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Get Together on Housing

DIFFICULT housing shortage is definitely hampering the progress of Prince Rupert today—perhaps more than any other factor. They used to say that the weather made people unhappy here, that there was nothing to do and a lack of social amenities. But everybody knows now that the main reason why people are unhappy is that they cannot obtain suitable housing accommodation. This may not be good publicity but it is a fact that should be faced up to realistically without further delay. It is just inconceivable that the city should continue to be economically strangled by this housing drought.

Within recent months, a new 50-unit housing supply has been made available. Notwithstanding, the demand for housing is still undiminished. If and when the 50 houses we are now trying to have built are erected, there is no doubt there will still be a shortage.

Chamber of Commerce and city council and other appropriate organizations do well to get together on this problem. It is too serious a matter to become the subject of petty bickering and, above all, it should not be the football of political exploitation. If ever there was a time for a united community front and action, this housing emergency has brought it about.

Every aspect of it should be impartially examined, until such a grim lack of housing accommodation ceases to be a continuing problem.

If subsidizing is the answer, then there will have to be subsidizing by the authorities best able to do it.

Should a big portion of the housing in Prince Rupert burn down some night, we venture to suggest that speedy action would be taken to meet the emergency.

But why does it take disaster to establish an emergency? A housing emergency, we again declare, exists here.

While it is well to study causes, we cannot let the patient die because we will not act quickly to apply the cure.

Prince Rupert is ill because of lack of houses. So why not provide the houses to make her well?

Fair Play in NATO

WE ARE not given details of the apportionment of the costs of rearmament among the member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. But enough has been said to create the impression that every member nation will be expected to pay for all the equipment and supplies it uses.

Under this arrangement the nation that does the most fighting and makes the greatest sacrifice in manpower and in its industrial production will also be called on to bear the heaviest financial burden.

This is the policy that was followed during the two world wars, and was responsible, more than any other thing, for the financial plight in which Britain finds herself today.

In both these wars she recognized the nature of the attack from the beginning and plunged without hesitation into the struggle to save civilization. She spared neither man nor money and pledged everything she had to get the materials necessary to carry on the fight.

Now, as a result of that policy, we find her too weak financially to make the most effective use of her manpower, and therefore unable to make her best contribution in the coming struggle, which threatens to be the most deadly of all.

It seems a reasonable suggestion that, in planning for mutual defence, the nations of NATO should first stake stock of the manpower resources of each of the member nations and ask for manpower contributions on that basis. Then they should assess the material wealth of each member nation and apportion the total cost of the defence program among them according to their ability to pay.

This would be a more equitable way of distributing the burden, and would enable each member to make the contribution most suited to its means.

Scripture Passage for Today

"If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain."
—1 Cor. 15:14.

Report From ...

Parliament Hill

By Edward T. Applewhaite, M.P., Skeena

Kitimat Railway Going Through—Skeena Member Gets In On Talk

Now that the Easter recess is over, perhaps it would be a good plan to review a few of the main events of the first half of the session. The matter of most local concern to us was the introduction of the resolution dealing with the proposed Terrace-Kitimat railway. While this has only passed its initial stages, it will, of course, go through.

The standing committees, and some special committees, have been appointed, and some of them got well into their work before Easter. Others have just got organized. Some private member's resolutions have been debated, of which the one on federal aid to education aroused the greatest interest.

Even the Member for Skeena got into that one. The resolution was "talked out," which means that it didn't get to a vote the day it was debated, and so it goes to the foot of the list.

The Foot-and-Mouth disease legislation, which was passed at this Session almost seems like ancient history now, but the subject kept cropping up at the instance of prairie members, right up to the time of adjournment.

The private member's resolution on Income Tax exemptions aroused a lot of interest (I got into that one too). The government raised the ceiling on medical expenses but did not change the 4% floor. We passed the 1952-1953 supplementary estimates, about \$246,000,000 of them, including the \$665,000 for compensation for animals slaughtered due to foot-and-mouth disease. We had an excellent debate on External Affairs and Foreign Policy—another debate I got into with my two-bits' worth. This wound up with the Conservatives supporting "Mike" Pearson and the government, while the CCF and Social Crediters voted against.

Private Bills flowed in from the senate in steady stream—mostly divorces. The CCF delayed the passage of a lot of divorce bills, for the purpose, I believe, of emphasizing their view that divorces should be handled entirely in the courts, and not in the House of Commons.

