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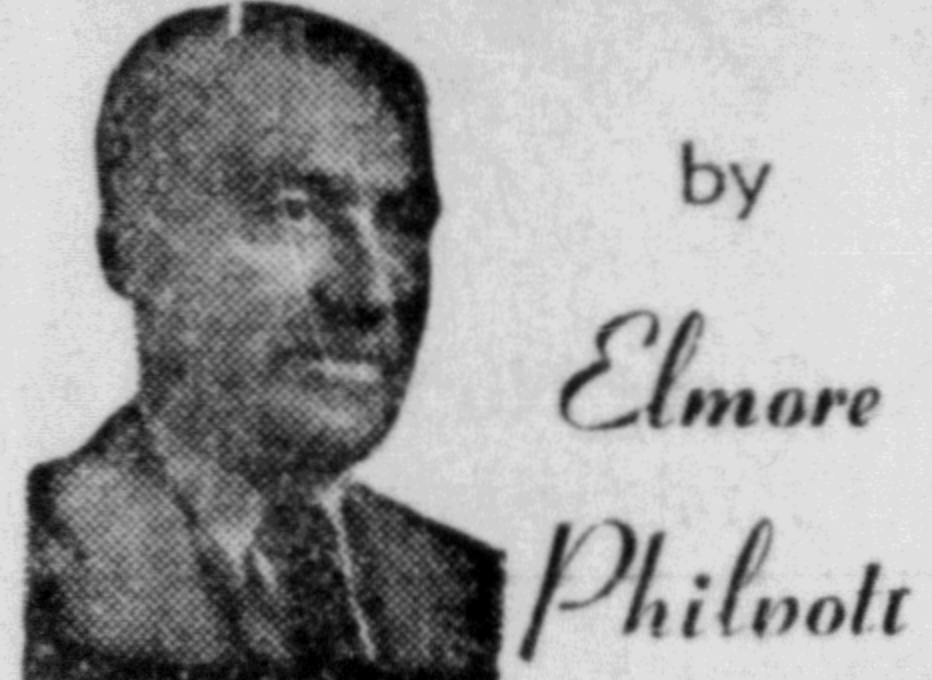
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As I See It



by Elmore Philboott

P.M. in India

PRIME Minister St. Laurent has scored a marked success in India on one point.

He has stated, in the most clear-cut terms, that Canada has no fear of "American imperialism."

Even on the ticklish question of American aid to Pakistan our Prime Minister has been forthright.

While Mr. St. Laurent's trip has been a marked success in this one respect, it cannot be said that it has so far succeeded so well in North America.

The Montreal Gazette recently expressed the glaring misunderstanding of the main purpose behind our PM's trip in a truly absurd cartoon.

The cartoon shows our Prime Minister holding out a huge rifle and bayonet and trying to convince a reluctant looking gentleman, with folded arms, marked "Neutral Nehru," that "it isn't enough just to hope that lightning won't strike."

The intention of the cartoon was no doubt good enough. But if the Communists in India are as cunning as they are in every other country they could not do better than to reprint thousands of copies of that picture to suggest to the impoverished people of India that the purpose of our Prime Minister's trip was to sign up an important country for another white man's war.

The Indian who saw that he had the opportunity of reading the full edition of the Montreal Gazette (February 24), which on another page carried a cable from India beginning:

"NEW DELHI, February 23 @ —Prime Minister St. Laurent, in his speech to the Parliament of India, said today: Canada does not question India's policy of steering a middle path between the western powers and the Communist world."

I MYSELF have heard the Prime Minister of India explain India's world position time and time again.

What I heard him say, both in the Parliament of India and to vast masses of the people of India, was that India believes the automatic lining up with one or other of the two rival world blocs would have the effect—not of stopping war between them—but of making it much more probable.

IF THE PRESENT regime in India should fall, Communism would not need to sweep in from Russia or China.

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SLIGHT CHANCE OF A RESURRECTION—By Robert W. Chambers in Halifax Herald.

Bank Letter Stresses Importance Of American Pulp, Paper Market

MONTREAL—The importance of the United States market in determining the continued prosperity of the Canadian pulp and paper industry, is stressed by the Bank of Montreal in the February issue of its Business Review, released today.

Pointing out that it is in newsprint where the industry scores over the rest of the 32 countries which produce it, the review notes that the U.S., Canada's biggest customer, absorbs more than all the rest of the world, and last year took 85 per cent of Canada's exports.

The U. S., it points out, uses 76.3 pounds of newsprint per capita annually, compared to 51.1 pounds in Canada, 32.2 in the U. K., and 4 in India.

It has been estimated that one half of the world's people use an average of less than five pounds per year, which leads the review to assume that an increase in literacy and living standards could produce "an enormous expansion in demand and would, in fact, require large additional sources of supply."

The review does caution that it would hardly be justifiable to assume that the trend of production in the past years, moving from a condition of short supply to a state of equilibrium, will serve as a gauge of growth for the years to come.

