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Beat the Crippler

A HIGH SCORE must be credited to the Kinsmen Club for organizing the hockey game between Smithers and Prince Rupert at Lake Oliver tomorrow.

With the cost of arranging the game estimated to be \$400, the Kinsmen are counting on a good attendance for this major and unusual sports event.

The other contest in question is the bitter one against the great crippler. At present the opposition is ahead because no sure way has been found to turn back its offence.

So even if you cannot go to the hockey match, buy a ticket anyway. It will help to beat the crippler.

A World Calendar

HOW would you like to have a pocket calendar that would last a lifetime? No yearly models (every year would be the same).

These are some of the advantages that are put forward for the world calendar, which will be proposed at the next session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council in a resolution by the delegate from India.

In fact, Sir Harold notes that 1956 would be a particularly convenient year to make the change from the present Gregorian calendar, since in that year January 1 will fall on Sunday, a controlling feature of the new plan.

By the way, what did we do with all those nice calendars for 1953?

St. Lawrence Seaway Bill Passes By Small Majority in U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate, after slapping down St. Lawrence seaway legislation for two decades, has finally taken a big step towards authorizing the United States to join Canada in the project.

But after the seaway bill passed the Senate Wednesday night by a 51-33 vote, Canadian government informants questioned whether their country is still interested in U.S. participation.

After repeated failure of seaway legislation in the U.S. congress, Canada undertook to go it alone. In Ottawa Wednesday night, government sources said Canada still will push for an all-Canadian seaway on her side of the boundary river.

The bill approved by the Senate would permit the U.S. to join with Canada in building the 27-foot-deep St. Lawrence river channel linking the Great Lakes with the Atlantic.

The bill, strongly supported by President Eisenhower and the U.S. joint chiefs of staff because of the project's claimed importance to national defence, now goes to the House of Representatives.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Meyer Goes Free

THERE is only one possible explanation of the treatment of General Kurt Meyer, and that is that it is part of the price the German military caste is secretly exacting from the west for co-operation in lining up Germany on the side of the NATO allies.

Meyer was convicted by a Canadian military court of responsibility for the criminal killing of captured, disarmed Canadian soldiers. There was no conclusive evidence that he himself had given the order for that mass murder; but the court did find that he was responsible for the action of his troops.

The death sentence was first commuted to life imprisonment; then Meyer's life term in Canada was reduced to imprisonment in Germany. Now the Canadian government announces it has agreed to Meyer's release within a few months.

Meanwhile Meyer himself has been writing technical military articles criticizing the way the Canadians fought the battle of Falaise. The Canadians were too timid, says Meyer. Had they been commanded by a "fanatic" they would have driven down the main road, regardless of cost, and the trap would have been closed on a German army which in large part escaped.

IN HIS latest book Sir Winston Churchill refers to the Nuremberg trials in words which imply, but do not state specifically, that he is now more than half ashamed of them.

There is no doubt that the Nuremberg trials were only in part based on justice. No doubt all those accused of and convicted of war crimes at Nuremberg were guilty. But the victors, who were applying the law, must have been aware that the impartial application of some of those same laws would also have resulted in convictions for Russians, Britons and Americans, as well as Germans and Italians.

For instance, was not the dropping of the atom bombs on Japan as direct a violation of the so-called "rules of war" as was the murder of prisoners of war?

IT SEEMED to me that once the western allies began to let off the top notch war criminals, like Hesse, Schacht and the other big guns in the Nazi war machine, there was no point in wreaking further vengeance on the smaller fry like Meyer.

But I would hate to think that the western allies had so blinded their eyes to moral considerations that they would make an actual deal with convicted Nazis and converted criminals to serve in a new German force.

Even if Kurt Meyer were the best youngish tank warfare expert in west Germany it seems to me he would be, to say the least, a most dubious ally in any cause really based on protection of freedom and democracy.

I would also think that nobody would imagine for a moment that the release of Meyer is an idea which originated with the government of Canada.

Wreck Kills 60

KARACHI, Pakistan (Reuters)—Unofficial estimates said at least 60 persons were killed Thursday when a cracked Pakistan express train hurtled into a derailed oil tank car and burst into flames on the main line between Lahore and Karachi.

Many passengers aboard the six-car Pakistan Mail were burned alive as the gasoline-filled tank cars exploded and sent flames shooting half the length of the express.



