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A Losing Proposition

ONE of the features of the herring strike which makes progress so difficult is that both operators and fishermen are entirely on their own in their efforts to reach a settlement. There is little, if any, chance that outside help will come to their rescue.

In the first place, there is no apparent legal means by which arbitration can be introduced. Although the Fisheries Act does make it possible to implement the compulsory legislation proposed by union leaders, such arbitration would apply only to those operators who are licensed to catch and pack herring in the season in question. As only one company has taken out a license this season, there is no point in approaching the problem from that direction.

There is no way the provincial government can force arbitration on operators merely because they have packed herring in the past or because they expect to do so in the future. Moreover, serious though the present dispute is, the government would be ill-advised to adopt a practice of arbitrating every time a disagreement arose between a commercial buyer and a commercial seller. The calls upon it would be endless and it would find itself hopelessly ensnared in the affairs of individual business concerns.

The proposal that the federal government save the situation by subsidizing the fishing industry also runs into trouble. If the industry were threatened with collapse by conditions beyond its control, the plan not only would have merit but would become a national obligation.

Circumstances of the herring strike, however, do not embrace any danger of this kind. The difficulty has been caused wholly by a condition in which a product is pricing itself out of the market. In the case of herring, the price of the operators' product has dropped about two-thirds in the world market. Yet the industry is being called upon to sustain a level of earnings which are already far higher than the wages earned by the average Canadian.

The whole edifice is, in short, artificial. A government which encouraged it to remain so would receive few thanks from the taxpayers, and particularly from those whose own wages are far below those of the fishing industry.

Since the solution lies completely with the parties involved, they gain nothing by standing apart as far and as long as possible. Nobody is going to lead them by hand towards a truce. Nobody is going to help them and, at the same time, nobody is going to force them to do anything they do not wish to do. Their loss is shared by the public, but theirs is the greater part of it.

Perhaps the adamant stand being taken is proving something, but at the moment we cannot see just what—and we doubt that the families concerned can see either.

CHINESE REDS CLOSE DOWN LAST ENGLISH NEWSPAPER

HONG KONG (Reuters)—Communists China has closed its last English-language daily newspaper the Shanghai News, a semi-official Communist organ.
An advertisement announcing its end appeared in the Shanghai paper today.

Dr. Nunn May Wants Chance For New Start

LONDON (CP)—Dr. Alan Nunn May, hunted by reporters since his release from Wakefield prison, has issued a statement saying he thinks he "acted rightly" when he gave atomic secrets to Russia during the Second World War.

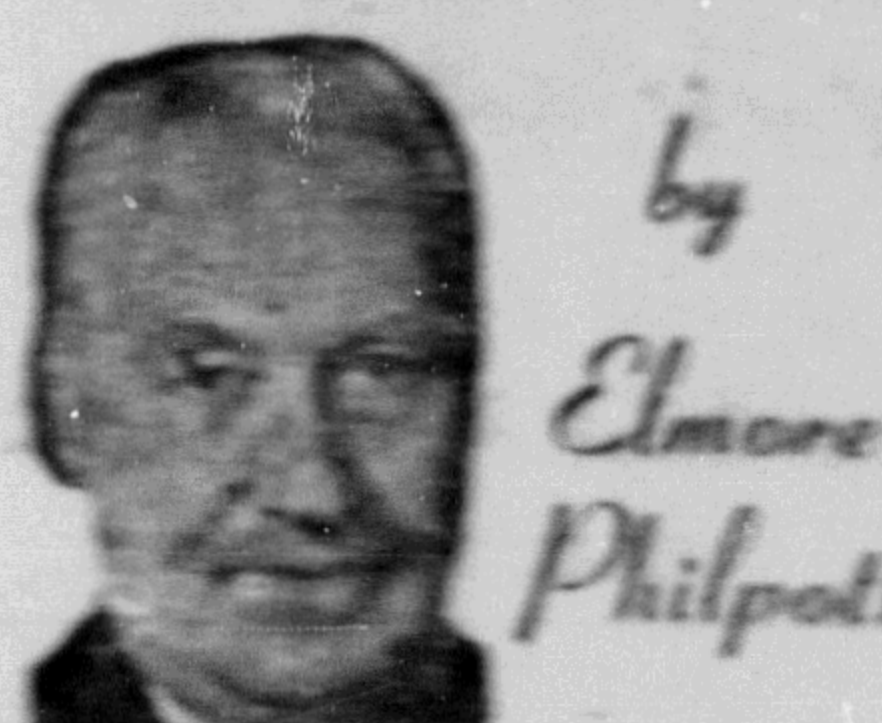
The signed typewritten statement was handed out by one of the reporters stationed outside the home of Nunn May's brother Ralph at Chalfont St. Peter, near London.

