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## A Worthwhile Project

ALTHOUGH it is not yet clear just how much work is planned immediately for establishment of an airport at Prince Rupert, it is good to know that this city is at last on the federal government's airways map.

It was, of course, inevitable that sooner or later this would occur. On the basis of its geographical position alone, Prince Rupert is a logical site for an airport. On the north-south runs it is approximately midway between the main air terminals of the west coast. At present, the only point servicing flights across this gap is Sandspit, where it will never be possible to develop an airfield meeting all the requirements of modern heavy aircraft and where crosswind conditions further reduce its value.

For east-west operations, the city is in an equally useful location. On roughly the same parallel as Edmonton, it presents unlimited possibilities as a coastal terminus for northern trans-continental flights. In time of war, or perhaps even of peace, it could develop into a strategic jumping-off point for trans-Pacific traffic. Its great advantage in this respect is that it is 500 miles closer to the Orient than any other Canadian centre and affords more immediate access to airports fringing the Gulf of Alaska.

Because of its geographical considerations, this site would be a natural one for an airport even if it had nothing else to offer. The clincher is, however, that Prince Rupert is unofficial capital of a region alive with expanding business. Consequently, an airport here will become much more than just a refuelling base or an emergency field. It will be a busy traffic centre in its own right as, in fact, it already is even though it must depend on a shuttle service to connect it with mainline operations.

While the logic of constructing an airport here has been evident for a long time, the project has nevertheless called for salesmanship. Without this, delay might have continued until sheer force of circumstances demanded action.

Although the bulldozers are by no means at work yet on Digby Island, or whatever location is selected, promise of action grows more definite all the time. Much credit for this must go to the man who has had the task of turning the sales campaign into an actual sale—Ted Applewhaite, member for Skeena.

Mr. Applewhaite has followed through at the Ottawa end, quietly and well. It has been a real service which, when consummated, will bring great benefit to the entire northwest.

## Commonwealth Division Pulled From Active Participation in Korea

SEOUL (CP)—The battle-hardened 1st Commonwealth Division was pulled off the Korean front line Jan. 31 and placed in reserve, it was disclosed today.

The 8th Army censor released delayed dispatches on the division's withdrawal. It was the first time the division has been given reserve status since it was formed in July, 1951. United States and South Korean divisions are placed in reserve periodically in Korea.

The division is made up of Canadian, British and Australian infantry and supporting arms and services, New Zealand artillery, an Indian medical unit and a small South African officer detachment.

A delayed dispatch by Associated Press correspondent Robert Tuckman dated Feb. 12 said that Lt. Gen. William Bridgeford, who has since retired as commander of the Commonwealth forces in Korea, told reporters he thought the placing of the division in reserve was a "very good thing" and "they are enjoying it."

His successor, Lt. Gen. Henry Wells, said it enables Commonwealth troops "to get on with training they can't get in the line." Bridgeford said this training was "all offensive."

Bridgeford discounted reports that some of the troops were disgruntled over being placed in reserve. He said some men would complain whether the troops were left in the line or pulled off.

Wells said the division is in "grand shape" and the morale high. Another delayed dispatch by Canadian Press correspondent Bill Boss—dated Jan. 31—said the division was sore about be-

ing placed in reserve.

"Commanders and soldiers all down the line were vocal about 8th Army headquarters' 'mistaken kindness,'" Boss said. "To the soldiers in the front-line bunkers it appeared a downright injustice."

