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## Action Needed Now

EVENTS on this part of the coast have reached a stage where it is imperative that immediate and full action be taken to put the Prince Rupert drydock into the best possible operation condition.

It will be a disgrace beyond all forgiving or forgetting if this potentially valuable installation is allowed to deteriorate any further from its already deplorable condition. Some of the alarming details were brought out by the Prince Rupert delegation at the Central B.C. Boards of Trade convention which described the filling and decking of the dock in such disrepair that only the under third of the structure can be used.

So rotten is the whole edifice that a powerful crane at the outer end stands useless because heavy loads transported to it might produce a collapse. In addition, the pontoons are corroded to such an extent that their complete replacement is the only apparent solution. No large ship could be placed on them in their present condition.

Unless the federal government takes the action called for, citizens of this whole coastal district can only conclude that their interests are being wilfully ignored in the face of growing opportunities to encourage shipping trade here which, in turn, would lead to activity on many other levels.

In particular, development of the aluminum industry at Kitimat represents a real chance to make use of local ship repair facilities. Ocean-going vessels carrying aluminum and other cargoes will, with the commencement of operations there, become almost daily visitors to the North Pacific coast and it is logical to expect there will be frequent occasions when they will require attention to put them in shape. Under present conditions, their only choice would be to proceed hundreds of miles south to Esquimalt.

The possibility of U.S. vessels making extensive use of this dock also should be kept in mind. During the past year the Alaska Coast Guard ships have come here for routine maintenance, and there is reason to hope this is a type of service that could be further encouraged.

Considering these circumstances, we believe there is good cause to anticipate that the federal government will put the drydock back in business, and we are heartened to know that Ted Applewhite plans to press the point.

Rehabilitation of the plant is by no means merely a local consideration. It would, in fact, be tantamount to the establishment of a new industry in the area and could be counted on to have a broad and stimulating effect on employment and circulation of currency.

## OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

One of those problems which could be important but about which no one in Parliament will ever get too worked up is the future of the Senate.

The so-called "Upper House" is on the thin edge of becoming a one-party chamber. Out of its total membership of 102, less than a dozen—eight to be exact—now are Conservatives. Obviously that's not enough to constitute even a token opposition.

Theoretically a one-party legislature is an undesirable state of affairs in any field of government since it invites the use of dictatorial powers. While that danger doesn't actually exist in the present Senate situation—since the powers of the Senate are strictly limited by the fact that they are shared with the House of Commons—the objection to one-pattern thinking in a Chamber which is supposed to be one of sober second-thoughts upon legislation is clear. Where all Senators are trained in the same political school, the impossibility of eliciting a variety of approaches to legislation resulting in comprehensive, impartial debate is manifest.

Prime Minister St. Laurent revealed his awareness of the problem when he failed to fill 13 vacant Senate seats on the eve of the recent Federal election. Such a course was dramatically unprecedented on the part of any party leader in Canadian political history. The Prime Minister made it clear that he was leaving the way open to Mr. Drew if he should win the election, to partially redress the top-heavy Liberal majority in the Upper Chamber.

Fortunately for the Prime Minister and the Liberal Party See OTTAWA DIARY Page 5

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## As I See It



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### UN Near Crossroad

THE present session will almost certainly make or break UN, mankind's second attempt to set up the beginnings of world law and order.

If the rank-and-file members of the UN break the stranglehold of the Big Two, and admit all the nations now excluded, the world organization will soon be "over the hump."

But if the deadlock caused by Russia and the United States is indefinitely dragged out, the days of the UN may indeed be numbered.

THE following sovereign nations are excluded from UN by the sheer stubbornness of Russia or the United States: Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Ceylon, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Libya, Mongolia, Nepal, Portugal, Romania, Spain. The minute Germany gets a single government, she too will be at the UN door.

Russia openly vetoes most of these because the United States lines up bloc support to exclude some of her own satellites, such as Albania, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary. Even on a horse-trade basis, Uncle Sam seems to have lost his old shrewdness. He keeps out three or four Russian votes, but loses 11!

This obstructionist attitude has been rebuked in the strongest possible terms by both the former Secretary General of the UN, Trygve Lie, and the present one, Dag Hammarskjöld. The former made the principle of "universality of membership" a main plank in his fine plan to save world peace. The latter has just reminded the world that the UN is not an exclusive club, in which privileged members in a privileged position, have the right to blackball other applicants for admission.

