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## Cause For Rejoicing

AS THE CITY finalizes plans for its celebration on June 2, the heady effect of Coronation fever begins to make itself felt in a personal way. Throughout the British Commonwealth of Nations particularly, and in the rest of the free world generally, the ceremony at Westminster Abbey will be a cause for rejoicing in which Prince Rupert proposes to take its full-spirited part.

As the main setting for the festivities, however, the mellow old City of London will be unexcelled in color, drama, pageantry and, probably, plain high jinks. Already, in fact, it is well advanced in making itself beguiling.

"More than anything, I think, it is the overnight appearance of the processional gates (one hates to give them their official name 'crush-barriers') that has quickened our appreciation of stirring events in the offing," writes one visitor there. "Tinted green and lilac and red, crush-barriers have sprung up like fairy portals to seal off the processional routes on the great day."

"Within the charmed circle, through Hyde Park and along Oxford Street and Regent Street, the Mall, Whitehall and Parliament Square itself, the spectators' stands rear dizzily upwards, the banners flutter, and the day-to-day traffic, looking drab and ordinary in comparison, hustles along as if anxious to quit the scene before the pomp and pageantry make their entry."

Others on the scene report that unfamiliar uniforms in new and strange shades are seen everywhere. Two of the most striking are the bandieros of the Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary and the red coat, breeches and long boots of our own Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

These observers say that, besides the color, there is also more noise. Every breeze brings the sound of bands at rehearsal, and in Hyde Park there is not only the usual crop of open-air orators but the additional din created by the banging of drums and tin cans and the shouts of cavalymen as horses are being trained to withstand the noise of the Coronation procession.

The Commonwealth is winding up for a glorious celebration in which a beautiful and adored girl has the central part. It is no wonder that the world awaits fascinated.

## OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Tariff-minded governments the world over are commencing to make things very tough for Canadian exporters. For instance, there's the case which came to the attention recently of some of the members of the special Senate Committee investigating trade matters.

A fish canning company down in the Maritime provinces wanted to send a token shipment of its product to the Fiji Islands. It had never done business there, but it had extensive sales in areas which were comparable in their climates and in the

general food tastes of their people. With an eye to the future, therefore, it whopped up a very choice consignment of its wares and notified the Island authorities of its plans. The company explained that it was sending the merchandise for free, so that the islanders might taste it and decide upon their approval or disapproval of it without any financial risk.

The shipment was never made. A communication from the Fiji authorities stated that trade restrictions prevented the importation of the commodity, even when it was being sent to the islanders in the form of a free gift.

## Land Purchase Applications Doubled in '52

VICTORIA (CP) — Twice as many land purchase applications were handled by the B.C. Department of Lands and Forest in 1952 as were in 1951.

The 1952 land service report shows that 128,715.33 acres were purchased through the department in 2,415 applications.

Of 202 reservations of land and foreshore, more than 100 were for recreational use of the public.

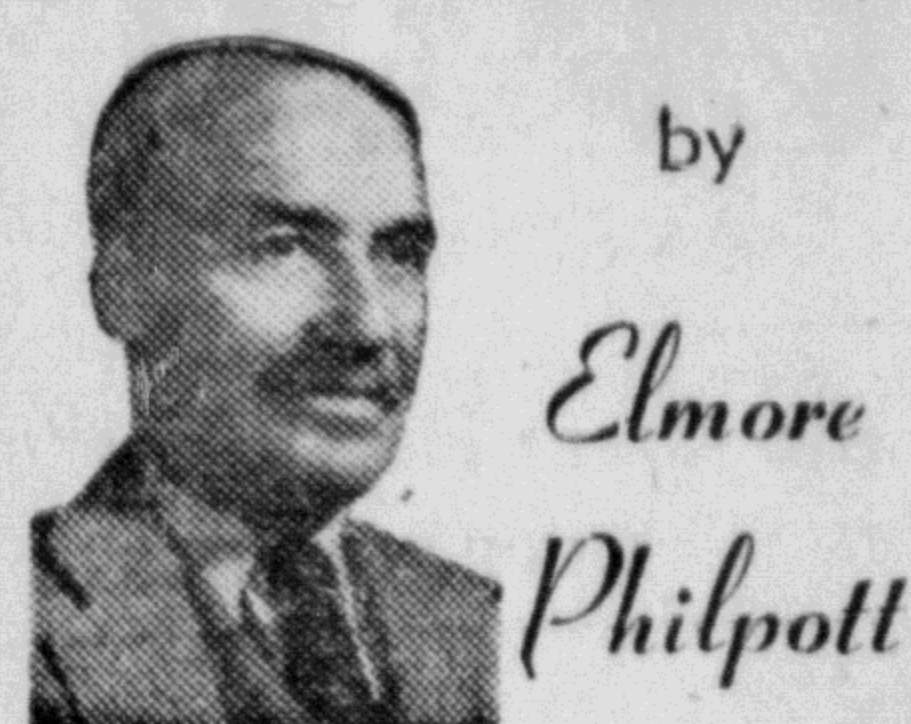
Considerable development in the Fort St. John area is recorded in the report. The Federal director-general of scientific services states gas reserve in the area is approximately 1,585,000,000 cubic feet.

