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An Airport Is Overdue

A DEFINITE measure of the growing importance of air transportation for the northwest area is seen in the fact that last year additional flights in this general region accounted for most of the increase of eight per cent in aircraft miles flown in Canada by Canadian Pacific Air Lines.

The Canadian Pacific annual report explains that operations were increased "to meet demands arising out of the quickening development of natural resources in British Columbia and the Yukon." The extra flights included more services out of Vancouver to Port Hardy, to Whitehorse, and to Prince Rupert. Recently the latter operation was augmented by an extension of the route beyond Terrace to include Smithers and Prince George.

It is to the credit of CPAL that its management has been alive to the requirements of this country and has done its best to meet them in spite of such disadvantages as the absence of an airport at Prince Rupert. Had it shown less interest, it is possible that the campaign for an airport here would have been seriously impeded.

Far from doing the minimum necessary to get by, however, CPAL has steadily built up the service and lately replaced its Dakotas with fast Consolidated Vultee Convairs.

The efforts of CPAL and other airlines to handle the traffic adequately cannot escape the attention of Ottawa authorities. No matter what improvements are made in other transportation services, the northwest will continue to need corresponding modernization of its facilities for air travel. If this is not forthcoming, much harm will be done to a part of Canada which, perhaps more than any other, holds promise of a development so great that it may alter the economic pattern of the whole country.

An airport here will be a big step in the right direction and one which, in fact, is already overdue. At present, for example, we must bear the mortification of being so poorly prepared for air travel that the CPAL "flight" between here and Terrace on the run to Prince George is actually made by limousine. It is a humble position for the largest municipality in the region to occupy. Moreover, the condition of the highway does not add to the illusion that one is really riding on air. But that, of course, is another matter.

In any case, it is gratifying to know that plans are in hand for the airport in question. It is hoped that these will materialize soon and that the time will come when we can with amusement look back on the present as a bad dream in which no one loved or even remembered us.

Scripture Passage for Today

"I am he that liveth, and was dead." Rev. 1:18

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

A fair percentage of the personal correspondence that lands on the desks of the M.P.'s these days concerns the recent changes in Soviet policy. Individuals in all parts of the nation are both curious and concerned to know the significance that should be attached to the change in the Moscow party line.

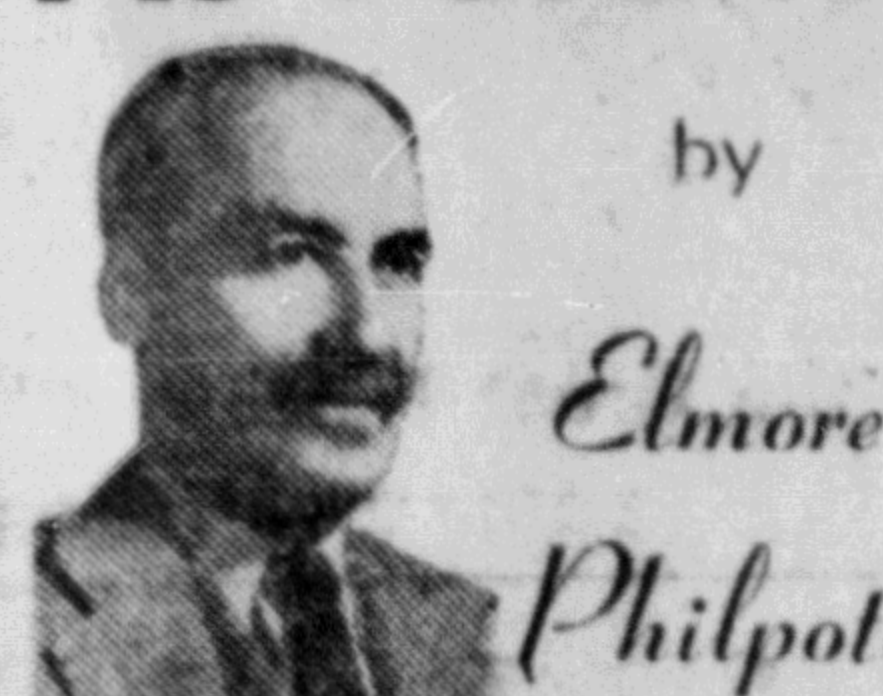
The M.P.'s wished they knew. They would like to be able to answer their correspondents in definite terms and preferably in terms of authoritative re-assurance. It would give them a warming feeling to be able to tell their constituents that the end is in sight of both the hot war in Korea and the cold war on the diplomatic front.