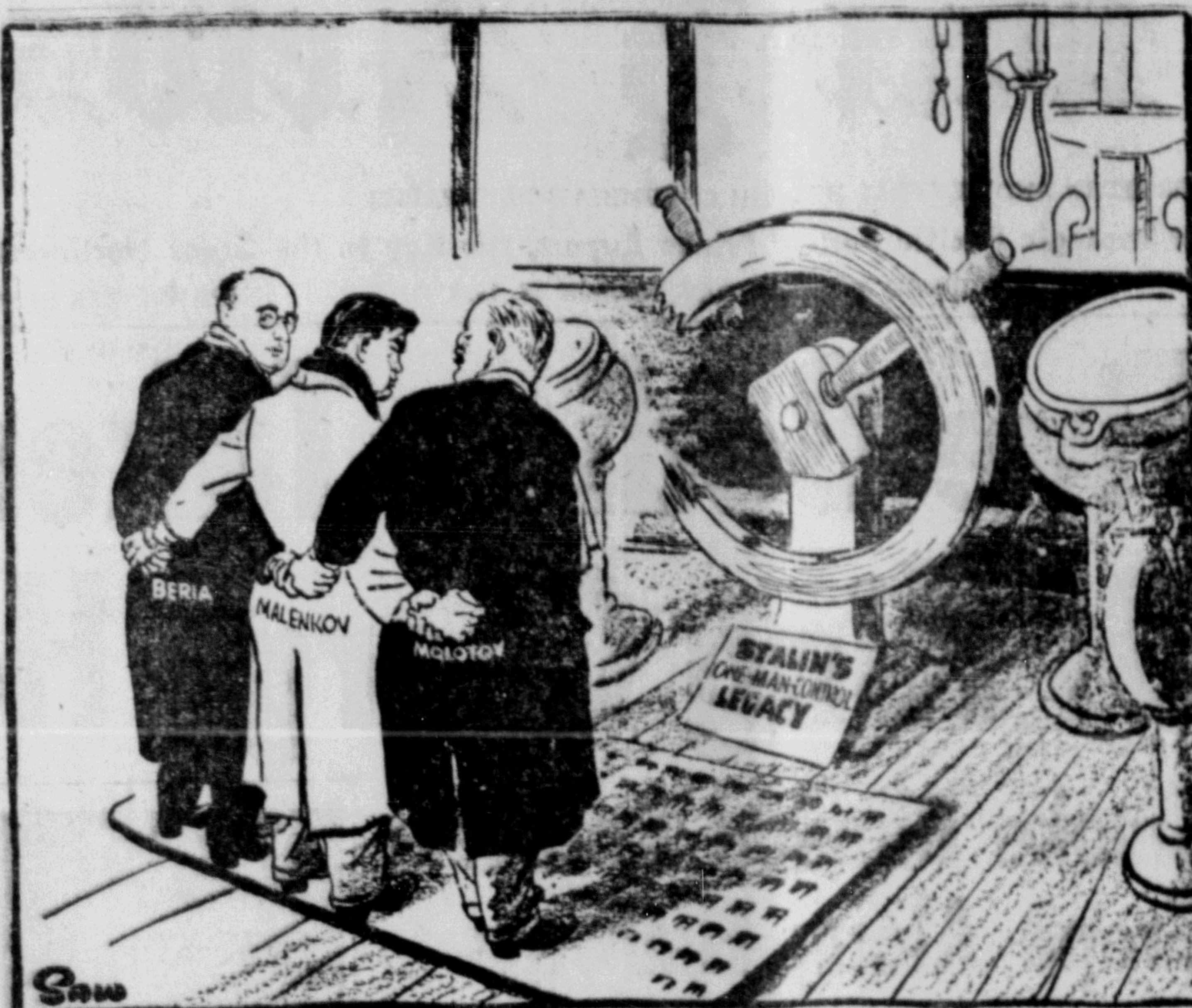
"They had spent months making their caves comfortable and safe. They had used considerable resourcefulness and initiative to devise the means and acquired the materials to enable them to spend the winter warmly."

"Instead they were sent out into fields where they had to pitch tents on ground frozen solid to a depth varying between 12 and 14 inches."

Boss added that the soldiers felt they had "done their donkey work for somebody else and had been cheated of the dividends of their investment." The division's positions between the Hook and Little Gibraltar—on the western front west of Chonwon—were taken over by the U.S. 2nd Division.

The division took part in some of the great battles of the Korean war. The fights included the Nakdong breakthrough in September, 1950; the advance into North Korea later in the same year, and the battle of the Imjin River in April, 1951, in which the famed Gloucesters were surrounded and annihilated.

The 25th Canadian Brigade—some 6,000 men—is part of the Commonwealth Division. Last year 97% of all the Red Cross work was done by volunteers who donated their services entirely without pay. They need YOUR help to carry on this important work.