This is the largest gas reserve in Canada and does not include the Alberta section of the same district.

## Handy Payment

VANCOUVER (CP) — Motorists in Vancouver soon may be able to pay parking fines at city banks in a system similar to a method launched at Quebec. Police chief Walter Mulligan is investigating the feasibility of such a system here.

## As I See It



Sacred Ghost Again

IN A PREVIOUS article I showed why the Social Credit party of B.C. is frantically trying to gag discussion of Social Credit money theories.

I showed that Major Douglas himself recommended the outright sale of the Post Office to be run by private business for private profit; that on page 194 of "Douglas Social Credit for Canada" W. A. Tuttle explains the "Just Price." This is the ghost that haunts B.C. Socialists—this is the skeleton they want to hide.

UNDER THE "Just Price" formula of the Social Credit party all goods would be sold in the stores for less than their cost of production. Tuttle figures this at 40 per cent—that is at a discount of 60 per cent. But another Sacred expert in another later book sold by B.C. Social Credit, figures the Just Price at 50 per cent—and the discount at only 10 per cent. It seems there is a wide variation amongst the Sacred "experts." Who, said figures never lie?

But the main point on which all Socialists agree is that under their system all (repeat all) goods would be sold below cost. There would be a Financial Controller (or Czar) at Ottawa—and it is admitted by all Socialists that this Controller would be above parliament—once installed Parliament would lose all control of him, and over the ratio fixed from time to time as the "Just Price."

Let us consider how this part of the Sacred system would work in Mr. Bennett's hardware stores. Suppose Mr. Bennett now sells a vacuum cleaner at \$100—representing \$75 cost price and \$25 profit. Under the Sacred system he would be supposed to charge the Consumer \$40 for that \$100 vacuum cleaner. He would receive, in theory, from the Financial Controller at Ottawa a grant of \$60 in Social Credit Money to make up for the amount lost on the transaction.

BUT SUPPOSE not all the hardware merchants in Canada were 100 per cent honest at all times. Suppose some hardware merchants said to themselves "Sure I know I am supposed to sell this cleaner at \$40—but who is going to know the difference if I charge \$41, or \$42 or \$52 or \$62?"

There would be only one way for the Socialists to keep their "Just Price" system working mathematically—even if it were sound in theory—which it definitely is not.

Canada would need an army of cops, snoops, stoolpigeons and bureaucrats the like of which no country on earth has yet seen. Every one of Mr. Bennett's hardware stores would need at least one inspector to see that the "Just Price" was maintained. How about policing the "Just Price" of nails?

THE SOCIAL CREDIT system of "Just Price Fixing" is in fact the most gigantic system of invisible taxation, regimentation and glorified bureaucracy ever yet proposed to gullibles. It would require an ironclad control of all business ten or twenty times more rigid than we applied during the Second World War.

In my opinion, it would surely lead to a totalitarian dictatorship—because only a police state could begin to cope with the problems which the fallacious parts of the Sacred system would bring out.

