

## Valuable Regulations

AS ANOTHER halibut fishing season gets underway, it is pertinent to note that fishermen will be operating under some new regulations designed to ensure the maximum sustained yield from the halibut fishery.

Drawn up by the International Pacific Halibut Commission, of which Harold Helland of Prince Rupert is a member, the regulations are different from those of past years mainly because of a reduction in the number of areas to be fished and an alteration in certain boundary lines. The Commission has also made use of its new authority to provide for two or more fishing seasons in an area in a single year. The purpose of this is to spread fishing over a greater part of the year and to increase the utilization of stocks.

The value of the Commission's work speaks for itself. When the Commission was established by treaty 30 years ago, the stocks of halibut had been so seriously depleted by unrestricted fishing that it was unprofitable to go after them. By regulation, it has improved stocks to the point where halibut fishing is again big business and the permissible catch is steadily going up. This year the authorized catch is 16 million pounds more than that of 1953, which should add about \$3,000,000 to the earnings of halibut fishermen.

The healthiness of this industry is of the greatest importance to Prince Rupert, the halibut capital of the world, where landings last year were close to a third of the total for the entire North American west coast. Consequently the Commission is for us a very valuable form of insurance.

## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

An ancient curse was "A pox on you" and all this windshield-itting we hear about indicates it is being revived.

### DISCOVERED

A group of mathematicians reports the discovery of an entirely incomprehensible shape. It must be the one the world is in today.

From the 50-year-old column of the Stratford Beacon-Herald: Potatoes sold on the market here at 75 cents to \$1.10 a bag. Apples were 60 to 75 cents a bag. Butter was 14 to 15 cents a pound, eggs 12 cents a dozen. Maple syrup ranged from 30 to 35 cents a quart. Beef, veal and pork were 8 to 10 cents a pound.

Home is the place where one part of the family waits until the other part brings the car back.

And sometimes, of course, a man is known by the company he keeps.

### COST OF SKILL

In Calgary it is said a beer-waiter is under paid at \$54.30 for a 44-hour week. Or a tap man at \$60.50 a week. Today, it seems generally agreed there is a high average wage level, even allowing an exception among Calgarians. But, after all, skill is skill, and is so much of it in urgent demand when it comes to drawing a slug of suds?

Credit Robinson Crusoe for starting the five day week. He managed to have all of the island work done by Friday. Thus observes the Brandon Sun.

On a day when the daffodils were out and the air shimmered with a faint golden haze, we found ourselves behind a boy

and girl walking together in the awkwardness of adolescence, but with the newborn shyness of the foreknowledge of manhood and womanhood. Watching them we knew a great peace. For suddenly we became convinced that after all life is good, and that regardless of hydrogen bombs and all other odds that seem so terribly loaded, it will survive. —Hamilton Spectator.

Halley's comet, 44 years ago, was a darned sight more fearsome than the H-Bomb ever fancied itself to be. That long ago it was cavorting around in the Heavens, and we were keeping house on Sixth Avenue. Water was packed home, and neighbors were few and good natured. And certainly the good old sky didn't scare us, nor did anyone worry about China.

Washington did some waiting, in this commencement of the seaway business. More than once, Premier St. Laurent declared Canada was prepared to go it alone. And this was more than the United States could think of calmly.

### NO TIME LIKE NOW

Keeping a Senator on the books, regardless of age, used to be considered political stupidity. It is said the late Dr. Carman—aged 68, and against the wishes of numerous supporters, seeking to resign, declared: "Gentlemen, in the interest of good business, let me quit now. It is quite possible that in four or five years time, I'll not have enough sense to resign." And this was a long, long time before the juicy Senate salary advances.

## As I See It



by  
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### The Road to Ruin

IN THE sound and fury over Senator McCarthy's war with the U.S. army, its origin has been forgotten.

The Senator from Wisconsin had accused the army of harboring Communists in key places. To support this charge, he got hold of a report prepared by the U.S. Army Intelligence Branch, which dealt with public opinion in parts of the Soviet Union.