They hope that's the case. There's at least one theory that's fairly widely held in diplomatic circles here which supports such a view.

On this theory events connected with and arising out of Marshal Tito's recent visit to London offer the clue to the apparent switch of recent weeks in Soviet foreign policy. It seems clear that the Jugo-Slav dictator was highly successful on his mission to Britain. The Churchill government evidently responded with substantial assurance of

Long Duet
MAIDSTONE, England (CP) — Mrs. Hilda Clark and Percy Browne sang together 50 years ago at the first public concert of the Maidstone Choral Union. The two still held their places in March, singing the same music.

As I See It



North Pole of Peace

THE PAST few weeks have produced greater hope of peace than for years past.

The best news of all, is that the big powers have unanimously agreed on a practical Swedish peace-maker as the new Secretary General of UN. There is only one thing against him—his name is so hard to spell—Dag Hammarskjöld.

I have reasoned, ever since Malenkov made his sensational peace gesture to the west, that the acid test of Russian sincerity would be on UN.

If she wanted to keep the world all snarled up she would keep the UN snarled up—and the chance to do that would be on the election of the Secretary-General. But if she was willing really to make the UN work, as it was supposed to work, then she would agree to a really good man as Secretary General.

IN OUR own lifetime we have had striking proof of the profound truths taught by the Prince of Peace himself, in his sermon on the mount.

Gandhi the modern Wise Man from the East demonstrated better than anybody who previously lived, that the positive principles of social action taught by Jesus were not just pious platitudes, but keys to titanic human progress.

Later, in the case of India and Sweden, we have proof of the truth of the saying "Blessed are the peacemakers." Together they form a Peace Axis.

India and Sweden have annoyed some short-sighted power-politicians by refusing to line up, in advance, with either bloc. Had they done so—would the world be nearer to possible peace than it is? Or would the atomic war be on, now?

I cannot see how any realist can miss the truth.

Had there been no India and no Sweden in the mediating position it would have been a great deal more difficult to get the world as close to peace, as it is.

THE HISTORY of Sweden as a nation seems to me as inspiring as the life story of Gandhi. In the case of Gandhi, you can actually trace the growth of a great soul. You can see how one who began as a quite ordinary man let the power of God work in and through his heart. You can see him making small social victories, by his principle of Satyagraha, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Saint Paul said it could be done—but Gandhi actually did it.

You see him in the end scoring one of the mightiest political triumphs in all history—and doing it in such a way that not a single drop of blood was shed, by his will or wish.

SWEDEN seems to me to demonstrate national political evolution. The forefathers of the Swedes were as fierce and blood-careless as our own. Like ours, they grabbed what they could. Sweden was once a mighty imperial power—that is a nation governing large areas in other countries, held by sheer force.

But Sweden was one of the very first of modern nations to see the futility and iniquity of that. Sweden abandoned war "as an instrument of national policy long before that phrase was loosely bandied about. She did it willingly. Perhaps the last step on to the firm path of peace was when a family war threatened between the Swedes and their kinsmen the Norwegians. Some call it "the war that never came off." For farmers on both sides of the border made a secret pact "We won't fight. And we simply won't march over the border to invade the other fellow's land."

SWEDEN and India today are like the north and south poles of peace. This hell-bent, war-bent world might still be saved by such practical peacemakers.