Now what of the remaining part of the Session? Well, of course, for one thing there are all the departmental estimates, when every member is on his toes to assure that "his" items get through—and to tell the government all about it, if some item is missing which he feels should have been there.

Then there's the Redistribution Bill—to re-divide the House of Commons seats among the provinces on the basis of last year's census. B.C., of course, is in a class by itself here—being the only province to increase by four seats—about 40 per cent. The War Veterans Allowances legislation is another important matter to come up. So, too, are the amendments to National Defence legislation including amendments to the Defence Services Pension Act and the Civil Service Superannuation Act. When you consider also the budget resolutions, airport regulations, the new Criminal Code and various routine and special matters, I think we'll be lucky if we adjourn by June 30.

THE LETTERBOX

Editor, Daily News

Could I have space in your Letterbox to express appreciation of and second Rev. Basil S. Procter's Saturday Sermon, "Affirmation and Rejection," in your paper?

I believe in this present time that it is very important that we should know as lay citizens the fundamental facts of our sovereign faith. In my study of the Scriptures I have not yet found any indication or demand for state or communistic ownership but rather that our Maker ordained free franchise and socialism if we accept leadership from the Great Master of Heaven and Earth.

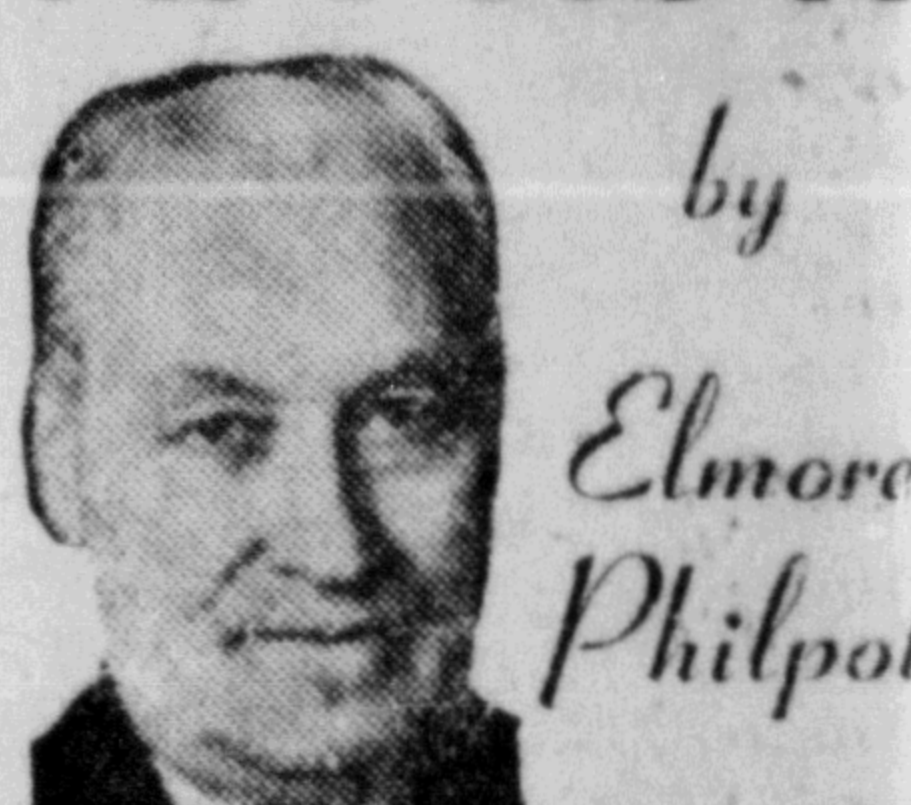
I refer to Genesis 1, 26-31; 2, 24-25; 9, 21-29; St. Luke 24, 39-43; St. John 3, 16-17; 21, 1-7; Romans 6, 4-5-23; 8, 31-39; First Peter 1, 13; Revelations 22, 18-19.

And now, Mr. Editor, I wish to thank you for your continued independent editorial page on which any lay citizen can convey his views for a better land and government.

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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Why Monty Won't Do

ONE of the most ludicrous facts about the times in which we live is that the plain truth hardly ever gets into print.

