

Action For Cow Bay Floats

IT IS welcome news that action at last has come to the Cow Bay floats. Although it is late for the current season, the uncertainties have been so numerous that it is a joy to see them disappear no matter what the timing.

The concern aroused by condition of the floats is proof again that anything affecting the operation of our fishing industry has a reaction directly or indirectly on most of the city. Although Prince Rupert is not so exclusively the fishing port it used to be, the men who make their living from the sea still count for a vital part of our economy. If their needs are neglected, the city as a whole is going to feel it.

While the Cow Bay floats have gone unattended for too long a time, it is probably not fair to place all the blame—or even most of it—on the federal government. When the floats were damaged by storm they were the property of the provincial government. Consequently the responsibility for at least temporary repairs should have been borne by Victoria.

In any transaction there is a natural reluctance to accept damaged goods, but apparently the provincial government was not disturbed by this. Evidently it considered eagerness a better policy than direct action.

It is hoped the Cow Bay floats will be handled with more respect by their new owners.

Alaskan Comment on Power

SINCE Alaska, with its wonderful water power facilities, will play an important part in the aluminum industry of the future, some figures released from Portland, Oregon, by Standard Research institute ought to prove interesting.

It said that already more than 85,000 northwesterners owe their livelihood directly or indirectly to the aluminum industry.

It is claimed this industry in the northwest now amounts to a total of 292 million dollars.

Carleton Green, a researcher, said, "Looking into the future, the study estimates that the northwest will have a population of about 6,250,000 by 1963 . . . compared with 4,676,000 in 1959 . . . power has been a major factor in the region's unusually rapid rate of economic development."

He said there is a lot of power yet to be developed.

What Mr. Green said is true and he might have added that there is more potential water power in Alaska than in all the northwestern states. What are we waiting for?

—Ketchikan Alaska Chronicle.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Short visits make long friends.

TEEMING WITH FOOD

Mr. Ferguson, speaking in Hansard: On every hand we have abundance of everything. We do not know how to dispose of our abundance of wheat. Ontario is teeming with foodstuffs. Our cattle are standing up to their knees in lush pasture. Beef has dropped 35 per cent. People are unemployed across Canada. Shipyards are closed down. Let us pray to God that what we are seeing now is not a repetition of the 30's. What is the cause of all this? Let us give some of our surplus to a starving world.

A hotel in Jackson, Miss., advertises: "Convenient to everything, including better hotels."

Why is it folks who want to leave parties early, and the folks who don't are always married to each other?—Kitchener Record.

OTHER TROUT

Of course, we're going to hear a lot about British Columbia's trout before long, because this is vacation season. Yet, one can become a bit weary of home and all that. Ever go in the Andes? Rainbows are said to flourish there. They can overtake the fastest fish in the Rockies, and enjoy them for breakfast.

Overheard outside a movie house: We want to see that picture called "From Here to Maturity."

Provincial authorities are reported to be making plans, becoming effective in 1965, to make

grade crossings less dangerous. This is a matter that may possibly widen to embrace the Dominion. There are tens of thousands of grade crossings, and not one can be said to be free of death, danger or damage.

BACK IN BYTOWN

Said Churchill, leaving Washington for Ottawa, after conferences with Eisenhower: "War? The thought is terrible. We must have co-existence. Can there be victory? Yes, save victory on a heap of ruins."

Canada's longest and dullest session of parliament concluded less than a week ago. It was generally agreed to be a fact, without any accompanying statement that could be called an explanation. And this reminds us that Canada's capital city will soon be approaching its 100th birthday. Already, many historic pictures are in circulation. You just can't imagine what Bytown looked like in 1853.

There remains a strong feeling that cigarette smoke has no business whatever with the lungs, but that, for present purposes, is neither here nor there. Meanwhile, further study and investigation must continue in the general war against cancer. And as for cigarettes, men and women everywhere appear to be finding the same, good old enjoyment.

Why is it that most people would rather have their way about things than be happy.—Sudbury Star.

As I See It



by Elmore Philboot

Blankee—Go Home

HERE in Vancouver we have just voted to re-open our stores on Wednesdays.

We are all out for the fast buck, of course, and want to drag in more of those dollars. Anybody in Vancouver who chalked up a sign "Yankee—Go Home" would be likely to be picked up by two men in white Essondale hospital uniforms.

It seems hard for us in Canada to realize that we are one of the few countries left in all the world where there is no strong move afoot to chase foreigners home.

All across eastern Europe people yearn for the day when the Russian Red armies will be swept back in Russia. A good many people in those countries would gladly give up their own lives to speed the day of the liberation of their homelands. But the sentiment is not confined to the other side of that ill-famed Iron Curtain.

