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Select a Liberal Government

FROM where we sit it looks as if Art Laing is the man.

A years ago the Liberal party appeared to have suffered a disaster so terrible that it could well be final. Even its most loyal members muttered ruefully about needing four or five years at least to put the party back into a contending position.

But how the picture has changed! Far from bringing up the rear, the Grits at this point actually seem to be putting on the strongest race of all. Admittedly a certain amount of luck has played into their hands. One instance of this was the resignation of Harold Winch as leader of the CCF forces. However worthy Arnold Webster may be as replacement, he is not in the same class with the fiery and eloquent Mr. Winch as a provincial figure.

Moreover, the CCF cause was not helped by reports, whether true or not, that Mr. Winch disagreed with his colleagues on the fundamental question of whether complete socialism could be effectively applied in B.C. Although Mr. Winch has not forsaken the party, he has moved just far enough to create an impression that all is not harmonious in the ranks.

The Liberals' prospects are also improved by the fact that the Social Creditors must go again to the voters asking for a "fair chance." Such a request is not the most effective kind of election appeal as it carries with it the implication that the record so far has not been particularly successful. In addition, not many elections have been won by a sudden mood of generosity on the part of the electorate.

But more than anything the resurgence of the Liberals is due to their own determination to stay in the fight and to the personal vigor of Mr. Laing. The party's new chief has, in our opinion, the essential quality of a Premier to a greater extent than any of his competitors. One can imagine the hustle and drive and direct action that would infuse the government under his direction. The gamble he took in relinquishing his federal seat to enter this election speaks for itself as an example of his desire to do everything possible for B.C. It also reveals the vital quality of courage.

From the local point of view, there is one other feature about him which should impress this district favorably. He considers us important enough to come here to speak to us. This is the sort of attention that the north has been too often denied.

In this action we also see a high regard by Mr. Laing for the qualifications of the local candidate, Bruce Brown. Should the Liberals form the next government and Mr. Brown become a member, such esteem for his services is certain to be of advantage to this constituency.

Ontario Premier Takes Throttle To Start CNR Museum Train on Way

Special to The Daily News
 AURORA, Ont.—With Premier Leslie Frost at the throttle, a bright yellow museum train pulled slowly into the CNR station here Saturday to touch off a two-day centennial celebration commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first steam railway run in Ontario.
 One hundred years ago to the day, a resolute old-timer, belching smoke and sparks, chugged to a stop here to open the first 30-mile line of the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railway. Dubbed from the start "Oats, Straw and Hay," the portage line was built to "avoid the circuitous and dangerous route" for water-borne traffic on Lakes Huron and Erie.
 Stepping down from the cab of engine 674, built in 1899 and oldest active CNR locomotive, Mr. Frost was greeted by Dr. Crawford Rose, mayor of Aurora, and Mrs. Rose, both attired in costumes of a century ago. Hundreds of citizens jammed the station area to witness the brief bit of pageantry.
 Following a luncheon given by the town council and the Board of Trade, attended by provincial, municipal and civic officials, railway officers and historians, a centennial parade was held while the CNR's museum train was opened for inspection.
 Speaking to the crowd from the station platform, Premier Frost said his grandparents rode in a passenger train over the same line the day the Dominion was born—July 1, 1867.

As I See It



by
 Elmore
 Philpott

Britons All One Team

YOU SEE the British at their best in times of crisis. They were at their best when they stood alone in Europe against the whole concentrated evil power of Hitler.

But you see them at their best again, right now. For once again the great Churchill is at the head of an absolutely united nation, determined to "make a try" for world peace.

The great strength of the British is that by instinct they play the game as a team. Thus, once again this past week, we saw party divisions in Britain forgotten. We saw the greatest of all British warrior prime ministers make his supreme bid for peace talks. We saw Mr. Attlee neatly drive home the Churchillian points.

CHURCHILL was the great policy maker of this century, for all western nations. He made some great, most grave mistakes—but who that is human did not?

But he made several master-strokes which have moved the world greatly forward, toward the supreme goal of one free world, based on justice under law.

It was Churchill who teamed up with the equally great, but different, Roosevelt to get the British world kingdom and the U.S.A. "mixed up together for the common good."

"Like the mighty Mississippi, let it roll on," he proclaimed of this mixing up process.

But about ten years later the same great architect of freedom and union could privately say of the British-American alliance something like this:

"We don't mind being junior partner—but not too damned junior."

