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An Unselfish Contribution

ALL over the world mankind is showing the spirit of fellowship, which is the highest mark of civilization, in its desire to help those who were battered and impoverished by a rampaging sea.

This is surely the silver lining of the heavy black cloud of disaster. At a time when international animosities occupy so much attention, there is fresh inspiration and hope in the sight of ordinary citizens everywhere rising to the help of those whom they have never seen, and whose language they may not speak, simply because they are fellow humans in dire trouble.

As befits a country which, for all its young years, has consistently shown a mature awareness of the problems of others, Canada is responding with a ready heart to the call for help. It has paused in its affairs of state to consider the victims' plight and to formulate plans for assistance. Its first citizen, the Governor-General, has personally assumed responsibility for directing the national effort to answer the appeal.

Farthest removed of all Canadian cities from the calamitous scene, Prince Rupert is making up in generosity what it lacks in proximity. Led by those who have ties with the Netherlands but whose concern embraces all three countries affected, the people of this city are making an unselfish contribution for the relief of their luckless fellow beings.

It must be realized, however, that we are not coping with any fleeting misfortune which will be gone tomorrow. For some of those whom the floods struck, the grim aftermath will last for years. Fields once fertile have become salt flats where crops will be long absent.

The English, Belgians and Dutch are industrious and will not wait idly for the years to pass, but their future holds some anxious times. The more we give now, the less their anxiety becomes. The knowledge of this may be our only reward, but it is a great one.

British Fair To Display New Building Development For Canada

Britain's new prefabricated building industry is coming to the rescue of Canada's home-hunters and hard-pressed builders.

Canada's frantic scramble for more homes and schools, more workshops and hospitals for her expanding cities, new towns and development projects is being increasingly met by the use of prefabricated buildings from the United Kingdom.

Ever since the war ended, British construction experts have been busy studying the building needs of Canada and other countries. And in order to meet the general shortage of skilled labor and orthodox building materials, they have perfected the use of new materials and methods which confine most of the skill required to the factory.

A comprehensive array of the latest advances to be made in prefabricated structures will be on display for the first time at the British Industries Fair to be held at Earls Court, London, from April 27 to May 8.

Canadian businessmen, representatives of the services and federal, provincial and municipal building authorities will be given every facility to study and inspect at first hand a wide range of these good-looking, durable buildings, which can be immediately utilized for the establishment of whole towns.

Canadian visitors will be introduced to a "Sectional City" made up of prefabricated buildings, several of which have been specially designed for the Canadian market.

The display will include a complete school and a clinic constructed of aluminum and many types of prefabricated dwelling houses made of metal and timber which can be erected in three to eight hours.

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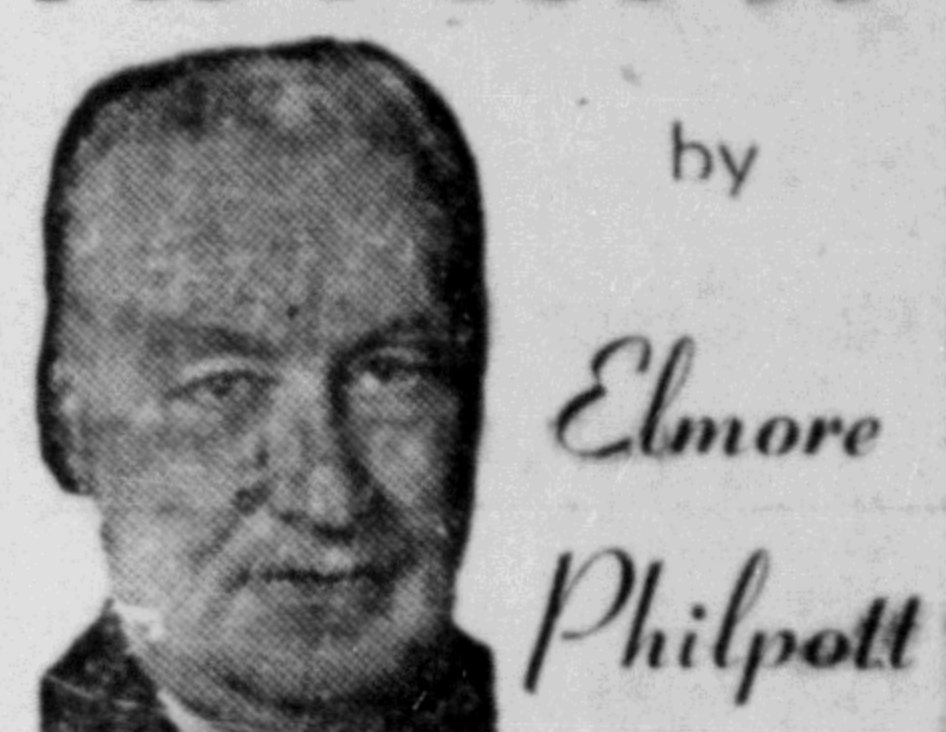
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As I See It



London Likes Plan

THE trade plan which I have promoted through this column for years back has now won powerful support in the British House of Commons.

