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## An International Issue

THERE are indications that western Canada may have the same sort of prolonged international issue concerning water power that the east has in the St. Lawrence seaway. In fact, some observers anticipate that the two problems will eventually overlap each other.

In the west the point at issue is the Aluminum Company of America's application to make use of Canadian waters for its projected multi-million-dollar plant near Skagway. Although Resources Minister Winters has assumed a hands-off policy towards the Alcoa proposal, the Americans show no signs of being discouraged.

"I think that if the Canadian government is convinced that what we think is right, they'll let us proceed with our project," the company's chief consultant, James P. Growdon, said in Prince Rupert recently.

The note of optimism also persists in the Alaskan press. The Ketchikan Alaska Chronicle has this to say:

"We would not be surprised to see an international development of the Yukon headwaters, supervised by the two nations and financed in part by the two governments, with private industry of either country allowed to use part of the power."

While the Americans' determination is a commendable quality in any enterprise, it is difficult to see on the surface of things how they justify their hopes. Mr. Winters' refusal to consider surrender of Canadian resources was directed squarely at Alcoa and included no it's and but's.

In addition, there is the prime necessity of protecting the Aluminum Company of Canada's development at Kitimat. Should a plant of equal size be constructed on Alaska territory, Alcan's sales to the U.S. would suffer accordingly.

To avoid this, and to demonstrate to other industries contemplating large projects in Canada that the government is on their side, Mr. Winters' relations with Alcoa must be held to about the same temperature that his name implies.

Further examination of the American position, however, suggests hope is still held that a big deal can be consummated in which Canadian aid to Alcoa will be exchanged for U.S. help in the St. Lawrence seaway. While nothing less than this is likely to change the Canadian mind, it must be admitted that the St. Lawrence project is possibly large enough to do it.

The catch is that Canadians out here would object, with considerable justification, to being part of any such horse trade—particularly when they can see what end of the horse they would be.

## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Sam Connery, back in Vancouver, saw New York, Gibraltar, Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, Austria, England, Ireland and Scotland. He did it in six months for \$650. It would cost almost that to live and see nothing. In Spain he paid four cents for a haircut. In Prince Rupert it's a hundred.

Extension of the B.C. and Alberta boundaries northward to the 65th parallel is in prospect and need surprise no one. Later on, perhaps, the same can be said of four new provinces.

It's just a year since 26 were drowned from a plane at Sandspit. The tragedy was a vital emergency then, and costly. Does the state of affairs look any safer today?

Canada is making use of far more horses than ever before. By this is meant more horsepower, and it illustrates the scope of national industry. They can, as a matter of fact, do all sorts of illustrating.

## PLAIN WORK

What's wrong with work? Inquires the Times-Journal of St. Thomas, Ont. That is a question a good many employers are asking these days. More and more people don't know how to work and have little intention of learning how. They do not apply for a job. What they seek is "an association with your firm." They, not the employer, ask questions. When do they get vacations and how about living standards? Do I get free hospital insurance? Tell us about

pensions and retirement. When will I get a raise?

Tallulah Bankhead, the actress, is telling the story of her life to the press. It's a breezy and diverting story and in many ways refreshing. But there is one danger point. Having devoted her life to stage and screen, the Vancouver police may detect a threat to public morals and take action.

General Eisenhower has vast responsibility, yet room for an occasional pleasantries. He wore no silk hat at the inauguration, for with plenty of Democrats still in town it would never do to have a snowstorm come along.

## Leading Churchman Pays Tribute To Liquor Inquiry Board Report

VANCOUVER (CP)—Rev. Douglas H. Telfer, president of the Vancouver Council of Churches, has paid tribute to the "hard work, consecrated intelligence and moral courage" shown by the three members of the B.C. liquor inquiry commission.

Mr. Telfer said five things stand out in their report which will form the basis for new liquor laws in the province:

- Present system of beer parlors stands condemned. "This system, introduced by the moderation league, has run its course and none will mourn its passing."
- Sale of liquor is to be operated

## As I See It



by  
Elmore  
Philpott

## More Prophets

A PROPHET who wrote me a remarkable forecast for the year 1952 now writes again:

"Last year I gave you a prophecy that there would be a British railway wreck of unsurpassed proportions. It happened. This year there will be another one, also in England, surpassing the former one."

"The worst ship disaster since the Titanic will come about in '53. Winston Churchill will resign in the late summer of 1953. Flying saucers from another planet will be reported during June, July, August and September."

"A new type of hydrogen bomb will be dropped in '53. This will cause havoc with our weather here in Canada—snow in summer—just for fun remember."

THIS prophet, who was so nearly right last year, adds that there will not be a world war till 1957, in which year "U.S. will go to war with Russia in August." That is a long time to wait to see how right or wrong he is.

But here are two hard, immediate predictions about politics in Canada. Our friend says that the outcome for the pending federal election will be so indecisive that "Mr. St. Laurent will agree to a coalition" to avert another election.

