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Tide of Northern Industry

IN THE departure of a ship from Jamaica bearing alumina for Kitimat we have the first positive sign that the great Alcan project is soon to reach fruition.

An industrial undertaking which has been described as the most ambitious of modern times is about to start the process of paying off the millions of dollars and thousands of hours which have gone into making it work.

Although there can be no doubt that ultimately the new industry will have a pronounced influence on the development of the whole Skeena district, those who are expecting sudden great changes are almost certain to be disappointed.

Alcan's own experience proves that costs and other problems of moving to a comparatively isolated area are inclined to exceed even the most careful estimates. Housing and transient labor are two such items which come immediately to mind.

While Alcan has pioneered the way and made it easier for other industries to follow, the situation is by no means so settled that the course of future development is all cut out.

An example of the difficulties encountered even when certain facilities are already available was provided by the Columbia Cellulose Co. Without a pool of trained labor to draw from and without hope of attracting enough workers from outside because of the housing shortage, Columbia Cellulose filled its positions almost entirely with local untrained help.

Although the company is now operating efficiently, it was a bold stroke at the time and presented a challenge which other companies considering a move to this part of the country will think about twice. Moreover, it is a problem which will persist to some extent even after the company's operations are underway.

As northern industry inches forward, these obstructions will disappear—but it is moving like the tide, not a river in flood. So let's not get excited if we seem to be wading in too little instead of drowning in too much.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

People who take cold baths all winter seldom have colds. But they have cold baths.

There is something about May 24 that seems to be worth waiting for. The British Columbia weather picture cannot be called happy, for there's ten more days to count. Somehow, that mysterious influence involving the month of May, and a motherly looking old lady still stands.

ONLY TWENTY-THREE divorce decrees were granted in Vancouver about a week back. In the western news world, that's just a stray item today. In fact, hardly bothering with that extra little word "stray."

Canadian judges who net \$900 a month may get a raise, says the Vancouver Sun. And adds, "who says crime doesn't pay?"

"During my years in the theatre," remarked John Barrymore, "one of my chief regrets is that I couldn't sit in the audience and watch me act."

According to advice from Ontario, Canada's official hangman is not well, and on the point of resigning. There may be need- less cause for alarm but could there be a country without a PE, and several fellows down for an appointment?

Things looked pretty black for the English major. He was being court martialled for chasing, completely in the nude, a young lady in a negligee through a hotel corridor in Cairo. But the major's attorney was alert and resourceful and won for his client an acquittal. Basis for defence was this paragraph from the Army manual: "It is not compulsory for an officer to wear a uniform at all times, so long as he is suitably garbed for the sport in which he is engaged."

NOTHING DOING THIS YEAR This year, Canucks in Canada will seek jobs in Canada, assuming they need them, instead of newly arrived strangers from across the Atlantic. These may total 150,000, the Ottawa radio announced Wednesday. In this case there will be fewer strange

faces on the street corners all busy talking a line most of us here cannot savvy.

Away back in Brockville, Ont., people are asking that surely by this time we know the name and words of the National Anthem. It's known, of course. But what's going to be done? "What's 'O Canada' doing to be called? And where does 'God Save the Queen' come in? We have stood up in more than one audience where both tunes were played and sang at the same time. But it makes an odd sound.

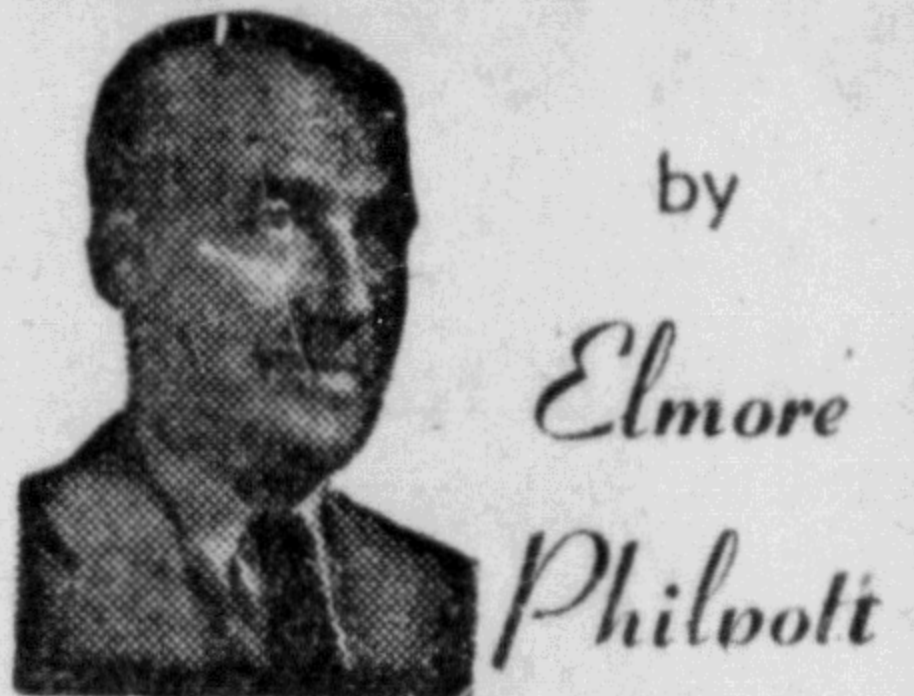
Never go back, is the advice of the fellow at the next desk, who made a sentimental pilgrimage to the city of his youth. It seems he found all his old friends either dead, rich or on the wagon. The former is from the Port Arthur News-Chronicle. Well, if a man waits long enough, the old gang will usually be found anywhere on earth, except where one deliberately seeks them.