On his return from Canada Mr. Harold Wilson told his fellow M.P.s there is "widespread interest" in Canada in the suggestion that some of our Canadian purchases should be paid for in sterling and any surplus which might develop held in the form of sterling balances on Canadian account in London.

He described my own column on this as "very constructive and realistic."

Mr. Wilson is a former Labor president of the Board of Trade. Hence I see great significance in the fact that my own arguments on this matter have won sympathy and attention from J. M. Macdonell, the chief Conservative financial expert in our parliament.

HERE AGAIN is the main outline of the plan. Canada and Britain would make a new kind of deal, based on agreement to keep net balance of payments equal year by year.

In effect, this would solve Britain's Canadian dollar scarcity problem, and regain markets we are losing fast.

Canada would say to Britain "We will accept your money, sterling, for everything you buy from us—lumber, salmon, apples, wheat, metals, and so forth."

This money would be deposited by the individual buyers in a Bank of Canada account in London. The Bank of Canada would pay the Canadian sellers of the goods in Canadian dollars. When the British sold goods to Canada they too would receive payment in pounds sterling out of the special account—the Canadian buyers paying in the equivalent in our dollars.

So far all that is simple and familiar. But the key to the plan is this:

In any year where Canada had a net surplus on the total trading account we would take steps to wipe out that balance by investments in the sterling area.

LET US TAKE two typical years and see how this would work out. The Canada Year Book shows that in 1939 Canada bought from Britain goods worth \$114 millions. We sold to Britain goods worth \$328 millions.

Had the plan been in operation that year it would have been necessary for the Canadian government to arrange for purchase of stocks and bonds on the British market to the value of \$214 millions.

In 1948 we bought \$299 millions from Britain and sold \$689 millions. Had the plan been in operation that year it would have been necessary to buy British-held securities of properties to value of some \$390 millions.

Our government, or the Bank of Canada, would of course arrange for the re-selling of these securities on the Canadian market.

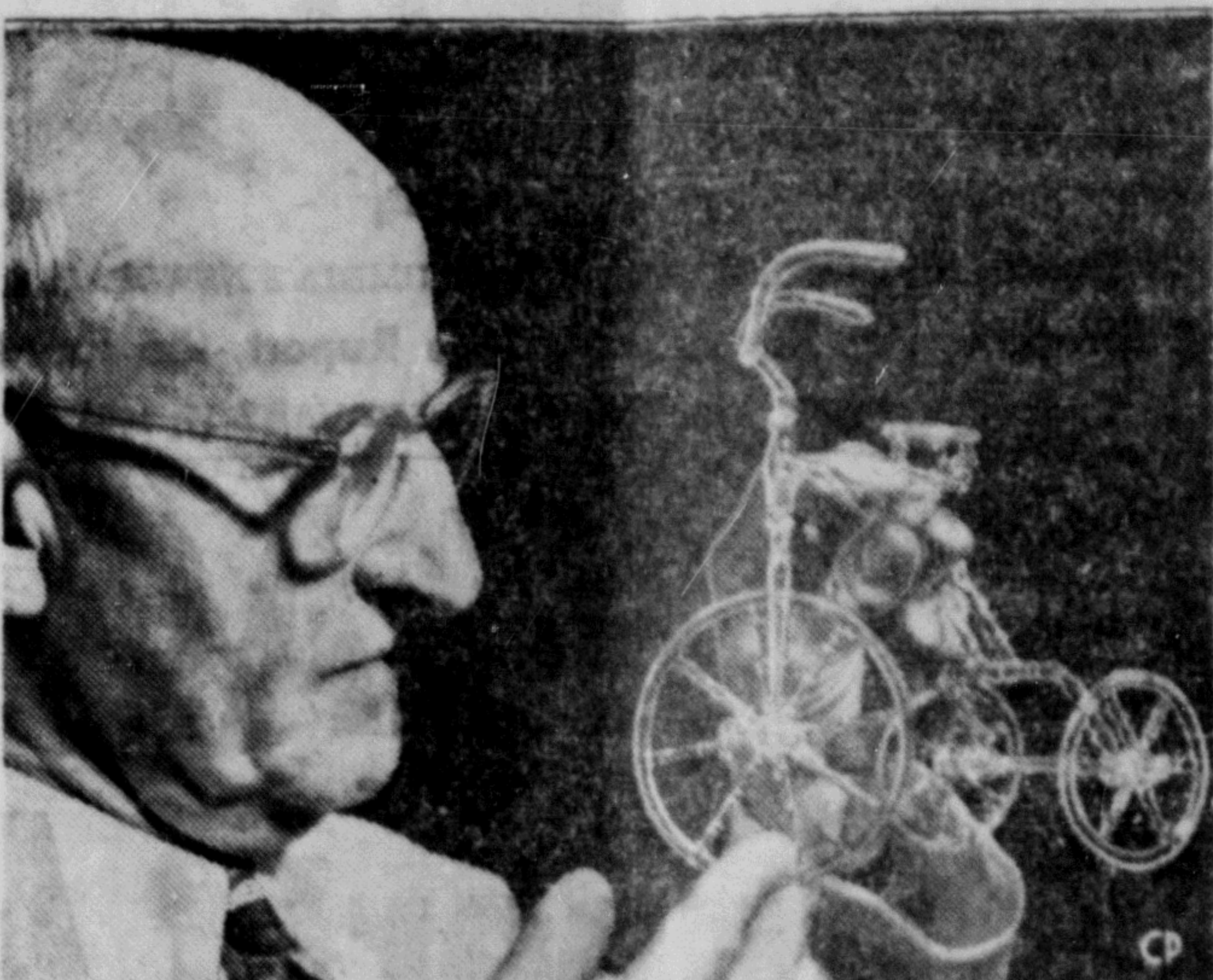
It should be noted that there are very large holdings in Britain of Canadian mortgages and stocks, such as CPR or Hudson's Bay, etc.