Contributing to the industry's magnitude and success are the size and availability of suitable wood resources, the presence in large volume of clean water for the manufacturing process, the plentiful and convenient supply of hydro-electric power, and the proximity of the U. S. market for the major products.

DEMANDS INCREASING The review goes on to give a detailed breakdown of the annual average disappearance of wood from the forests between 1940 and 1949, and points out that while demands are increasing, it has been held that by close regulation, supervision and co-operation between governments and industry, by use of more types of available wood and by persistent efforts to minimize hazards, Canadian forests can support forest industries at their present levels indefinitely, and even allow a considerable degree of expansion.

Taking a glimpse at the provinces, the review records that Quebec leads the industry, having produced 49 per cent of all Canadian paper in 1952, Ontario, which in the same year produced 27 per cent, is second, and British Columbia (eight per cent), third.

The review concludes: "Because of proximity, if for no other reason, the near-term future of Canadian pulp and paper is likely to be determined primarily by trends of demand in the United States. Even if per capita consumption should tend to level out, increasing population could lower the standard in that country alone sufficiently to provide a further stimulus to the Canadian industry."

Phone Company Profits Rise

VANCOUVER (CP)—Net profit of the British Columbia Telephone Company for 1953 came to \$2,542,056, an increase of more than \$800,000 over 1952, the company said in its 62nd annual report last Friday.

The 1952 net profit was \$1,714,044. The company added \$325,534 to the surplus account after paying dividends and appropriations for reserves.

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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Life doesn't consist in what a man possesses, but in what possesses him.—Galt Reporter.

Henry Green, convicted murderer of Atlanta (Georgia), has been granted a 20-day stay of execution. This, it is officially announced, is because he can recover from a hernia operation before he is hanged.

It isn't true that every man has a price. And it's certainly untrue that every woman has a figure.

They do say the reason its called take home pay is because you can't do anything else with the darned stuff.

March did not come in like a lion. Why pick on the poor brute?

Canada May Ship Atomic Fuels Around World

PORT ARTHUR, Ont. (CP)—Canada's atomic power chief has taken a look into the future and came up with two long-range forecasts.

William J. Bennett, president of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., says uranium-rich Canada some day may be shipping atomic fuels to other countries to operate their atomic power plants.

Mr. Bennett, in an address to the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, said atomic energy for peacetime purposes will play a major role in promoting peace and combating communism in underdeveloped countries.

He suggested the goal could be reached through implementation of President Eisenhower's plan to pool the atomic energy resources of world powers.

CONSIDER FUTURE "If a way can be found to implement the Eisenhower plan we will have to look beyond our needs, when we consider the future of our Canadian atomic energy program," he said.

"Certainly we will have an important contribution to make from our fund of technical experience. It is also probable that the fuels for atomic power plants, it is not beyond the realm of possibility that we may even export package power plants."

Hear TED APPLEWHAITE Report on the PRINCE RUPERT DRYDOCK & SHIPYARD over CFPR TONIGHT 6:45 P.M. SKEENA LIBERAL FEDERAL ASSOCIATION

Let's Have Vancouver's Nerve

HOW important an airport is to a city these days may be judged from the fact that Vancouver is now after its second.

Its ambitions are by no means modest. Built on tidal flats, the airport would require a vast system of breakwaters and extensive landfilling operations.

Vancouver's bold approach is a lesson to those here who mutter fearfully about the difficulties of putting an airport on Digby Island.

No doubt any additional flying space in the Vancouver area would be intended primarily for private planes and other small operations which tend to interfere with the important commercial traffic.

If Vancouver gets a spanking new airport on Spanish Banks to serve its amateur fliers, we are going to be poor relatives indeed as we trudge through the bush to climb aboard our jitney-service helicopter.

As Others See Us

CANADIANS will be interested to learn the truth about their country as affirmed by no less an authority than the Soviet Encyclopedia, an official publication of the Soviet government of Russia.

The "true state of affairs" in Canada, says the encyclopedia, is that "the rights of Canadian citizens are grossly broken up by police repression directed mainly against workers and progressives."

It proceeds: "Included in the British Empire, Canada is in fact in considerably greater dependence on the monopolists of the United States. The system of government reproduces the most reactionary features of the state order of the United States and England. The Canadian senate is a most reactionary institution consisting of representatives of big capital. Election rights are based on racial, religious and property discrimination. Very often most important state decisions are taken by the Canadian prime minister and cabinet without prior consultation with the house of commons, which later gives formal sanction."

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

No less than 462 applications for divorce have been filed so far this session with Parliament. That is an all-time record figure. Last year's total was 282.

The situation constitutes one of Parliament Hill's minor mysteries. So far no one has come up with a satisfactory explanation of the year's sudden jump in the statistics of marital disasters.

