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Salute the Navy!

IN RECOGNITION of Navy Week there was a stirring program on the radio last night which effectively aroused pride in our fine sea-going service.

Without the dramatic deeds of war, we may sometimes overlook the accomplishments and continued devotion to duty of our men and women in uniform. In the Royal Canadian Navy we have a service which has been steadily building its strength so that in sudden emergency it could call on an active and reserve force of about 21,000, which is equal to its force in the bitter days of 1941.

In technical development it has far surpassed its wartime level. Its weapons are more complex and deadly, and its electronic equipment has given it a range of attack never dreamed of.

To the Navy the atomic age is a very real condition which demands new methods. An example of how it is meeting the challenge is provided by the HMCS Algonquin, a destroyer, and HMCS Prestonian, a frigate. Both are geared to atomic warfare and can go into battle without an officer or man appearing on the upper decks. Other vessels are being similarly designed.

In Prince Rupert's own naval establishment, HMCS Chatham, we have reason for particular pride. In efficiency it is rated the best of all naval reserve divisions in Canada, and the plan to establish a fleet air-arm here is a further measure of the esteem held by headquarters. The work done locally in training sea cadets also deserves notice.

Men, women and boys of the navy, we salute you.

Flashback on Police Issue

"IT WAS EVIDENT that the police question entered more strongly into the contest than might have been generally anticipated. The provincial police not only was given a good majority in the plebiscite itself but four aldermen were elected, all of whom were at least mildly in favor of the system while the two candidates who had most energetically opposed it came at the bottom of the poll. In view of the way things have gone, Mayor Newton, himself opposed to the provincial police, might have been beaten had he had an opposing candidate on the issue. The mayor can, undoubtedly, read the 'handwriting on the wall.'

"The provincial police have had an expression of opinion and a mandate to carry on. Prince Rupert waived the principle that might be involved in the matter and spoke in no indecisive manner for a 'clean' town."

Note: The above editorial was carried in the Daily News, January 14, 1927, seven months after the provincial police had taken over from the city force. Besides the aldermanic election of that year, it refers to a plebiscite on which of the two police systems the public preferred.

This is a plebiscite which Alderman George B. Casey appears to have forgotten when he contends the city police were banished by trickery. One of the two candidates who came at the bottom of the poll, by the way, was Mr. Casey.

Scripture Passage for Today

"He shall feed his flock like a shepherd."
—Isa. 40:11.

As I See It

by Elmore Philpott

WHEN John Foster Dulles arrived at the London meeting of foreign ministers he threw cold water on the idea of a Big Four meeting to include Russia. But the conference concluded by issuing an invitation to Russia to attend such a meeting next month.

Could it be that in the interval the grand old man, Sir Winston Churchill, rocked Mr. Dulles back on his heels by letting it be known that he might take off for Moscow alone?

There is no doubt that Churchill's approach to the Russians is diametrically different from that of Dulles'.

Churchill says, Let's have an early informal, relaxed conference where we can meet the new Russian leaders face to face and get to know what they are like, close range.

Dulles says, No—let's refuse to meet them at all, unless they make concessions to our viewpoint in advance: and let's never meet them at all unless we have a carefully prepared agenda in advance and are backed by corps of experts.

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THERE is an irony in history. Only a few years ago Mr. Dulles compelled the Labor government of Britain to accept the Japanese peace treaty by coldly telling the then Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, that if Britain refused to go along with the United States the latter would have to "go it alone."

Now in effect Churchill tells Dulles that he, Churchill, may "go it alone" for peace talks.

But the real sting of the Dulles reply is in his last word. He tells reporters that if Churchill does take off on a peace flight he will only speak for his own people, and not for the U.S.A. Yet all the world knows that unless there is real peace between the U.S. and Russion there will be real peace for nobody.

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NOWADAYS you can hardly pick up a magazine which lacks an article telling of the sad state of attitudes between the U.S.A. and her own allies.

The reason for those attitudes, I think, is simple. It is because the whole world is now lined up in two blocs. In the one bloc is Russia, China, and the countries of eastern Europe, held or dominated by direct Russian army power.

This Red empire is hated by the nations it has subjugated in Europe. But in Asia, Africa, and now even in South America where there has been no democracy, no racial equality, no universal education, Soviet communism appeals magnetically to the lowest masses and to some of the native intellectuals as well.

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FORCED to stand or fall with either Russia or America, the really free nations will choose America.

But the real grievance of all the present or prospective allies of the United States is that their big partner (and chief ultimate protector) is acting like a nation which fatalistically expects to fight a war with Russia in the next few years.

To the allies of the U.S.A. the American leaders give no real sign that they have any faith in or even hope of the possibility of peace.

That is the real, vital difference between the American and British attitudes, as exemplified by Churchill—the grand old man who won't quit trying.

FORMER CHILD STAR Margaret O'Brien will be featured in "The Youngest Profession" on the Ford Theatre-hour-long drama at 8:30 tonight over CFPR. At the office she mistakenly thinks her father is in love with his secretary. Broken-hearted she sets about in her own way to bring about a reconciliation between her father and mother. To make father jealous, she hires a professional strong man to attend a country club party and pay a lot of attention to her mother. This leads to inevitable amusing complications.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Although the exact authority upon which the decision has been reached is not too clear, it is a definite fact that the meeting of the National Conservative Association—once projected for the present Autumn—now isn't going to be held until Spring.

Also, during the past week for the first time since the debacle of the August election, Hon. George Drew resumed active assertion of authority as party Chieftain. He appointed Leon Balcer, MP for Three Rivers, as PC organizer for the whole of Quebec province.

