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Something For Everyone

IF THERE is nothing else done by play, one thing justifies our indulging in it: play helps us to forget our worries and at the same time tones up our minds for a fresh attack on the cause of our worries.

Play, fun and laughter are agents of health. They give repose to the usually busy brain centres and tone up the muscles.

In this city, we are fortunate in that we have a Civic Centre where we may play, relax or enjoy a hobby. To have a hobby is to indulge in some form of play which exercises our hands as well as our brains, and to take a line that cures our despondent, worried, jittery feelings.

When we indulge in a hobby through which we see something taking complete form under our own hands, then we gain self-confidence and self-respect.

Everyone—even the fortunate man who finds his job challenging and exciting—needs rest, a change from accustomed tasks.

While exercise and changed activity are good as restoratives after work, most people wish to do something specific as a hobby.

A hobby satisfies the desire in all of us to create something. There are a thousand and one ways in which people satisfy their creative urge and with a Civic Centre such as we have in Prince Rupert there are crafts and hobbies to satisfy the majority.

Activities, besides sports, to be undertaken this year include leatherwork, flower craft, metalwork, woodwork, copper craft and pottery-making.

Surely there's something for every family and the Civic Centre deserves our support for its initiative in obtaining instructors in these crafts and hobbies.

But the association can only bring these things to us if we support it. Two weeks from today a one-night membership drive will be held here with dozens of volunteers calling on every householder.

Join the Civic Centre. Give yourself and your children an opportunity to relax and learn something at the same time.

Leisure time use, whether in a strenuous exercise or in something more sedentary, should be made up of enjoying things that are pleasant.

While there is no ready-made hobby suit into which all people will fit, it is safe to say the Civic Centre has something for us all.

Every person makes his own pattern. By making it wisely, he may cure a present ill, fill a great want, or prevent physical and mental ailments.

Poles Need True News From Abroad To Combat Communism, Says Refugee

NEW YORK (AP)—Dr. Marek Korwicz, Polish diplomat who got his first look at America last Monday says "life in Poland was a nightmare."

The graying, 50-year-old Korwicz left Polish UN headquarters last Wednesday. Pretending to be working on a document in the early morning hours, he eluded armed guards and slipped out of his mid-town hotel to telephone an old friend from the Polish underground.

Safe in the friend's home, Korwicz, first alternate of the Polish delegation to the UN, wrote identical letters to Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, president of the UN General Assembly and Dag Hammarskjöld, UN secretary general.

The letter said: "I have the honor of bringing to your attention that I formally renounce my membership in the Polish delegation to the assembly of the United Nations."

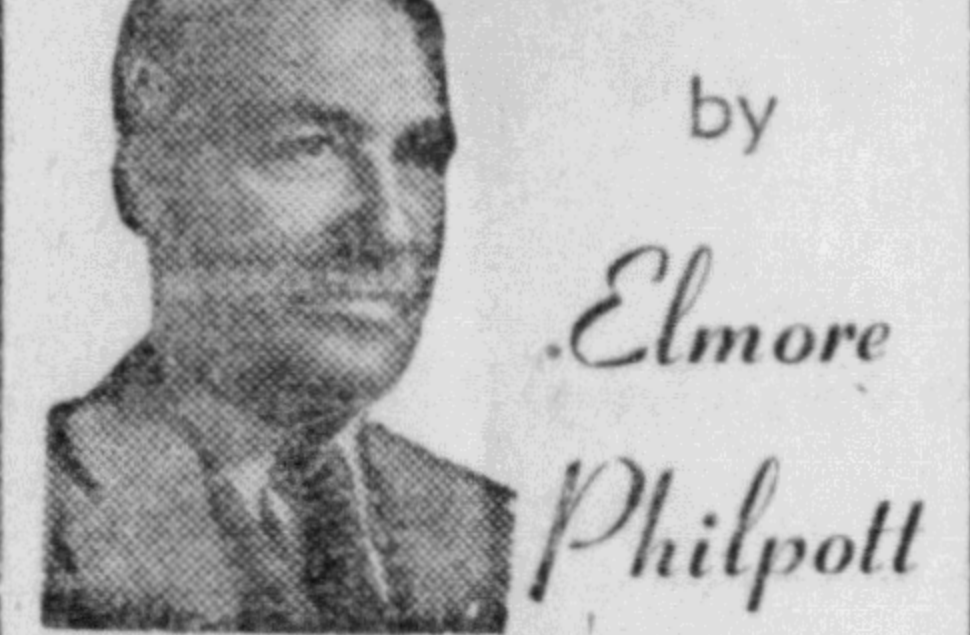
"The members of the delegation, headed by Messrs. Naszkowski and Katz-Sucy, do not in any way represent either the Polish nation or the people. It is thus absolutely impossible for me to collaborate with these representatives—not of my beloved country—but solely of the Soviet regime in Poland."

