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Opportunity For Youth

TOMORROW marks the beginning of National Air Cadet Week, a period in which Canada will turn its attention to a movement that was started 12 years ago when the future of the country rested on the slim shoulders of its youth.

The Air Cadet League of Canada was formed in the dark days of 1941 primarily to provide a pool of pre-trained recruits for the RCAF. Before the war's end, over 3,000 air cadets graduated into the senior force, large numbers of them saw action against the enemy and many were decorated for gallantry.

So valuable did it prove itself that after the war the League continued stronger than ever. A citizenship training program was developed which incorporated a host of special rewards for outstanding service. While air cadets make no commitments about joining the air force, the latter assists the junior organization in many ways and last year enlisted about 1,150 of its graduating members. Another large group signed up with the reserve squadrons.

An important reason for success of the League is the incentive provided in the form of summer camps and scholarships. Each summer up to 4,000 cadets are given two weeks of training and sports at RCAF camps across the country. There the cadet studies under specially trained instructors, flies as a passenger in a service aircraft and enters into games and competitions.

Senior cadets with a minimum of two years' service can qualify for an assortment of valuable and exciting rewards. There is the RCAF flying scholarship course which takes the student well on his way to a pilot's licence. There is the technical, or groundcrew, course which culminates in eight weeks of special summer training, and there is the newly-introduced senior leaders' course which develops potential squadron officers and instructors, with a \$100 bonus upon graduation.

If this is not enough, mention might also be made of the League's scholarship plan covering entry into Canadian service colleges, the aeronautical engineering scholarship at the University of Toronto, and the system of international exchange visits.

Even that is not all, but it is sufficient to show the amount of tangible encouragement being offered to lads with an interest in aviation. To their great credit, citizens of Prince Rupert have sponsored a squadron which makes it possible for local boys to enjoy the many benefits in training and recreation which the League provides.

For Air Cadet Week the Prince Rupert squadron has organized a program to attract public notice of its activities and progress. The city should feel proud of these boys, and it is hoped they will receive the support they deserve.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Who named Kaien Island, where Prince Rupert stands? Were they natives or white folks? There was a warm argument over this, the other evening. The question, so far as known, remained unsettled. But Prince Rupert didn't.

Front newspaper pages in British Columbia makes one suspect an election is unquestionably approaching. Even portraits of Byron Johnson are re-appearing. Any old day, from now on, politicians will be asserting they were misquoted.

It's possible a spell of rough weather will be back again, but it's not a poor idea to take for granted that spring is here. And that gives you reason to send your lawnmower over to the nearest neighbor with the request that it be sharpened.

Seven thousand guests will be present at the coronation, so 25 leading physicians will be promptly available. Elaborate arrangements have been made in the event of emergencies. Ample opportunities for consultation.

LOOKING NORTHWARD

The West Indies want to join Canada, according to magazine writers and that would mean four million new citizens frontiers on the equator, a three

hundred million dollar market and an eleventh province larger than the Maritimes plus Newfoundland combined, as well as other advantages. Want a holiday offering contrasts. It's not so far from Skeena down to Galveston or New Orleans.

NOR ANYONE ELSE

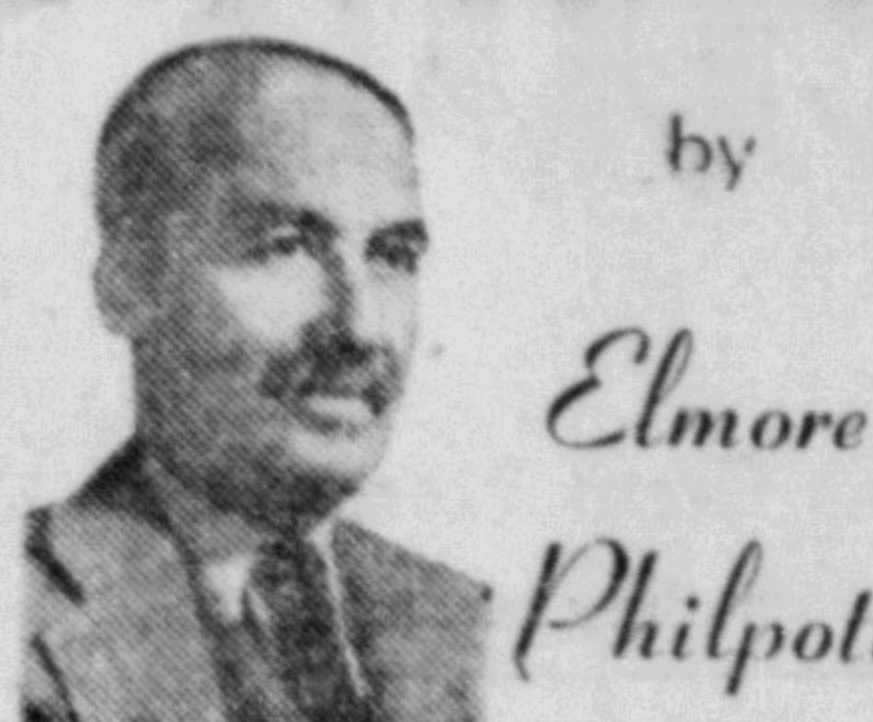
Can You:
Meet a friend with a cold and not suggest what to take?
Buy new shoelaces before the old ones break?
Tidy up the attic and not glance over the old magazines?
Pass a Wet Paint sign without touching it?