In western Europe are many chalked up signs "Yankee Go Home" or "Aml Go Home." In my own visits to Europe for instance, I have seen vast numbers of these slogans. I have also learned that there would be many times more of those slogans but for the fact that the Germans, Italians and French know very well that if the Americans did go out the wrong way, the Russians would be coming in. As between an American and Russian occupation it does not take most Europeans long to make up their minds.

BUT consider these facts. The last few years of British imperial rule in India were symbolized by two mighty words "Quit India."

Persia almost literally killed the goose that laid the golden egg when she chased out the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, at the cost of a terrible economic consequence to herself. Egypt had already exploded once or twice to get the British out of her country. She ticks away now like a time bomb. The Dutch got out in time from Indonesia. The French did not get out in time from Indo-China—and they show few signs, to date, or a much more timely and enlightened policy in North Africa.

WE ARE living in times of great change—much of which is good and all of which is inevitable, because it is necessary.

But I hate to see our good neighbors, the Americans, raise the boom-rang slogan at UN of "America For the Americans." That sentiment is now raging like a forest fire in so many parts of the world already that I just don't think it is good business, for the Americans, of all people, to raise it, re Guatemala.

For the natural answer to the cry "America For the Americans" is "Asia For the Asians" "Africa For the Africans."

So don't the world has to go through this stage of chasing out the foreign intruder.

But as fate has decreed that the USA must do most of the job of building One World, if it is to be based on western-style freedom, it seems like poor tactics for Uncle Sam to raise the cry "Blankee—Go Home."

Report From PARLIAMENT By E. J. Applewhite,

Some of the changes in Veterans' Legislation made at this Session should be of interest to veterans in the Skeena District. Recipients of War Veterans Allowance who live on farms with the wider latitude now allowed under the heading of "farm income." Veterans who have adopted children will be glad to know that at last the Pension Act permits payment of pension on behalf of legally adopted children, which it did not do before. There has been an extension of the time limit for the use of re-establishment credits to January 1, 1960, or 15 years after discharge, whichever is the later; and December 31, 1954 has been fixed as the deadline for application for war service gratuities. The broadening of the Veterans Land Act is so extensive that I have no room here to cover it, but I have sent an outline to every branch of the Canadian Legion in Skeena.

From what I can gather here, great interest will be taken in the proposed helicopter service, Prince Rupert-Kitimat-Terrace.

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

When the post-Parliamentary Cabinet shuffle takes place—it may come almost any time now—real political tears will be shed amongst the PCs as well as among the Liberals over the retirement of Defence Minister Brooke Claxton.

The PCs have always regarded Claxton as the Minister in the Cabinet most vulnerable to attack. And because he is a modest fellow and patient rather than truculent in Parliament, they consistently have underestimated him. They will be sorry to see him disappear, as they regarded him as one of the definitely weak chinks in the Liberal Cabinet armor.

The Liberals, on the other hand, have looked upon Hon. Brooke as one of their most effective key figures. The late Colonel Layton Ralston was recognized as essentially a soldier's Defence Minister. When he retired at the height of the conscription controversy in the late war, rank-and-file Liberals never hoped to find another like him. But their luck held, whether or not they deserved it, and Hon. Brooke landed in the post. As a Defence Minister he has won more popularity with the armed forces than probably any of his predecessors.

With close to 120,000 persons now enrolled in the armed forces, the political strength which the three services represent is fairly obvious. And a Defence Minister who can command a loyalty that expresses itself in the polling booth at election time is a real ace-in-the-hole for any government. Hon. Brooke has been that sort of a Defence Minister.

The moral of the open record of the Claxton performance is that it is the tears of the Liberals that are warranted over the Claxton retirement. The PCs

Vancouver Starts Decking Streets

VANCOUVER — Visitors to the British Empire Games here starting July 30 will see a city bedecked with flags. The city is putting up 5,000 union jacks on all main streets, and residents will add thousands of their own.

if, of course, their application to the Air Transport Board is successful. This I believe will be certainly the longest, if not the first, scheduled helicopter service on this continent, although I understand several are in operation in Europe and several are being considered in North America. It is assumed that if this service is inaugurated helicopter-men and aviation people from many parts will be in attendance at the inauguration.

