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More Airport Surveys?

J. F. MAGOR, President

T IS with concern that we note Ted Applewhaite at Ottawa has felt obliged to ask the government for further surveys to determine the feasibility of building an airport here.

From where we sit, this appears to mean that the survey completed last summer was too small an effort to prove anything. If such is the case, the government has made a bad ethical bloomer.

The announcement that \$50,000 would be spent on surveying the site at Digby Island came shortly before the federal elections. Giving the government the benefit of the doubt, we assumed it had been determined beforehand that this amount would cover requirements and that an honest attempt would be made to conduct an adequate survey.

But it is beginning to look as if this action was less in earnest than we had hoped. If it was merely a political manoeuvre, we regret to inform the government that the money was wasted. Mr. Applewhaite's services to this constituency are valued at. considerably more than \$50,000 or any other amount assigned to studying the airport situation.

Had the government frankly snubbed the whole business, we suggest its member still would have carried the riding. Public confidence in him is a great deal more durable than anything the flash of a quick buck can promote.

Admittedly, however, we may be giving in too much to suspicion. Since there is no public knowledge of the survey results, it is conceivable that the work last summer was carried out with the best intention but that difficulties arose which prevented a decision.

It is more reasonable to think that this must be the case. An airport at this corner of Canada has, after all, much more than political convenience to commend it. We want one for our own local reasons. certainly. But there is nothing local about new air routes spanning the Pacific and northern Canada, and that is exactly what an airport at Prince Rupert would accomplish.

Smithers Boy Scouts Receive Charter From Commissioner

By The Canadian Press SMITHERS - First Smithers senting the Elks' Lodge. The Elks Boy Scout Troop was presented are local sponsors of the reits charter last week by Jim organized Scout movement here. Blain, field commissioner of the B.C. Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts Association. Close to 80 parents of the 20 Scouts and 60 Cubs watched the formal

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mittee and G. P. Collison, repre-

Mr. Blain stressed the need for leaders and assistants for the Scouts and Cubs. He declared it side of the development. was the boy who suffered if presentation to W. H. M. Colli- there was lack of leadership.

nition of the Smithers group as ent civil servants, who are peran official part of the associa- haps as important as the others tion in Canada and of the worldwide brotherhood of Scouts. It "go it alone" on the seaway. authorized the sponsoring body to carry out the work of the so much money that we prefer is set for Monday. association, a program of train- to put up the whole huge sum Jenner told reporters that "for ing laid down by competent ourselves, rather that go 50-50 the first time we have been able

progress made since re-organization in the late spring.

Mr. Collison welcomed the parents, outlining the history of Scouting and declared Scout training served to build character and give the boys a good start on the trip of life.

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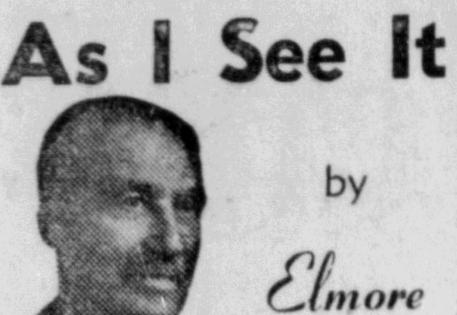
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Canada Won't Wait

ONE of the main points made in the Ottawa

speech of President Eisenhower was the hope that the U.S.A. would eventually decide to team up with Canada to build the St. Lawrence seaway.

But so far as I can find there is no rejoicing in any Canadian government quarter at this promise of partnership.

Canada has been waiting for the U.S.A. for almost 50 years on this project. So the reaction to President Ike's gesture of hope is a shake of the head. The top people here in Ottawa

hope that the President is right They hope that even now the U.S. Congress will change its mind. But on this matter all the leading Canadians are from Missouri. They will have to be

UNLESS I completely misread the temper of the people in TERRACE TO PRINCE RUPERT our government, Canada will not allow this latest expression of The Editor, hope for St. Lawrence partnership to hold us back if the American cooperation is not letter in your columns from Mr forthcoming.

The bulldozers would already have been at work digging the big ditch on the Canadian side of the river, but for the belated hope that the U.S.A. might, at long last, come in on the job. Canada will wait till early next spring, for what you might call a death bed repentance by the U.S. Senate. But beyond

next spring-no. Either the dirt will be flying by next spring-or the fur will

For if the Americans succeed in stalling this project once again — even by their belated promise eventually to come in and help build the seaway-Canadian MPs of all parties are going to be really boiling mad.