TOO MANY MATES—By Lew Saw in Winnipeg Tribune.

## Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Japan's naval officer, Mitsuo Fuchida, who led the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor is making a six months' goodwill tour of the United States. He was last about six months. He was in New York a week or so ago and had a smiling little chat with General Jimmy Doolittle. Each, in his drop a Bomb-A-Bomb style did a lot. If there must be

war, a social touch now or then could be worse.

A motorist hit a good sized buck on an Ontario highway not long ago. The damage to the car was so serious that several score more bucks were essential before it was possible to make full repairs.

### NOT A BERRY

The efficiency expert will tell you if a farmer's boy can pick six quarts of berries in an hour, and a girl five quarts, the two of them together will pick eleven quarts. But any farmer will tell you the two of them together won't pick any.

A big daily in Mexico City, on a day when the general condition of Joe Stalin was rated a little less reassuring printed two words on the front page. These consisted of "NOT YET." The reader could think what he fancied but always could return and look again.

### THE ANNUAL EVENT

An American mortician has just pointed out that south of the border the average family has "only one family a year." Perhaps so, yet we somehow have a hunch that at this rate it will not stay that way long.

Dogs with rabies are far fewer in the northwest. A tedious job, but it's being done. One wouldn't want to see the bone-woes exterminated, for they are useful, and an owner grows to like him. One of the earliest pups

### OLD FAITHFUL

When we go home at four o'clock. While waiting for the bus, We greet a dog, that seems to talk. And loves to raise a fuss.

He lets us pat him on the back, A kindly word or two, He seems to have what we do lack, He's always kind and true.

He keeps his eye upon the road, For a sound around the bend, His master's coming home from town, He seems to know just when.

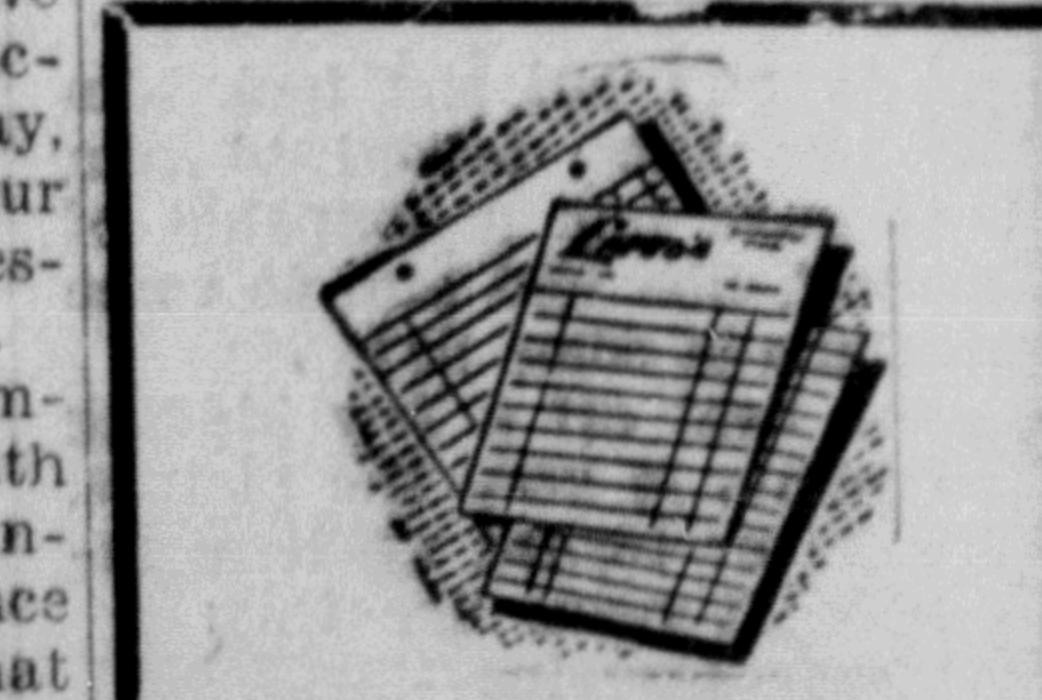
He watches with a wistful eye, While slowly walking round, He knows the color of the car, He knows its very sound.