If you are right, brother, I can tell you right now which parties will join such a coalition. It will be Liberals and CCF—which would probably give us the best government we have ever had in Canada.

The prophet agrees with the famous clairvoyant, Madame Lys, that the Soviets will not win a majority in the next B.C. election. He agrees with my own calculation that the Liberals and CCF will run neck and neck in seats won, but he adds "the Liberals will have more votes than the CCF."

IN HER NEW Year prediction, Madame Lys, the noted clairvoyant, said that the strange goings on in Russia were due to a big struggle for power. The ultimate winner of this struggle would be a woman now inside the Kremlin—maybe Molotov's daughter. She would soon become a more powerful Russian ruler even than Katherine the Great, says Madame Lys.

I met Madame Lys myself just before I went out to India. She told me, over a social (not professional) cup of tea that Stalin was no longer the real boss of Russia—in fact, for all practical purposes was politically dead. Could be, too.

IN NAZARETH, where Jesus Christ spent his boyhood, a stubby-bearded Arab came up to me in an open front cafe and held out a string of brown beads. "Hold these," he requested me. I duly held them.

That old fellow told me all sorts of things that I had almost forgotten myself. He also told me amazing things about the future, including the fact that I was about to be re-united with my wife. That old fellow had never laid eyes on me before—and he surely did not know that I had a plane ticket in my pocket which the very next day was to take me to Rome, where I met my wife.

THE ONE THING that I dislike about these accurate predictions of the future is that if they are based on truth, then everything that is going to happen has already been fore-ordained.

I don't believe that—quite. I believe, or hope, man really has free will.



LONDON STREET DECORATIONS have already been prepared for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in June. A design bearing the Royal cypher is tested on a lamp standard in Kingsway, a main thoroughfare in the borough of Holborn. The designs include a crown and orbs, artificial flowers and coronets and papier mache shields of the Tudor rose. The decoration will be erected shortly before the Coronation.

## UNDER OUR ROOF

By JOHN STURDY

In the village post office the other day I had to wait while the man who rents the box next to mine tried to get his key into the lock. After he had snorted and huffed and uttered some rather colorful curses for several minutes, I quietly suggested that he switch his key to the next box.

He was trying to get into mine.

Which, of course, started me thinking of the old apartment-house Back East, where Hamish was the assistant janitor and Col. S. Skeffington-Smuts (Ret.) and I were tenants.

The letter-boxes in our apartment-house were located in the lobby and they were shallow affairs set row by row in the wall, with slots for the mailman to insert the letters and tiny doors you opened in order to get them out. I had lost my key that morning, I remember, and yet, by peering down the slot, I could see there was an envelope tucked in the box.

Now that envelope, I anxiously found, contained a cheque. (Cheques, provided they are signed by somebody else, have always been important in my life.) Well, at that time I happened to be writing some magnificent poetry (lyric) for a magazine called "Uncle Billy's Whiz Bang" and I had recently submitted a small masterpiece entitled "In the Vale of Keelaw" ("Where it's forty-five below, and the huskies howl and the wolves they roam and the northern tempests blow.") Mr. Service, move over!

So I was quite certain that the envelope contained a cheque from Uncle Billy, only when I tried to get my fingers down the slot they refused to go any farther than the first knuckles and failed to make contact with the envelope. This was a very desperate situation.

And then I spotted young Timothy Tubbs, the small offspring of Mr. and Mrs. Tubbs who lived in Apartment 32. I pounced on this rather repulsive juvenile and told him to get his grubby hand down the slot and fish out the envelope while I stood guard.

And then I saw Mrs. Bickle, another of our tenants, coming down the corridor. And you know a feeling of guilt can come over the most innocent of us.

I turned hurriedly to young Timothy, who was up to his fist in the slot by this time.

"Fast!" I whispered. "Get your hand out of that box. We've been spotted."

"I can't," said Timothy. "I'm stuck!"

Well, I got to him pretty darned quick and gave his little arm a yank and all that resulted was a piercing scream from the child. And then Mrs. Bickle was upon us. There I stood, white-faced and shaking, with Timothy screaming beside me, dangling by one arm from the letter-box.

"What on earth is that child doing?" demanded Mrs. Bickle. She peered closer and gave a horrified gasp. "Good heavens, he is trying to rob our mail-box!"

Sure enough, that stupid Timothy had got his hand in the wrong box, and it happened to belong to the Bickles. "Fagin!" Mrs. Bickle shouted at me. "Teacher of thieves!"

always suspected it was Col. Skeffington-Smuts and I was taken away.

For a time the charge against me stood as contributing to juvenile delinquency and robbing His Majesty's mails (A federal offense, I was assured) but in the end I managed to get off with paying for a new letter-box for the Bickles, as the original one had to be broken open with a crow-bar in order to release Timothy Tubbs.