There seems to be no reason whatever to believe that this service will prove detrimental to the airport project—it may demonstrate very vividly the need for fixed-wing air transport. In any event the airport project, which there is a real revival of interest, could not, under most favorable circumstances, be completed for at least two to three years, and this service would help fill that time gap. Incidentally, I should mention here the excellent work being done by the Airport Committee, not only on the practical side, but also in proving to all and sundry, how real and genuine is

local interest in the project. With respect to the helicopter service the present position is that Okanagan Helicopters Limited (the firm which supplied helicopter service at Kitimat and Kemano) has its application before the Air Transport Board. If the application is granted Prince Rupert will definitely be the first Canadian city served by regular helicopter passenger service.

As this Session draws to a close there is an uneasy feeling in the air caused largely, I think, by the fear that Red tactics are meeting with some success in trying to drive a wedge between Britain, the United States and France. Never was there a greater need for restraint on everyone's part in reference to the alleged shortcomings of our NATO partners. Together the nations of NATO can withstand and overcome attack from any quarter. But if we don't stand solidly together we can not do so.

Pierre Mendes-France is the

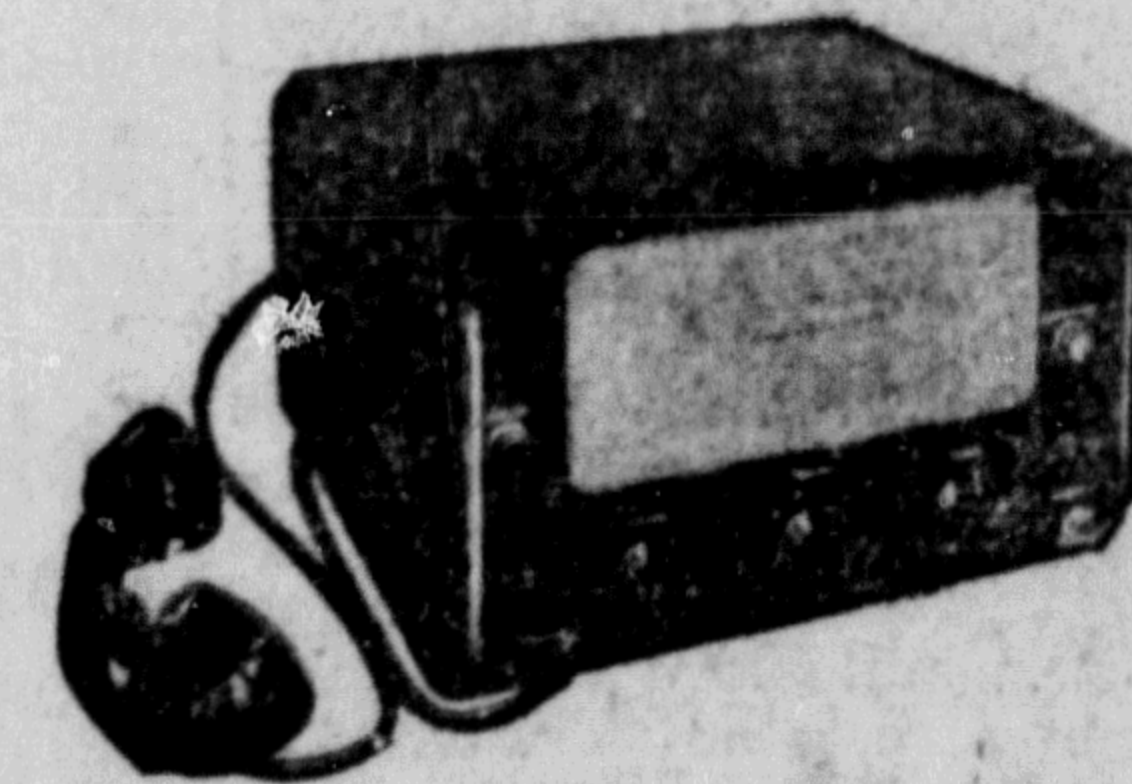
new French Premier, confirmed by a swift and emphatic vote in the National Assembly. There will undoubtedly be disagreement outside France with the conclusions which French parliamentarians have drawn from M. Bidault's failure at Geneva, but the nation has certainly pulled itself together. Mendes-France has long been a vigorous and effective critic of French policy in the Far East; urging negotiations with Ho Chi Minh, leader of the Indo-Chinese Communists, and opposing intervention by the United States in that area. On the issue of the European Defence Community, the new Premier has been less precise. That gives us all grave cause for worry but we must— we must—work out a solid international framework in Europe—and that, soon.

We here are a tired and weary crew. We've been sitting for eleven in the morning till nearly midnight trying to get home before all the summer has gone. I think the end is in sight and that before these words are printed we shall have wound up the session. So this will be my last report for this session. My thanks and appreciation to the papers which have made it possible for me to send these rambling reports. See you soon.