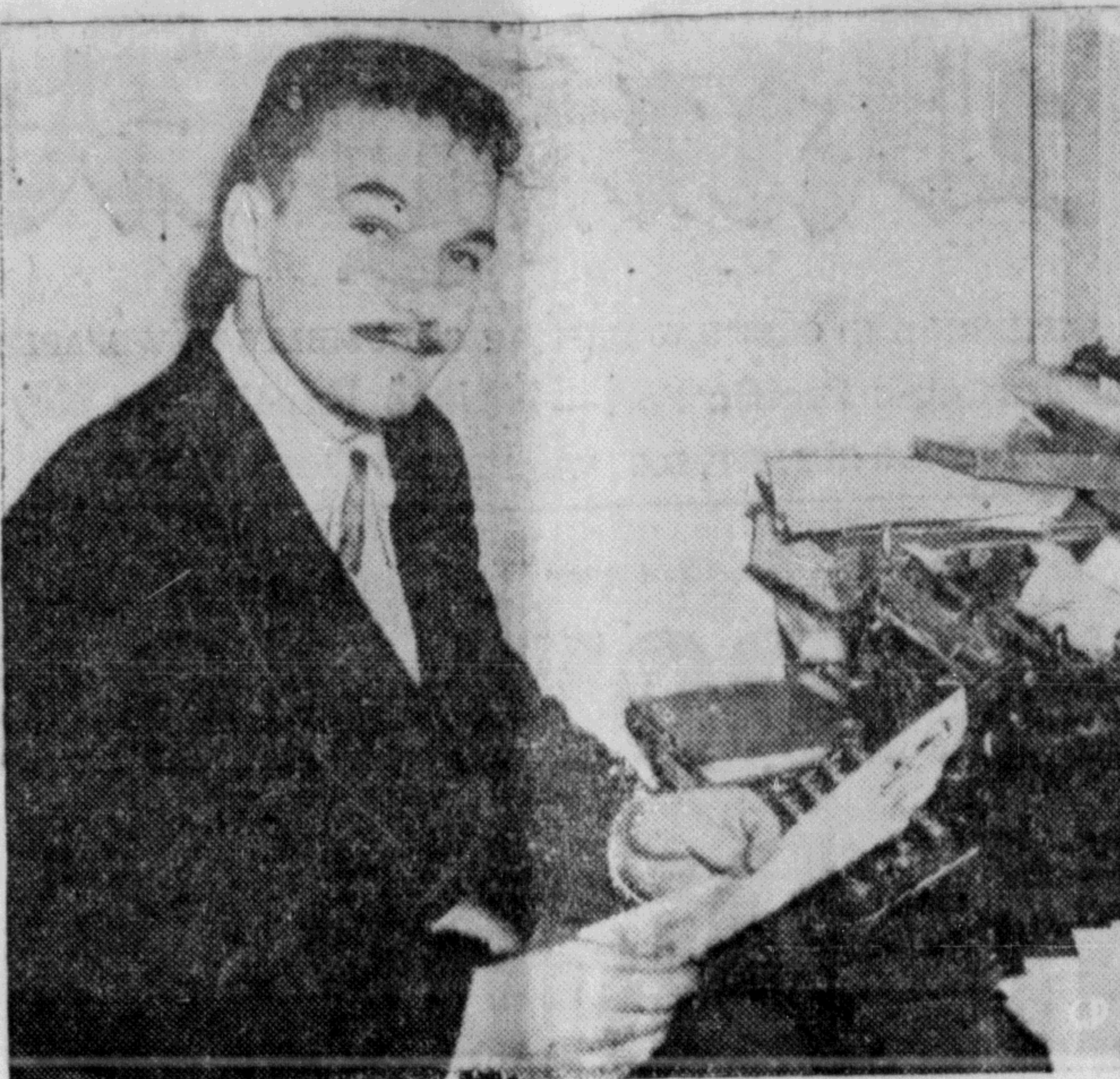
There are some good points in Social Credit, but they are outweighed by the bad. Of this, more later.

## Mrs. Jensen, Arne Kragstad Win Prizes

Mrs. Alf Jensen and Arne Kragstad won first prize in the week-end whist drive of the Sons of Norway.

Other prize winners were Mrs. Borghild Breimo and K. Dehli, second prize; Deane Freeman, chair prize; and Alf Jensen, door prize.

Miss Ellen Wasseng was in charge of the work committee assisted by Mrs. J. Johnson, Mrs. A. Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Selvig, O. K. Olsen and R. Hundelde.



DAVID GOOD, 24, formerly of Cornwall, Ont., is running a small semi-monthly newspaper, the first, in the uranium mining town of Beaverlodge in northern Saskatchewan. The Venture, first mimeographed and run off by hand, now is printed in Edmonton, 200 miles southwest. Good, an accountant for the resident mining company, said the paper is growing so rapidly he may have to decide soon whether to devote his full time to it.

## POLITICAL ROUNDUP

... by J. K. Nesbitt

(This is another in the series of articles on leaders of the major political parties in B.C.)

