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LPP Shows Its Hand

There is one thing we must say for the Communists. They have plenty of nerve. They have it in Russia and they have it in Prince Rupert.

Take the example across the page. At first glance one reads in this a genuine horror that the populace should be victimized by the police and an earnest desire to save us (excluding, no doubt, The Daily News and one or two others) from a terrible fate. It appears to be a very reasonable and considerate attitude. In our present dilemma, it can be expected to meet with agreement from many quarters.

That is fine. Perhaps a public inquiry is just what we need.

But a more careful look reveals this appeal for just what it is—an inflammatory piece of propaganda tied in nicely with expectations for tomorrow night and the election on Monday.

Consider this. It has taken the LPP five days since the last disturbance to submit this article, and we cannot honestly say the composition is sufficiently brilliant to justify that period of gestation.

Its organizers might have waited until tomorrow, but that would have been too obvious. Besides, Mrs. Minard is speaking tonight (you may think us horrible, Mrs. M., but must admit that is a nice free plug).

To wait until Tuesday, or even Monday, would have been out of the question. After the election, it is reasonable to suppose we will not hear from the LPP on any subject whatsoever, except through media which will not identify it too closely.

It is with these points in mind that we accuse the LPP of taking deliberate measures to create dangerous unrest in this city. We accuse it of aggravating conditions that could be settled without further rancor to promote its political ends. We accuse it of deception in encouraging violence which it professes to condemn.

Although we carry this advertisement with misgiving—not for its context, which contains the customary exaggerations, but for its intent—we feel it performs the valuable service of putting some of the facts where they belong. They are facts which we referred to on Monday in warning that the disturbances played into the hands of radicals—a reference which their ad omits.

There are other pieces to the problem but they can be sorted out, and will be, provided the LPP is not calling the moves.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

One of the things that can't be helped! Before seventy, we rarely worry about a pension. After seventy, the darned thing appears to be under the bed, or roaming around behind your back.

Three Imperial Bank clerks in Vancouver chased a gunman and caught him after a hard run. Their bravery was real. The pistol was a toy, but what difference did that make. No one knew it except the bandit. As for the young bankers, they looked a bullet every second.

Another Saturday Night. Perhaps even today, some of us are thinking of tomorrow evening. For there are still policemen and those who dislike them, and then, taking one consideration with another, there come times when a policeman's lot is not a happy one.

"That husband of mine is quite a boy! Yet for all his shortcomings, his fumbling and seeming aimlessness, he's an awfully nice man to have around the house. And I still love him."

—Mary Jane Taylor.

ON WAY OUT
This week, away back in 1914, world wars started. And speaking of early marine activities, the new GTP passenger ship Prince George was converted into a hospital vessel and Fred Hardy was one of the first to sign on. There was something doing each day, but it said not one was dull.

Premier Bennett has possibly not made a downright declaration, but there appears to be a strong suspicion that changes in the Elections Act are on the way. That means it's on the way out. In other words, the longer we more or less have it, the less it's wanted.



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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Your First Vote?

STANDING for election to parliament in Vancouver South has renewed my faith in democracy, in a quite unexpected way.

I have met many New Canadians who are casting their votes for the very first time in a Canadian general election. Many of these are refugees in the true sense of that word. They have escaped from countries which were police states under fascism or are now police states under communism.

They value that precious democratic right—the vote—more than do our own people born and brought up right here. For the young men and young women who were born in Canada will go to the polling booths and think only about lesser things.

But the refugee from police state tyranny will think of the most important thing in all the world: Freedom.

The New Canadian may go into the polling booth. He or she may take that pencil in hand and mark down that single X after the name of the candidate preferred.

But that X will be more than a vote for any person.

It will be a prayer of thankfulness that the voter lives in a free country where every citizen has the right freely to worship in his own church, freely to speak, freely to write, and freely to work and prosper—with none to make his family afraid.

The German-born New Canadian may think back to the days of Hitler, or to the tyranny which supplanted Hitler's and remains.

The Ukrainian may think of kinfolk back in the old land—and of what would happen to them now if they really tried to exercise the rights of free speech and free political action that we have here. He may pray for a free Ukraine, as we have a free Canada.

The European from any land may say a prayer as that X goes down on the paper:

"Please God, never let happen to this clean young country, Canada, the tragedy that happened to our old lands where freedom fell."

HERE in Canada we have not done too badly in getting the two main racial sections of the nation to live together in increasing neighborliness. No statesman has done so much for this as Mr. St. Laurent.

If you sometimes get a bit discouraged about the lack of complete cordiality between the French and English speaking sections of Canada, remember that the French and English were for centuries the bitterest, deadliest enemies in the whole world.