NEVER in all history did Britons work more neatly as a team than Churchill and Attlee did on May 12. The Prime Minister had made his call for an early peace meeting with Russia, suggesting that something very good and big really may be happening in Russia and we should make the most of it.

But it fell to the Opposition leader to put in plain words what millions of people feel throughout the entire Commonwealth: That powerful elements in the U.S.A. do not seem to want peace.

"These elements want an all-out war with China and against communism generally. . . . One often wonders who is the more powerful, President Eisenhower or Senator Joseph McCarthy."

THERE WAS an even nearer touch when Mr. Attlee suggested that China's seat at the UN should be given to the real government of China and not held by Chiang Kai-shek now on Formosa.

"Not while actual fighting in Korea is going on," interjected Churchill.

"No, soon after the armistice." Thus an absolutely united British nation, by clever team (Continued on page 7)



AURELIO HERNANDEZ, 43, has brought his ancient craft with him to Canada from his native Spain. For 25 years he has made by hand gold and silver chalices and other delicate pieces of art. In his Quebec city studio he puts the finishing touches to a gold chalice he will sell for \$250. He is training his elder son, Henri, 17, in the craft which Aurelio learned from his father.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Politics and cynicism being at least inseparable if not quite identical, Parliament Hill circles haven't been too surprised to hear some MPs attributing the Privy Councillorship bestowed on PC leader George Drew to motives other than the Prime Minister's generosity.

The most common suggestion advanced by these hard-to-convince MPs is that the Prime Minister acted from twinges of conscience stemming from the shabby treatment which the opposition leader has suffered on several official occasions.

Notably there was the time when, at the state dinner held in honor of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Mr. Drew wasn't even seated at the head table. He was accommodated simply with a chair at an ordinary table—one which would be classed in precedence terms as pretty far "below the salt."

Mr. Churchill himself appeared to be conscious of the slight inflicted on the opposition leader. At least, that was the interpretation generally placed upon the fact that, in the speech which he gave, he went out of his way to refer to Mr. Drew in highly flattering terms of good-humored familiarity. Churchill and Drew had met intimately several times in Britain.

It is admitted on all sides in parliamentary circles that the opposition leader's latest honor recompenses him handsomely for all past slights of this nature. And by far the majority opinion credits the recognition to the Prime Minister's innate sentiments of generosity and chivalry.

The fact is that the official Table of Precedence takes no account whatever of the position of leader of the opposition. The reason for this oversight is the fact that, prior first to John Bracken and then to George

Drew, leaders of the opposition all had been former prime ministers—Meighen, King and Bennett. Since ex-prime ministers stand high in the precedence table, there was no need to give them status in any lesser capacity.

What the Prime Minister really has done for George Drew, therefore, is to give him definite status for the purpose of official occasions. That's something that the late Mackenzie King never did for John Bracken.

Actually, neither Bracken nor Drew were entitled to the prefix "Honorable" which the press used to accord them by courtesy. Under the strict letter of the law, a provincial premier or cabinet minister is only entitled to use the term while in office. A Privy Councillor, however, carries the prefix for life. Hon. Mr. Drew, therefore, is qualified to use it from here out.

'Freedom of Press In Danger'

PENTICTON (C)—Liberal Leader Arthur Laing said Thursday night freedom of press is in danger, as it was after passage of the Accurate News and Information Act in Alberta in 1927 in light of Premier Bennett's remarks about the press in a Salmon Arm speech.

He was referring to a reported statement of the premier's that newspapers covering the Social Credit campaign were biased against his party.

"Where is such attack to lead?" Mr. Laing asked. "I sense in it a prelude to attack such as the Alberta government made in 1937. Fortunately, that act was disallowed by the Supreme Court."