O Henry said it—Even though money talks, I'm inclined to think that the conversation of a ten dollar bill in New York is little more than a whisper. She plucked from my lapel the invisible strand of lint which is the universal act of women to proclaim ownership.

NATURALLY

Bill Boss, Canada's war correspondent, has been sizing up the 27th Brigade, training in Western Europe. "It's really hot," That's the way he says it. What he means is that their smart precision and turn out would put to shame the Buckingham guard. You just can't help applying "Bill" to anyone with a name like "Boss."

As I See It



Grab That Peace Fast

IT IS surely one of the worst signs of the times that when Russia's new Premier told the west he wanted to talk real peace the general reaction from our side was far from joyful.

True, many bitter disappointments in dealing with Russian Communists have taught our leaders to be cautious. But surely the gesture from Malenkov was hardly such as to be regarded as just another cunning Red trick.

One CBC news commentator, reluctantly admitting the Moscow peace move seemed genuine, literally dripped gloom. You would have thought he was discussing some tragic lost battle, or a great shipwreck, or some similar catastrophe. There may be joy in heaven over one sinner who repenteth—but not everywhere down here.

A FEW MONTHS ago I wrote in this space under the title "Lady Peace Angel." I told something of what Catholics call "the miracle of Fatima"—how millions of people believe that under certain circumstances Red Russia will be converted. Yet, though this movement has an international organization called "The Blue Army" based on the idea that Communism cannot be conquered by force but only converted by spiritual power I have so far seen no hint from any source that the Lady Peace Angel could be at work in Moscow—right now.

THE ATTITUDE of most western newspapers and radio speakers reminds me of a spinster lady, getting on in years, who finally prayed to the Almighty to send her a man. In her mind was that phrase they put in the classified ads "matrimony if suited."

Before the old gal was up off her knees there was a resounding knock at the door. When the maiden lady opened the door there stood her dream man. But the old gal was so overcome at the overwhelming answer to her prayers that she fainted dead away—and nothing happened.

I THINK our western nations should lose no time in taking as much peace as we can get from Russia and China.

It seems to me there is clear evidence that a real struggle for power is going on in top levels in Russia. For the moment the "peace" party is uppermost. That "peace" party is not only doing all the right things internationally. But the changes being made on the home front—for whatever motives—are also the most hopeful for many, many years.

Not only have vast numbers of prisoners been released. But in the amazing mystery surrounding the arrest, and later release of famous Jewish doctors in Moscow, we have an even better omen. For the first time in 30 years the top Moscow papers have directly and fiercely criticized the police state methods of arrest and enforced "confession" after the secret police "treatment."

THE DANGER I see is this: In less than three months there have been several violent zig-zags in Russian government policy.

The anti-Jewish line was the most sinister and darkly ominous because it was exactly the kind that Russia might make on the eve of a big war, in which Germany and the Middle East would be the prizes.

The violent swing back of the pendulum to the side of peace abroad, and justice before the law at home, are wonderful signs.



IN A CEREMONY dating from early Christian times, Bishop-elect Wilkinson of Toronto kneels before Most Rev. R. J. Renison, Archbishop of Moose, as 11 bishops join in prayer and the laying on of hands in St. James' Cathedral in Toronto. He was consecrated as Anglican Bishop Coadjutor of Toronto.

All Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

All my life I have been waiting for this to happen.

According to a recent report, 16 proofreaders on an East German newspaper were arrested for sabotage after it was found that their paper had praised Joseph Stalin as a fighter for "war" instead of peace.

This news will bring a muffled cheer to the lips of newspapermen both sides of the Iron Curtain. It is not a matter of politics at all.

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Half the time we blame the poor old printers and proofreaders for our own mistakes, too. The printers and proofreaders are the scapegoats of every newspaper. When some angry citizen says that his name has been misspelled, or that he has been charged in print with armed robbery instead of speeding in a 30-mile zone, the city editor falls back on that old alibi:

"It wasn't our fault. It was a typographical error it was a shrill."

City council awarded the garbage contract to We must not be too hard on the proof readers. They do good work most of the time. But their failures can be spectacular.

It is well-known that our finely wrought newspaper prose is soon used to wrap fish. But we feel that Canadian fish

deserve a well edited shroud. Just in case a person here and there chances to read part of the newspaper while he is unwrapping a salmon steak, we do our best to have the words mean something.

