

Hecate Straits Lighting

THE establishment at Kitimat, a short distance south of Prince Rupert, of the Aluminum Company of Canada smelter, major industrial development in Canada today, the necessity of aids to navigation in Hecate Straits will again be brought into the limelight.

For many years the lighting of Hecate Straits has been a subject which commanded much attention at Prince Rupert, as we endeavored to remove a barrier to the development of shipping through the straits because of the lack of lighting.

With the opening up of Kitimat and the transportation of alumina, the key to the manufacture of the aluminum ingots in the smelter will produce, ocean vessels will be able to traverse Hecate Straits some day, no matter how they approach from the north.

Without doubt, Alcan interests have the problem of lighting approach to Kitimat under advisement. Nevertheless, it is a subject of keen interest to Prince Rupert as well as Kitimat.

Hecate Straits will now command more attention as a shipping lane and the provision of aids to navigation—lighting is only one in this modern age of extensive project. It is something for which we must keep alive to.

Educational Eye-Opener

PRINCE Rupert people have been getting an eye-opener during this week about what is going on in our schools—the new methods and conditions under which our educational work is being carried out.

The environment counts for anything, the new schools which have recently gone into operation, indeed, be conducive to good results. A long time has been taken since last Education Week in providing the tools with which to carry out pedagogical work and all its modern ramifications.

The schools have, indeed, come a long way in providing amenities, conveniences and comforts for the most of us got our elementary and secondary education. If the young people are appreciative of the due advantage of all the new things that have been provided to make their life of learning more pleasant and pleasant, it will be well worth while. It is a pedagogical duty to make them so appreciative.

Teaching or Life

TO TEACH the pupils how to earn a living is of necessity an increasingly important part of modern education. Frequently overlooked, though just as important, is what the pupil does with what he learns.

The technician—a man who knows everything about his job except its ultimate purpose—is not what is desired. If economics, science, technology, organization were all that were needed, there would be nothing wrong with Germany!

There must be a balance between the arts, sciences and the humanities. Without this, education can never achieve its fundamental objective: not to make a good living, but how to make a good life.

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KOREA SURVEY

Street Urchins Create Serious Seoul Problem

(Editor's Note: Bill Boss, Canadian Press staff writer in Korea, has completed a two-week survey of conditions among the civilian population during the Korean winter. This article is the ninth of a series of interviews with United Nations, Korean Republic and civilian sources.

By BILL BOSS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

SEOUL, Korea (CP)—The jeep had barely stopped before a boy with bright black eyes popped up beside it from nowhere. "Want whisky?" he asked with easy familiarity. "Canadian whisky?"

His name was Lee Dong Soo, 16. The whisky was \$12 a bottle. Lee said he would get 2000 won (34 cents) if he sold it.

That proved he was a middleman, not in business for himself. He was getting his commission in won on a dollar transaction.

Lee knew what soldiers liked and what they usually had to sell. He knew where they could get what they wanted and who would buy what they offered.

Lee dealt in anything from women to army boots, from whisky and beer to chocolate bars and cigarettes.

The United Nations Civilian Assistance Command estimates there are 10,000 youngsters like him in Seoul and 17,000 in the whole of Seoul province.

Says the CAC provincial team commander: "They're a terrific problem, caused by the breakdown or disappearance of the home influence and the lack of schooling."

EARNINGS HIGH
Some, like Lee, are nominally cigarette boys. Others are either shoeshine boys or newsboys.

"They get 1000 won (about 17 cents) a shine. Two a day gives them more than a laborer earns. Some earn as much as 10,000 or 12,000 won a day."

"Every one helps worsen inflation, and some are petty thieves and pickpockets."

The superintendent of Seoul's civilian police said he is trying to work out a licensing system, authorizing boys who help support their families to shine shoes and sell newspapers. The other urchins would be rounded up and put in institutions.

That, said a CAC welfare officer, is wishful thinking at this stage.

"For the time being we have all we can handle with the children already in institutions."

Meanwhile boys like Lee live by their wits on the streets. He had completed his first year of technical high school when hostilities began. He worked with United States Army units, then returned home two weeks before to find his mother keeping her-



URCHINS ROAM STREETS—Ten thousand child black-marketers and beggars roam the streets of Seoul, a constant worry to police and civic administrators in the Korean capital. This small beggar girl with sack-cloth shawl is typical of Seoul's street urchins, though most are boys. (CP from National Defence)

self alive by dealing in firewood and doing needlework, earning 6000 won (\$1) a week.