No—we haven't done too badly—and we are doing better every year. But we could do better still if everybody who marks down that X next Monday makes a mental vow to help every New Canadian feel at home here in Canada. We know they are glad to be here. But we want them all to know that those of us who were born here are also glad they are here—able to vote and live in freedom.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Veteran correspondents who accompanied the Prime Minister on his swing through the British-settled but now French-speaking eastern townships of Quebec couldn't help noting the difference that a few years has made in French Canada's political landscape.

An election tour through Quebec during the long Mackenzie King era that now seems so far off used to be an adventure in eloquence. Not that the eloquence ever was provided by the late Mr. King. It was the contribution of the great cabinet ministers that Mr. King always succeeded in recruiting from the province. Men like Cardin, Rinfret, Lapointe, Cannon, Gouin and a few lesser but still powerful figures were orators of the old school. Listening to them was something more than even a stimulating intellectual exercise; in addition, it was an emotional experience. By the time Mr. King got through telling the people about his government and his Quebec lieutenants got through telling them about Mr. King, the job of Liberal salesmanship was complete.

In the St. Laurent sortie through the eastern townships at the start of this week the absence of the powerful Quebec Cabinet Ministers of the King era was apparent in a way that could have been really sad. The present Quebec timber-Messrs. Alcide Cote, Hugues Lapointe, et al—provided no substitute for the persuasive, picturesque oratory of their predecessors. Perhaps they could have. But they

didn't even try. The reason they didn't try was that they didn't have to. Mr. St. Laurent was able to do for himself what the late Mr. King had to have others do for him.

In brief, the more the Quebec political landscape was found to have changed, the more it appeared the same. There was the same eloquence, the same picturesqueness of speech, and the same excitement of temperament. Only this time the Prime Minister was his own showman.

In Mr. Drew's book the English townships are his greatest hope for gaining seats in French-speaking Canada. Traditionally they have been the seats that have changed sides in any great national political turnover. What are the prospects of history repeating itself—say on the scale of 1930, when R. B. Bennett won 24 Quebec seats?

In the matter of providing an advance answer to such a question, Quebec in this campaign has been the same as the rest of Canada. It has been entirely non-committal. But it's at least fair to state that the Prime Minister's swing of the past week revealed no evidences of a change in sentiment amongst the people in the province most likely to be susceptible to change. Everywhere Mr. St. Laurent moved, the crowds and the enthusiasm were comparable to the 1949 campaign. But then the enthusiasm and crowds for Mr. Drew have been good, too. In 1949 that wasn't quite the case. Next Monday's race should be a lot closer than the 1949 contest.

Sash Believed Worn by Virgin Mary Discovered Beneath Altar of Church

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP)—Discovery in Syria of a sash believed to have been worn by the Virgin Mary was announced this week by Archbishop Mar Athanasius Yeshue Samuel of the Assyrian Apostolic Orthodox Church.

He said he learned of the discovery in a letter from Mar Ignatius Ephrem I, Syrian patriarch of Antioch and all the East.

The letter said the sash was located in a fragile glass case beneath the altar of the centuries-old Church of Our Lady of the Girdle of the Virgin Mary in Homs, Syria. The glass case disintegrated to touch, the letter said.

The letter said also that church leaders in April uncovered a document written in the Aramaic language in use at the time of Christ. It said the sash was buried beneath the church altar.

An ancient legend said the sash was in the church, but specified no resting place. The church was built in 59 A.D. and altered several times, but the altar has remained in place 1,894 years.

Archbishop Samuel is visiting friends in Worcester.



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Air Search for Youth Abandoned

THE PAS, Man. (CP) — Air search for 18-year-old Robert Buck, missing since July 25 in the heavy bush east of Moose Lake, was called off Wednesday, but ground parties continued to comb the area for a trace of the youthful seneca-root digger.

Two ground parties, totalling some 25 men, are making what probably will be the final sweep through the thick timberland.

Hope has about been given up that the youthful resident of Moose Lake settlement, 50 miles east of The Pas, will be found, either alive or dead.