CENTRAL AMERICA is the strip of land that links North and South America. It is divided into five small countries: Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Honduras.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

The sudden passing this week of Nova Scotian Senator W. H. Dennis revived Parliament Hill memories of perhaps the most unusual appointment ever made to the coveted Red Chamber.

It was during 1932 and almost at the lowest point of the great depression, Dennis, who in those days was a celebrated Maritime Provinces figure in his role of crusading publisher of the Halifax Herald newspapers, headed a Halifax delegation which waited upon then Prime Minister R. B. Bennett to plead the cause of a well-known Halifax politician who was a candidate for appointment to the Senate.

Dennis spoke convincingly of the qualifications of the applicant. The Prime Minister listened attentively. To the delegation it looked encouragingly as though their man would be certain to get the nod.

But then the Prime Minister replied. He was brief and to the point.

ray... Reflects and Reminisces

Temporarily suspended, cold morning showerbaths.

There is nothing quite so comfortable as an old pair of house slippers or shoes after trying to break in the Christmas gift for quite a while.

We never see pictures of angels with whiskers. Maybe that's because so many men get there by a close shave.

HALF AND HALF

Some people go to a lot of trouble for pleasure. Others get pleasure out of making a lot of trouble.

He may have a greasy hat and his trousers may be shiny, but if his children have their noses flattened against the windowpane a half-hour before he is due home for supper, you can trust him with anything you have.

All Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

By G. E. MORTIMORE The unfamiliar northeast wind drives across our lake in a white rage, feeling into unnoticed cracks of the house and spearing the flesh with sudden, pure cold.

Everything looks clean and new. The smoking chimneys and white eaves of the far shore lie half-concealed behind an opaque moving curtain of snowflakes. Waterfowl huddle in the bay. Only the water keeps its sullen blackness.

And the snow whirls down in a 30-degree slant, covering trees and roofs and steps and garbage cans, and applying a soft white poultice to the raw earth.

The snow seems to bring its own smell and sound. More correctly, it brings an absence of smell and an unexpected silence. Children and dogs plow into the snow joyfully. Some of them are seeing it for the first time in their lives. The snow muffles their shouts and barks.

Grown-up people like the snow too, when they first look out the window. It relieves the long tension of rainy days. "The real winter is here now," a man says. He remembers the happy winters of his boyhood.

Then he goes outside, and the cold makes his flesh tingle. There are things to be done. Wood needs chopping. He pries wet chunks loose from the pile and hacks them smaller. The basket of fuel seems light as he pants up the stairs inspired by a sense of well-being and challenge.

Leaving a big hot fire and a wife and baby who seem contented and snug, he takes to his car.

Along the road there are cars to be dug out of snow-banks and helped up hills with shovel after shovel of sand. Bad weather makes good neighbors.

After the snow has been well peppered with gravel, the car charges up the hill, slithers, gets a grip and comes to a halt with wheels spinning. Another shot of gravel, a heave from

LETTERBOX

NO INTEREST SHOWN

The Editor, Daily News: Regardless of rates charged by the B.C. Power Commission, the sour note that strikes this writer is this—the downright unsatisfactory manner in which they have dealt with this city.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but is it not in the vicinity of a year since they have been invited in? What satisfaction or guarantee of any kind have we had in that time? NONE—and time marches on.

Is there hope, then, that they will be any more considerate of the people in general, once they are established here? There has been no interest whatever shown, and I think with this attitude they have proved their point—"We may come in if we have to, but you'll pay for it!"

RUPERTITE.

[City council at a meeting on March 23, 1953, endorsed a motion of Alderman George Casey to ask the B.C. Power Commission to expropriate holdings of the Northern B.C. Power Company and become the future supplier of electricity here.

The decision followed hearing of a result by M. A. Thomas, electrical consultant engineer hired by the city to investigate proposals by the NEPCO and the Power Commission.

The company's 25-year franchise, granted in 1929, is due to expire March 31 this year.

The power question has been the subject of heated discussion at council meetings for the past three years. In a referendum in 1952, the electorate voted in favor of the B.C. Power Commission taking over, although the difference was less than 50 votes. —Editor.]

Speaking of life in the city we still think the best place far, for a tight squeeze, is a hammock.



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