As appointment of provincial organizers is clearly the prerogative of a leader who is going to have to assume responsibility for the party's fortunes, political Ottawa recognizes the Balcer selection as tantamount to a proclamation by Hon. Mr. Drew that he intends to carry on in his leadership, despite the obvious inability of his leadership to command the united support of the Conservative Party.

The implications of this situation are, not unnaturally, amongst the main topics of political interest in the Capital these days.

Veteran political observers in the Capital whose views are unprejudiced, regard the fact of Hon. Mr. Drew's unacceptability to the rank-and-file of the Conservative Party—let alone to the Canadian voters generally—as advertised conclusively by the results in Ontario. Under Premier Frost in a provincial election the Conservatives swept Ontario. Under Hon. Mr. Drew in a Federal election just a few months later they failed to even sweep traditionally Tory Toronto—with its added anti-Liberal bias as a result of the government's failure to concede it recognition in the Cabinet. The facts are held to spotlight one factor as the cause of the contrasting results, namely, the unenthusiasm of Ontario Conservatives for the Drew leadership.

But it is recalled that Hon. Mr. Drew was chosen as leader in 1948 specifically on the grounds that he would be able to do Federally what Premier Frost has done provincially. If Hon. Mr. Drew cannot carry Ontario, or even Toronto, when election time rolls round, the Conservative prospects under his leadership are looked upon as permanently bleak.

It is because of this basic situation that Federal political circles are doubtful of the ability of Hon. Mr. Drew to win an easy acquiescence from the party for his continued leadership. While deferment of the meeting of the national Conservative body may postpone the crisis facing him, the general belief is that it will not dispose of it. The judgment of mature observers is that time in the situation may work two ways: it may give Hon. Mr. Drew a period in which to entrench himself in his office, but it will also feed the determination of his opponents to deal with a situation basically frustrating to any party hopes for future success.

LETTERBOX

RCMP DESERVE CREDIT

The Editor,
The Daily News:

Rupert has had more bad publicity than any other place in all of B.C. this last summer and all the trouble stemmed from two sources: Mr. Casey in the council and the communists here in the city.

And make no mistake, there are plenty of communists here in Rupert, all working hard and with one common goal in mind—namely, to overthrow our government when the time is ripe, and to help Soviet Russia take over.

It would be interesting to know just how many paid organizers the "party" headquarters has sent up here. I think it is safe to assume that the comrades are working hard to retain the hold they have in the fishing union.

And now Mr. Casey would like to see the RCMP dismissed from Rupert—so we could go back to the days when Rupert was a little fishing village policed by a handful of city policemen.

Mr. Casey—wouldn't that be just fine! Did you stop to think that all that rioting and trouble last summer was very likely instigated by the Reds here in Rupert?

I think the RCMP deserve credit for the way they handled the situation.

Take the RCMP out of town and the Reds will have a field day. Rupert is so strategically placed that I think you should tend to your knitting and leave well enough alone.

J. H. MERRICK.

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Reflects and Reminisces

What the well dressed man will wear later this autumn has not the slightest interest for our friends the Sons of Freedom.

ACROSS A CONTINENT

Strangers, hailing all the way from Nova Scotia, are seeking jobs as far distant as Prince Rupert. They have heard of this vast five hundred million dollars flush-rush excitement in the Kitimat region. There's a lot going on, it's true, but this does not mean prompt employment in Prince Rupert for all who need and want it. Finding a job is not so simple, and before you believe everything, try a bit of confirming first.

One father takes better care of 10 children than 10 children take care of one father.—German proverb.

Who was it said: A rich man hires a cook, a maid, a secretary, a laundress, a janitor and housekeeper—a poor man just gets married!

It does not follow that when a politician dies, his estate is going to amount to anything. There's Gordon Graydon, for example, who passed out some months ago. He was reckoned successful, but actually he was far from that. Grote Sterling, once a Tory cabinet member, died in poverty but for a death-bed handout.

WHO'S A MILLIONAIRE?

Perhaps a millionaire is a man with property worth $1,000,000, but if he had the million in oil stock last spring he's no millionaire todays, observes the Toronto Telegram. In the same way a million in real estate is, after all, a fairly variable thing. There are no public inventories of wealth in stocks, real estate or anything else.

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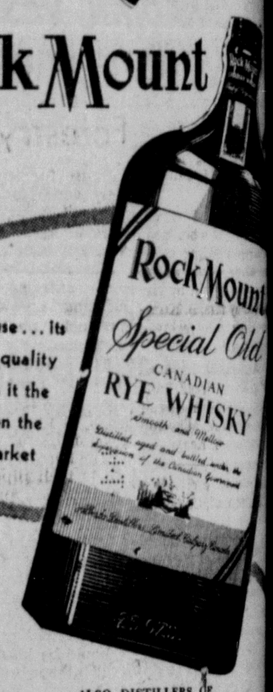

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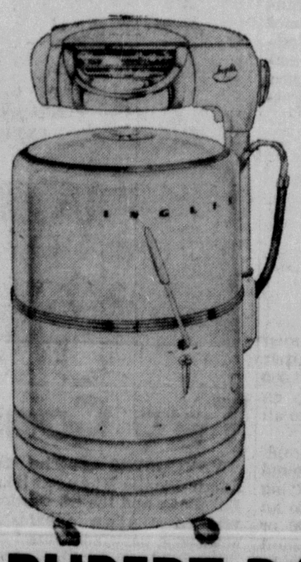

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