In the main, the intelligence report says, the Soviet people in the far east were not hostile to the basic set-up of the Communist government. About 89 per cent of them could be expected to support the Communist regime loyally in time of war.

Such a report, prepared by the U.S. Intelligence is like a red flag to a bull to some of those U.S. senators who either refuse to face the facts of life, or remain in determined ignorance of those facts.

One of the greatest of all facts of life about the world in which we live is that the Communist system enjoys approximately the same degree of acceptance from its own people as our own political and social system have from our own people.

The road to ruin is to ignore that fact. To close our eyes to it, or to conceal the truth as it exists, could lead to a catastrophic world war, in which the West's chances of victory would be extremely dubious.

IN THE past few months Canada has had two ace newspaper men who have written from first-hand knowledge of actual conditions in Russia.

Neither of these journalists is a Soviet sympathizer. Neither is a nitwit. On the contrary, both Mr. Gerald Clark and Mr. Bill Boss are newspaper men of long experience, keen intelligence and unquestioned integrity.

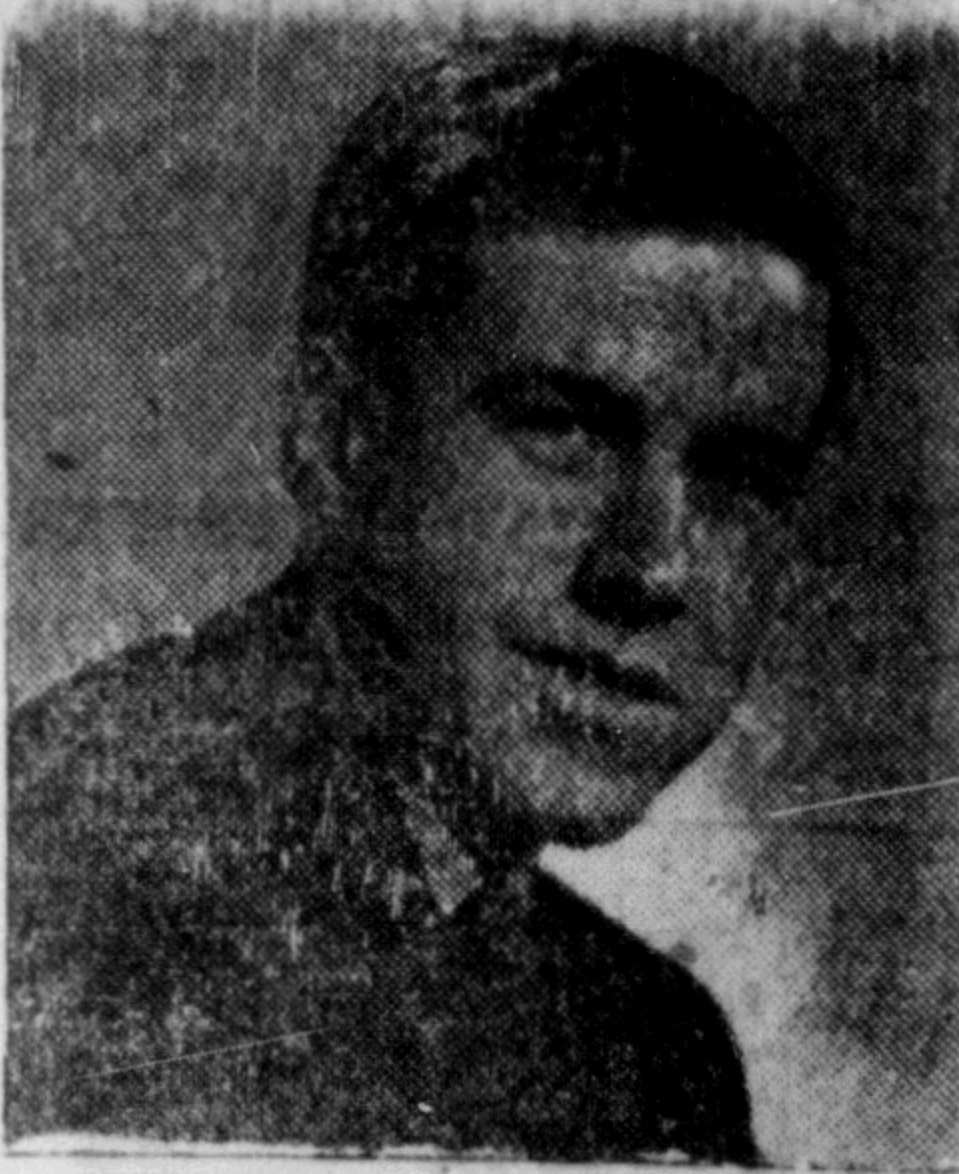
After spending months in the Soviet Union, and talking with hundreds of people in various places, both of these newspaper men stress the fact that the majority of Soviet citizens not only accept their regime, but are reasonably well satisfied with its basis.