Historic Mill
ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N.S. (CP) — A meeting of the historical association here heard a request for marking the site of the first grain mill in North America. Arthur Kelsall, president, said the mill established at LeQuille in 1606 also marked the first mechanized industry on this continent.

Quebec provided 97 per cent of all asbestos shipped from Canadian mines in 1952.



A CARE GOES INTO A BASKET for moving to a breeding pond in Indonesia, where fish culture in ponds is highly developed. A school of fish culture techniques will soon open a six-week long session at Djakarta in Indonesia for students from the Indo-Pacific area. The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization sponsors the training course to open new food possibilities for people of hungry lands.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

MORE HOWLERS

They don't grow anything in Kansas but Albaca grass and they have to irrigate that . . .

The equator is a menagerie lion running around the earth and through Africa.

NO MATTER, ANYWAY!

If Canadians were called Americans, which we are by continental fact, it could only confuse our nationality with that of the people of the U.S. We are Canadians because that is suitable and a matter of good taste.

MILESTONES

From the files of The Daily News

40 Years Ago Today

The Ladies Auxiliary to the General Hospital made more than \$600 at their annual bazaar.

In a race between the Prince George and the Princess Sophia from Prince Rupert to Vancouver, the Prince George won by over three hours.

30 Years Ago Today

K. Kimura of Portland, Oregon, is on a visit here looking into the possibility of making shipments of lumber and other commodities from this port to Japan.

Rev. Dr. H. R. Grant was elected new president of the Rotary Club with Dr. W. T. Kergin, vice-president; S. D. Johnston, secretary; George Rorie, treasurer; and Col. S. P. McMorris and D. C. McRae, executives.

20 Years Ago Today

Demands covering a wide range of grievances were made to the Government Agent, Norman A. Watt and Mayor M. M. Stephens when the unemployed marched to the city hall.

10 Years Ago Today

A committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce composed of W. J. Scott, Frank Skinner and Alex Mackenzie will meet the supervisor of postal services while he is in the city with a view to obtaining better local service.

LETTERBOX

CLEAN UP THE LOTS

The Editor,
The Daily News:
What is the matter with labor and its leaders in this town? How can the people who have the most to gain be content to live in this broken-down community and do nothing about it?

Just what is labor after in this town? Health, happiness and the pursuit of wealth, or just the latter?

They say but they do not—it would do well for some of these men to once more get out their Bible and let God lead them for a change. It is most certain the Lord never advocated they should live in such dismal surroundings and do nothing about it.

How about a little voluntary labor to clear up the brush-covered lots, etc. Union rules can be relaxed enough for that.

It makes me wonder just what union leaders are really interested in.

Let's have a little 'love thy neighbor' in unions.

How about following the Good Shepherd for a change?

John 10: Williams Trans:

"I most solemnly say to you, I am the door to the sheepfold myself. All who came as such before me are thieves and robbers, but the true sheep would not listen to them. I am the door myself. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will go out and find pasture."

"A thief does not come for any purpose but to steal and kill and destroy; I have come for people to have life and have it till it overflows."

EDWARD W. GREEN.

TRIBUTE TO QUEEN MARY

The Editor,
The Daily News:
Prime Minister Churchill said she looked like a Queen, and throughout her long life she acted like a Queen.

May her virtues be perpetual and everlasting in the memory of our race.

GEORGE B. CASEY.

American Soldiers May Declare They Don't Want To Return Home

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Communist "brain washers" may have so twisted the minds of some American soldiers captured in Korea that after the Korean war ends they will publicly declare they do not want to come home.

This possibility is receiving increasingly serious study in official quarters here as prospects brighten for actual agreement on an armistice.

It has been a possibility all along that the Reds would hold back some United Nations soldiers as a propaganda counter to the fact that about 38,000 prisoners held by the UN side are said to have stated they would resist repatriation to Red China or North Korea.