There has been a lot of controversy about capital punishment and all that sort of jolly rot lately, so this may be a useful time to mention that prisoners in Canadian penitentiaries, jails and reformatories have reached a new grand total number today, being a record of 16,383.

The Civic Centre is convenient, as well as handsome and useful, yet there go some times when even scanty seating in the lobby is just about impossible to find. But this does not mean the property will not be seen again. It will, though, taking a little time. Perhaps it is quite correct to assume that under certain circumstances, comfortable furniture can be borrowed. However, a room the size of the lobby without even a chair or a stool, gives an embarrassed feeling.

That African dignity, Emperor Selassie of Ethiopia will be in Ottawa this month. It will be his first visit to this continent. He is said to have a weakness for maple syrup, marmalade and mince pie. We'll say his general judgment is safe and sound.

As I See It



by Elmore Philbott

India's Wise Men

SUPPOSE this newspaper carried a front page report that George Drew had given up the leadership of the Conservative Party.

Suppose the story declared that the Conservative leader was to devote the remainder of his life to persuading rich Canadians freely to give most of their wealth to provide for the poor of this country.

The above would be roughly equivalent to what has just happened in India, where the leader of the second most important party in that vast country has just renounced politics, and thrown himself into "free land gift" campaign.

The Indian leader's name is Jaya Prakash Narayan. He is the founder and leader of India's Socialist party, which is second only to Nehru's Congress party in mass support throughout India. Mr. Narayan is 51 years of age, extremely well educated. He spent eight years in the United States, where he was converted to Communism. But, like many other persons of good will and intelligence, his actual experience taught him that Communism was leading the world in exactly the opposite direction from what he wanted it to go. He saw that Communism was just a new form of materialism, in some ways worse than that which it sincerely but mistakenly sought to supersede.

IT IS ONE of the miracles of our time that a non-Christian, the late Mahatma Gandhi, was the first great world leader to demonstrate the validity of the social teachings proclaimed by Jesus Christ in His sermon on the mount. There is no more mistaken description of Gandhi's teaching than that it was "non-resistant." The very heart and soul of Gandhi's way of life was that it is the duty of every human being to resist evil. Incidentally, all the Indian sages teach that it is better to resist evil, even by violent means, than not to attempt to resist evil at all.

What was new about Gandhi's principle was that he taught and demonstrated that it was possible to resist evil by applying the principles which Jesus taught on the hills of Galilee—that is, by means which did not compound the evil itself.

When Gandhi died, his mantle fell on Vinoba Bhawe. This great soul and true sage travelled by foot throughout India calling on the people freely to give up part of their land, for the benefit of those who had none. Up till last month he had persuaded the rich and poor of India voluntarily to give up over two and a half million acres of land. Bhawe is no fair weather fighter, either. He goes to the parts of the country where the class struggle is the keenest. He has been known to work in areas where the Communists were holding chunks of the land by force of arms.

The early Christianity, which triumphantly survived the execution of its founder, was a movement with a dynamic social doctrine.

The very name "Communist" and its derivatives, such as "communism" and "communism," has come right down to us from the records of the early Christian church. It was this church which was based on the principle of purely voluntary communism, which in fact grew throughout the ancient Roman Empire, and finally triumphed over that Empire itself.

The difference between the ancient, free, voluntary communism of the early Christians and the Communism taught by Karl Marx and applied by Lenin, Stalin, Malenkov and Mao, was that the original communists based their community on the principle "voluntarily pool your goods for the good of all." The revised, materialist version of Karl Marx was "Seize the goods of the rich."

India's modern Wise Men are going back to the first type.



