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## A Great Burden To Carry

TODAY a man who made his mark in the army enters the toughest fight of his life. The U.S. presidency is a killer and it is a miracle of modern history that men will go through such ordeals of campaigning to assume its duties.

Ike Eisenhower, however, has had better training for it than most. Although he is new to politics, he is not new to the awesome responsibilities of making decisions that affect the entire world.

There is no doubt that in the next four years, and possibly more, he will have many such decisions to make. He has, for one thing, inherited a war that menaces much wider boundaries. Also on his agenda are incipient hostilities in Europe which could be transformed by a false American move into a fearful holocaust. As far as is known, his country is, in addition, sole owner of the most devastating weapon ever created.

If world events go further along their troubled course, a time will come when the decision must be made whether this weapon should be used. The choice will be Eisenhower's alone, and on what he decides will depend the whole destiny of mankind. Unlike other weapons whose force is spent on impact, the H-bomb leaves behind it a deadly disturbance which scientists claim will never vanish from our atmosphere. If brought to sufficient volume, it will affect every living creature of this and future generations.

This is the burden with which Eisenhower enters the White House. Somehow we believe he is one of the few men of this age who can carry it.

## Everyone Is Eligible

WITH the start of voting this week for the Good Citizen of 1952, it is hoped that everyone will make use of the ballot form which will appear in The Daily News for the rest of the month.

Founded by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in memory of the late Alex Hunter, the award is intended to go to that resident of Prince Rupert who, in popular opinion, has made the greatest and most effective efforts to promote the welfare of the city.

All are eligible, men and women, young and old, active and retired, rich and poor. The criterion does not rest with their material attributes but in their sense of good citizenship and their endeavors to apply this to the benefit of Prince Rupert.

It has been suggested that the award be of more ambitious dimensions than a plaque, such as a scholarship for schoolchildren or an addition to our park facilities. While an undertaking of this sort would be admirable, the Jaycees rightly believe it is not feasible to start a financial campaign of a size necessary to implement it. There are already enough worthwhile causes in the city which need our financial support.

The intention in this case is not to administer charity or benefits but simply to say thank you each year to some citizen whose presence here makes Prince Rupert a better place in which to live. There will be more than one person each year who merits such recognition, and we can consider ourselves fortunate that this is so.

While we cannot give everyone a prize, we need not be chary with our thanks. The greatest asset any city has is in the spirit of those citizens who can see beyond their own interests to the broader needs of the community.

This is the first attempt Prince Rupert has ever made to express its gratitude for all to hear. A vote on the ballot coupon will represent your own personal thanks.

## Modern Buffalo Bill Reaches Coast After 6,000-Mile Trip

CHILLIWACK, B. C. (CP)—A modern Buffalo Bill has come out of the east to the Chilliwack valley.

He is 20-year-old Bill Martisch of Kitchener, Ont., who rode into town on Rocky, a sorrel cross-bred, who has carried him 6,000 miles over Canadian highways.