CHINA is probably the rock on which world peace will either break, or the foundations of a new order of UN peace will be laid.

Britain has agreed with the United States not to press for the immediate seating of the Chinese government in the UN; and the murderous attack by Chinese Communists on a Royal Navy patrol vessel near Hong Kong will certainly not make the Churchill government more eager for a rift with Washington on this point. But a "Foreign Office Spokesman" indicates that Britain does not intend to maintain this "go slow" policy after Christmas.

All parties in Britain are agreed that the real government of China should be recognized, especially inside the UN. See AS I SEE IT—Page 6



SUZIE, a precocious chimpanzee from Ueno Zoo in Tokyo, is taking no chances on fickle weather, as she ventures forth for a little stroll, well equipped with convertible protection.

## Members Tend To 'Forget' North Regions

VICTORIA (CP)—Members of the B.C. legislature tend to forget the northern regions of the province they were told this week by Ray Williston, (SC-Fort George).

"The north was still waiting for roads to be completed as far as Prince Rupert as had been promised some years ago," Mr. Williston said.

"This area which has contributed so handsomely to British Columbia's revenues gets little in return," Mr. Williston told the House while giving his speech seconding the reply to the speech to the throne.

Mr. Williston also made a plea for action to build up B.C.'s dwindling supply of teachers. He said the situation was "desperately critical."

"We have tried to solve our problems by diluting our standards of professionalism."

Coupled with that, he said, "is the matter of insufficient assistance and supervision on the job."

He proposed three steps the province could take to combat the problem:

1. Additional instructional supervision in areas having a large percentage of inexperienced and unqualified personnel.

2. Appointment of a committee to enquire into the problem of teacher training and bring recommendations to the next sitting of the house.

3. Publicize the situation as it exists so the people can give sympathetic support to measures designed to improve the situation.

Mr. Williston said in 1952-53 teacher positions in the province increased to 6,052. A total of 829 left the profession and there were only 600 graduates to fill the jobs.

In 1951-52 there were 1,237 vacancies and only 700 graduates.

### This Week—

St. Andrew's Cathedral Men's Club monthly dinner meeting at 6:15 p.m., Sept. 23. Bring a friend.

## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

When a man is down, his enemies, as a rule, stop kicking him. It's after this, his friends start.

A dramatic critic gives the best jeers of his life to the theatre.

### NEW HIGH

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Most women in strapless gowns look like a chest of drawers with the top drawer left open.

### NO VISION

I have walked with people whose eyes are full of light but who see nothing in sea or sky, nothing in city streets, nothing in books. It were far better to sail forever in the night of blindness with sense, and feeling, and mind, than to be content with the mere act of seeing. The only lightless dark is the night of darkness in ignorance and insensibility.—Helen Keller.

Peace River farmers are urging on the government at Victoria the protection of surface

rights, where gas and oil resources are concerned. It's true we've been hearing for years about Peace River's priceless soil. It bakes bread. You don't do that with oil.