Nunn May's sister-in-law gave the reporter the statement. The scientist himself did not appear. The sister-in-law said she typed the statement while Nunn May dictated.

"I was shocked to see how swayed out and ill he looked," she said. "He must have had a terrible time of mental strain and worry during his imprisonment. He looks years older than his age—41. My husband and I have our duty to care for him."

Explaining why he thinks he

As I See It



Harry Cassidy Fund

IF I WERE ASKED to list people born in B.C. who had done the most to make this old world a better place to live in, I would surely name the late Harry M. Cassidy as one.

Harry Cassidy was one of my own closest friends, so it is difficult to write with detached impartiality about him. But, steering myself not to be unduly influenced thereby, I honestly think that Harry Cassidy did more than any other single individual of our times to bring the truly scientific method to bear on the social welfare problems of this nation.

If it is true—and it is—that Canada has evolved one of the most intelligent and sane social welfare set-ups in operation in the whole world today, that fact is due in no small part to Harry Cassidy.

HARRY CASSIDY was a teacher par excellence and it was probably as a teacher at our universities that he left his most lasting mark. He had that priceless gift of the born teacher—the way that not only to train the mind of his pupils, but also able to bring from his intensest spirit to set adrift even the least readily inflammable of these human beings.

He was a shining example of the truth that far good results you need not only clear thinking to devise the right methods of action. But you need enlightened men and dedicated women to apply that thinking through those methods, or your whole program is as meaningless as dead stone.

HARRY CASSIDY had a religious sense of humor. He himself would be the first to see the joke. The irony of the fact that he should have become most famous for his last few days of life than for the full half-century he had lived and worked among men.

"The Last Days of Harry Cassidy" have been immortalized in the new famous Maclean's magazine article by Jean Campbell. But why? Simply because a fine writer, or told the factual story of how a great Canadian social scientist, knowing that he had only a few more days to live, tried out those last few days and left a tiny desk with all unfinished business in good hands.

THEY ARE setting up a fund as a memorial for Harry Cassidy. It is in the kind of fund that Harry himself would have approved. In fact, you might say, the fund is to defray the cost of raising a baby which Harry himself fathered. It is a ten year project to do research at the level where it needs doing most. Dr. Cassidy's lifetime of experience as a teacher, social worker, and government administrator had convinced him that vast sums of money were being wasted in day-to-day operation of welfare services because of inadequate knowledge further back, and higher-up. He believed prevention was better than cure. This fund is designed to save taxpayers money and to save human beings unnecessary misery.

Dr. A. E. Gruener, President of the B.C. Electric Co. of Vancouver, is national chairman of the fund and cheques should be sent to him, payable to the Harry M. Cassidy Memorial Research Fund.

did the right thing, Nunn May's statement said:
"I was wholeheartedly concerned with securing victory over Nazi Germany and Japan and the furtherance of the development of the peaceful uses of atomic energy."

"ACTED RIGHTLY"
"I myself think I acted rightly and I believe many others think so too. To those who think I did wrong I would like to point out that I have suffered the punishment which was inflicted on me by the law and I hope I shall now be entitled to at least the consideration normally granted to released convicts: an opportunity to restart life."

