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Road Program Shunned

IT APPEARS that all the groundwork of Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade and Junior Chambers of Central B.C. in their persistent battle to have some serious work program outlined for the area's main transportation artery will not be recognized by the new Social Credit government.

In the recent B.C. budget handed down in the Legislature, it is shown that only the \$447,581 left from the \$2,000,000 Coalition budget for improvements to the Skeena Highway will be available for such work this year.

This seems preposterous in the face of the gigantic development of the central and northern part of the province. Not continuing the program of making the Skeena Highway a dependable means of communication is a direct policy against the progress of Central B.C. in particular, and the entire province as a whole.

While last year's \$2,000,000 allotment was not by any means considered huge, it gave promise of further such budgets which over a period of the next 10 years would make of our highway one of the greatest investments in B.C.'s future.

Prince Rupert people and the entire population in the area between here and Prince George are very much "road conscious." The highway represents their main means of travel for business and pleasure, not to mention the importance of it to commerce.

If B.C. north of the 54th parallel can't get any more attention from its own government than a mere glossing over, its people will have precious little to be thankful for to Victoria.

But it isn't only northern and central B.C. that will suffer without an adequate highway. This section of the province offers some of the finest scenery, hunting and fishing to be found anywhere. There is no doubt that added millions of tourist dollars could be attracted by satisfactory transportation.

And it's only a false economy to think that by retarding progress in one area will not effect the economics and welfare of the province generally.

What may possibly be done to further develop the Skeena Highway certainly should be investigated immediately.

LETTERBOX

PUT SOCREDS IN OTTAWA

The Daily News:
Monopoly, taxation, borrowing and high tariff must go. Canadian Parliament's first duty is to repossess from chartered banks the exclusive right to issue the nation's money, a right which Parliament handed over to chartered banks in 1871 (as had the United States already done in 1791). Parliament would (through the Bank of Canada) print (issue) Canadian bills and distribute to all points throughout Canada, and appoint trustees at all points, vested with authority to check on this money. The Government would distribute money for use, just as it does stamps.

We will suppose the vote over Canada has authorized Parliament to distribute these large stamps (bills) at every point in Canada and have appointed City and municipal Councils as government trustees, vested with the right to give cheques for goods and services for ALL public purposes.

"Illustration"—A great drift of snow must be moved from the sidewalk. Council engages John Doe who shovels off the snow at a cost of one dollar. Council makes John's time check for one dollar, he draws the dollar from Government bank, goes to the retail grocer and buys a dollar's worth of sugar. The retail merchant forwards the dollar to the wholesaler for another dollar's worth of sugar. The wholesaler forwards it to the manufacturer and the manufacturer

passes it on to the sugar-beet farmer. The farmer steps in to the retail store and buys a dollar's worth of sugar and so the "cycle" rotates.

The only person spending energy was the man who moved the drift, and all who authorized this transaction (by their vote) have endorsed the system described and had decided it was superior to having council raise the mill rate to provide taxes for removing snow.

On a larger scale, a \$675,000 telephone building could be paid (without taxes, debt or interest) from the (stamps) money created by their will, through the Bank of Canada.

In the first instance the snow-drift brought to life one dollar of dead money. In the second instance the telephone building put life into \$675,000 and this amount again passed through the artery of business, finally back to the retailer. The building is free from debt and interest. Naturally all interest and taxes shrink peoples purchasing power and deprive retailers sales, just to the amount of the tax.

Had the community (or council) not moved the snow, nor built the telephone building, they would not have been any freer from debt, and the arteries of business would suffer to the extent, simply because the (stamps) ready money lay still dead in their bank. Social Credit in power at Ottawa will bring these fond dreams into reality.
C. W. REEVES.

BOYS LOSE 'FREEDOM'

TACOMA (AP)—The two boys who flooded Lincoln high school here with a fire hose causing \$5,000 damage will spend the next year working to help pay for it, juvenile court Judge Bert Johnson ruled.

The families of the two boys have each mortgaged their homes for \$1,000 and have turned the money over to school authorities to help pay for the damage.

The two boys must work one hour each school day—not less than four days a week—and eight hours each Saturday, school holidays and during vacation periods at a gainful occupation. The money they earn is to be turned over to the school.



FINALS OF THE DOMINION Drama Festival will be held in the Royal Theatre, Victoria, B.C., May 4-9: Eight groups, winners in regional festival events, will present three-act plays in the national competition.

As I See It

by
Elmore
Philpott

Abbott Showed Us How

DOUGLAS ABBOTT told the country in advance that this was to be his last budget.

It was a very good budget, but that is not surprising. I am proud to stand up against the popular but false myth which says that Abbott has been too hard on us.

On the contrary, he has been one of the best ministers of finance that this or any country ever had. During the last fourteen years, this country has carried out what amounts to an invisible revolution in the field of finance. We now have the key to bypass the next big slump threat.

LET US think for a moment about the difference in conditions in Canada in 1933 and 1953—that is, the change that has taken place between the days of the old Tory, Prime Minister Bennett, and those of the new Tory, Premier Bennett of B.C.

In 1933 as a then-young crusader I myself campaigned all across this country for a policy of planned full employment. I argued that we could wage war against the depression in Canada exactly as we had waged war against Germany from 1914 to 1918. We could use a combination of private enterprise and public spending to take the then one million unemployed off relief and put them on productive pay-rolls.

I showed that there was nothing new, or too radical, about the application of this principle. It was simply to apply in peacetime exactly the same principle that we had applied in one world war. AND WOULD HAVE TO APPLY IN ANOTHER WORLD WAR UNLESS WE SOLVED THE PEACETIME PROBLEM OF SCARCITY IN THE MIDST OF ABUNDANCE.