He greets them with a joyful howl, The wagging of his tail, We never yet heard that dog growl, We never seen him fail.

He's mournful when the car's away, He's happy when it's home, And with the children loves to play, We never saw him roam.

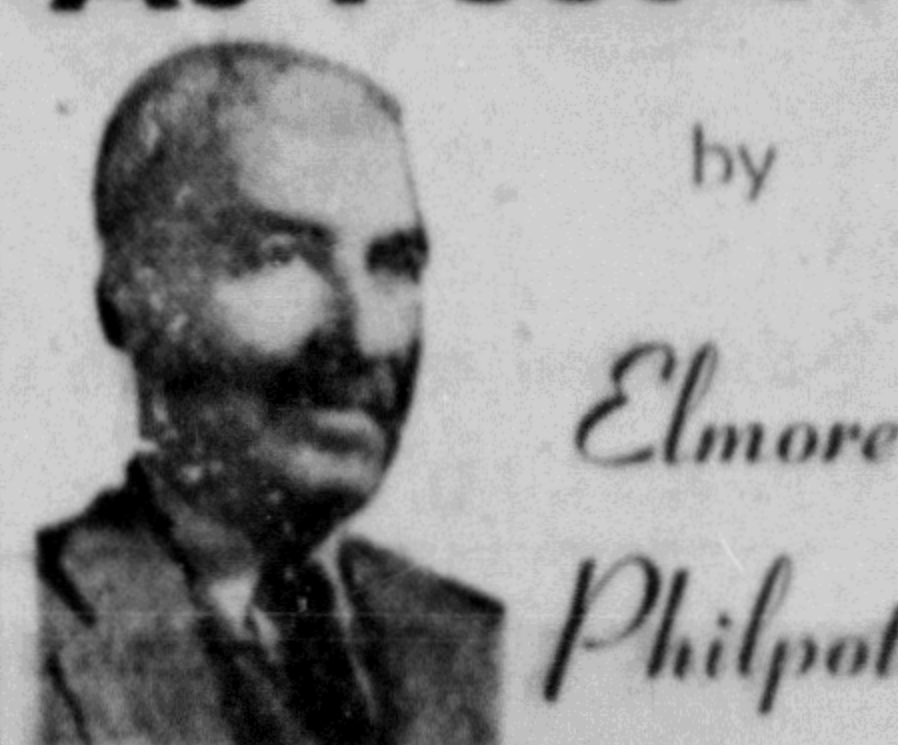
And that's the kind of dog we like, As faithful, true, as MIKE, —"POP" YAEGER, Miller Bay (From the Totem Tattler)

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## As I See It



It's Your Butter

ON FEBRUARY 5 the Minister of Agriculture told parliament that our government still held 30 million of the 40 million pounds of butter bought last year to keep the price to farmers above 58 cents per pound.

On that date, he said, private business also held stocks of an additional 15 million pounds.

On March 10 the Minister of Fisheries told B.C. fishermen that on June 1 next Canada would have a carryover of unsold salmon of 800,000 cases.

In addition to the butter stocks, our government is now also buying dried milk surpluses—unsold stocks of which have doubled in the past year.

CANADA'S butter surplus is heavier per person than Uncle Sam's—for Uncle Sam owns only 80 million pounds, also bought to keep up prices, and also held off the market.

Canada's government actually now owns two pounds of butter per Canadian. But most families cannot get and eat the butter they need and want, because mothers have such difficulty making ends meet financially.

Thus our government is taking OUR money to buy up butter—not so that we can eat more butter, but so it can be kept in storage, off the market, in order to keep prices up.

The situation regarding the surplus salmon is not quite so bad, for private interests own that.

AN INDIGNANT woman writes me my recent query how best to get rid of such surpluses. She says if the dumb men in the governments would only turn the problem over to the women, the butter, etc., would be gone in no time at all.

She says: "No woman would be stupid enough to subsidize planned scarcity. If a subsidy has to be paid to farmers to encourage them to produce butter, then let all the people get the benefit of the plenty. Why keep the butter in storage? Why not sell it for what it will bring in competition with margarine—which the people must buy but do not really like?"