VICTORIA.—Conservative leader Deane Finlayson made his first public political appearance when he was 16.

That was in 1935. He lived in Vancouver and he and some pals went to hear Gerry McGeer at Kitsilano High School.

Mr. Finlayson says today that he was then a Socialist—or so he thought. He strongly disapproved of Mr. McGeer as mayor of Vancouver, why, he's not now sure, and he proceeded to tell his worship Mr. McGeer was far too orthodox to suit young Mr. Finlayson. Perhaps it was because Mr. McGeer was a Liberal and even then Conservative leanings were starting to throb deep down in Mr. Finlayson. That possibility intrigues him, but he's not sure.

However, that memorable night at Kitsilano High, Finlayson and his cronies insisted on asking Mr. McGeer questions. They heckled Mr. McGeer. He grew annoyed at their headless brashness, called the police to eject them.

"I guess we were a pretty cheeky crew," says Deane Finlayson today, looking back 17 years from the lofty age of 33.

I learned this start of Mr. Finlayson's political career the other night driving out to Sooke with him. I had never heard him make a speech before, or even seen him. He's a big bruiser of a man—six feet, three, with a barrel chest which yet outdistances his waist. His hands are like hams, and he uses them when he talks, frequently pointing his right index finger at his audience.

He has a deep, quiet voice, but he can boom it out on occasion, and then he drops it low and woos again. This sort of light and shade is effective and theatrical on the election platform. Mr. Finlayson is too young in politics to know its full value; when he does, he'll perfect it.

The new Conservative leader, the minute he got up, told his Conservative followers that there's a new deal in the Conservative Party, and they'd just better like it.

He said he hasn't any fears or doubts, even if, at the moment, the Conservatives are overshadowed by what he called the new disease of Social Credit. "I'm not dispirited," he said, "because I believe that if you're on the right track you'll succeed."

He dealt with the Liberals, called their recent convention "a great furore," their platform "a catch-all," but said that the Liberals will be a factor in the election, and not to underestimate them.

CCFers, too, he said, will be a factor, what with the way they work zealously and systematically, and go into the field with a sense of dedication to their cause.

However, Mr. Finlayson isn't worrying as much about Liberals and CCFers as he is about SCers. "The principal threat to B.C. is undoubtedly Social Credit," he said, and he told his followers to give no aid or comfort to Social Credit. He said: "You'll be willy-nilly, woolly, fuzzy-headed Conserv-

## Survey Shows Most People in World Live Under Thatch

By MICHAEL KING

GENEVA (Reuters) — More people in the world live under thatch than any other type of roofing, a survey made by the International Labor Organization shows.

The survey covered the efforts being made by various Asian countries to provide low-cost housing for their millions of workers.

These efforts, said the survey, were being made in the face of a double handicap.

First, there was a race between a rapidly increasing population and available homes; second, there was the need to divert materials such as concrete and steel from housing to national construction projects, including dams and hydro-electric works.

The steel and cement shortage has led to a search for substitute materials, ranging from treated timber and bamboo to the better use of traditional plastering materials, including even molasses.

The survey found that building costs could be lowered and scarce materials could be economized through improved designs.

## SIMPLE STOVE

The invention of a new, simple kitchen stove in India was symptomatic of the saving that could be achieved, the ILO said. The stove, designed in Hyderabad, was easily constructed into the walls of kitchens and could be built of mud or bricks. It was smokeless and its thermal efficiency resulted in a fuel saving of from 20 to 40 per cent.

"If this saving was generalized throughout India," the survey said, "it would result in reducing deforestation by approximately 13,000,000 trees every year."

India has conducted the greatest amount of research, which has ranged from the relative merits of rammed earth and sun-baked bricks to treated timber and concrete.

## FIRE BRICKS

The Indian government is also experimenting with fired bricks and stabilized earth and other materials which would resist the country's monsoon rains.

Special plasters being developed are expected to help tide India over the period when the bulk of the country's cement is being diverted to extensive irrigation and massive hydro-electric projects.

In Malaya, research has indicated many possible uses for timber that had previously been regarded as useless "merely because they were untied."

Promising developments have also been carried out in India on creating foam concrete bricks, using finely pulverized rock. In Pakistan new methods of roof construction have been developed using flat slabs of concrete.

Experiments with a domed-type of cement concrete roofing have also been made in Pakistan. If successful they should reduce the costs of roofs by about 40 per cent.