Both Canadian newspaper men have warned the West that we would make a blunder of incalculable proportions if we assumed that the Soviet people are just waiting for war, in order to throw off the oppression of a hated regime.

THE REAL weakness of the new Russian world empire is in its disguised imperialist basis. There is a strong, but suppressed, nationalist movement in the Ukraine, which would be of immense advantage to the West in the event of a war forced by Russian aggression. On the very first day of such a war the West could proclaim a formal pledge of liberation, and complete national sovereignty, to the Ukrainians.

But contrary to Senator McCarthy's wish, there is no evidence whatsoever that the average city Joe in Russia is against the basis of his government.

The Russian peasant is probably sullen and resentful of the force used to make him live on a collective farm.



**DR. GEORGE BROUGH**, of the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto, will be in Prince Rupert early next month to conduct current Conservatory examinations. Scheduled to arrive here June 7, Dr. Brough has been a Conservatory examiner since 1948. Before coming to Canada in 1945, he obtained his doctorate in music from Oxford University and his fellowship from the Royal College of Organists.

## OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

Give the average Canadian industrial worker the same job and the same equipment as a United Kingdom industrial worker, and your Canadian worker will prove himself an approximately 20 per cent more efficient producer.

But the rub will come when you pay off your Canadian worker. His pay envelope will be from one-third to 40 percent fatter than that of the British worker.

Consequently, in spite of his greater productivity, your Canadian worker is a more expensive employee than his British counterpart. And the high wages which he receives are a definite handicap to Canadian industry in competing for export markets.

These facts were gleaned by Parliamentarians from members of the Canadian Exporters' Association when they came to Parliament Hill to testify before the special committee of the Senate on Canadian Trade Relations.

The Association gave Parliament a new slant upon the nature of the current problem of Canadian export trade. It appears export trade in natural products continues at a satisfactory level. Newsprint and forest products are in demand, the markets for copper, lead, and zinc have strengthened; iron ore shipments are being

## Cancer Unit Given Praise

A bulletin received today by the Prince Rupert Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society from the Society's B.C. headquarters in Vancouver praised the efforts of the local branch in the annual campaign for funds.

The local branch, with more than \$4,000 collected, has doubled last year's in-take and along with Quesnel, which did not campaign last year, has broken its previous record.

The bulletin reports \$123,000 collected so far in the B.C. campaign, \$5,000 to \$6,000 more than the mark recorded last year at this time.

The campaign got an added boost last week when former boxing champion Sugar Ray Robinson toured the B.C. Cancer Institute. Robinson, one of six directors of the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Fund was agreeably surprised by his tour of the provincial cancer centre.

## Report From PARLIAMENT By E. J. Applewhite, (MP for Skeena)

I am going to follow with great interest the results of the experiment at Prince Rupert with both lobsters and oysters. Of course, speaking personally, I don't believe the lobster has yet been taken which can hold its own with our Pacific Coast crab; although market prices don't indicate that our crab has yet achieved a relative position with lobsters in this part of the world.