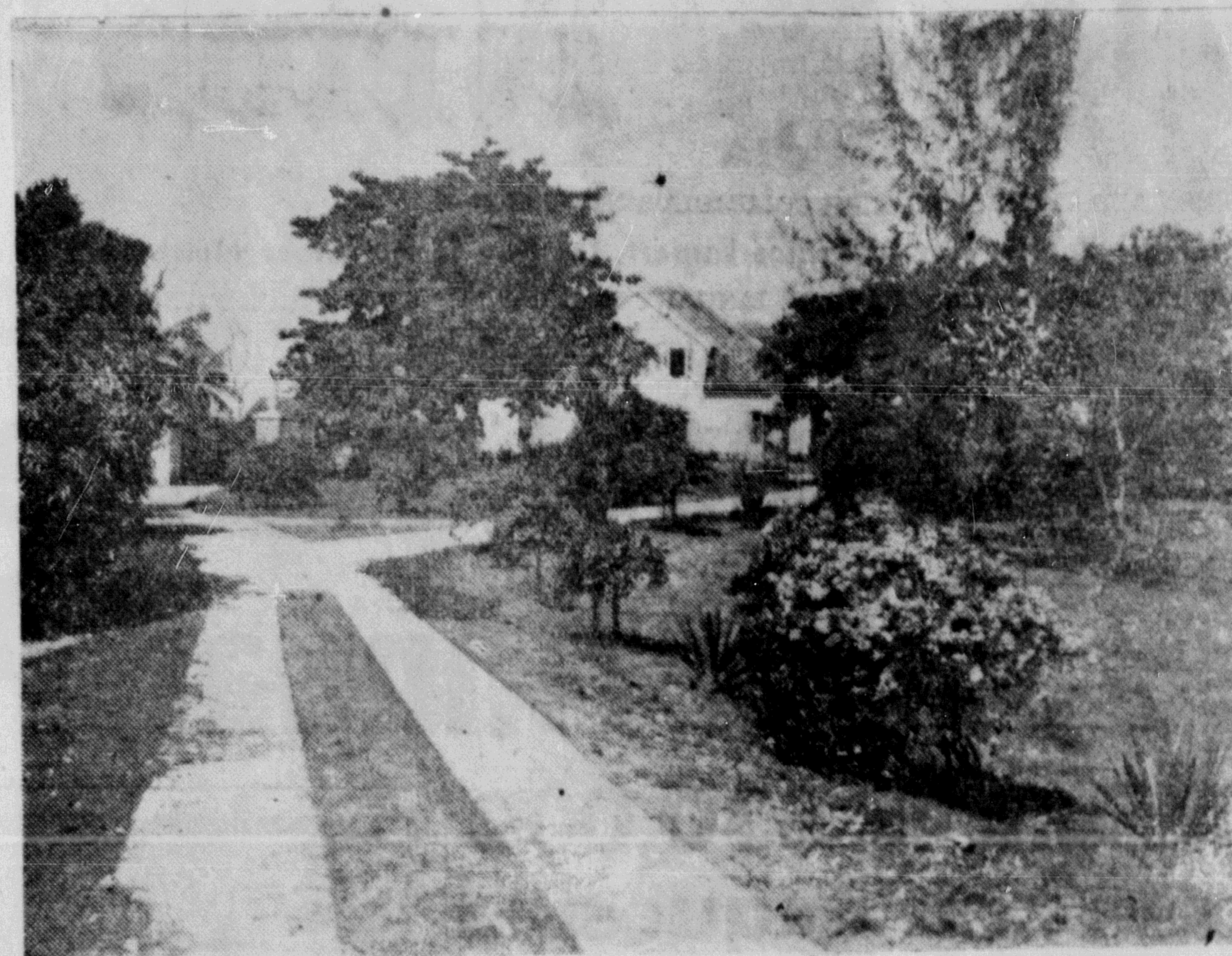
Since last May, Martisch has travelled from Kitchener to the Maritimes, and from the Maritimes to B.C. The return ride will be started after a visit to Vancouver Island, Bill and Rocky hope to be home by next June.

Martisch travels frontier-style, a bedroll, a change of clothes, and, like Buffalo Bill, with flowing hair. He hasn't had a haircut or shave since leaving Kitchener.

The reason for the long trip? Doctor's orders. He was told to get plenty of fresh air.

"I'm getting it," he said. "It's a grand way to see Canada, even in the winter time."

Rocky has worn out nine pairs of shoes in the cross-country jaunt.



PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL is spending his vacation on the estate of Sir Harold Mitchell, on the north shore of Jamaica, British West Indies. His vacation home is in close telephone and cable communication with London and a secretary said the vacation—spent with some members of his family—would be in strictest privacy with no press conferences or photographers permitted. Mr. Churchill is the first British prime minister to visit the island. He has been painting and enjoying daily dips in the Caribbean off the private beach of the estate.