Korwicz, author of some 20 books and former professor of international law at the University of Krakow, said he is unmarried and has only distant relatives in Poland.

What the Polish people needed, he said, was "the true news from abroad" to combat Communist propaganda.

He said dissension was rife in the Communist satellite states since Premier Stalin died, and that 95 per cent of the Poles were opposed to their Communist rulers.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Where MacAdlai Sits

THE SCOTS have a saying which I hesitate to quote:

"Where the MacGregor sits is the head of the table."

"I hasten to appeal to all Scots, other than MacGregors, not to start another war over this. For I long since found out, the hard way, that the saying is common to all the clansmen, ranging all the way from the MacAdams to the MacZebras."

I should not be surprised to hear in Vancouver at least that they are even quoting it about that rather dynamic adopted Scot, and saying, of the British Empire Games:

"Where the MacAdams sits is the head of the table."

The point is that no matter which Mac you name, the saying is true.

TAKE the case of MacAdlai Stevenson. He was defeated by General Eisenhower by a most impressive, almost overwhelming, margin. But now, less than one year later, the whole world listens to a major speech by Stevenson with as much attention that it listens to one by the President.

The reason the whole world listens, with ever-deepening respect, is that it has come to know that Adlai thinks and says the things that most true democrats, in all countries, want a 1953 American leader to think and say.

THERE IS a striking similarity in one respect between Adlai Stevenson and the late Wendell Willkie. It was after Willkie's defeat that he rendered his greatest service to his own nation and to mankind.

Willkie not only coined the mighty, ever-more-vital phrase "One World," but he probably did more than any other human being of our times to impress on us that this earth IS one planet; that the human race IS one family; and that whether or not we like it, we are destined either to live as one or blow ourselves up, together, as one bloc of self-damned fools.

I regard it as one of the greatest tragedies of these times that Willkie died so tragically. See **ELMORE PHILPOTT** Page 5



Roads Getting Safer in Britain

LONDON (Reuters) — There are more cars in Britain every year, but by a strange paradox since the war the roads are getting safer every year.

In 1930, when "baby" cars were beginning to bring motorizing to the millions here, 7,305 persons died in auto accidents.

In 1950, the death toll was 4,706. And in the first six months of this year there were only 2,274 traffic deaths.

There now are 4,500,000 motor vehicles in Britain compared with 53,000,000 in the United States, but in Britain there are 17 cars a mile of road compared with 16 in the U.S., including the less settled areas. Belgium ranks third in car congestion with 14 cars to the mile.

The Ministry of Transport ascribes post-war reductions in the death rate to its road safety campaign, started in 1945, which has made Britain so traffic conscious that although the death rate has fallen the monthly death tolls regularly cause dismay to the public.

Pedestrians are being constantly urged to use the "Zebra" crossings painted for them on the roads in black and white. A driver risks a £5 fine if he runs over the crossing while a pedestrian is on it.

London, with 329,600 registered vehicles and 8,000,000 inhabitants, is the most congested city in the country and traffic hold-ups of up to 10 minutes' duration are frequent.

The speed limit throughout London, and in all built-up areas, is 30 miles an hour.

The Canadian weather station at Alert Bay on Ellesmere island is less than 100 miles from the north pole.

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

Economic questions are receiving a significantly greater share of the government's consideration than was the case when the current year commenced.

The reason is the accumulation within the past month or so of evidence which could mean that the post-war boom which the nation has been enjoying almost without interruption now since 1945 has passed its peak and that a levelling-off phase is at hand.

Here are some of the recent developments which support such a possibility:

The automotive and construction industries, both of which have functioned as key props to the record-length post-war boom, now have begun to drop substantially if not yet too seriously below their recent record levels.

Department store sales and retail business generally dropped below last year's level in August for the first time in any month this year.

Car loading, generally looked upon as a significant economic barometer, are lagging behind a year ago.

As yet, none of these factors have assumed proportions to constitute an unmistakable trend. They may represent just a pause in the upward climb of the economy, or they may represent the levelling-off process which many Federal economists believe to be now past due. Government authorities are in a state of considerable suspense and some anxiety until they learn which alternative is involved.

There is still no fear of a major depression in the foreseeable future. Latest figures show savings deposits to be almost \$1,000,000 higher than a year ago.

Weekly payrolls are up by 11 per cent and volume of employment is up by three per cent. All these factors combine to place a solid floor of consumer buying power under the business picture.

Furthermore, the expansionist phase of the nation's natural resources and engineering development has yet to reach its peak. Latest estimates forecast a start upon the huge St. Lawrence seaway and power project in the late summer of 1954. New mineral prospects in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are still in the exploration stage, with the heavy engineering work yet to come. A development program for Newfoundland is just starting to roll. It should be gathering momentum fast by the spring of next year.

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