When Hamish opened my own box with his pass-key I discovered that the precious envelope contained my poem, returned by "Uncle Billy's Whiz Bang" with a note from the editor saying the thing lacked action.

## MILESTONES

From the Files of The Daily News

## 40 Years Ago Today

At the fourth anniversary Burns banquet held by the St. Andrew's Society, S. D. MacDonald acted as toastmaster.

F. M. Davis, the well-known launch and boat house man along with his two assistants lived on beans and rice for 10 days when their launch was wrecked on Stevens Island recently.

## 30 Years Ago Today

Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands and member for Prince Rupert in the B.C. Legislature, arrived here this morning for the official opening of the court house.

An experiment in the planting of wild rice as an attraction for wild ducks is being carried on by Alex McRae, the enthusiastic hunter of this city.

## 20 Years Ago Today

Alderman Basso-Bert was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Gyro Club. He spoke on matters pertaining to Fascism.

## 10 Years Ago Today

Miss Beatrice Berner, RN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Berner will be leaving shortly for military training as a nursing sister.

## OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

There is something better than an even money chance that the next Federal general election—exact date at present unknown—will set a new record for turbulence on the hustings whenever it may come.

If it does, one of the agents mainly responsible will be a tyro member of the House, Carl O. Nickle, PC representative for West Calgary.

Nickle's surprise attack on Lieut.-Col. F. W. George (Liberal, Westmoreland) for drawing dual salaries as an MP and as an officer of the Canadian Reserve army has injected a new element of real political savagery into the normal strife between the political parties in the Commons.

The Liberals regard the Nickle attack as a clear case of hitting below the belt in the battle of politics. Hence they are proclaiming—not too loudly but with a quietness which is even more impressive—that Mr. George of Westmoreland is no longer a member of the political arena.

## INSIDE STORY

As told by Liberal sources, here is the "inside" story of the "double-cross" they claim to have suffered in the Nickle attack:

When the Parliamentary return was tabled which listed Col. George amongst the reserve army officers who had received payment for his services, the Liberals inquired from responsible PC sources whether any political use was to be made of the fact. The answer allegedly was in the negative—that the PC's recognized the non-political nature of the reserve army, that Colonel George's status as an MP didn't incapacitate him from serving, and that the list of paid officers contained many names who, although not MP's, were PC's in their politics.

Acting on this alleged assurance, the Liberals gave no further thought to the possible political dynamite in the return. As a consequence, they were taken wholly unprepared and by surprise when Nickle launched his attack.

## REPRISALS PLANNED

The Liberals regard the attack as a deliberate use by the Opposition of the "smear" technique. They say that both the facts and the regulations justify Col. George, and that his pay as a reserve officer in no sense was contingent upon his actual and continuous presence at regimental headquarters. But they take the view that the explanation will never overtake the original charge and that the smear will remain.

One Liberal MP commented: "It is clear that from now on mud is to become an accepted political weapon. Well, both sides can use it. Certainly the government MP's aren't going to allow the Opposition to have a monopoly on it. There'll be reprisals. And they won't be nice."

## Professor Honored

Dr. G. J. Spencer, professor of zoology at the University of British Columbia, has been appointed a Fellow of the Entomological Society of America, an honor given few Canadians.

Dr. Spencer has been a member of the UBC department of zoology since 1924 and has an international reputation for his research work in the field of insect pests.

## PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

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## Saturday Sermon

By REV. H. O. OLSON — Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." (1 Cor. 16:13)

To know Christ makes people strong in faith in service. Christ was strong in the presence of and foe, in sorrow, in suffering and in death. In knowing Him we will possess sure convictions.

Here are some of the things that will take place in a person's life when Christ has freedom to rule. He will receive courage to come to God with all sins and accept the forgiveness that He offers in Christ. This is contrary to the natural heart. It is not easy for man to humble himself and admit unto God that he is a sinner in need of forgiveness. There are many that have fled away from the presence of God when they realized that they must repent of their sins and turn away from them and believe in Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour in order to be saved.

He will have the courage to humble himself before men. If one has wronged another he will receive courage to confess himself as being in error. We all know that there are degrees of moral good which vary considerably in different people. But, generally speaking, it is seldom that a natural man will confess these things. However, when Christ moves into the heart and takes possession He gives the courage to be honest and make all things right with both God and man.

He will have the courage to break with past sins and worldly associations. We all realize that it takes courage and faith in Christ to break and flee from sin. The reason for this is because people love the sins and the pleasures of this present evil world. Sometimes when a person is confronted with Jesus in such a way that he has to make a choice, he will throw the blessed Saviour aside for the sake of the sins of this world. Many know that they need to be converted but do not dare for fear of what their companions will say. They put off God and their conscience and never come to grips with Christ.

Dear friends, are you living a defeated life? Or, have you surrendered your life to Jesus and

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