Nunn May was arrested in London in 1946 soon after his return from Canada where he worked with British scientists on the Canadian atomic research program.

Evidence seized in the exposure of Canada's spy ring identified him as the myster-



ARTIST'S DEDICATION—Mr. Jose Vela Zanetti, who is the Director of the National School of Fine Arts in the Dominican Republic, is currently painting a mural on the third floor lobby of the United Nations Conference Building. Mr. Vela Zanetti is dedicating his gift, made possible through a Guggenheim Fellowship, toward international understanding. The Spanish-born artist is shown at work on the painting which will depict, on a paved wall space 40 feet long and 14 feet high, the struggle of mankind against all enslavements.

Report From...

Parliament Hill

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

Two days ago I found one of those lapel-labels they give you at conventions with your name and address on. I also found that this one, given to me at the first annual meeting of the B.C. Chamber of Commerce, is just the right size to fit the name-plate slot at our apartment.

As it says in black capital letters: EDWARD T. APPLEWHITE, M.P. PRINCE RUPERT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. You will understand what has happened if someone claims that the office of the Prince Rupert Chamber is in the Burnaby Apartments, Ottawa. At that I think it pays to advertise.

Any one interested in foreign trade, particularly Trans-Pacific trade would be well advised to get the December 21 issue of "Foreign Trade" published by the Department of Trade and Commerce, in which they present reports on business conditions in 22 countries in Asia and Africa.

Before attempting to get the information it would be possible to obtain up-to-date, informative reports on 22 countries as far as Africa. With reluctance, they asked the newly appointed trade officer at Beirut for reports on Lebanon, Syria and Iraq when he had barely settled in. They got them.

As the Ottawa office studied all the various reports, the picture gradually took shape. They modestly state that they present this Asia-Africa book, Canada's contribution to the knowledge of the world, is the result of the information on some of the territories covered, but it is nevertheless a most useful little volume.

It is most interesting to me to read of the busy going through the Prince Rupert elevator to South Korea. It is rather hard to think that all our efforts to get this elevator in operation have resulted, not only in business for Prince Rupert's port, and for the Southern Division of the CNR, but have resulted also in some slight measure of help to the unfortunate people of South Korea. I saw just a little of conditions there, and anything that will help at all is very much worth while.

On Dec. 25, Ottawa's Parliamentary Press Gallery bestowed an honorary life membership on Mrs. Evelyn Tufts of the Halifax Chronicle-Herald. The same evening, in Winnipeg, a complimentary dinner was given to Mrs. Miriam Green Hills, who is retiring from her post as western editor of the Family Herald and Weekly Star.

Evelyn Tufts, of the deceptive Billie Burkhart manner and the marvelous wit, is one of the ablest newspaper correspondents in Canada. The Ottawa Morning Citizen says:
"These two occasions are a reminder of the past, when Canadian women in an editorial, and at the editorial desk, were no longer a rarity to see a woman score conspicuous success in the business and professional world in general."

THE board estimates the number of persons killed in private flying during the year at between 600 and 650, compared with 700 in 1951.
The Defence Department says its figures on military air accidents, deaths, domestic and foreign, are secret.

30 Years Ago Today
Mayor Rochester today welcomed three City Hall officials for not putting into effect the eight-hour day instead of the seven-hour day previously in force.

20 Years Ago Today
A four-pound T-bone roast and a pound of tea was available in stores for a total price of 75 cents. Two pounds of sliced bacon sold for 35 cents.

10 Years Ago Today
T. W. S. Parsons, commissioner of the B.C. Police, will be asked to provide an 11-man force to police the city at a cost of \$14,506 annually.
Due to lack of sleeping accommodation in Prince Rupert, three men bedded down in the Civic Reading Room overnight.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Confidential over-the-shoulder look at the New Year's resolutions of some of the Cabinet Ministers and more prominent Ottawa politicians.