THIS hard-hitting lady has a real point. I see by the comparative figures for butter, and margarine consumption that the hard-dressed and half-broke British people actually eat more butter, etc., than we do BECAUSE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZES DISTRIBUTION OF BUTTER with sale actually below final real cost. Here are the figures:

Per Capita Consumption 1951	
Canada—Butter	22.6 lbs.
Britain—Butter	14.5 lbs.
Canada—Margarine	7.4 lbs.
Britain—Margarine	18.2 lbs.

Thus each Canadian was eating 30 pounds per year, butter or butter substitute. But each Briton was eating 32.7 pounds of butter or butter substitutes. Yet we hold 30 million pounds, government owned.

EVERYBODY knows that even with government financed floor prices for some farm products, the farmer still fares far worse than most city dwellers. But it seems to me the government is involving the farmer in a shabby deal which will eventually react against him, the farmer, when it uses all the people's money to buy surpluses—which are then carelessly kept from the people whose money paid—for scarcity.

## INCOME TAX QUIZ

(This is the second in a series of questions and answers regarding income tax.)

No. 2

Q. Must I file a 1952 income tax return?

A. Yes, if you received an income during 1952 which was in excess of your personal exemptions. The following persons must file a return:

1. Those whose earned income (after deduction of union dues and pension plan contributions), plus their investment income, if any, is greater than the total of their personal exemptions and deductions.
2. Those who had tax deducted at the source by their employers during 1952, which was in excess of the total tax they are required to pay and who, therefore, want to obtain a refund of the overpayment.
3. Those who have been requested by a director-taxation to file an income tax return.

Q. After making out my income tax return, I find I am entitled to a refund. If I attach my salary cheque stubs to my return, may I make application for this refund?

A. In order to obtain the refund, it is most important that you obtain from your employer (or employers) your T4 salary and wage slips showing the total amount of salary or wages you received during the year and the amount of tax deducted by your employer. Salary cheque stubs are not an acceptable substitute for the T4 salary and wage slip. Make sure you attach to your income tax return only the No. 1 copy of your T4 salary and wage slip. By filling out your return carefully, and attaching T4 salary and wage slips and any necessary receipts, you will enable the taxation division to process your return quickly and consequently issue your refund cheque at an early date.

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COMPLETE THE "JOB"

Editor, Daily News:

Quite some time has elapsed since I wrote a letter to your newspaper. But likewise, it's been quite awhile since anything out of the ordinary has happened to keep me "guessing." In short, I have learned to my consternation, that the person who is ill and so sure that he is dying—ought, if to keep his self-respect try pushing his efforts to the limit and complete the "job." Well, particularly if he's suffered a heart attack.

To substantiate such belief, I'd like to illustrate two cases—that of the dying and that of the "dying." In the first one: It was three o'clock one Sunday afternoon—several months ago—when a tearful neighbor dashed in saying, "Our phone is out of order. Do please phone a doctor! I know he is dying. He's had a heart attack it's so sad... no relatives here..." She left, only to return and say: "Do please phone for an inhalator."

Though the doctor and inhalator crew arrived promptly, the man almost as promptly died. In other words he did that which was "expected of him"; thus his "exit" was a gracious one.

In the second case—which happened not so long ago—it didn't work out "so well"—seemed "doomed" to be a "flop" right from the start. For instance, it took place at three o'clock in the morning—that's too early. I was awakened from sound slumber. Frightened, I stole cautiously along—though it wasn't dark, what with light from the corridor—till I reached my door with its "multiple" locks. I listened. "I've just had a heart attack," came a woman's voice faintly. And in heartrending tones she added, "I just know

that I'm dying!"

seemed so much like words. I followed her to the door. I phoned the doctor. I phoned the Fire Brigade. For I do please phone the crew," she said. "I'm glad I called the crew. And but for thinking telephone crew came very near getting me. I believe all should be in a vain effort to 'who for which the been the most obvious. I'm ungracious can be the undying 'dying' only I'd realized that span of life is too that a man's Yours very truly, VICKIE

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