I note that Phil Ray, after a good many years of valuable service has relinquished the secretaryship of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce. Prince Rupert owes Phil a real debt of gratitude for the many hours of midnight oil which he burnt while working on various community projects. Our best wishes will go to Mrs. Jocelyn Bolton, who has assumed an arduous

and important responsibility. Dr. "Mitch" Greene did an excellent job down here in connection with the Prince Rupert airport project. When the rather voluminous data which he requested has been assembled for him I hope that the committee under the chairmanship of J. T. Harvey will be able to come up with some really practical recommendations.

My wife and I are looking forward to seeing Georgina Mitchell when she arrives here for the Rotary Club of Ottawa's "Adventure in Citizenship." I have just come back from the Rotary Club office here and they certainly have prepared a very full and complete program for these students.

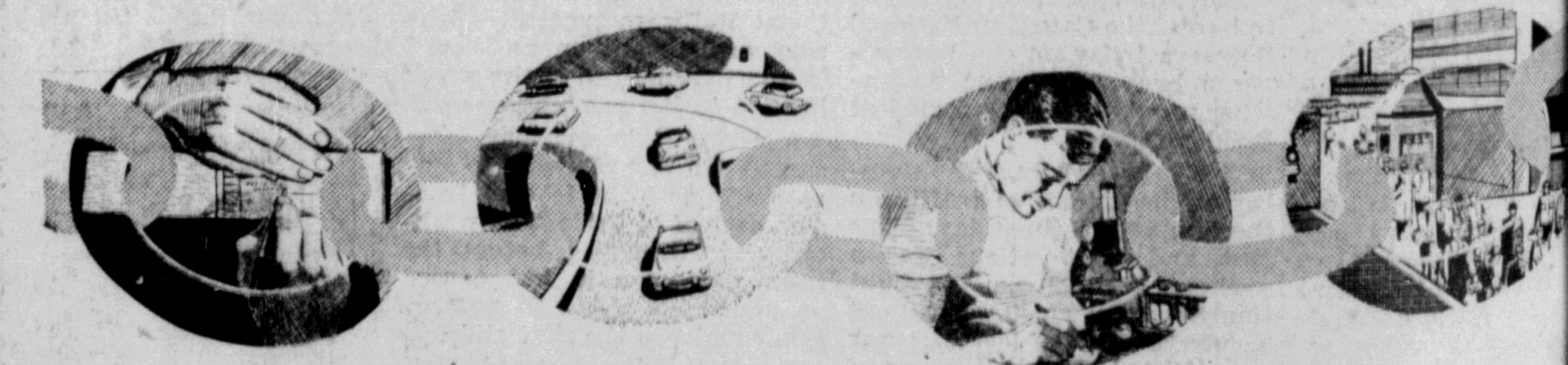
Mineral production in Canada during 1953 reached a new high value of \$1,331,000,000 according to a preliminary estimate. Prolonged strikes at some of the gold mines curtailed output during the latter half of the year, the annual total amounting to 4,061,000 ounces at \$140 millions compared with 4,471,000 ounces at \$153 millions in 1952. In 1953 crude petroleum led all other minerals in value of production, exceeding gold, which had held first place for nearly 25 years. Asbestos fell slightly both in quantity and value.

May 7 was Opposition Leader George Drew's 60th birthday and leaders of all groups combined to offer him congratulations and good wishes on that occasion. A large bowl of beautiful roses was on his desk in the House and Mr. Speaker opened the day's session by saying he was sure all members would want him to wish the Leader of the Opposition a happy birthday and many happy returns. Prime Minister St. Laurent asked to be allowed to say, on behalf of all those who sit on the Liberal side of the House, that the sentiments Mr. Speaker had expressed were those of each and every one of us. CCF leader Coldwell said this was an occasion when the Prime Minister was expressing the views of members all over the House.

Solon Low of the Social Credit Party said he does not look forward to birthdays coming to him, but he looks forward to their coming to other people, not just because he wants them to grow old so that they can be vanquished but rather because it gives us an opportunity to express to them the good will, as the Prime Minister had done.

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