," she says.

As I See It



Election Picture Now

HERE is how the B.C. election picture as it looks to me three weeks before the poll.

The revitalized Liberal party, under the steady-going, moderate leadership of Art Laing, is clearly gaining. The fact that the Secreds have switched their heaviest attacks from the CCF to the Laing Liberals, speaks for itself.

LAST NOVEMBER Mr. Bennett boasted that Social Credit would win all 48 of the seats in the Legislature.

Two months ago he had lowered that claim to 40 seats.

Now the Social Credit party is buying newspaper space to advertise that they alone can win 25 or more seats. Some come down—with three weeks to go.

The Social Credit slump goes back to a Biblical principle: "A house divided against itself can not stand."

Half of the Social Credit leaders are career Tories who are secretly opposed to the monetary principles of their own new-joined party. They have sternly forbidden any discussion of "Just Price Fixing" whereby all goods would be sold in stores at less than cost.

No cabinet minister dares to take advantage of my invitation to explain in this space Social Credit "Just Price Fixing" etc.

The same thing applies in regard to the Social Credit two pronged attack on the B.C. schools—for the Rolston formula and against Effective Living Teaching. When Mr. Reid of Salmon Arm made his "sex and socialism" attack the ex-Tories in the cabinet repudiated that outburst from their own party supporters. Now Mr. Reid claims that Premier Bennett secretly supported him 100 percent in caucus. And Hon. Eric Martin publicly describes Mr. Reid as "the hero of Salmon Arm." It's double talk or double dealing.

THE CCF under the new leader Arnold Webster has done well. So has the real-old undisguised Tory party under the genial leadership of the smiling, pipe smoking giant, Deane Finlayson. Best wishes to both.

But the CCF leader himself is under no illusions. He has publicly declared that no single party can win a clear majority. I agree with Mr. Webster on many things, but not on that, yet.

My ex-naval intelligence officer friend Jim Dennison spent a year analyzing the 1952 election. He painstakingly proved that on the first count Secreds gained from other parties as follows:

From Liberals	82,447
Conservatives	58,344
CCF	33,489

Yet Social Credit ran only two percent ahead of the Liberals and five per cent behind the CCF. Last time Social Credit was every other party's second choice. This time I doubt it will be any other party's second choice.

That is why it seems to me to come down to this: Either we might get a neck-and-neck deadlock with the CCF, Liberals and Secreds getting about 15 seats each. Or if Laing continues to forge ahead for the next three weeks, as he has done so far, the new Liberals could emerge with a clear working majority, with CCF running second.

C.C.F. PUBLIC MEETING  
Hear...  
**ARTHUR TURNER**  
and  
**GEORGE HILLS**  
AT LEGION AUDITORIUM  
Thursday, May 21 - 8:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL AGENT  
(Section 67)  
I, the said GEORGE EDWIN HILLS, nominated in the foregoing nomination paper, hereby appoint MRS. MYRTLE M. ROPER, 1140 East Sixth Ave., Prince Rupert, B.C., School Secretary, as my official agent.  
GEORGE EDWIN HILLS,  
Candidate.



IT'S MY FORMER WIFE. SHE GOT TOO FAT.—By Robert Chambers in the Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

The most widely held theory in Capital circles is that the St. Laurent government was flying a kite in the recently circulated report about the impending appointment of J. W. Pickersgill to the cabinet in succession to Secretary of State Gordon Bradley.

That doesn't mean the Pickersgill isn't going to be named. It just means that there will be an interval of further decision while the Prime Minister digests the reaction to the reports, particularly in the ranks of the Liberal Party.

At the moment all signs indicate that the reaction amongst the federal Liberal MP's is unenthusiastic almost to the point of violent protest. The basic attitude of the rank-and-file in the Commons is that, if any vacancies exist or are in prospect in the cabinet, there are plenty of Liberal MP's to fill them. The Liberal MP's definitely don't like the policy of recruiting new cabinet members from the ranks of the so-called "brain-trusters" who haven't won their political spurs the hard way by having to get elected to parliament.

The Pickersgill proposal further fails to win the support of the Liberal MP's from the Maritime provinces on what are represented to be strictly practical grounds. The assertion is made that the Atlantic Coast provinces are traditionally inhospitable to the idea of importing cabinet ministers from other provinces. They contend that geography and the distinctive nature of their resources saddle them with problems that are exclusively theirs and which require native understanding if their economic and social interests are to be served.

For that reason the Maritime MP's argue that Pickersgill's appointment and assignment to a Newfoundland portfolio—Hon. Gordon Bradley is slated to go to the Senate—would be received unfavorably by Maritime electors. The estimate is even made that it would cost the Liberals the loss of 10 seats in the four provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. If the coming election is as tight an affair as many political prophets

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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Another fight in prospect, after all? While thirty-nine is getting along, it must be admitted, it's not so aged. It looked a bit that way Monday. Maybe Jersey Joe couldn't hear right when counting time came. Maybe? But at any rate, what the public want is action. That's what they pay for!

WHALES AND FISH FOOD

There is, of course, a possibility of contact between whale and plane explaining last week's disaster at Prince Rupert. But beyond that, however, one could hardly go, although it can certainly be said whales were more frequently noted here in pursuit of herring. Townsite survey engineers found something to write home about.

Only in the movies do people smoke part of a cigarette, leave most of a drink, and get up and go away from a costly dinner before hardly touching it.

"Having a wrestle with a bear before breakfast will keep a man in good physical shape" writes

an athlete. One assumes that all this wrestling took place before the bear's breakfast.

SOUNDS ALL... RIGHT

Names of newspapers in Canada conform to a general class—such as Journal, Free Press, Post, Sun, Globe, Star, Gleaner, Banner, Sentinel, Herald, or Telegram. We have not been unduly original in naming our periodicals. In marked contrast is a newspaper received last week from Bloemfontein, South Africa. The name of that paper is "The Friend."—Fort William Times-Journal.

That's interesting. When living in Bloemfontein fifty-three years ago, we were reading "The Friend"—not every day but whenever it came out which was every now and then. We can see the shiny black little newsprint racing toward the camps, yelling "Friend, Friend, Friend." (A darn good name, by the way). They ran four pages, six or eight pages, had no special headlines, some-

times printed both English and Dutch, carried poems as original, proclamations—Roberts, F.M.—odds and ends news, Well, Well, Good Friend." Carry on.

Consumption of an average pound of fish each year would be of material assistance to industry announces the Minister of Fisheries, Hon. Mr. Sinclair. What he says is not exactly true but what is news is this—Prize of the world's finest, freshest halibut in Heaton's near Prince Rupert started today. With Mr. Sinclair's prize, this perhaps he can pay his public to enjoy a few pounds.

Members of the federal net sailed yesterday for and at the same time it is known that the Canadian general election is expected the first part of August. One squeeze enough out of that provide a holiday.

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