Prime Minister L. S. St. Laurent: "I will NOT be too hasty about calling a general election. I WON'T take advantage of the 'new' while they are confused by the Currie report."

External Affairs Minister L. B. (Mike) Pearson: "I will NOT wear a bow tie to the Commonwealth."

Finance Minister Douglas Abbott: "I will solicit the best public relations advice I can procure as I certainly need it. I may even reduce taxes in my next budget."
"Defence Minister Brooke Claxton: "I will NOT name Montreal Auditor George Currie as my campaign chairman when the general election comes round."

PC Leader George Drew: "I will NOT pattern myself after President-elect Eisenhower and appoint any liberals to my Cabinet when I come one—which won't be long now, I hope."

Bilingual Donald M. Fleming (PC, Toronto-Ridings): "I will NOT deliver any speeches in French to my Toronto constituents."

John Diefenbaker (PC, Laurier): "I will NOT seek the post of Tory Leader in Saskatchewan."

Jean Francois Pouliot (Liberal, Terrebonne): "I will accept appointment to the Senate—if I am offered it."

CHURCHILL VISIT

One of the chief subjects of speculation in the Capital over the New Year's week-end is the role—if any—which Canada is to have in the imminent Churchill-Eisenhower talks.

So far no communication has been addressed to the government here on the subject. The situation could be that the discussions between the two leaders—both the informal ones before the President-elect's inauguration and the more formal ones after—will be simply a direct exchange of views between the two heads of governments, with no third party intervention.

That would be a return to pre-war practice and a departure from the custom which grew up during World War II whereby the Canadian Prime Minister used to be called down to Washington before any talks between the British Prime Minister and the President were concluded. On the rare occasions when such practice wasn't followed, the British Prime Minister would normally be directed to Ottawa by his war home and report to the Cabinet here on his Washington discussions.

There is no assurance that either of these courses is going to be followed in the present instance. A new era of direct Churchill-Eisenhower co-operation may be opening up instead.

The first overland journey around the world was made by Sir George Simpson, Canadian statesman and explorer, in 1841.

1000 Die in U.S. Planes During 1952

WASHINGTON (AP)—Airplane accidents took the lives of almost 1,000 civilians and hundreds of military personnel in the United States last year.

The civilian toll was less than in 1951, but the military loss may have been greater.

The Civil Aeronautics Board places at 245 the number of persons killed in commercial transport operations—scheduled, non-scheduled and cargo air lines—390 passengers, 36 crew members and 18 persons on the ground.

The comparative total for commercial operations in 1951 was 228 deaths.

The board estimates the number of persons killed in private flying during the year at between 600 and 650, compared with 700 in 1951.

The Defence Department says its figures on military air accidents, deaths, domestic and foreign, are secret.



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Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

The radio reported snow in Florida and Alabama last night. Had it been on the job it could also have reported no snow, no ice, a full moon and a temperature like October way up in Prince Rupert 4000 miles north.

The way to avoid alcers, an expert says, is to develop power of mind. And worrying how to obtain the latter will give you alcers.

Financial aid is being asked in Prince Rupert. They mean it, too. For there come times when something cooking sounds more attractive than something pasted.

Bones of contention are responsible for most of the world's wars. General Eisenhower, returning from Korea, never said it, but he might have, and pronounced a great truth.

NOT QUITE
What a difference there is between the right word and the word that is almost right. For example you can call a woman a kitten, but not a cat; a chicken, but not a hen; a victim, but not a sight.

Spending the holiday season in or around Prince Rupert will be cheerfully described by manifold and critical visitors now returning.

Winston Churchill, away and weather in mid Atlantic last week, and with many other passengers all sat down to a Dover sole breakfast, and only do a thing to it. Or to a cigar either.

SO NOW WE KNOW!
Predictions concerning the end of the winter continue. All similar. However any winter will be tough or not tough. (Jan. 5, February 15, 3).

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