This has been the big stumbling block to a truce agreement, because the UN powers have re-

fused to agree to forcible repatriation. In the current Soviet peace offensive, Chinese and North Korean Reds have recently indicated they might agree to some voluntary repatriation plan.

The new possibility which now emerges from authoritative studies of Communist "brain washing" as practised in China is that some Americans—estimated as high as 100 or more—may be forced into a frame of mind in which they will publicly assert a preference for Red rule.

Two events have impressed authorities here with what they consider the startling, almost unbelievable accomplishments of the Reds with techniques for removing from men's minds their established beliefs and causing them to say things which the Reds want them to say. The best expert opinion available to the government is understood to hold that neither physical torture nor drugs is employed.

One of the events is the testimony by three American airmen who "confessed" to carrying on germ warfare against the Communists. Their "confession" was filmed by the Reds and distributed by Communist propagandists. A copy of the film came into the hands of the United States government.

Authorities who have seen it are impressed with the detailed story told by the airmen, all of which has been described as having not one word of truth in it. Yet the men gave no evidence of being under compulsion or of struggling with any mental conflict.

Another incident is the story told by a returned Presbyterian missionary, John D. Hayes, who was arrested by the Chinese Reds in 1951, subjected to "brain washing" and caused to "confess" as a "spy."

Hayes not only discussed his experiences with authorities, but put them on the record in a copy-righted interview with the magazine U.S. News and World Report.

In the arduous process of questioning which he underwent during much of his 10 months in jail, Hayes reported that his mind finally began "to find it difficult to distinguish between what the court was suggested as having happened and what one had known to be the facts."

His experience, Hayes related, threw light on the "confessions" made by European church leaders and others by demonstrating "that their minds have been brought by sheer mental torture to such a condition that they think they are saying the truth."

INCOME TAX QUIZ

Q If a taxpayer received in 1952 a single lump-sum payment from an approved Pension Plan in full settlement of his claims under the plan, must the amount be reported as income in that year?

A The taxpayer has the option either of including such lump-sum payment as income in the year in which he received it or of paying a special tax on the payment at his average effective rate of tax for the last year of employment preceding the tax year and the two years preceding that year. In many cases it is advantageous to elect to pay the special tax.

Q Are tips taxable?

A Yes. Tips must be reported in your income tax return.

Q I live a considerable distance from my job. May I deduct bus fares and other transportation expenses in going to and from work?

A No. Payments of this nature are personal expenses.

Q Am I required to report my Reserve Army pay in my income tax return?

A Yes. Reserve Army pay and allowances must be included in your income tax return in all cases except where the member has been called out on Continuous Duty. Members of the Reserve forces who are called out on Continuous Duty are taxable as if in the regular or active forces and would therefore not be required to file a return in respect of service pay and allowances.

Q I am regularly employed and, in addition, I had part-time work after regular hours, for which I received wages. Is the income from such part-time work required to be reported in my income tax return?

A Yes. You must report wages or salary from all sources.

Q Must I include the value of free board and lodgings provided by my employer?

A Yes. The value of free board and lodgings constitute part of your income for the year.

Q I am a Commuter living in Canada earning my living as a factory worker in the United States. Is it necessary that I file a Canadian income tax return?

A Yes. It is necessary to file a Canadian income tax return. United States income tax paid by you may be claimed as a credit against your Canadian tax. U.S. tax receipts or other evidence of payment of U.S. tax should be filed with your Canadian return.

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Israel Leads Doctor Proposes Says UN Year

UNITED NATIONS Israel leads the world number of physicians in 1950, the U.N. Statistical Yearbook discloses.

The little country physician for each 1000 people in 1950, the U.N. compilation shows.

The 550-page volume revealed the spread of medical "haves" and "have-nots" with the disclosure that there was only one for every 88,000 people in Ethiopia one for every 100,000 people.

The United States physician for every 1000 people in 1950, the "Yearbook" shows. France has one practitioner each 1400 people. India, each 1500 people. China, each 1600 people. There is one physician 550 people.

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