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Keep On The Trail

A GOOD HOUSE at the Alaska Music Trail concert last night served as convincing proof that the public of Prince Rupert does not wish to lose its opportunity of hearing the great artists which this series provides.

As the business meeting on Tuesday night showed, there is a very real danger that the Alaska Music Trail will have to be abandoned unless there is an immediate improvement in ticket sales. Unaccountably they have dropped off so sharply since last season that the Civic Centre is faced with the impossible responsibility of subsidizing the series. Its finances are not geared to this, and there would be no choice but to advise the artists that in future they must by-pass Prince Rupert. Small communities like Bella Coola may welcome them, and naturally the Alaska points are all lined up, but—sorry—Prince Rupert is out.

Such a situation is unthinkable and, we are convinced, does not express the general wish. After two uncertain years at the start, the Alaska Music Trail last season proved that it was wanted here, and we had the evidence again last night.

We would regret it bitterly if we lost the series through unintentional neglect. The best way to prevent that is to buy tickets now for the two remaining performances. With two more successful concerts, Prince Rupert will be safely on the Trail.

Help The Blind

STARTING this week and lasting until November 14, those who are suffering under one of life's most difficult handicaps are asking for help. They are the blind. They are the ones who, either from birth or later disease or injury, must live their days in blackness and in danger of other misfortunes which such an affliction invites.

Physically shackled as they are, the blind are a race set apart. But their plight would be worse if there were no organization like the Canadian National Institute for the Blind to bring them to a position where they can take an active interest in life.

With personnel specially qualified to help the sightless and their families adjust themselves to normal living, libraries containing books in Braille and Moontype, employment services and many other facilities for the blind, the CNIB is able to save thousands from misery and despair.

In Prince Rupert, George Mitchell is head of the CNIB's local branch. His appeal for financial support of this cause should receive a generous response. Contributions should be sent to the Bank of Commerce. Alternatively, the Daily News will accept those being delivered by hand after banking hours.

Help to bring the light of happiness to those who live in darkness.

Helicopters to Deliver Film To New BBC Television "City"

LONDON (Reuters)—The BBC is building a \$25,000,000 "television city." It may take 10 years to complete.

British television has outgrown the facilities it has used since 1935. The plan for the new centre was made about seven years ago. It now is getting up steam under the direction of Sir George Barnes, BBC director of television.

"Television City" will have a main central building known as "the ring," housing rehearsal rooms, offices, dressing rooms and a glass-enclosed public gallery.

Putting out from the central structure like spokes of a wheel will be seven long studio buildings, each overlooked by the soundproof gallery. There also will be several smaller buildings, plus a helicopter landing space for delivery of newsreels and other urgent film material. The scenery and "props" department already has moved to its new quarters in the White City area of west London. But administrative and production departments will not be moved for some time.

Alexandra Palace, first home of BBC television, still houses much of the administration and is the transmitting centre. Most of the production now is at Lime Grove, near White City, which Barnes has called "the world's finest television centre." The BBC has spent \$3,500,000 on Lime Grove and its three studios.

Long Memories
ROSETOWN, Sask. (CP)—John W. Smith, who operated the first farm binder in this district, has celebrated his 100th birthday. He recalls the introduction of oil lamps when he was a boy, and can also remember the first time he saw cups with handles.

NOTICE OF COURT OF REVISION RE VOTERS LIST

The Court of Revision shall sit on November 16th, at 10 a.m., in the Mayor's office, to correct and revise list of voters for 1953-54 voters' list.

R. W. LONG, Returning Officer.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Black Blots—Red Spots

TO CELEBRATE their new alliance with the United States, Franco's Falangists are parading, shouting slogans for seizure of the British citadel of Gibraltar.

Somebody will have to write a new definition for the strange line-up of 1953 where Spain, the newest ally of our oldest ally, the U.S.A., is acting almost as if she were still a Fascist.

PAKISTAN has now followed India's example and started the ball rolling to declare herself a "Republic, but within the Commonwealth."

The British ex-Empire has always defied successful definition, and today does so more than ever.

Churchill's offhand wisecrack about the strange character of the British world-wide community of nations is still the shrewdest:

"We lost half of it trying to keep it, and made it infinitely greater trying to give it away."

COME to think of it, the defeat of Mr. Churchill's Tories in 1945 was probably the finest thing that ever happened for Mr. Churchill himself and above all for his beloved "English."

Had he still been PM when India's demand for independence came to a head, he would no doubt have maintained the bulldog attitude he held when he growled to Roosevelt: "I did not become His Majesty's First Minister to preside at the liquidation of the British Empire."

Instead of the British Raj coming to an end, as it did, with flags flying, bands playing, and the sincere singing of Auld Lang Syne, the change-over would have come in bloodshed, as it did in U.S.A., with a deep legacy of hate.

