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Destroy the Rats!

IT IS DISMAYING to think that every time we put the garbage out we are dispatching another meal to the rats at the city dump.

It is a condition which must not be allowed to continue. The rat is not just a repulsive creature. It is a disease carrier which, as health director Dr. J. S. Carr has pointed out, threatens the health of the entire city.

The danger is then very close. This filthy guest may contaminate everything it touches. Moreover, it has on countless occasions attacked its human benefactors, particularly babies who are helpless against its vicious assault.

While it is optimistic to expect that we can rid ourselves completely of rats by killing them at the city dump, this would be a major step in their ultimate destruction.

As Dr. Carr has observed, poison will not work as long as they have fresh garbage to feed on. For this reason he has recommended that a sanitary fill be commenced to which refuse could be temporarily diverted.

The idea seems to be a reasonable one. Tests have shown that layers of earth over garbage are an effective sterilizing protection against pollution and odor.

It is thought there may be public disapproval of the plan. We doubt it. Anyone who has flashed a light on the dump at night will know the horror of that crawling spectacle.

All Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

Thousands of people who live in trailers can hold their heads a little higher now, at the risk of bumping them on the ceiling.

Queen Mother Elizabeth recently bought a \$2,500 luxury trailer (or caravan, as they say in Britain).

This stamp of royal favor marks the last stage in the evolution of the trailer, or caravan. At one time, happy gypsies joggled along in caravans drawn by sleepy old nags.

The older families, stubbornly clinging to traditional ways, continued to live in houses. But now we may expect a rush on the caravan market as social leaders both sides of the Atlantic go shopping for trailers equipped with ballrooms, servants' quarters, tradesmen's entrances and door chimes.

Before the trailer went respectable, my wife and I lived in a trailer for about three years. If the Queen Mother's mobile palace is a Rolls among trailers, ours was a Model A Ford.

Our trailer was one of about 20 in a trailer camp. Outside people regarded the camp as a sort of picturesque slum on wheels. Each Sunday, squadrons of tourists drove to the camp and looked the trailer folk over, nudging one another in the ribs when they spotted a particularly colorful looking vagabond painting the roof or hanging out the clothes.

We residents of the trailer camp would have been glad to sit on stumps and offer the visitors some quaint, home-

spun philosophy, but we were too busy with our textbooks. All the trailer folk were students and their wives and children.

The camp was run on a co-operative system. All the residents took turns shirking the work of cleaning up the central hut and feeding the fires. Occasionally we had parties in our trailer, squeezing a dozen or more people into a space the size of a small closet.

Because of shortage of chairs and floor space, we fell into the habit of lying down on the bed while receiving people. A habit like this, once it takes hold, is difficult to shed. If a man removes his shoes during a cocktail party and reclines on a chesterfield, you can bet the olive in your martini that he's an ex-trailerite.

When people of the smart set take to trailer life, they will have to solve a problem of etiquette: Is a trailer a house or a vehicle? If a trailer is a house, a gentleman will open the door and let a lady out ahead of him. If a trailer is a vehicle, a gentleman will get out first and give a lady his hand.

My wife and I tackled this question in a fairly simple manner. Whoever could push harder got out first. Both of us developed good shoulder muscles that way, but we are getting flabby since we moved to a house.

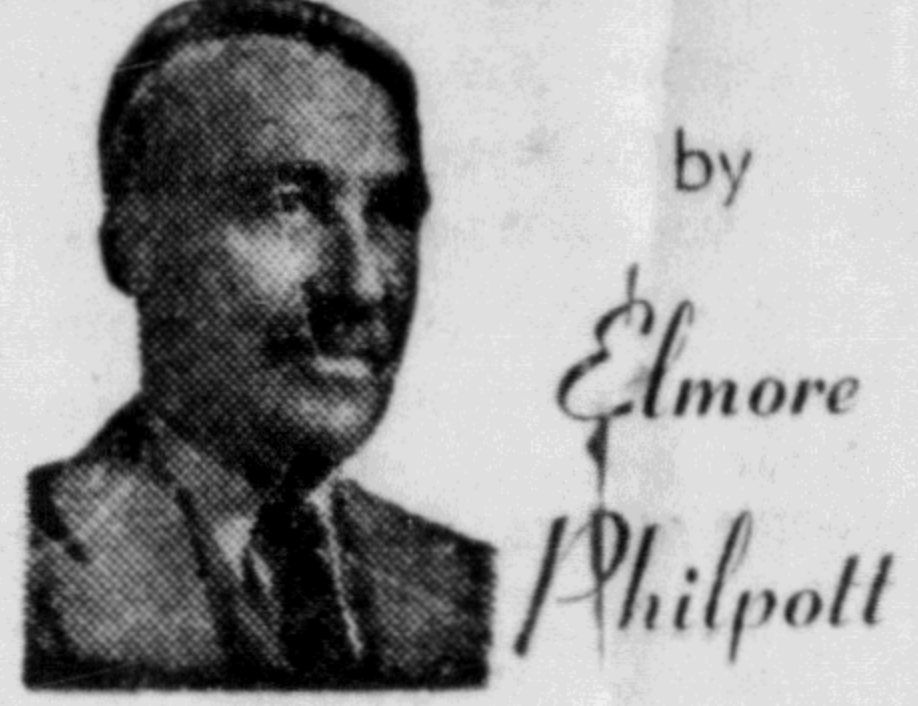
The City of London, England, was already a busy trading centre when Christ was born.

