

We Are Not Expendable

IT WOULD appear from yesterday's announcement concerning the establishment of an RCAF filter station here that there has been a change of mind about Prince Rupert's importance as a defence centre.

Despite the active part played by this port in the last war, Prince Rupert is understood to have since received a low priority rating by the defence department. While few really know what goes on inside the inner councils there, the external evidence points in that direction. Most of the building once used for military purposes have been either demolished or allowed to fall into disuse. There has been no known plan to develop radar protection for the area, and all proposals for construction of an airport have been consistently discouraged.

Finally, of course, there is the classic surrender of our ship-repair facilities. This has yet to be made effective but, were it not for strong resistance locally, it probably would have been some time ago.

Possibly not too much importance should be attached to the establishment of a filter station here. Similar undertakings are going ahead all over the country. Nevertheless they are not being carried out indiscriminately. Some serious thought must have been given to the vulnerability of this area before the RCAF decided to proceed with the arduous task of finding and training enough personnel to man 200 observation posts.

No one welcomes preparation for danger, and it is difficult to believe that civilization will allow the monstrous danger in question to materialize. But if preparations are to be made, let us not be ignored. We are not expendable.

Business Not Aiding Education Says Chamber Committee Brief

MONTREAL. (C) — Canadian business is not doing as much as it could, or should, for education, a committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce said today.

The education committee of the national chamber made a "limited" survey of Canadian corporations to find out what business in this country is doing to support education. Results of the survey appear in the June issue of the chamber's magazine Canadian Business.

Said W. R. Carroll, vice-president of Canada Packers Ltd., and the education committee's chairman, in commenting on the survey results:

"While commerce is making a substantial contribution to Canadian scholarships, and this is especially true of some companies, many firms have yet to realize their opportunity or responsibility in this connection."

REPLIES RECEIVED

Affirmative replies were received from 192 firms of those asked if they gave financial support to education. These firms contributed \$484,088, of which more than 90 per cent was aimed at university courses, donated by 118 firms.

However only a handful of

the companies donating to universities made up the bulk of the contributions. More than 80 per cent of contributions came from 25 companies.

Other survey results indicate that companies in Quebec and Ontario combined to award university students the benefit of \$345,000, or 78 per cent of the survey's all-Canada total for universities of \$440,790.

Sect Parents Facing Trial

GRAND FORKS, B.C. (C) — Court action will be launched here today to take five—or possibly 10—children from Sons of Freedom Doukhobor parents who defied court orders to send the children to school.

The action will be taken by provincial welfare officers under the Protection of Children Act. School-age children from the nearby Freedom colony of Gilpin are involved.

Earlier this week five parents were given until Thursday to have children in school, and 14 others were given until Friday.

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As I See It

BY

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• INNOCENT—BUT ...

HERE ARE two events, which happened almost at the same moment, which should cause every true believer in freedom and democracy "to think furiously."

In the U.S.A. a special three-man board finds that the head atomic scientist, Dr. Oppenheimer, is a completely loyal and patriotic American. But, by a margin of two to one, the same board finds that notwithstanding the scientist's personal loyalty, his past friendships with Communists make him a security risk who should no longer have access to atomic secrets.

In Canada, our own government announces that "quite a few" persons have been screened out of the armed services, or civil services, by security boards working strictly on the q.t.

In other words, Canada is doing on a small scale exactly what the U.S.A. is doing noisily and crudely on a large scale. But Canada's silent purge is done so quietly and discreetly that hardly anybody knows that it is going on.

I THOUGHT that David Fulton, M.P., was completely right in his suggestion that there should be some kind of a review board, to which civil servants notified of dismissal, transfer, or demotion for security reasons, could appeal for redress.

We are supposed to have, as fundamental Anglo-Saxon justice, the principle that every man is innocent till he is proven guilty. Every accused person is supposed to have the right of having any charge against him plainly and clearly written out. He is supposed to have the right to be tried in open court, to have the right to hear the sworn evidence given against him, as well as to summon witnesses to give rebuttal to that hostile evidence.