THE PRINCIPLE of the plan is exactly the same as two great Liberals Franklin Roosevelt and Mackenzie King worked out on a single day in the Hyde Park agreement. It worked between Canada and U.S. and if we want to it will work between Canada and Britain—maybe even tide us over the next big U.S. slump.

Helpful Group
OSLO, Norway (CP)—The 65th anniversary of the Salvation Army in Norway was celebrated with a conference here at which the work of the organization was praised by representatives of the government and clerical organizations.

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SHOREWORKERS
A general meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at METROPOLE HALL
BUSINESS: Election convention delegates
Convention Resolutions.
ALL MEMBERS PLEASE ATTEND



GLASS MODEL OF A TRICYCLE, perfect to scale, is held by glass-blower Elmer Hookway of Toronto, a veteran of 50 years in the art. It took nearly 36 hours to complete. Wheels rotate easily and handlebars move in a tiny socket fitted to 1/16 of an inch.

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

The battle of the next Federal general election won't be fought for the first time when polling day actually comes. It's being fought almost daily already—in the Parliamentary lobbies and in the offices of the M.P.s.

It is true that the warfare is

ray... Reflects and Reminisces

Today's profits are yesterday's good will ripened. —Wing.

The press of Vancouver, while admitting the grandeur of San Francisco's harbor finds it impossible to go too far. Logically, Vancouver is first. And then, it must be admitted San Francisco is pretty fair!

DOWN TO CASES

Instead of learning just the tricks of the trade, why not actually learn the trade?

Yousuf Karsh, distinguished photographer has been giving us the lowdown about the Maritimes. It seems George Washington once fancied trying to capture what is today down east, and that in 1812 there seemed a fair chance of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia taking over the State of Maine. Maybe so, but when we went to school no one ever mentioned any such thing.

Next to one of the biggest drawbacks to a foreign army invading the United States would be to find enough parking space.

What was recently circulated as a "petition" in Omaha included the following words from Abraham Lincoln's immortal speech at Gettysburg: "The world will little note nor long remember what we say here." It was submitted to fourteen persons, none of whom recognized it. One said "sounds fishy to me." Another remarked "where does it get you?" And a third observed "I don't think these protests ever do any good."

SOME SOURCE!
One little girl of seven ran to tell her playmates there was a new baby at the house. "Is he going to stay?" asked the playmate. "I guess so. He has all his clothes off." "Who brought the baby?" asked the playmate. "Dr. Pemberton." "Oh, we take from him, too."

The Guelph Mercury says our pioneer forbears had pride while we have not, because a fuss is made when no water—hot or cold—comes out of a pipe. The pioneers were resourceful. We're not, and hang it all don't intend to be.

Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is quite as satisfying as an income tax refund.

Reduction Seen
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How about Social Credit? That's another and more complex story. Tomorrow's column will deal with it.