That is the reason why newsmen blow their caps when printers' and proofreaders' errors reduce their work to gibberish.

Sixteen proofreaders arrested. As representatives of a free press, we should be saddened by the news from Berlin. "Tough," we ought to say. But things being the way they are, we say nothing of the kind.

"So they put some proofreaders in jail at last," a newspaperman is inclined to remark. "Well, it's about time its so they put some representatives of a free press unwrapping salmon shroud."

Allied forces advanced all across the Korean front.

P-TAs Urged To Help Wives Of Immigrants

NORTH VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia Parent-Teachers Federation is being urged to help the wives of immigrants to get established in Canada.

Dr. W. G. Black, chief liaison officer of the immigration department in B.C., told the 31st annual convention of the federation that mother immigrants who stay home and have not the opportunity of men and children to learn English need help most.

"If you seek out these shy, timid newcomers and invite them to your P-TA meetings, they will come. I have seen the gladness in their eyes when they attend."

Earlier, Education Minister Mrs. Tilly Ralston explained the Social Credit government's plan to finance school costs—the plan that caused its defeat recently.

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MILESTONES

From the Files of The Daily News

40 Years Ago Today

A representative of the British Columbia Magazine is in town and is offering the public a free lot 33 x 124 feet at White Rock with every new subscription. All the subscriber has to do is pay for the survey and legal expenses on the lots.

The property on the corner of Fulton and Fifth Avenue was sold for \$20,000 to Messrs. Scheinman and Albert and will be used to erect a modern apartment block.

30 Years Ago Today

The library board has been given instructions by the city council that no new books are to be purchased until estimates are down.

The 7½ hour day has been inaugurated for the city hall office staff.

20 Years Ago Today

On recommendation of the finance committee, city council has appointed George L. Rorie auditor for the year at an annual salary of \$750.

10 Years Ago Today

A special service to mark the invasion of Norway three years ago was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Lt.-Col. G. Armstrong Woodruff of the U.S. Army was principal speaker.

Winners of the Job's Daughters' raffle were Mrs. J. J. Little, J. L. Sjoquist, E. J. Smith, Miss Ruth Walton and Mrs. J. L. Lee.

Second Chance

FREDERICTON (CP)—Annual police report to the legislature showed 608 applicants failed to pass their driving tests in the last nine months of 1952. But 367 of them won permits on the second trial. The test is conducted by RCMP officers except in the larger cities of New Brunswick.

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LETTERBOX

A SWAN SONG

Editor, Daily News:

It appears that there is now a renewed excitement brewing in our Northland on our old score, the coast outlet by the most feasible route, and it would appear that it is the swan song. We must head any and everything to Vancouver. It matters little or nothing if Canada should be held down as a one-eyed Riley on the Pacific, and the lone eye is as far south as it may be located, but so long as our people are charmed by the thrill of the arc lights of Hastings St., it's Vancouver for them, even when the war clouds may be rising in our Northland.

By corresponding with the H. B. Route Association in Saskatoon, Sask., I have received names of men from Peace River, Grand Prairie, Sexsmith and Spirit River, who are staging the claim that a rail line cannot be put through from the Peace Country to Prince Rupert.

May I advise these gentlemen, including our M.P.'s who harbour such narrow minded ideas to rub that kink out of their neck so they may turn their heads to the West and make a bit of a study of the official map of the country.

Thus by checking on the rivers they will find the Peace, which is the only river that rises west of the Rockies, thus with its tributaries gives a water grade into the middle of B.C. without the Kicking Horse Pass with the two spiral tunnels, and no Rogers' Pass or Connaught Tunnel.

A 50-mile cable, as we call it, summer to carry a 100 direct current supply of electricity from the Swedish land to the Baltic island of land. The cable, estimated cost \$4,500,000, will serve the land population of 60,000.

First Presbyterian Church
"Rejoice in the Lord always."
—Phil. 4:4

First Presbyterian Church
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1953
11:00 A.M.—Sunday School
Bible Class
Bible Study
7:30 P.M.—Evangelistic Service
A vital message in the light of the times
WEDNESDAY
8:00 P.M.—Bible Study
9:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
FRIDAY
7:00 P.M.—Children's Bazaar
Chorus Singing
Games
Cafeteria

First United Church
Sixth Ave. W. and Musgrave
11 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Sermon: "You Can't Ride the Rods."
Children's Story: "Put-off Town."
Air Cadets Squadron 559 attending this service.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
Sermon: "On the Worship of Things."
COME AND WORSHIP
SUNDAY SCHOOLS at First United—Beginners and Primary at 11 a.m.; Older pupils at 12:15; at CONRAD UNITED HALL, all at 11 a.m.
Congregational Social Hour and Young Adult Club after Evening Service.

First United Church
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1953
Morning Worship 11 o'clock.
Sunday School 12:15.
Evening Worship 7:30.
Minister at both services
"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy."

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