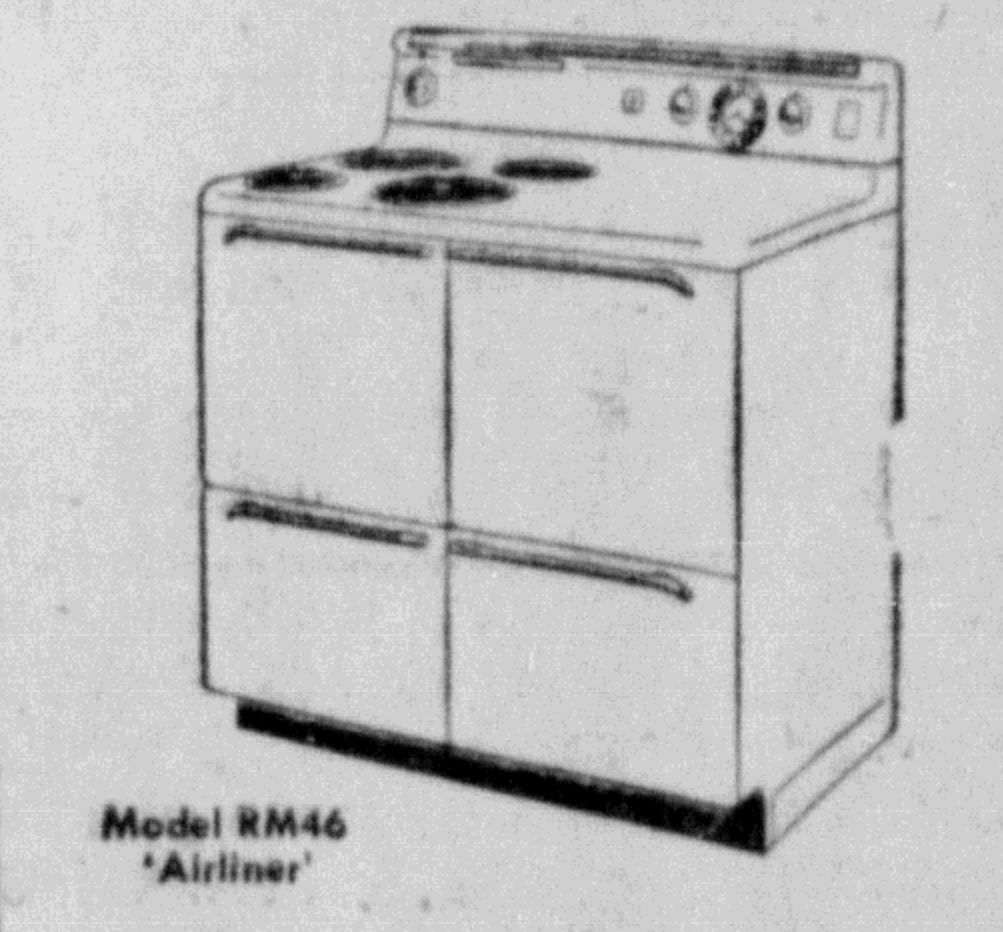
As one member of the search party said Wednesday:

"It is worse than looking for a needle in a haystack; you could almost walk on top of a man in this country and never see him."

Unless Buck is found within the next two days, the search probably will be abandoned.

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DEMAND PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO ARRESTS AND POLICE BRUTALITIES IN PRINCE RUPERT

On July 25, Saturday, arrests had risen to 86 on the August 1st extra police reinforcement arrived. During the afternoon of August 1st, 19 arrests occurred with such brutality that a national provocative police display that Saturday night after midnight to a gathering of approximately one thousand before the City Hall, protesting against police brutality.

Mayor Whalen, without asking any questions as to the cause, simply told them to disperse and go home. When he continued to protest they got a barrage of TEAR GAS and treated and charred with unfeeling assembly.

For Tuesday, August 4th, eleven p.m., a City Council was called to discuss the matter. When, however, a few citizens arrived at 11 p.m. on it, they were informed that a session "in camera" had taken place. Hence—adjournment.

Next day CBC reported that the City Council received the police—"more leniency" when arresting... that the protest against police brutality was justified.

This also exposes the distortions of the daily press particularly the crude attempt of an editorial of the Prince Rupert "Daily News" on Monday, August 27th, in which many of the protesters were portrayed as the innocent victims of a few who besidged that, also disgraced the city.

Incidentally, who disgraced the city? And where were arrested "drunks" that night? Could it be that these drunks to speak of that night?

This editorial in its ridiculous attempt to whitewash police goes as far as stating: "There were hundreds who begged for a whack on the head, and the police would well within their rights if they had hauled them all in as a menace to the safety of the city."

Surely the present police force doesn't need to be arrested more people—to hit more people over the head? Of all things, the editorial sees the PEOPLE as a menace to the safety of the city... Are the people here for the police here for the people?

What is it that mayor and city councillors, elected representatives of the people, are trying to hide from the people reading such an important matter through in a three-day Council meeting?

What the City of Prince Rupert needs is a Mayor and Aldermen who are not afraid to hold council meetings in public who elected them—and—

A police force which, as a minimum requirement, is at least able to handle itself.

Brutalities as recently as the scenes of arrests, which speeded citizen who happened past felt compelled to step in, make treat them as human beings, can no longer be tolerated.

People of Prince Rupert, all its people's organizations, Churches, Trade Unions, P.T.A.'s and others, send petitions to Premier Bennett and his Government at once demanding an immediate PUBLIC INQUIRY into the police in Prince Rupert.

ANN MINARD,
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