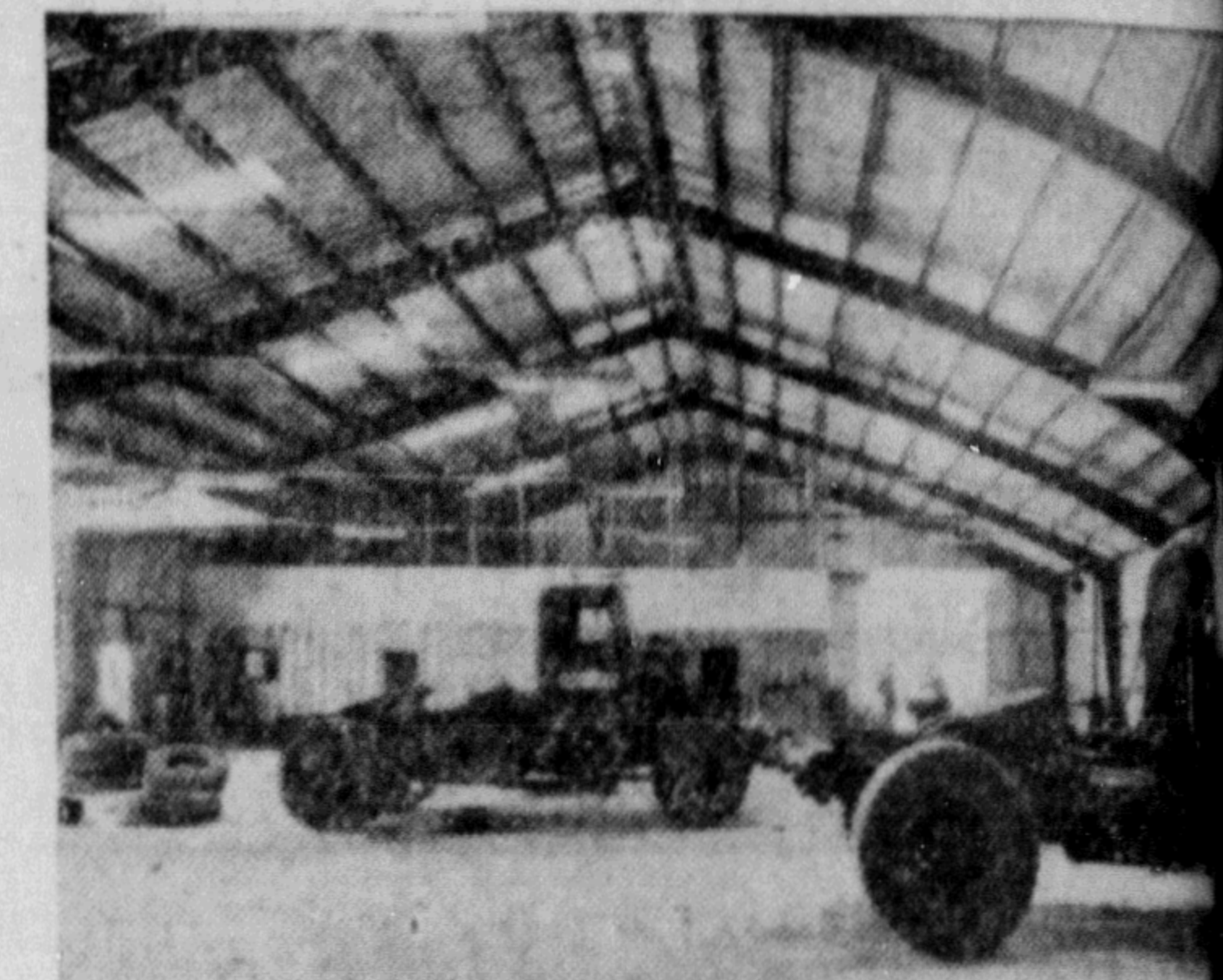
Normally the peak of divorce in Canada has occurred in the past after periods of war. Absence of husbands on prolonged periods of overseas service apparently imposes too great a strain on many marriage ties.

Incidentally, the Senate Committee which sits upon the divorce applications to Parliament is being watched this year with unusual interest. The reason is the presence on the committee, for the first time since Confederation, of a woman member.

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A WHISKY OF TASTE Corby's ROYAL RESERVE WHISKY

The Gnat and the Bull A GNAT alighted on one of the horns of a Bull, and remained sitting there for a considerable time. When it had rested sufficiently and was about to fly away, it said to the Bull, "Do you mind if I go now?" The Bull merely raised his eyes and remarked, without interest, "It's all one to me; I didn't notice when you came, and I shan't know when you go away." MORAL: A person of substance isn't easily bothered by trifles. That's why so many substantial citizens from coast to coast maintain savings accounts with The Canadian Bank of Commerce. Why not follow their example? Open a savings account with our nearest branch today... add to it regularly... and as your balance grows, you, too, will be able to ignore little worries and enjoy life more. Illustration by Arthur Rackham, from the Heinemann Edition of Aesop's Fables.



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