"HAW, HAW, HAW—HERE HE COMES AGAIN."—By Robert W. Chambers in Halifax Chronicle-Herald. (CP Photo)

OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. MACLEOD

Despite the heavy crop of rumors that have been associating External Affairs Minister L. B. Pearson with the post of Secretary-General of NATO, Parliament Hill isn't saying goodbye to him just yet.

For there is at least a hopeful chance that the widely popular "Mike" will not be going anywhere at all, but will end up by staying right here.

In the past Hon. "Mike" has been mentioned for various top international jobs. In those cases his failure to land always has been due to Soviet opposition. In the case of the NATO post, he doesn't have to face the hurdle of acceptability to Russia. But there is another difficulty that may be equally impossible for him to surmount.

When NATO was organized, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill was particularly insistent upon its headquarters being located in London. The French wanted Paris, Washington, too, favored the French capitol. The great Churchill wasn't easily over-ruled. He finally acquiesced only on condition that the chief administrative post—that of Secretary-General—should go to some one from the United Kingdom.

Ottawa opinion isn't too clear as to whether that undertaking expires with Lord Ismay's term of service, or whether it is a permanent arrangement. But the

South Korea Making Little Gain Toward Self-Sufficient Economy

SEOUL (Reuters)—South Korea is making little or no progress towards a self-sufficient economy.

About \$400,000,000 in the form of goods and cash has flowed into South Korea since the first relief organizations were formed in the early days of the war. But there is little to show for it.

On the credit side, trains are running again and there is some form of transport, communica-

Fish Unions Again Reject Salmon Prices

VANCOUVER (CP)—Salmon prices proposed by Fisheries Association of B.C. operators have been rejected by the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union in the third of the price negotiation talks.

The operators offered prices ranging from the same as last season to five cents a pound lower. The union has demanded price increases ranging up to six cents a pound.

Price per pound offered, with union request and last season's prices in brackets are: sockeye 17 to 19 cents, 25 cents (22 cents); coho 11 cents, 17 (11); pink 8 3/4, 10 (7 1/4); summer chum 5, 9 (5 1/2).

Price talks will continue next week. June 19 has been set by the union as a deadline for agreement in the negotiations.

Petrov Documents Disclose Australians Blackmailed Into Spying For Russians

CANBERRA (CP)—The planks of a railway bridge near Canberra served for a time as the hiding place for documents passed between Vladimir Petrov and other foreign agents, Australia's royal commission on espionage have learned.

W. J. V. Windeyer, chief government counsel, told the commission government authorities learned of the hiding place when they translated one of the documents turned over to them by the former Soviet embassy third secretary when he requested political asylum last month.

It was Petrov's disclosures that touched off the investigation into what Windeyer described today as a "remarkable counter-

Family Outing Becomes Nightmare As Youngster Drives Away With Car

NEW YORK (AP)—A Brooklyn family's Sunday outing ended in a terror-filled auto ride with three-year-old Douglas Nemetz at the wheel.

The boy's escapade, in which a pedestrian was run down, brought his father a summons for leaving the family car unattended with the motor running.

Arthur Nemetz, 51, left the car in front of his sister-in-law's house. The automatic transmission was at "drive" and only a little pressure on the accelerator was needed to put the vehicle in motion.

While waiting for his father to stop talking with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Germano and return to the car, Douglas squirmed into the driver's seat, grabbed the steering wheel and stepped on the accelerator.

Large Program Sees Alberta Cut Predators

JASPER, Alta. — Major Fred Brewster, veteran guide and outfitter in the Canadian Rockies and one of the country's leading campaigners for wildlife protection in national parks, said here today the number of predatory animals in Alberta was greatly reduced in 1953.

"The excellent results in the war against destructive animals in Alberta were entirely due to a concentrated program carried out by the provincial department of lands and forests, which should be commended highly for its work," Major Brewster said.

"The menace of voracious predators in national parks is always a serious one and we hope operations will be intensified in the future with the aim of exterminating these beasts," he declared. "Alberta has made excellent progress in this respect," Major Brewster said.

In a constructive and vigorous campaign Alberta hired a band of 150 trappers to carry out the war to the latter part of 1953.

The following number of predators had been destroyed: foxes 36,400; coyotes 20,600; lynx 4,200; wolves 3,100; bears 1,700; and cougars 30.

"The results, especially in Jasper National Park, have been very satisfactory," he said. "The department of lands and forests has embarked on an errand of mercy to wildlife and we hope to co-operate with them to the fullest degree."

Miller Story Starts Tomorrow

"The Glen Miller Story," rated one of Hollywood's best productions, will show at the Capitol Theatre for four days this week, Wednesday through Saturday.

The musical dramatizes the life of the late band leader, who climbed to share the top rung of the ladder among America's popular dance bands. Starring are James Stewart and June Allyson.

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