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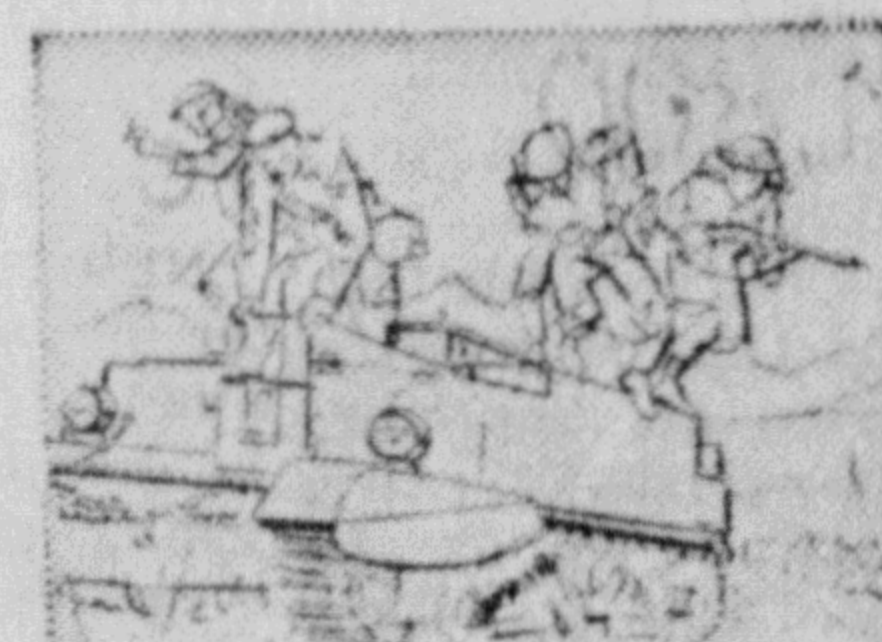
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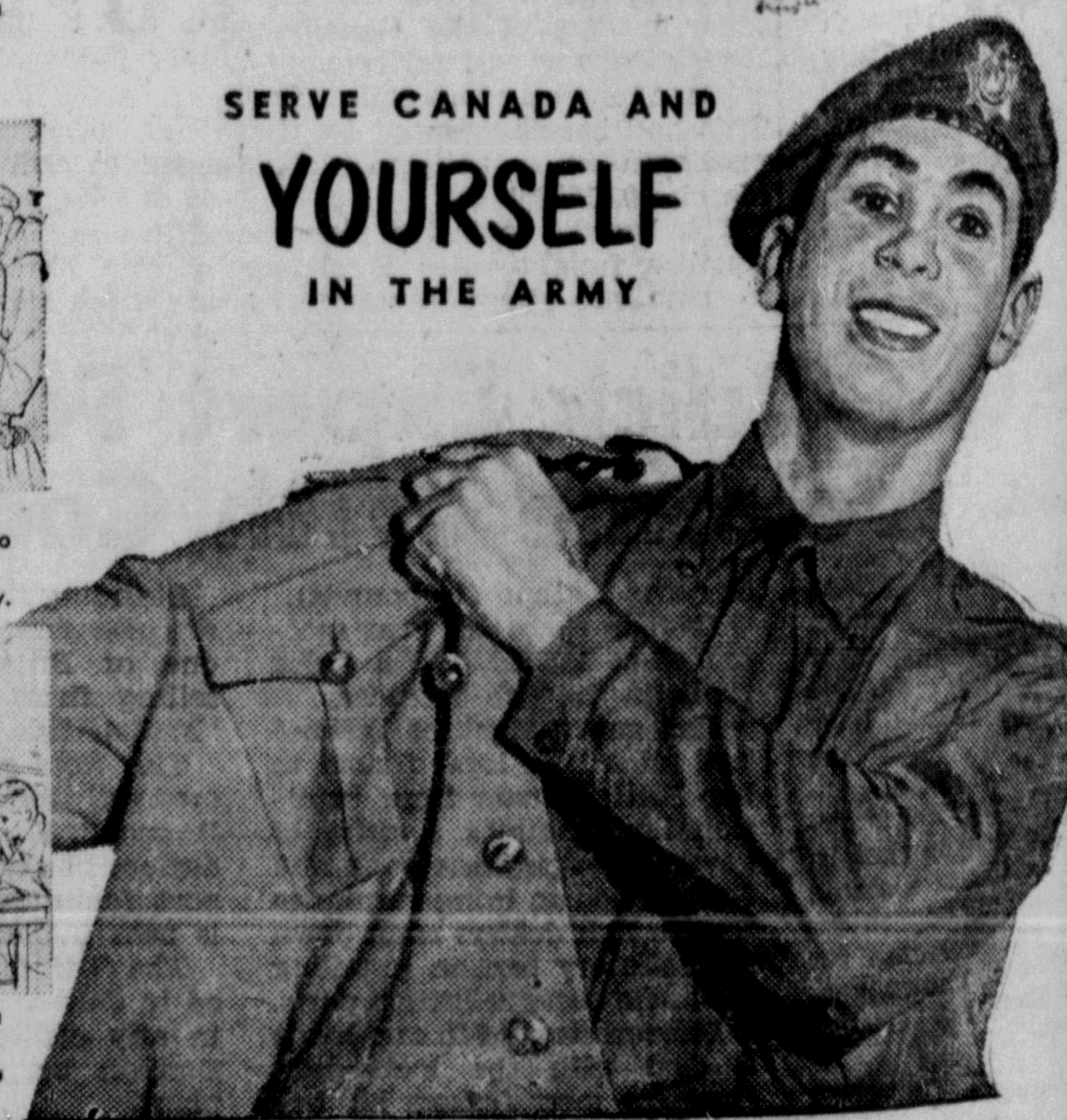
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