SO FAR as I can find, there is still no real hope among the leading Canadians in parliament that the U.S. Senate will change its mind.

A wisecracker might say "Ike proposes-but the Senate disposes."

President Eisenhower ma honestly believe that in the end he can persuade the Senate to agree, but few leading Canadians share that faith.

Frankly, our cabinet ministers would prefer action by the President to clear away the and legal difficulties which are holding up the power

MY OWN guess is that most of the MPs and cabinet minis- ed The charter, he said, is recog- ters-the most of the perman-

with Uncle Sam, to show that FBI reports on

The Scouts and Cubs and their It is because we want to dem- suspected individuals "reached leaders were congratulated for onstrate to ourselves, and to all the hands of top officials," and the splendid showing and for the the world, including the U.S.A. it was impossible to say now that we are a fully grown na- what developments might foltion, able to do big things on low.

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SCREEN ACTRESS Olivia de Havilland and her four-year-old son Ben meet the press during their brief visit to Frankfurt, Germany. They chatted with newsmen for two hours in restaurant before flying back to Paris.

L'ETTER BOX

HIGHWAY

The Daily News:

This letter is in answer to the Dan C. Jonason.

As we operate a five day pe week schedule between Terrac and Prince Rupert and run least ten loads a week each way, we feel qualified to answe Mr. Jonason's letter and put the record straight.

We wish to state that the concition of the highway, at various times, leaves much to be desired but this applies to the whole section of it from Galloway Rapids Bridge to Terrace and not certain sections such as stipulated by Mr. Jonason. We have seen it just as bad on the west end and for as long a time. We Works. know equipment breaks down and that very little can be done when it is raining. Consequently we disagree with paragraph three of Mr. Jonason's letter.

With regards to the amount of equipment at Terrace as compared with Prince Rupert, Has Mr. Jonason ever enquired into the number of miles that has to

Lull Called In White Case

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senators investigating the Harry Dexter White case called a temporary lull today, but gave no sign of abandoning their efforts because of President Eisenhower's suggestion that the need for such inquiries may soon be end-

Senator William E. Jenner (Rep.-Ind.) said he does not know where or how far the in--would prefer to have Canada quiry by the internal security sub-committee he heads will This is not because we have lead. The group's next session

The president declined to comment directly on the case of White, who Attorney-General Herbert Brownell says was promoted in 1946 by former president Truman in the face of FBI reports which, Brownell asserted, tagged White as a Soviet

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be maintained from Terrace compared with that which has to be maintained from Rupert If he did, we feel sure he would retract the statement made in paragraph four of his letter. The three times more equipment he speaks about has to maintain RECREATIONAL CENTRE six times the mileage.

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P. LeROSS

should be, but it is definitely not ject. the fault of the personnel di- The units take turns in prorectly concerned. They are do- viding work details. When coming the best they can with the pleted the centre will embrace equipment at their disposal. Hav- a 3.000-seat open-air amphiing heads removed will not theatre already used for the practical solution would be more 700-seat 'jumbo' quonset theatre,

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Units have all but completed is set aside for ceremonial drills work on their campsites, like landscaped parks. The Royal 22nd Regiment's boast rockwork terraces and stone

WELL-EQUIPPED TENTS

Floorboards and wooden walls for the platoons' squad tents have begun to arrive and are expected to be installed throughout before really cold weather ets in. Every tent has one stoy and ultimately will have Most will have electric

Steel quonset huts with concrete floors house unit headquarters, quartermaster stores, messes and canteens.

Besides completing their own

camps and keeping up their training, units also provide details for work on defensive posi-Everyone is busy and morale is high. This is reflected in disci-

pline. Two minor offences in the Royal Canadian Regiment recently were the first requiring the CO's attention in more than three weeks-unusual in any army anywhere. One reason given is the troops'

interest in their work. They see the pay-off in their own smartness, comfort and amenities.

An example is the brigade rec-To conclude may we repeat reational centre, Allard's perthat this road is not what it sonal conception and his pet pro-

improve the highway; a more brigade boxing championships, a with added stage and dressing-Incidentally, a copy of this rooms and a projection booth letter is being forwarded to the built on at the other end; an paddies and watered from a nearby stream; a library-hobby

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