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#### Sweethearts On Parade

THIS SPOT was to have been for Mother's Day, but instead we are going to give it to the sweethearts who were on parade at the Civic Centre yesterday and the day before. As a matter of fact, without the mothers neither the parade nor the sweethearts would have been possible, so this is really a joint tribute.

Perhaps those who were at rehearsals-particularly Buddy Taft, the dancing instructor who master-minded the whole show - realized that Prince Rupert was in for a big surprise. But most of the audience must have been caught completely and pleasantly off guard by what they saw. Parents who went there more or less preoccupied with what their own child was going to do sat in amazement as one group after another went twirling and tapping across the stage.

Probably nothing quite like it has ever been seen in Prince Rupert before. The time which mothers spent on stitching things together for the show—and possibly wondering if all the fuss were necessary-added up to an array of brilliant and original costumes which were matched in variety only by the program itself.

Possibly the description seems slightly out of place applied to little sweethearts about four years old, but the performance had a professional air. Even the tiny members of the cast who were a bit bewildered by all the excitement evidently understood that the show must go on and they went through their steps like troupers.

The show was a credit to Mr. Taft and the training he has given his pupils at the Civic Centre dancing classes. Some fathers may have wondered if their children were learning anything there. Now they know. Dad, your sweetheart is sensational!

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MISLEADING REMARKS

The Editor. The Daily News:

Having been out of town, have not had an earlier opportunity to correct what I consider misleading remarks reported to have been made by Alderman Lyons, a member of the hospital board, at the city council meeting on April 26.

According to the report in your newspaper, Alderman Lyons said an improved contract with a laundry had been obtained following complaints from patients about the condition of linen

The inference that the new ontract was brought about by any dissatisfaction with the

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laundry service we were receiving was unwarranted. In discussions leading to the new contracts, the quality of past service was never mentioned. The hospital board was governed entirely by its policy to reduce operating costs, and the tender of another company was accepted

with that exclusively in mind. It must be emphasized that any expression of opinion made by an individual member of the board is not to be construed as the opinion of the board as a

> DOUGLAS E. STEVENSON, Administrator, Prince Rupert General Hospital.

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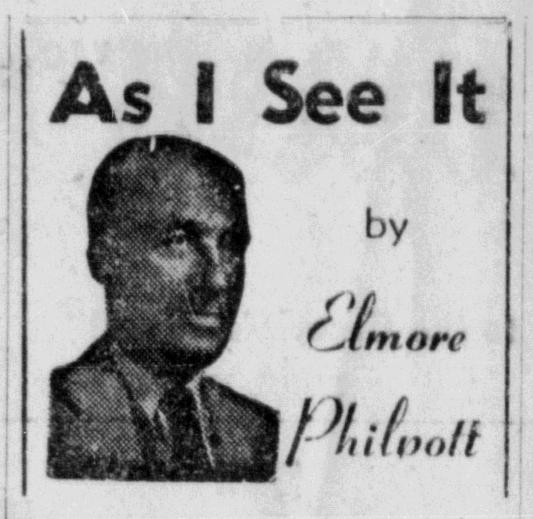
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ALL THE correspondents at Geneva agree that relations between the U.S.A. and her allies are dangerously strained.

For seven years the Indo-Chinese war was allowed to drag on, attracting very little attention from the West. Then, when it suddenly appeared that the whole French position was in danger, the U.S.A. proposed to her allies drastic intervention. This proposal was rejected, even by the Churchill government.

The net result is that interallied relationships have reached a dangerous low point.

\* \* \* IT DOES NOT seem to me disaster that this falling ou should have occurred over Indo-China. On the contrary, it seems to me that this was the one spot in all the world where such a falling out could occur among the allies without doing irreparable harm.

The trouble with the U.S.A. is that its leaders assume that all of its allies will automatically and instantly fall in line with just about anything which decides to do.

The U.S.A. feels that it is engaged in a mortal struggle with plant. Our guide halted and gave tapping because they stick. a powerful and deadly antagon- a pressure gauge a sharp tap on Others don't respond at all. lieves that it has a completely move. own struggle is the cause of free that," he said. "Everybody taps ges that didn't need to be tap- distasteful. men everywhere

So when it's own proposals are serves any useful purpose." rebuffed, even though accord- He was an engineer. But I Possibly the act of tapping being told what is or is not good ing to its own way of thinking, learned after some enquiries is a ritual, like touching wood. for us, whether in books, comics they are made for the benefit of the whole free world, the Am- Chinese army should sweep down over muchine. On the other ucularly when the censor refuses erican leaders are hurt and in- through Indo-China, or commit hand this may be just another us the pleasure of something

MacArthur episode in Korea, selves heart and soul into the age. vinced that MacArthur's way war. was the only same way to deal But that is a very different Korea. But all of the outside allies of the U.S.A. will jump into world, even in the countries most any and every colonial war, anyclosely allied with U.S.A., regard- where on the globe, just because ed MacArthur's attitude as head- somebody in Washington cracks ing straight for world war three, the whip.

better over such a situation as M.P.s in Parliament, would fa-

U.S.A. a lesson which the U.S.A. already. They are: simply must learn if the western 1. Our obligations under the alliance is to thrive, or indeed U.N. charter, to come to the milieven survive. tary aid of any country invaded

loyally with her, even to the ex- U.N. (not by U.S.A. alone). tent of fighting through a third 2. Our obligations under NA world war, but only if the moral TO. These bind us to help deand legal position is beyond dis- fend the EUROPEAN territory of pute or doubt.