## As I See It

BY

Elmore Philpott

### • Quiz Totals for 1953

A GOOD cross section of readers in various parts of Canada have answered my beard of the prophet quiz. Here is the way their combined answers work out:

Will there be a real cease fire in Korea in 1953? Yes 37%. No 63%.

Will there be a world war involving U.S. versus Russia in 1953? Yes 4%. No 96%.

Will the western powers be joined in the defense alliance by actual organized German military units in 1953? Yes 61%. No 39%.

Will Russia still be a UN member in good standing by the end of 1953? Yes 80%. No 20%.

Name the order in which the four political parties will finish in seats won if there is another B.C. election in 1953.

About 74% thought Social Credit would win most seats, with CCF and Liberals neck and neck for second place.

Name the order in which the parties will finish in the federal election of 1953.

Some 78% figured Liberals will finish first. The Conservatives were picked to win by 16%. Social Credit and CCF, in that order, had the support of the remaining 6%.

Who will be Prime Minister of Canada at year end 1953? St. Laurent 54%, Drew 24%, Pearson 8%, others 4%. Among the others, one lone lady picked Premier Douglas of Saskatchewan as the next Prime Minister of Canada. Although she thought the Liberal party would come first.

MOST readers who filled in guesses for actual seats won in the federal election expect both Conservatives and Social Credit to make substantial gains. But virtually everybody who thought that George Drew would be the next Prime Minister of Canada expected that as a result of an alliance, after the election, between George Drew and Mr. Low, most readers of all preferences expected Social Credit to beat out the CCF as the third place party.

JUST to let the readers have the laugh on me, again, if I am wrong, here is how I answered my own quiz for 1953.

I do not think there will be a cease fire in Korea, nor a world war. I think German units will be lined up with the western armies and Russia will still be in UN.

I guess that the Liberals will run first in B.C. provincial election, if held this year, and also that Mr. St. Laurent will still be Prime Minister at the head of a Liberal government after the federal election.

I am emboldened to publish my own guess (which is directly contrary to what 74% of my own readers answers suggest) because I see that the famous clairvoyant Made Lys had also predicted that the B.C. Liberals will make a surprise victory comeback. After all, she is the lady who predicted such amazing things as the abdication of King Edward VIII a whole year before it happened—also made many other startling true forecasts.

But my guess re B.C. does not come via clairvoyance. It is based on careful calculation of last summer's vote, and that the great mass of people in B.C. want Social Welfare without Socialism. Only a re-juvenated Liberal government, or a Liberal-CCF combination could win and give them that.

Surrender terms ending the war with Japan reduced Japanese territory from 773,000 square miles to 147,000.

## THE LETTERBOX

### WHY SO CRITICAL?

Editor, The Daily News:

Why do not the newspapers and the old-time politicians give their Social Credit government a fair break?

Why are they so critical of our new Social Credit government? It is because they fear that Social Credit policies will be so successful that there won't be room for the old-time politicians and the partisan newspapers?

The latest target for the newspapers and the old-time politicians and some of the boys who enjoyed soft jobs and special privileges under the old regime seem to be the changes in the Labor Relations Board. Certainly changes were long overdue on this Board because under the permanent full-time Labor Relations Board of the old regime, we had industrial chaos. Look what happened to the industrial relations last spring when British Columbia had an all-time record of strikes and loss of payrolls. Where was this full-time Labor Relations Board then?

It seems to me that two of the most important basic industries were on strike, namely, lumbering and fisheries. We all remember that the Labor Relations Board did not settle either of them.

It has been noticeable that there has been much more labor peace since the Social Credit government took over in August. Yes, I believe the Social Credit government has very good reasons for their changes. More power to them!

I notice that these same newspapers and old-time politicians have criticized every good move of the present Social Credit government—changes in the Purchasing Commission, saving the people up to 20 per cent on government purchases—the control over government-owned cars which sometimes travelled to California at the people's expenses under the old-time government—changes in the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service which have saved the people 2½ million per year and at the same time leaving a larger surplus in this fund than ever before.

Yes our new Social Credit government has already saved the people of British Columbia millions of dollars since the 1st of August.