STEAMSHIP COMPANY HEAD LEAVES \$1 MILLION ESTATE

SEATTLE (AP)—An estate estimated at in excess of \$1,000,000 was left by Gilbert W. Skinner, 54, president of the Alaska Steamship Co., when he died Sunday, it was revealed in probate court here.

The estate was left in trust for his widow and children.

As I See It



Guiana Dilemma

THE British Labor party laid the foundation for self government in British Guiana. For that reason, and others, we may be sure that it will demand a convincing explanation of the measures taken by the Churchill government to nip off what the British Colonial Office calls a "Communist plot" to set up a Red dictatorship.

British Labor itself has good reason to remember how British Tories once won an election by producing a fake letter which purported to show that the Labor party was on the payroll of Moscow.

Here in Canada at the time of the Winnipeg strike, even fine men like J. S. Woodsworth and John Queen were smeared in newspaper cartoons as being involved in a Bolsheviki plot to overthrow law and order.

In 1931, the day before Humphrey Mitchell was elected as Labor MP for West Hamilton, the Toronto Mail and Empire carried an eight-column banner headline on page one reading: "Shadow of Kremlin Falls Over Hamilton."

Yet the man who later became the Minister of Labor in the King government was one of the strongest anti-Communists in the entire trade union movement.

BUT British Labor, remembering Czechoslovakia, will know very well that it is also possible that the extraordinary measures taken by the Churchill government were justified by a genuine emergency.

The important thing is: Was the Peoples Progressive party a true democratic party or one tied to Moscow?

The essential difference between democracy and either communism or fascism is that democracy is based on the peoples' right to throw a government out whenever they get tired of it. Both communism and fascism operate on the basis of the One Party State—that is, of course, the police state, which permits no free speech or opposition.

LORD RUSSELL poses the dilemma in British Guiana but himself answers half his own riddle: "We have a right to say we will not have a Communist government for that is one which cannot be changed by subsequent changes of opinion." But in so doing he unconsciously reveals the ruling class aristocratic Englishman's assumption that somehow or other he has a divine mandate to rule over "lesser breeds without the law."

There happens to be in power in Britain a government with enough soldiers and warships to enforce the veto on the peoples' choice of the ruling party in British Guiana. That veto may be right or wrong.

But what happens, say, in a great nation like Italy, when it elects, by a free vote of the majority, a Communist regime? The obvious truth then is that no outside power can step in to overrule the votes of the people of the country concerned without substituting actual foreign dictatorship for a potential domestic dictatorship.

The one thing certain is that whenever half of the people in any country vote Communist, democracy is finished in that country, indefinitely.

1358-Ton Herring Catch Noted Here

About 1358 tons of herring have been landed here by three purse seiners since September 20, it was reported today. Majority of catches have been made at Poison Cove, Matheson Channel and Mussel Inlet.

Three draggers or mid-trawlers are preparing to set out for herring shortly.



PLANTING SOME of the 50,000 tulip bulbs from the Associated Bulb Growers of Holland are Kathleen Willsher, chosen 1953 queen of the civil service, and Maj.-Gen. Howard Kennedy, chairman of the federal district commission. The bulbs will form a bed on Major Hill park, with Ottawa's Parliament Buildings as a backdrop. The bulbs are a contribution to Ottawa's famous tulip festival held annually in May.

POLITICAL ROUNDUP

by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA.—Despite all the talk—and the writing—that this has been a dull legislative session, when we analyze some of the sayings of MLAs it becomes, indeed, an extremely interesting session. There has been, as a matter of fact, some very good legislative debate, and some moments of intense drama. It's just that it hasn't been as rough-and-tumble as heretofore.