ILO also said there was a search for "lost" knowledge in building techniques "which would wrest from the ruins of the past the secrets of the Asian continent's former architectural greatness."

## BOOSTS INDUSTRY

WINNIPEG (CP) — The Red River Exhibition is placing Manitoba's rapidly-developing industries before the world, said W. B. Pickard, chairman of the advisory board. This year's exhibition linking industry and agriculture will be held June 6 to 13.

## No Pastel Shades Used in Abbey For Coronation

LONDON (Reuters) — Works Minister David Eccles thinks the new Elizabethan age should be expressed in bold colors. So there will be no pastel shades in Westminster Abbey for the Coronation.

With an artist's eye for color, he has persuaded the cabinet to put the army into navy blue walking-out dress for the procession.

Blue and gold will be the theme for the Abbey with crimson damask in a traditional design for the throne and cushions on the Coronation chair of estate.

## Proclamation...

Friday, May 15th is hereby proclaimed to be Citizenship Day.

The Public is asked to attend a Citizenship Day Program to be held in the Civic Centre at Eight p.m. that evening.

H. S. WHALEN, Mayor  
City of Prince Rupert.

## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Bath tubs weighing no more than fifteen pounds may soon be on the market. Scientists are working on the scheme. It will be possible to wear bath tubs like these to the telephone.

Most of the mail was saved Monday afternoon during the aeroplane crash. It will take time though for letters to dry sufficiently for distribution. A hundred per cent service, is exceedingly difficult when this sort of delivery is offered.

## STRICTLY SOUTH

Movement of grain through Vancouver resumes, and the press of that city stresses this pleasing fact, after 80 days strike. Yet, notwithstanding this, the grain trade by way of the coast will be heavy. Vancouver elevators did not run for near three months. The Prince Rupert plant did all winter, and contributed to business on substantial lines. But the Vancouver press did not mention Prince Rupert once. Could there have been lack of space?

Justice is what you ask for, but hope you won't get.—London Free Press.

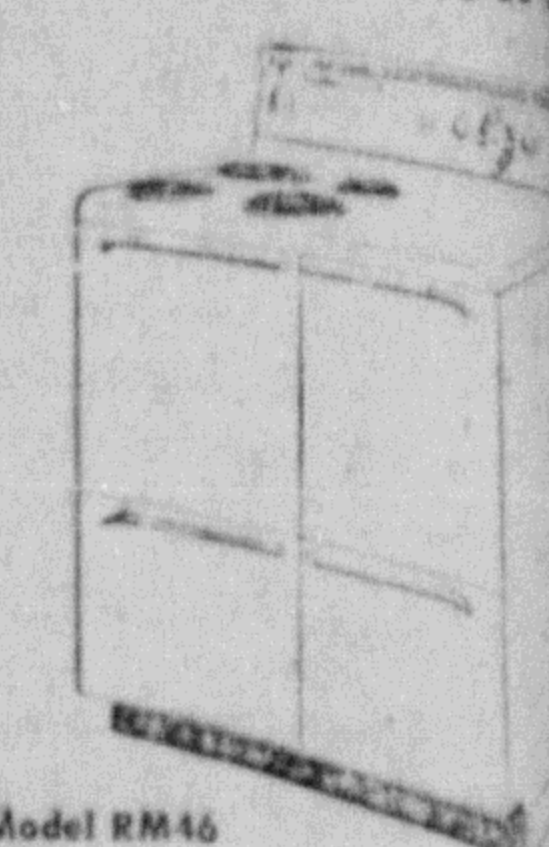
A drive has been on the way all winter to reduce the quantity of salacious literature on news stands. And now a provincial election is well under way, campaign speakers thunder concerning schools and other subjects. But even there in the heat of differences and arguments, some charges are waxing a bit sexy.

Winnipeg pavements, many other parts of the city were hot a week or so ago. A loyal citizen failed to make egg fry, but he persisted would boil—but only for moments.

China always hated the "eign devils," and turned into hate of the United and Great Britain. Communist indoctrination has already tended into every school home. Children are brought on new ideas from the six. Terrorism and fear complete the picture. They have been put to death, and lily executed.

## COOKING GOES MODERN

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To all those who contributed through their efforts and support to the PRINCE RUPERT DISTRICT MUSIC and DRAMA FESTIVAL, the committee in charge expresses its sincere gratitude. Special thanks to those who billeted out-of-town participants and to the management of the Capitol Theatre.

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