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Call For Northern Action

IT IS becoming refreshingly obvious that northern B.C. is not prepared to let its Pacific outlet go by default.

Sent out by the newly organized Canadian Northwest Associated Boards of Trade, with headquarters at Fort St. John, it called upon interested boards of trade to take unified action in influencing northern railway construction.

"This association believes that, unless we get organized now and prepare for any eventuality, we could very well be caught napping to our everlasting regret," it said.

"It is not only the business of every board of trade, but of every individual citizen, to take an active interest in the immediate development of these resources. It can be done and it shall be done."

The remarkable—and commendable—part of this call to action is its quality of vigor despite the fact that it concerns a subject which has had no official encouragement for more than 40 years.

When interior points express their preference for a northern port, however, the argument becomes more difficult to answer.

Summerless Summer

SPRING came eventually in 1816, farmers sowed their crops, green shoots appeared. Then, in the middle of June, snow came.

There were no crops of any kind. All the grains rotted in the field. The population had to live on fish and meat. The latter was plentiful because there was no hay to keep cattle alive.

It is difficult to separate legend from fact, but the dominion meteorological office in Toronto confirms that 1816 was known as the "Summerless Year" because it was unusually cold and unusually wet.

As I See It



by Elmore Philboott

Odds and Ends

TOMORROW I hope to take off on a week-end plane trip to Churchill on Hudson Bay. The date will coincide with my 58th birthday.

Senator McCarthy hollers bloody murder when he is subjected to a small dose of the same investigation treatment which he himself has laded out in immense quantities.

FRANCO'S bully boys in Spain are raising an awful clamor for the return to Spain of Gibraltar, which they claim was stolen from them.

Spain sold Florida to the U.S. If Spain can induce Uncle Sam to hand over Florida, Britain might consider handing back Gibraltar.

RIGHT NOW Canadian newspapers are printing many columns of the great hoax which helped to win the war.

The Spanish Fascists dutifully handed over the "secret" papers to their German Nazi partners.

A FAR MORE serious problem for the British than Spain's claim to Gibraltar is the status of Cyprus.

The overwhelming majority of the people who live on that island are Greeks, by language and culture. They wish Cyprus to be united to the Greek kingdom.

A READER challenges my description of the Russian Communists as "new imperialists". He asks for evidence.

My definition of imperialism has always been rule of one country by a government of another country. By that definition, the Russian Communists are among the most formidable imperialists of modern times.

Before we get real peace in the world every country which is now occupied by the forces of a foreign power will have to be liberated.

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CAVEY ISLAND, England—One of the hardest-hit spots in the North sea floods of last year, this Essex island was rewarded for its speedy recovery by the biggest influx of Easter visitors since the Second World War.



DEFENCE MINISTER Claxton boards a helicopter at the Joint Air Training Centre, Rivers, Man., for a 30-mile flight to the military camp at Shilo, Man., during a tour of Western Canada defence installations.

LETTERBOX

OFFERS SOLUTION The Editor, The Daily News:

According to reports the Comet jet air liner disasters over the Mediterranean sea will go down in history as mysterious accidents caused by mechanical defects or sabotage.

To begin with I will have to reach far back in meteorological history, in order to solve the real cause and that takes one to the cosmic rays. It is on those rays that we must focus our attention.

The instant the cosmic rays enter the atmosphere at the South Pole, they create a friction and in turn this friction creates an electrical impulse. It is this impulse of magnetized force that attracts the compass needle and makes it point towards the north star.

What do you think? P. LeCLAIRE, Prince Rupert.

FEW WITH INTELLIGENCE The Editor, The Daily News:

In reading the Vancouver Sun today I note an article from the Kelowna Associated Boards of Trade in which they present to the government a resolution which calls for "the completion of the Trans-Canada Highway between British Columbia and Alberta irrespective of its route."

Looking at this from all angles, it would seem that there was no need for further discussion on the matter, even when we take into consideration the ignorance and stupidity etc., etc., of those \$10,000 mis-representatives we have at Ottawa.

W. S. GREENE, Smithers, B.C.

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Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

The press, mixed up in stories this spring, prompted a noted British jurist to make a few penetrating remarks concerning the giving of access to facts and freedom to comment.

Canada's Conservatives are said to be enlisting more youthful members on the theory that if you find yourself unable to lick the Liberals, there is always the possibility of outliving them.

A committee is sometimes described as a group of men who keep minutes and waste hours remarks the Toronto Star.

The square frying pan is advertised as more efficient. It only remains now for nature to produce the square egg.

SOMEWHERE IS SUSPECT There has come a sudden and understandable flood of nickels in Canada and we happen to possess the reason.

As the man said, a bowling alley is so noisy you can't hear anything but a pin drop.

MUCH TOO COSTLY In Great Britain the other day an able bodied looking young man convinced a judge he could not afford to go to work. Sued.

LARGE TREES The Pacific coast cypress tree is two to three feet in diameter and up to 100 feet high.

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OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD. Controversy is raging in animated fashion among the farmer MP's these days on the practical merits of the new Gardiner farm calendar.