Yet our own government spokesmen candidly admit that our security system does not work that way at all. The names of the officials who serve on the board are not even revealed. The suspected persons are not always informed of the charges against them. The board makes no real effort to prove the guilt or innocence of the suspected person. Their whole aim is to weed out of the public service persons who might possibly do harm to the country if left in those positions.

It is candidly admitted, even by the Prime Minister, that some completely innocent people may be victimized by this process—but he adds with equal candour and equal sincerity that he cannot think of any better way to deal with the situation.

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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Forty-five years ago, life looked and sounded quite enough in and around Prince Rupert. Anyway, it appeared like that to a stranger just in from the stir and hum of Seattle. He planned on trying for a job in the newspaper line, but never dreamed half a lifetime would be spent in the effort. It was twilight that May evening by the time the Princess May, Captain John McLeod, tied up by the Grand Trunk Pacific dock where most of eager-eyed Prince Rupert had already assembled.

What a harbor was here! This had beauty, as well as utility and spaciousness. And some day there would be a townsite lighting system, for the need had already been demonstrated. From the nearest hillside stood frame hotels—The Inn and the Premier—just now busy receiving more guests.

FRIEND FRED

A hotel clerk, Fred Henning, who looked the part, had noted we were a hard hat. "Coming up to work for a bank?" he inquired. It was necessary to let him know he'd guessed wrong. Fred was a good sort. It was the commencement of what was to become a long friendship. This was an hour when all were strangers and becoming acquainted was the chief job of everyone in sight.

When no one knew the next man, introducing one's self proved to be a happy and apparently welcome responsibility. Folks liked to chat. There were plenty of questions to ask, and soon loneliness became less. We first met Douglas Sutherland in the dining room of the Premier next morning. He had come to Rupert in 1908 from Vancouver, being then general agent of the CPR. It's only a few weeks since, widely known and remembered, he passed away here.

NOT LESS THAN FIVE!

City Hall had not yet been built. Plank walks were on the way. A jokesmith named Arthur Little from Boston sold peanuts and Provences. Stumps could be sighted as far as first rate vision went. Ladies with a sense of humor dwelt conveniently to the waterfront. It was hard to find up-town. You see, five more years had to pass before a train would be in. No one sorrowed, for few would or could admit aee. Displaying a face longer than half-past twelve was distinctly bad form.

We are not prepared to portend, or if it means anything, why substantial deliveries of unspecified material have lately been made in or near Anyox. Anyway, its been many and many a day since much has been heard of the old company town convenient to Prince Rupert. For years, a busy centre, the industry, then so evident, reacted in no small degree on what was going on in this city.

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS!

Prince Rupert had no Fairview cemetery in the spring of 1909. Earlier, there had been burials on Garden Island, across the bay. Once, a casket was delivered to the dock and while awaiting conveyance to the tomb a business card was attached to it telling where linoleum, furniture or clothing could be obtained at reasonable cost.

There wasn't a scarlet tunic on the waterfront Sunday at breakfast hour and hundreds of

cheerful looking tourists filling ashore. Each carried a camera or what practically amounted to that. And let's repeat—there wasn't a red coat in sight—often quite welcome.

Cancer Society Names President

VANCOUVER (CP) —R. Bruce Buckfield of Vancouver was elected national president of the Canadian Cancer Society Thursday at the annual grand council of the organization here. He succeeds Fred G. Butterfield of Regina.

Mr. Buckfield, a retired banker, is a former president of the B.C. Cancer Foundation and the society's B.C. division.

The society's 1954 fund raising campaign had surpassed its \$1,500,000 objective with receipts of more than \$1,600,000.