He hadn't enough money to set himself up as a cigarette dealer, so he patrolled a corner far from the congested centre of the city. He said he averaged as much as other boys—between 3000 and 5000 won a day—because in town they forced one another to divide their earnings.

The smile vanished and an unexpected tear dropped when he was asked what he thought of himself and his work.

"A year ago I'd have said I was a bad boy," he said.

"Today some neighbors say I'm bad, but others say I'm good because I'm doing this to help my mother. What do you think?"

reach the age of one, usually from dysentery."

Elections are a farce in Persia: "The Army comes with the ballot boxes and ballots. The ballots are already printed, there is one name on them—the name of the candidate the Army wants. We line up, receive our ballots, march by the box and drop them in."

Soviet propaganda literally floods over the borders. That is partly by radio broadcasts, partly by word of mouth reports. But the strongest Russian asset, reports Douglas, is the fact that the poor people and peasants did get the beginnings of a much better life when the Red armies were actually in occupation of the northern half of Persia.

Land rents were cut to a fraction of what the peasants paid before and after that occupation.

For all that, most of the peasants and their potential leaders are torn between two pulls. On the one hand they are convinced they would be vastly better off economically under Russian style Communism, than they are now. On the other hand they have a shrewd conviction that they would change one set of masters for another. They have a fierce longing for real freedom.

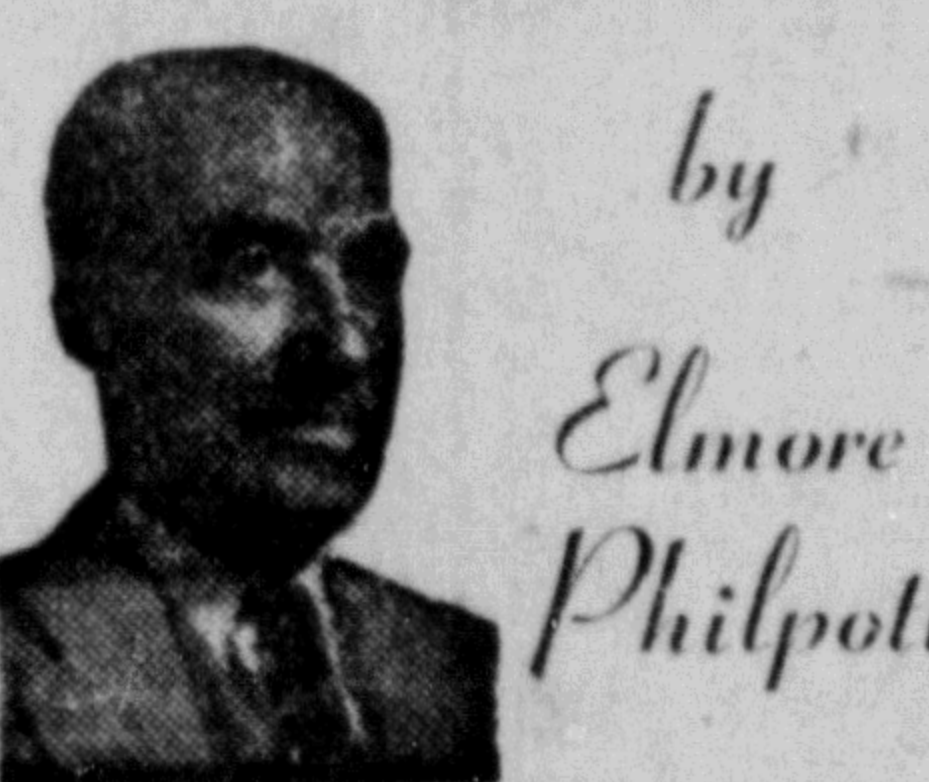
ACCORDING to Judge Douglas the most influential radio broadcasts in that part of the world are those from the VOICE OF INDIA.

He believes that the western nations could still beat Russia in winning these peoples' support, as follows:

"Why not make Maku a show window of democracy? A land distribution system, modern houses, schools, churches, roads, hospitals—all these could be had for a tiny fraction of the billions appropriated for foreign aid. We can build factories in Italy to make a few men rich. Why not build on the Soviet border at one of the most troubled spots in the whole world a model, democratic community? Then when people ask 'what does America stand for in her foreign policy?' we could proudly reply 'Maku'."

Judge Douglas is in my opinion on the right track and the only track that will keep all Arabia and Africa from going Russianized.