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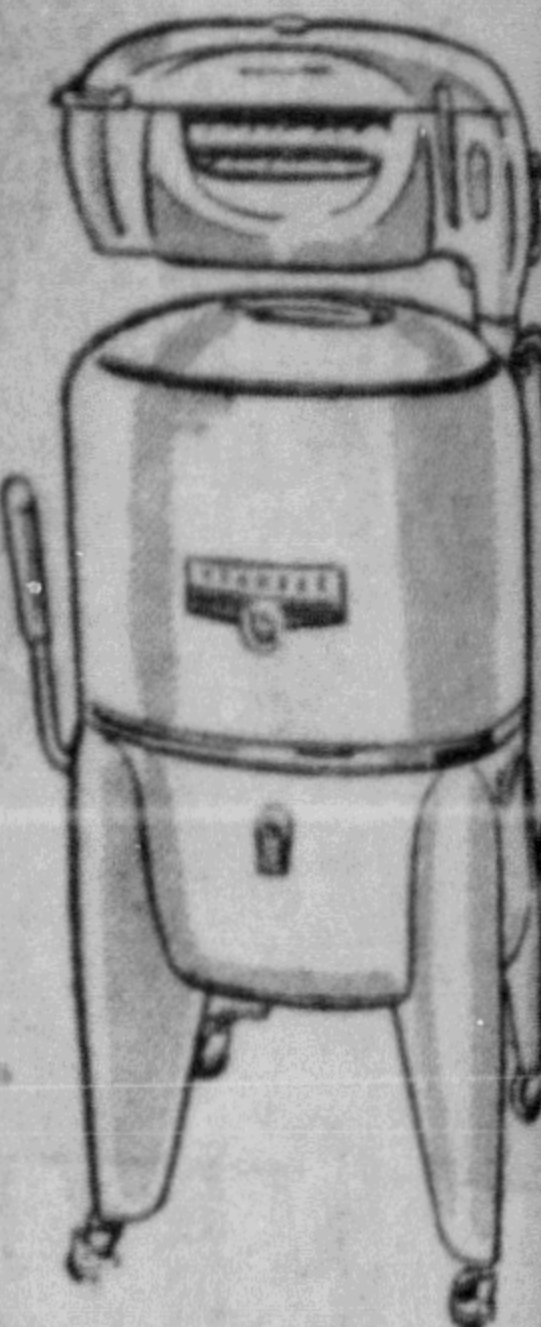
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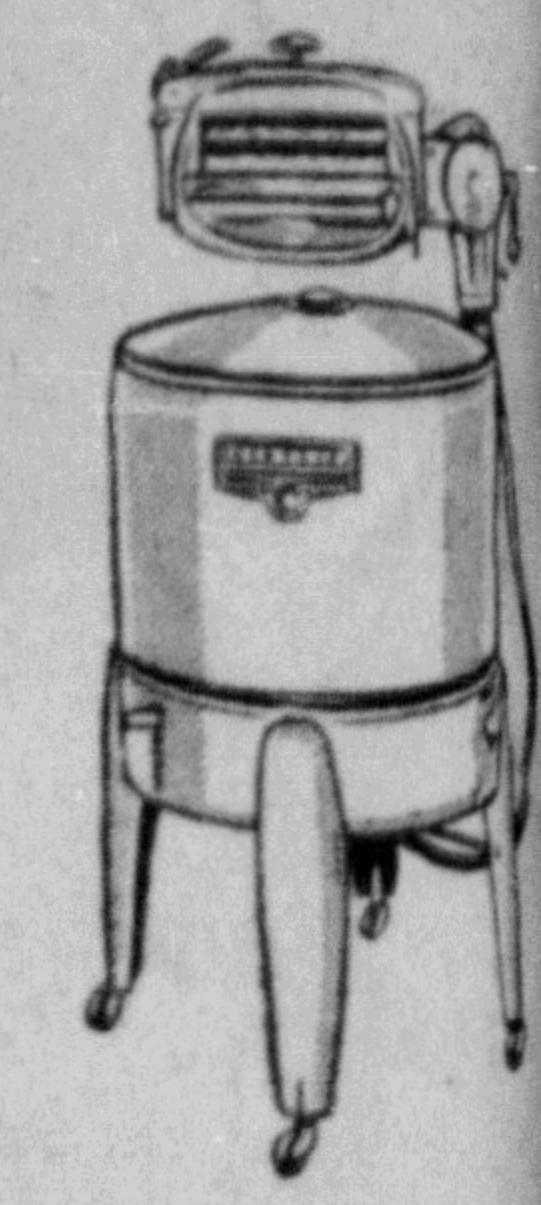
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