Let's give them a fair chance and when they get a majority over all in the Legislature, they will then give the people of this great province the good government they require and a new day will dawn for British Columbia.

GEORGE W. SAVORY.  
Victoria, B. C.

## OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

A group of German journalists who came to Canada late last year as guests of Trans-Canada Air Lines have put their impressions on paper, and if a proud Canadian himself had described this country, he couldn't have been more complimentary.

Eight newsmen in all came, and all of them wrote favorably and in great volume about Canada. The burden of their report to the German people was that Canada, indeed, is the land of the future, and ties between the two countries should be strengthened to the utmost.

A series written by Erik Reger, Editor-in-Chief of Der Tagespiegel—roughly, "The Mirror of the Day"—of West Berlin, was representative of the German newsmen's views.

### GROWING INDUSTRY

Reger praised Canadian industry, ambition, and hope for the future.

"A Canadian statesman," he wrote, "has called his people enterprising, strong, and keen, and anyone who has spent even just a few days in the area between Montreal and Toronto would see these qualities at work: in gigantic new factories, new hydro developments, new housing projects."

"With all propriety, Canadians are proud of their life, their work, their people."

Of individual Canadians, Reger and his colleagues were most taken with Trade Minister Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe.

Reger described Mr. Howe, whom the German newsmen interviewed while in Ottawa, as a man who was giving the Canadian economy the benefit of "vision and ability."

"Howe is, all in all, in speech, appearance and bearing, a genuine descendant of the old pioneer, and, in his way, is himself a new pioneer."

### LAGGING CULTURE

The one criticism of Canada voiced by Reger was a fact deplored by many Canadians themselves, including Governor-General Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey.

Reger found during his stay here insufficient national culture. He told of the establishment in recent years of theatrical and ballet troupes, but said that generally speaking, the nation's cultural development was lagging behind its industrial growth.

Reger agreed with Sir Ernest MacMillan, conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, that Canada requires more energy behind its cultural growth if, despite its strong economic expansion, it wishes to earn an even more important place in world respect.

But he was optimistic that Canadians will rise to the challenge. "It seems to me," he wrote, "that the people and the country know their goal and are heading straight for it."

Report From...

## Parliament Hill

By Edward T. Applewhaite, M.P., Skeena

The public accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1952 have just come to hand. I note that under the heading of construction and acquisition of buildings, etc., for experimental farms, Department of Agriculture spent at Smithers that year \$16,943.85 of which \$3,500 was for purchase of land. The expenditures were in connection with the construction of a cottage for an assistant, and a cottage for workmen.

Worried about the possible impact of the St. Lawrence Seaway upon its own business, the Canadian Ship Building and Ship Repairing Association declares that the Canadian coastal trade should be reserved to ships built and registered in Canada. The United States already maintains a fairly complete preserve for its own shipping, and many Canadian shipowners would like the same immunity from competition.

### REMOVE RESTRICTIONS

The president of Canada Steamships Lines did not propose (as some have gone so far as to suggest) that foreign shipping should be denied complete access to the Great Lakes. Looking ahead to completion of the seaway, he noted that big British and other overseas ships would

be able to unload and pick up cargoes well in the interior of the continent, yet he was prepared to face that competition.

I think Canadian shipbuilders and operators, particularly on the Pacific Coast, might be better advised to press for removal of restrictions by other countries, rather than campaign for more protection for themselves.

The Senate has finally passed the revision of the Criminal Code and forwarded it to the Commons. They made so many amendments to the original draft that the whole thing has had to be re-printed.

The standing committees have now been set up. I am on four of them, namely: Canals and Telegraph Lines; Public Accounts; Marine and Fisheries; and Mines, Forests and Waters. This may not be all my committee duties, as Special Committees are set up from time to time.

The first batch of divorce bills came up for second reading on January 12th. Stanley Knowles, who led the fight against this procedure in previous sessions said that it was not his intention to take time to speak to any of these thirty-eight divorce bills and they were allowed to pass.