As I See It



by
Elmore Philpott

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Judge Douglas' Book
ONE of the finest books written in recent years is

STRANGE LANDS AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE, by William O. Douglas. It is published by Harpers, in Canada for \$5.00.

Mr. Justice Douglas is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a liberal, in the U.S. meaning of that word, and is sometimes mentioned as a possible candidate for the Democratic nomination in the presidential election.

After reading this book I am convinced that he has a better understanding of the vital WORLD issues, which will come up for decision in the next few years, than has any other possible contender, including General Eisenhower.

JUDGE DOUGLAS spent much of 1949 and 1950 in that crucial part of the world between the Mediterranean and India. He deals sketchily with both India and Greece, but his best chapters are on the Muslim lands—Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Persia.

He gives the most human account that I have seen yet of the struggle of the people for a better life. He shows better than any previous writer just WHY the Russian system is sure to sweep over all those lands sooner or later unless the west gets in there with large scale plans to improve the lot of the common people.

HERE ARE some of the facts that emerge out of the Douglas book:

"In urban Persia 80 percent of the children die before they

LETTERBOX

WAR OR DEPRESSION?

Editor,
Daily News,

This is Education Week, when all people who have ideas, whether they be words of wisdom or otherwise, are expected to divulge their honest thoughts on questions affecting the lives, liberties and happiness of all. Therefore, my contribution is hereby tendered. If of no value to others, it need not be accepted.

However, during the period of my life, several wars affecting our people have been indulged in. First the Spanish American War, Boer War, World War 1, World War 2 and now every indication points to World War 3 in addition to the present Korean struggle, which, to me, appears as a muddle from the start—only imposing cruelty beyond description on an innocent, helpless people. The purpose of this war is said to be to repel aggression through its practice of foreign powers under the direction of the United States of America in an effort to establish its rule in Asian affairs.

However, it appears to me that the worst is yet to come unless a sudden awakening takes place in the minds of the people and some real authority is asserted on the side of peace.

We will commit civilization to certain destruction. The American atomic stockpile will appear about as feeble as a mouse. Dr. Brock Chisholm, who is the head of the world health Organization, has told us many times atomic warfare can never be a fraction as deadly as biological warfare, a device already in the hands of all great powers. If war comes, these will be used and there will be no effective protection against them.

In face of such impelling facts, why do people remain so unconcerned over the gathering war clouds? Note the havoc in Saskatchewan from the hoof and mouth germ imported from Germany by an innocent immigrant boy. If it must be a choice between war or depression, let the depression come! We will have some chance to cope with poverty but none against atomic and biological warfare. If you are tired of life and wish to end civilization, boost for World War No 3. If you are a civilized person, speak up for "peace on earth and goodwill to all men."

GEO. B. CASEY.

DEMANDS EXPOSE

Editor,
Daily News,

I read with great interest your editorial on "Rupert, Vancouver's Rival," and felt that it should receive a reply.

The greatest error and bit of amusement is the statement that Prince Rupert will in time be a place of great beauty. This will only happen when people or persons are struck blind by the atom bomb.

Please pardon me for the obvious sarcasm that is found in this correspondence but, having lived in Prince Rupert for the past eleven months, I feel that I can write with a little bit of authority on the subject of our town.

With all your glowing statements regarding the great metropolis of Prince Rupert, you fail to regard the real issues at stake, namely housing facilities and rent controls. Needless to say, there is no such thing as rental control nor any form of determining what is fit for rent or sale. Of course everybody in this city is supposed to be making a million at the Celanese and other assorted industries so rent control is not needed.

Rent increases are not based on any improvements that have been made but, apparently, on the fact that if you live in Prince Rupert, you should be sucker enough to pay any increase that money-hungry landlords of this city are willing to demand.

In the light of such circumstances, I fail to see where an editor of the local paper can print encouraging reports of a town that is obviously so corrupt and rotten and, apparently, endorse the actions of local racketeers.

I would suggest that you devote more of your editorial space to exposing those who dictate the civic policy of this town, rather than refer to history of past events, which seems to be a favorite of yours.

DANIEL C. JONASON.

David Geddes, special agent of the CNR investigation department, arrived on the Prince George yesterday to relieve regular agent William Beaton who is on holidays. Mr. Geddes was stationed here 20 years ago as CNR policeman.

BABY'S COLDS

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(Signed) L. E. SMITH,
Divisional Engineer,
Department of Public Works,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

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