LIQUOR SITUATION

Editor,
The Daily News:
It seems all the legislature at Victoria thinks about is the liquor business. They would be more useful if they would turn over on the bread and butter question, that is, provide jobs for the workers so they can feed their families.

We all know that the liquor business in British Columbia has been a racket for a long time; the bosses of the business get the money out of the people and give no value in return. That's your Capitalist System—all for the big fellows.

As far as the retailing of liquor is concerned, it isn't necessary to be in hotels only—let the hotels accommodate their travellers. A good restaurant with enough grace to provide music or other amusement would be a lot better for the people all around. Patrons could get a drink before meals, whisky, beer or wine, whatever they like. Then workers would have a place to get out of the wind or rain when the weather is inclined to be bad. If one takes one too many and causes a disturbance he could be handled by the police without kid gloves!

In a city a place like that should be located in the centre of a block, never at a corner, and don't forget the stuff should be sold at reasonable prices, not try to soak the people as they do now. In villages, grocery stores could be permitted to sell the stuff to responsible people only. This is my solution of the liquor problem.

RALPH HEPPELL,
Terrace, B.C.

LEAVE THE BIRDS ALONE

Editor,
The Daily News:
May we tell you of a project we have had in mind and have practiced over a period of years with some success and now are at it in real earnest, namely to protect the birds here in all seasons both large and small, with exception of chicken hawks and the like.

Where can you go around and find Canada geese in summer so

MILESTONES From the Files of The Daily News

40 Years Ago Today

The Trades and Labor Council asked the city for a 99-year lease on the two lots on which their building stands.

The City Council made a grant of \$10,000 to the hospital and a further grant of the same amount is expected from the Provincial Government.

30 Years Ago Today

Fred Stork, member for Skeena urged the shipment of grain through Prince Rupert to avoid the Eastern combine.

Mrs. J. W. Collier and her daughter Olive were entertained at a birthday party and were the recipients of many beautiful gifts.

20 Years Ago Today

Teachers salaries in Prince Rupert were reduced from five percent to fifteen percent depending on the size of the pay cheque.

Miss Margaret Kergin left for New York from which city she will sail to Gibraltar and she will spend some time in Spain with her brother Fred.

10 Years Ago Today

Undaunted by having lost its two greens last year on account of new waterfront developments, the Canadian National Lawn Bowling Club is now working on a plan for another site.

One hundred and twenty men were affected by food poisoning at a construction camp at Port Edward.

— THE LETTER BOX —

tame they feed along the road sides and not fly up at your approach, and the mallards are getting to be that way too?

We would appreciate it very much if people coming in here for any reason whatsoever, would co-operate with us and leave the birds alone and not shoot at them or molest them in any way.

They nest here and stay here the year around and it is not a very sportsmanlike act to shoot at birds that you can get so close to you could knock them over with a stick.

We attract even the tiny chickadees to come and visit us. We saw some at a neighbor's home this past week. They were not afraid to come right onto the porch and feed on suet and other goodies set out for them. One of these chickadees is an albino. At this same place a snow goose has visited the past two or three years and to prove it this neighbor took a snapshot of it.

We are all greatly interested in the various birds that come to partake of rowan berries, etc. We have noticed some this past winter with orange colored heads and the same color on tail feathers, while shoulder feathers had that greeny metallic sheen like a mallard drake head. We were wondering if they could be grosbeaks?

All the folks put out feed for the birds when the snows are

deep and a person gets a lot of enjoyment from seeing the birds that some to the feed ducks and geese go to the inlet of the river when the ice comes in but when the inlet is once again they are back dilling along the shores or pecking themselves while along the sandbars.

We will let you know how project is coming along in the meantime, folks, please operate with us and do not shoot the ducks and geese in the

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Recently the owners of a new business wrote their bank about the way the local branch had helped:

"Having completed our first year in business, and one which we feel has been most successful, we would like to advise you of the splendid co-operation we have received from the officials of your branch. We have consulted your local manager many times, not only regarding financial problems but business problems in general and his advice has been very beneficial to our firm."

Such service is part of the job of every manager of Canada's 3700 branch banks. He must know the problems of the people he serves—whether business men or primary producers, wage earners or salaried workers. He welcomes every opportunity to make his bank useful to them—and to you.

This advertisement, based on an actual letter, is presented here by
THE BANKS SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY
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NOTICE

The Court of Revision will hear appeals from waterfront blocks and give final hearings to Section 1 appeals at 8 o'clock tonight at the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Signed,
H. S. Whalen,
Chairman,
Court of Revision.