### RECORD WILL SHOW

As you know, Mr. Claxton, Minister of National Defence, was away attending meetings of the North Atlantic treaty council when the Currie report was presented to the House and discussed on December 15, 16 and 17. So he felt that it would be the wish of the members, and indeed of others throughout the country, in view of the wide interest attached to this important document, that he should take advantage of the first opportunity of dealing with it on the motion to set up the defence expenditure committee and in the course of his remarks to indicate in support of the Prime Minister's reasons why he believed the report should receive the consideration of that committee, if and when it is set up. That day he confined what he had to say to the Currie report itself and to matters relevant to it. He stated that he had accepted and had endeavored to discharge to the best of his ability responsibility for the affairs of the Department and the armed services. No government department, no commercial enterprise, no large-scale undertaking can be perfect. But the record of our Department of National Defence will be shown to compare favorably with any comparable undertaking.

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## Reflects and Reminisces

For the first time in 20 years, the Republicans today take over in the United States. An inauguration is always a stellar occasion, and for many sound reasons it is particularly true of this.

### EVERYBODY THERE

Washington is thronged. Celebrities and obscure, and the mal-attitudes of the "in-betweens" have been pouring into the city for days. The country's best-dressed scores of plain clothes men and the smoothest of crooks are there... Color, music, cheers, clatter of hoofs, tramp of troops and solemn pronouncements—these are but a few of the sights and sounds not far from the White House.

### BURNED IN 1812

On this very ground a century, and a half ago, where woods were growing, George Washington and a French architect selected the future capital site. In the War of 1812, a British naval force burned the first home of the president. Fifty years later during the struggle between the States the capital building was being completed.

Some urged delay. But the patient and merciful Lincoln would have none of it. National unity, threatened on the battlefield, must at all costs be preserved. And thus it was.

### NOT THE FIRST

Eisenhower is by no means the first president to have served as a soldier. So did Andrew Jackson (also lawyer and trader), Harrison, Taylor, Grant, Garfield, McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt. Canadians and Americans have fought in each others' armies. Once or twice what might be said to have been enough to ruffle the international surface was felt. But that's been all.

If there has been uncertainty as to the new executive's general policy there should be a future change ere long, now he is in office. This is the day that not only the nation, but much of the world has been awaiting.

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## MILESTONE

From the Files of The Daily News

### 40 Years Ago Today

Installation of the gas fire alarm system has now been completed and the city fire department and the city engineers themselves as thoroughly satisfied with this modern system.

Lynch Brothers of Prince Rupert, one of the largest and progressive firms in the city, have decided to open a branch at New Hazelton.

### 30 Years Ago Today

The city of Vancouver proposed that Sir Henry Thornton, president of the C.N.R., the drydock from Prince Rupert to Vancouver, and Mayor Thornton has wired Sir Henry asking to persuade him to visit this city before he returns East.

Dr. C. H. Heustis, added the local branch of the Club yesterday.

### 20 Years Ago Today

E. D. Johnson, deputy minister of finance and former treasurer here is ill at his home in Victoria and does not expect to return to his desk for a month.

At a meeting of the city council last night Mayor Henry Alderman Rochester, Phil Basso-Bert and Casey were pointed to the court of law.

### 10 Years Ago Today

Mr. W. H. Hills has been appointed deputy to the First H. T. Lock.

The Canadian Aid to Russia fund in Prince Rupert has a total of \$1,928.50 at noon today.

Hungary, now one of Communist satellites, was independent kingdom for years up to the 19th century.



"This won't hurt a bit"

FIND IT HARD to relax in the dentist's chair? Then you'll be glad to know that the dentist's drill now has a rival—a new device called "drills" teeth by means of a spray of aluminum oxide powder. They say the new technique will "ouch!" out of having a tooth fixed.

Manufacturers in many fields keep coming up with new uses for aluminum. And other researchers are often called on to help in finding a remedy for production aches and pains. Many times the result is another Canadian plant opening up to make new and useful aluminum products. Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd. (Alcan).



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