LETTERBOX

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 EDWARD W. GREEN

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The Editor,
 The Daily News:
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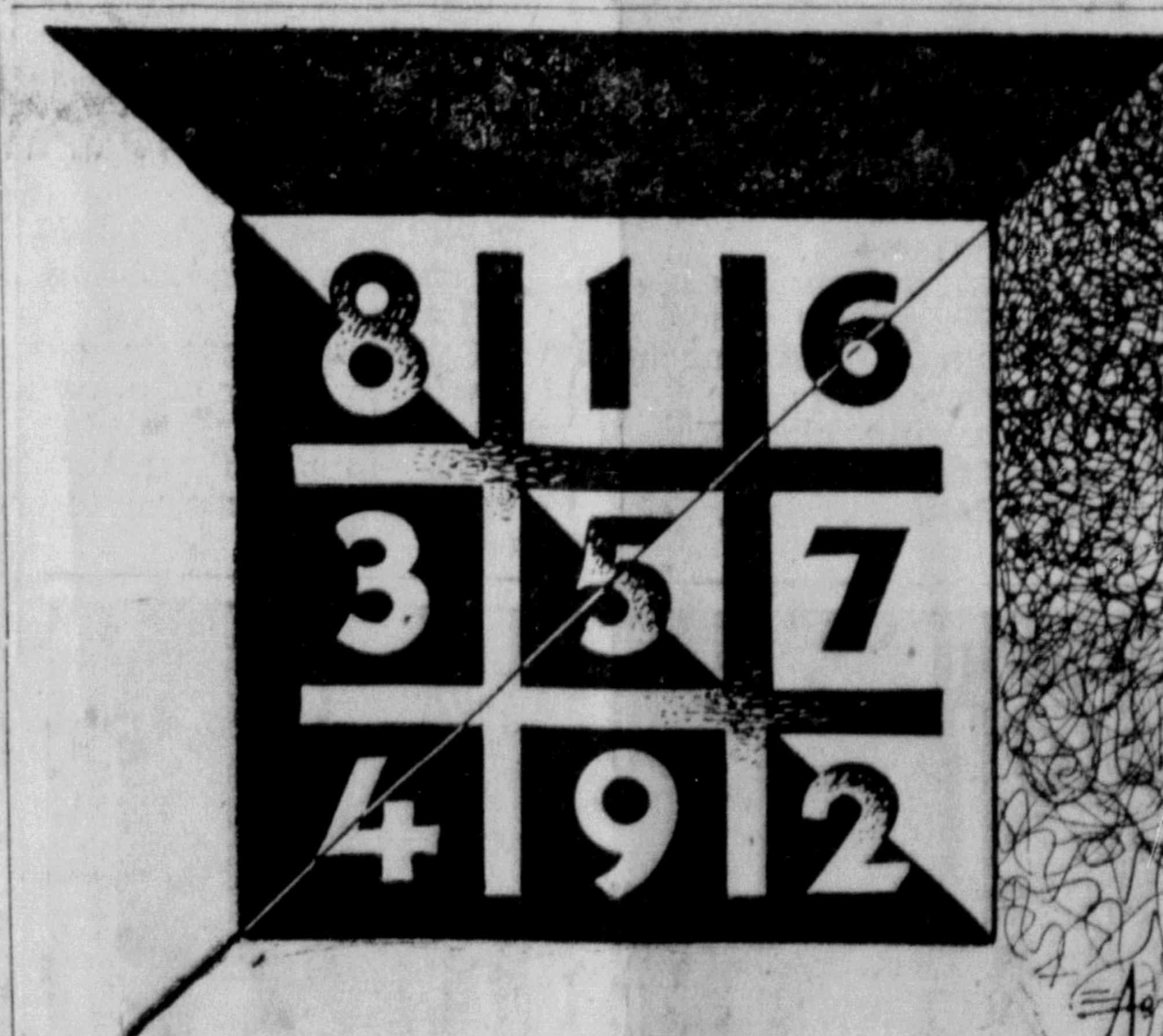
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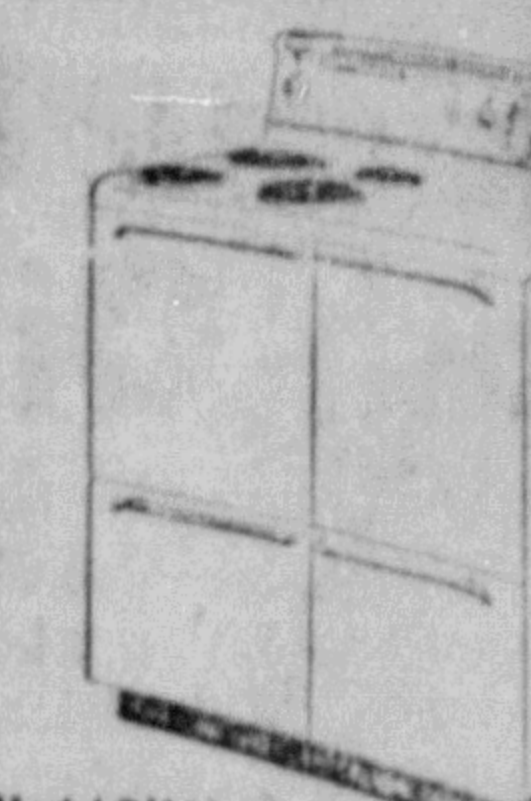
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