Take this business of a NATO commander to succeed General Eisenhower. Everybody knows that it has to go to another American, because of the peculiar nature of U.S.A. and the set-up of NATO itself.

In private talk among the top people, everybody accepts that basic reality. But in public the top statesmen are forced to talk as if it were really a question of whether British, French or other varieties of generals are professionally as competent as the Yanks.

HERE is the set-up which makes it necessary to select another American when Ike quits:

If anybody but an American were picked to be big boss of NATO there is no guarantee that he could effectively order NATO forces into action in event of an emergency. Legally, he could NOT order Americans. In the past few years American presidents and army people have worked out elaborate techniques whereby to evade the spirit of the U.S. Constitution without openly breaking the letter of that Constitution.

The Constitution says that only Congress can declare war. But when large U.S. land, sea and air forces are stationed abroad the U.S. President, OR ANY OFFICER UNDER THAT PRESIDENT, may order those forces into action even though Congress has not declared war.

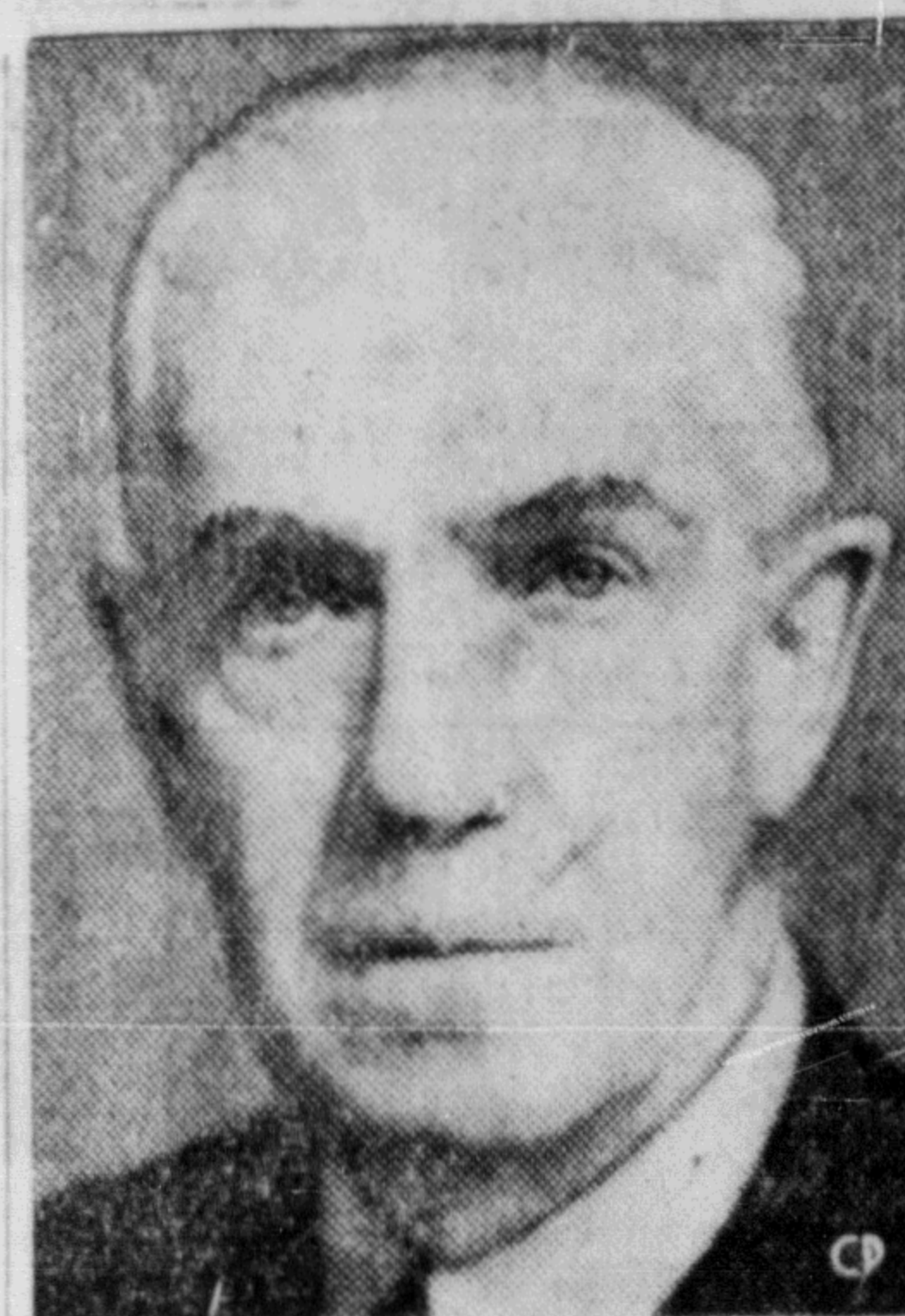
Even the great Roosevelt stretched those powers to the point where "neutral" U.S. naval vessels went into action against German submarines. Iceland was occupied by U.S. (to help Britain) without authority of Congress. So it went until the classic example of them all:

President Truman's hair-trigger reaction to the North Korean attack not only took the U.S.A. but the whole UN into a war which, even after almost two years of fighting, has never officially been "declared."

SOME might say that Uncle Sam is like the rich kid who won't play baseball unless they let him be pitcher and captain. As he owns the balls, bat and gloves, they either have to let him be big shot or the game is off.

Some might ask: What's wrong with Monty? Was his campaign in North Africa or France less competent than American generalship has shown itself, say, in Korea? What about France? Are there no competent generals any more in the country which will inevitably be the main base of western defense anyway?

But all such cracks ignore the main reality which is that the western democracies must accept U.S. co-operation on the basis which makes it possible.



BRITISH ARCHITECT — Andrew Graham Henderson, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, has arrived in Canada to attend the annual meeting of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada in Vancouver later this month. His visit marks the first time a president of the British Institute has visited a Commonwealth country during his term of office. Mr. Henderson will also visit federated chapters in various Canadian cities. (CP PHOTO)

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Reflects and Reminisces

A prisoner, after spending 35 years in a Sicilian jail confessed to feeling shocked to witness women riding bicycles. It is only fair to notify him that, as yet, he has not seen anything.

John Howard Payne, author of "Home Sweet Home," died a hundred years ago this month. Having sold the royalty, he never made a cent from a song that lives. "Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam! Be it ever so humble there's no place like home." Beautiful words and a sentiment none can deny—although, in this matter of fact age with its housing problem, "a lowly thatched cottage" might be spurned.

ANOTHER POSSIBILITY

It will be recalled that a few weeks ago Premier Stalin as much intimated that he would do his part if anyone else felt

Strategic Hong Kong Finds British Calm But Chinese Jittery

(Editor's Note: Bill Boss, Canadian Press staff writer with the Canadian forces in Korea, has just completed a visit to Hong Kong. This story is the first of a series on the situation in that Far East British outpost.)

By BILL BOSS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

HONG KONG (CP)—This tiny British colony is a mixture of calm and jitters. The British side is quiet. It has an open mind about the possibilities but on the whole doesn't think "they will come." "They" of course, are the Chinese Reds.

The Chinese population is jittery. Many are refugees from the Communist mainland and Hong Kong is their last haven—the end of the line. They fear a Communist march onto the colony, a withdrawal of British and other foreign elements, and their own abandonment to their enemies.

There are about 2,500,000 persons here, about 20,000 of them not Asiatic. The place is bulging at the seams. Its pre-war

or not have that co-operation. The U.S. Senate is a reality, too.

LIKE IT or lump it, NATO is the best working arrangement the nations of the west can get at this stage of history. It's a starter. It begins with the greatest of all realities that the U.S.A. has abandoned her traditional policy of non-intervention in overseas affairs. Many of us Canadians, and Britons, and Frenchmen and others in NATO kick like steers from time to time at the blunders and occasional stupidities of American policies.

I have done my share, and intend to do more, when the need seems clear.

But on overall balance, the best of all realities in the world picture today is that the U.S.A. has set her shoulder to the wheel of world organization. It may mean we get too many U.S. generals now. But the long range effect will be that we won't need ANY generals, anywhere. Most of us will live to see that.

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disposed to talk peace. While this was being digested, Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, was quoted to the general effect that it seemed to him increasing strength in the west was bringing peace a little nearer.

Missed for years, the CPR flag will again be seen regularly on the Pacific. It's welcome. Far more than half a century ago, the graceful Empress liners introduced Canada to the Orient.

An Ontario food faddist says taking a cold bath on a cold morning is a mistake.

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