If the Red Russian army obligation does not include fightshould come sweeping west from ing for colonial possessions of

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SLUM AREAS OF SOPHIATOWN, near Johannesburg, South Africa (top), are gradually disappearing as the construction of housing developments continues. The South African government, confronted with growing native unrest, is moving 14,000 African families from the slum settlements to Meadowlands, which was once bare veld country. It is the intention of the government to wipe out the entire slum area of Johannesburg by moving over 70,000 natives, most of whom work in Johannesburg, to the housing development five miles from the city (bottom).

#### All Aboard By G.E. Morlimore

By G. E. MORTIMORE

with the Communist menace in thing from imagining that the

THE FALLING out between the I DO NOT believe that many western allies could come a lot people in Canada, or many Indo-China than it could over vor any further advance comsome more vital spot. mitments for overseas military It might help to teach the intervention than those we have

That lesson is this: the allies by an aggressor—the aggresthe United States will stand sion to be declared such by the

the NATO members. But this the iron curtain; or if the Red those NATO partners. Had anybody tried to get Canada or the U.S.A. to assume such an obligation when NATO was formed, there would have been no NATO. The whole thing would have been

dead duck from the beginning. as would win and hold the cord- launched by the greater Winni- shutting our eyes to reality. We

that he was partly wrong. Cer-We were touring an industrial tain kinds of gauges respond to

trained man strolling through righteous cause, and that it's "Goodness knows why I did an industrial plant, tapping gaua gauge from habit. It never ped, I saw something mildly

It asserts the superiority of man or public entertainment, parsome similar clear-cut aggress- instance of the human mind's We saw that at the time of the ion, then we would all throw our- failure to cope with the machine

Most of the Americans were con- winning of the resultant world People conversing on a telephone can't see one anotherunless the phone has a television attachment. And yet the personality boys gesture and grin at the mouthpiece. Women flutter their eyelashes at the telephone and sometimes wiggle their hips at it. But it doesn't move, any more than the needle on the gauge does.

Sometimes when people ask me the date, I find myself looking at my watch as though could read the answer there.

kick the tires. They learn nothing by this action. If they drove a toe through the rubber; they would be much surprised But the tire usually withstands the attack. As a device of appraisal,, the tire-kick is worth-

Believe it or not, I have stopped myself in the nick of time from saying "Thank you" to a coin-in-the-slot cigarette vend-

One man of my acquaintance claims he said it. When the machine answers back, he can start worrying about his sanity.

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## Good Done By Little Theatre Undermin If Plays Found "Distasteful" Says Reade

The Editor, The Daily News:

I have read with interest the letters written by Ian Dobbie and fortunate to have professional others in defence of the integrity impetus given to its theatre of the theatre, questioned in con- work. It is to be hoped that nection with recent productions this winter's experience will of the Prince Rupert Little Theatre. Because of the wide-spread Rupert's Little Theatre and a criticism of the latest production, greater public interest than ever Mr. Dobbie's viewpoint needs ex- before. Much of the good that pression as does the viewpoint is being done, however, can be of those who do not see eye to seriously undermined if theatreeye with him.

theatre has had this battle (on port. They will want to be rebehalf of profanity) for years. assured that future productions It is argued that the author por- will be less offensive to their trays life as it is and that the producer should not tamper with the author's work. Both arguments are valid up to a point.

Nevertheless integrity of stage character is open to question. It is true that many types portrayed on the stage are profane. It is equally true that they are crude, licentious, vulgar, Much of Refrigerators the language they habitually use and many of the things they do are not considered acceptable for stage presentation, so far the community does not tolerate such portrayals.

Further, what any particular community is prepared to tolexate is its own business. If New York and Vancouver are happy to accept excessive profanity on the stage, that does not mean that the canons of acceptance are increby set for all other communities and that we must not express contrary views under pain of being regarded as narrowminded ignoramuses from the sticks. I do not regard myist. Moreover, it profoundly be- the face. The needle did not In the notion of a highly- certainly object to excessive proself in that category and I most fanity before an audience of people, many of whom find it

This is the age-old problem of censorship. Many of us resent which we consider acceptable and which we want. For some years the censoring of books has been hotly debated in Canada. Parents have been strong enough in their disapproval of crime comics to have legislation effected against them. Lili St. Cyr left Montreal to become a celebrated dancer abroad-but was turned out of her native city in the middle of a contract because her act was considered in poor taste. The film Martin Luther may not be shown in the Proyince of Quebec, a fact which many deplore and others support. We all automatically cen-Men inspecting a car always sor certain churches, movies, travelling carnivals, and community organizations by refusing to support them.

In larger centres there is more variety in the entertainment world and room for choice-for individual censorship. In the smaller community, there is very little theatre and so, when we do have something, we want it to be generally acceptable. We regret having to censor it by staying away. Further, it is to our right and duty to be critical, both to preserve the integrity of our own personal tastes and standards and because public criticism is the democratic way of molding institutions to our

If we do not care for enterobligation that Canada assumes possible link between insects and tainment which we feel is dein Asia would have to be such polio in Manitoba has been grading, it is not a question of ial and complete support of our peg citizens polio prevention are aware of language and events own commonwealth partners in committee. The University of right in our own community Asia, including India, Pakistan, Manitoba zoology department is which we should not care to as well as Burma and Indonesia, lending its facilities for research, accept as entertainment and li is certainly not a "minor few" who object to what happened in the recent play.

I discussed "Born Yesterday" with a group of men who, in a vigorous conversation, sprinkled with the type of language they found objectionable on the stage, agreed that, while they indulged in profanity themselves, it was in limited company. They didn't care to hear it in a public place in company of people before

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