The strange thing is that, in this respect, Churchill the joking writer is wiser than Churchill the power-politician. Churchill once contemptuously referred to Gandhi as a "naked fakir." It is the strange irony of history that the influence of that little brown saint has transformed what was once a mere Empire, built on force, to a world-wide family of free nations—and free nations-in-the-making.

HERE is a small story with a big lesson:

A very fine native son of British Guiana, His Honor Sir Frank McDavid, CMG, CBE, was invited to the Coronation to help represent British Guiana. He was to be specially honored by receiving his knighthood from Her Majesty, the Queen. But when his plane stopped overnight at Bermuda, no hotel would give him a room, because of course Sir Frank's skin shade is not white.

That disgraceful episode happened after the April election, when the people gave to their majority to a party campaigning openly on an anti-capitalist, anti-white and anti-British ticket.

But it helps to explain why See PHILPOTT Page 7



WHEN THIS CONCRETE SILO crumbled and bared its contents, farmer Herb Kepple of Richmond, Kan., blamed the destruction on dry weather, now plaguing men of agriculture throughout the West and Midwest. Kepple is confronted with the problem of removing the ensilage, valued at \$2,000 which was to be the winter feed for his livestock.

LETTERBOX

The Editor,
The Daily News:

Recent articles appearing in a Vancouver paper supposedly reporting on trade union developments in the fishing industry have compelled me to write this letter, since I believe the general public are entitled to and should know the sentiment of someone who has worked for 50 years in the industry, and someone moreover who is not and never has been a member of the Communist party, in fact I am a Progressive Conservative party member. In stating the political party to which I belong I do so not because it is anyone's business but my own, but because it will lend some emphasis to what I have to say.

In all my years in the industry I have been associated with one union or another and many unions have come and gone in the B.C. industry over the past 50 years. Some of them have been good, others not so good, some effectual, others quite the opposite. My experience has not only been in the rank and file since I have held official positions in several organizations including the post of secretary of the Pacific Coast Fishermen's Union, one of the immediate predecessors of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union.

Organizations in the fishing industry did not come into existence because of any drive by any political group but appeared as an inevitable result of the tough conditions and poor earnings of those who worked in the industry. The course of past organizations were the antagonisms which existed between the different types of gear, different racial groups, and different areas, which led to many small unions, all with a separate axe to grind.

It was only with the birth of the UFAWU in 1945, itself a combination of many previous organizations that some kind of unity at last came into being. Since the formation of the UFAWU immense strides have been made in bettering fish prices and general conditions for fishermen, as well as establishing more decent wages and conditions for wage workers.

Not only did the UFAWU inherit the membership of previous unions; it also inherited the traditions and ideas which had been 40 years in the making. The basic idea so inherited was that of trade union democracy, and anyone who knows fishermen will understand the impossibility of trying to maintain a union of such men on anything but a true democratic base.

The constitution of the UFAWU is an expression of democratic opinion on the part of fishermen and shoreworkers since it was they who drafted it and any charges which are made are made by the membership. In the face of this fact, the charges of red-domination which are made against the UFAWU are slanderous lies.

The present attempts by an American union to raid the UFAWU is an attempt at domination by an American group, of Canadian industrial workers. This attempt so far has been laughable and I predict it will continue to be laughable regardless of the lies uttered by Seafarers' International Union spokesmen. In the UFAWU no one is denied membership or any privilege of membership because of race, religion, or political opinion, which is true democracy. Every member has the full right of criticism, the right and duty of electing officers and formulating union policy. The Seafarers' International Union and some other unions could very well copy the UFAWU. Certainly, if they did, seamen who are in the SIU would get a better deal than they receive now.

I have lived in Vancouver since 1890 and am proud of being a Canadian. I am proud of the UFAWU because I believe it is an outstanding example of the best Canadian conception of democracy as opposed to certain ideas of late which have been coming in from the South. The UFAWU will continue to prosper regardless of the attempts of the SIU or any other group to import revised and suspect democratic ideas.

I conclude by quoting the Saviour Himself: "Know ye the truth and ye shall be free."
ROBERT DEANS McCAFFERY.

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Reflects and
Reminisces

We dislike causing any sadness, but it appears to be a fact that according to Professor Leonard Kenworthy, most of the world lives in Asia, most of the world is non-white, most of the world is ill-fed, most of the world is sick, and most of the world is illiterate. The professor is affiliated with the American Friends Service and doesn't take a word back. Why should he?

A sociologist remarks there is no pat answer to a juvenile delinquent, although one school of thought is that a little music behind that little pat would solve a lot.

It's looking like a strike, yet one can cheer up. Do you realize that a year ago in B.C. 4½ pounds of T-bone would have cost you five dollars? Today the same cash will give you more than six pounds of beefsteak, and the price is expected to drop lower before the month is out. Anyway, this is what dealers say.

A collector of miniature elephants whose home is in California has been presented with an 800-pound live one. And thereby hangs a tail—

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