Take the speech of Social Creditor the Rev. Mr. Parker of Peace River, for instance. It had lots of drama in it. The Rev. Mr. Parker's a big, boyish type of man, always smiling and genial, generous-hearted.

He told us about the Peace River district, that wonderful district of grainfields, oil wells, coal fields. It's a great place, is the Peace. Said Mr. Parker, but do you know, Mr. Speaker, there aren't any roads in the Peace River district. Everybody looked astonished at this. No roads? No, Mr. Speaker, 375 roads, only mule trails. That's what Mr. Parker said—and he should know.

Then, suddenly, Mr. Parker remembered. Oh, yes, Mr. Speaker, there's a bit of pavement in the Peace River district, after all; 6.5 miles of pavement and it runs from Dawson Creek to—now, where do you suppose, Mr. Speaker? Why, to the liquor store in Pouce Coupe. Mr. Parker said he'd sure like some pavement to his church, but oh, no, only pavement to the liquor store! Mr. Parker painted a picture of such grim road conditions in the Peace River country that MLAs could not see people up there, unless they trek back and forth between the liquor store, swallowing dust in summer, up to their necks in gumbo in winter.

And then, having rid himself of the troubles of folk in the Peace River, Mr. Parker went for a bit of a swim in the pool of politics. He thrashed about, and insisted on kicking up a great splash all over the Liberals. He didn't bother with the CCF. He said, said Mr. Parker, you know, Mr. Speaker, the Liberals have only four members left in the House? And do you know why, Mr. Speaker? Mr. Parker answered his own question. Because, Mr. Speaker, they've finally reaped what they've sown—and Mr. Parker said, believe him, it's a crop failure.

North Vancouver's SC Mr. Tomlinson said that to him it appears that legislative speeches are nothing but remnants of

election speeches. Mr. Tomlinson didn't think he liked this fact—and, of course, it is a fact. He said personal prejudices among politicians should be left at home, on the hustings, not dragged into the legislative chamber, that marble-pillared, blue-carpeted repository of the province's highest law-makers. However, despite such high-sounding sentiments, Mr. Tomlinson hauled into the House some of the hustings' talk. He said oppositionists are always asking what's Social Credit, and that oppositionists says Social Crediters don't even know themselves.

"And do you?" barked Burnaby's CCF Mr. Winch. Mr. Tomlinson, figuratively if not literally turning his political nose at Burnaby's Mr. Winch, said he would explain Social Credit. It's quite simple, said Mr. Tomlinson. Social Credit said Mr. Tomlinson, is "it" with a capital I, and "so here we are a government." Thus spoke North Vancouver's Mr. Tomlinson, and he looked completely amazed that, all of a sudden, he should be part of a government. Oppositionists were struck dumb at the Tomlinson explanation. (See NESBITT Page 5)

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SATURDAY SERMON

By MAJOR W. C. FOULTON, MBE, Salvation Army THE DRAMA OF SALVATION Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:11. Study to be quiet and to do your own business. There are a score or more ways to interpret that scripture, in and out of its context. So far as the people of Salonika were concerned its probable meaning was that they should avoid contention in their midst, or as Dr. Weymouth translates it: "Vie with one another in eagerness for peace."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH REVIVAL SERVICES Sunday, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. Guest Preacher: DR. JUDSON BURRELL of Columbus, Georgia.

FIRST UNITED CHURCH 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Sermon and Children's Story by the Minister. 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. GUEST PREACHER: REV. B. F. ENNALS, B.A., The President of British Columbia Conference COME AND WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOLS at First United: Beginners and Parents at 11 a.m.; Older pupils at 12:15; at Conrad United: all at 11:00 a.m. THE YOUNG ADULT CLUB meets after the evening service. Guest: Rev. Allen Crewe, Missionary on the The Crosby Boat.

REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 12 Noon Beginning a study of Paul's letter to the Colossians. Mothers with young children are invited to use the comfort and convenience of our new nursery where you see and hear but cannot be heard. EVENING SERVICE will be held at Port Edward. Cars will leave the Church at 7:15 p.m.

St. Peter's Anglican Church SEAL COVE SUNDAY SCHOOL—10 a.m. EVENING PRAYER—7:30 p.m. "Blessed are they that dwell in Thy House— They will be always praising Thee." (Psalm 84, Verse 4) I EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL WHO LIVE IN THE PARISH OF SEAL COVE. W. H. LEMON—Blue 827.

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