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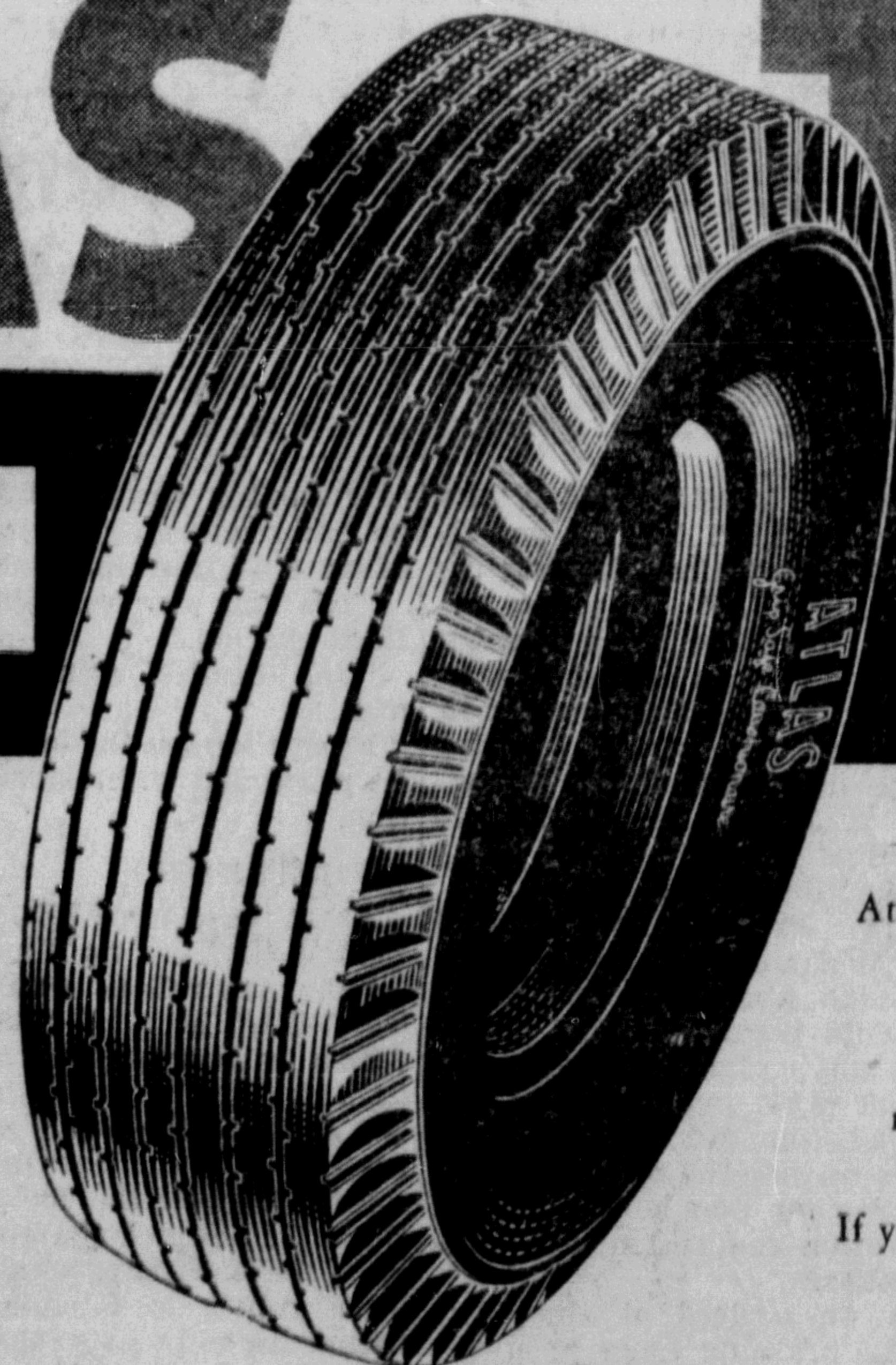
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