THE INEVITABLE answer was, from old line Tories like R. B. Bennett, "where is the money going to come from?"

It took Doug Abbott to show us the answer to that. In his latest budget he proposes to spend just ten times more money than poor old R. B. spent—exactly twenty years earlier. Yet now we have very little unemployment. Even after the tax cuts, people are paying high taxes. But at least nine out of ten families are better off than they ever were before in the history of Canada. They are so much better off than they were then that 1933 now looks like a horrible nightmare.

NOT LONG ago an M.P. at Ottawa "shuddered to think what would happen to our economy when peace broke out."

Let the fearful M.P. relax. Canada will never again be so dumb to fall for the line "there is no money."

When we get real peace we will use public money power to build water tanks instead of army tanks, atom power plants instead of atom bombs. We will clear whole slum areas to rebuild them as model communities. Saskatchewan will have its vast irrigation scheme and things will be done, wherever they need to be done, in priority of their public usefulness. New homes will be plentiful.

Private enterprise can always be given the first chance to do the job, to the extent it can and will. From that point on public enterprise will be put in, exactly as Howe, Abbott and Co. have done it.



THIS IS A SCENE from "The Enchanted," winning entry of last year's finals held at Saint John, N.B. The Saturday Players of Ottawa won the Beesborough trophy for their production of the Jean Giradoux play.

Drama Festival Has Hard Time Selecting Eight Productions

By MARGARET NESS

Regional drama festivals now under way across Canada are the preliminaries to the final festival to be held this year in Victoria, May 4 to 9.

The final is the showcase, so to speak, of the Dominion Drama Festival and presents the top eight full-length productions from the regionals. But the choice of these eight is a tenuous material. For there are 13 regionals—one each for the western provinces, the Maritimes and Newfoundland, three for Ontario and two for Quebec. From these 13 only eight plays are invited to make up six evening and two matinee performances. There is also a theatre conference with speakers and panel discussions.

Many make the festival their annual holiday. They count on a week for travelling, and one week to see all the plays. To most groups, an invitation to the finals isn't just a chance at the Dominion title—and this year a \$1,000 prize—but a real opportunity to see what other Canadian groups are producing.

SELECTION PROBLEM

The fact that only eight full-length plays can be invited from the 13 regional winners provides a real headache for the DDF. In the early days of one-act entries there was no problem. With three of four produced a night, the finals could absorb not only the regional winners but even second placers. But then came the demand for full length plays and the accompanying difficulties.

The invitation decision rests on the regional adjudicator. He presents his recommendations to the DDF executive. Constitutionally they don't have to accept his graded listing but they always do.

This year, the regional adjudicator is John Allen, British actor, stage manager and playwright. The adjudicator for the finals is Pierre Lefevre, New York-born veteran of the stage in England, Holland and Belgium, who was regional adjudicator a year ago.

40 Years Ago Today

Thirty skilled mechanics arrived in Prince Rupert to start work on the foundation of the Prince Rupert hydro electric power plant at Port Edward.

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Rev. Hugh Dobson secretary of social services for the United Church, was the guest speaker at the Rotary mid-week luncheon.

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MILESTONES

From the Files of The Daily News

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Noted Labor Leader Dies

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (CP)—Organized labor lost its third leader in three months when Allan Haywood, 64, executive vice-president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, collapsed and died Saturday night.

Haywood, bitter foe of Communism who compared joining a union with joining a church, died of a heart attack while addressing a union meeting here.

His death follows those of Philip Murray, CIO president, and William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, last November.

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Reflects and Reminisces

Who was it said: The difference between a girl's bathing suit and an evening gown is not material?

Matthew Halton, overseas correspondent, must have been in a melancholy mood the other night. About all he could see was the approaching dissolution of the British Empire—with India and Burma practically gone, Suez and Soudan unsound, here and there along the Mediterranean wondering what next and regarding a lot of Africa with a perplexed look. Halton is a good man and should be an optimist. Wasn't he born in Alberta?

AS A RULE!

The Canadian wage scale, where the railways are concerned, have succeeded in getting back to business. The situation appears to be like this: Passenger engineers \$6335; freight engineers \$5485; passenger firemen \$4520; freight conductors \$5615; baggage men \$4285; passenger trainmen \$4285; freight trainmen \$3790; yardmen \$3165; sleeping car conductors \$3780; porters \$2940; station agents \$3710. On occasion, we talk plenty about how much or how little goes into the jeans. Yet, in puffs that train and usually on the dot.

EDITOR ANGRY

Way back in New Brunswick, some of the ladies appear to resent the way Yusuf Karsh takes photos of scenes in the chief city, St. John. He is regarded as among the leading artists of the day. But anyway, hearken: "We have more than broken down wharves and slums,"—Edith A. Davis, St. John: "An apology is due St. John"—Mrs. M. E. M. Kinney, St. John: "Horror, this is Saint John!"—Janice Horgan.

A Buffalo narcotic peddler has been sentenced to the penitentiary from 14 to 105 years. The Chatham (Ont.) News inquires: the leniency. Does seem a shade curious.

Last-ditch stay of execution to March 30 for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, guilty of treason. Likewise guilty of treason, John D. Provo, former army sergeant who joined the Japanese after the fall of Corregidor. "Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said?"

Of course it's just as of much consequence as ever that wheat in Saskatchewan is not any the less important. Uranium, away up in the northwest corner, has a commanding place. But so has wheat—and has had for a long time.

There's no doubt, though, the government has shown a commendable alacrity getting legislation into the House. One afternoon 22 government bills were introduced—12 of them Message Bills. A Message Bill is high government policy and if it should be defeated, the government would be defeated. That's ancient British parliamentary practice. A Message Bill is signed by the Lieutenant-Governor—and is always highly secret until it

OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

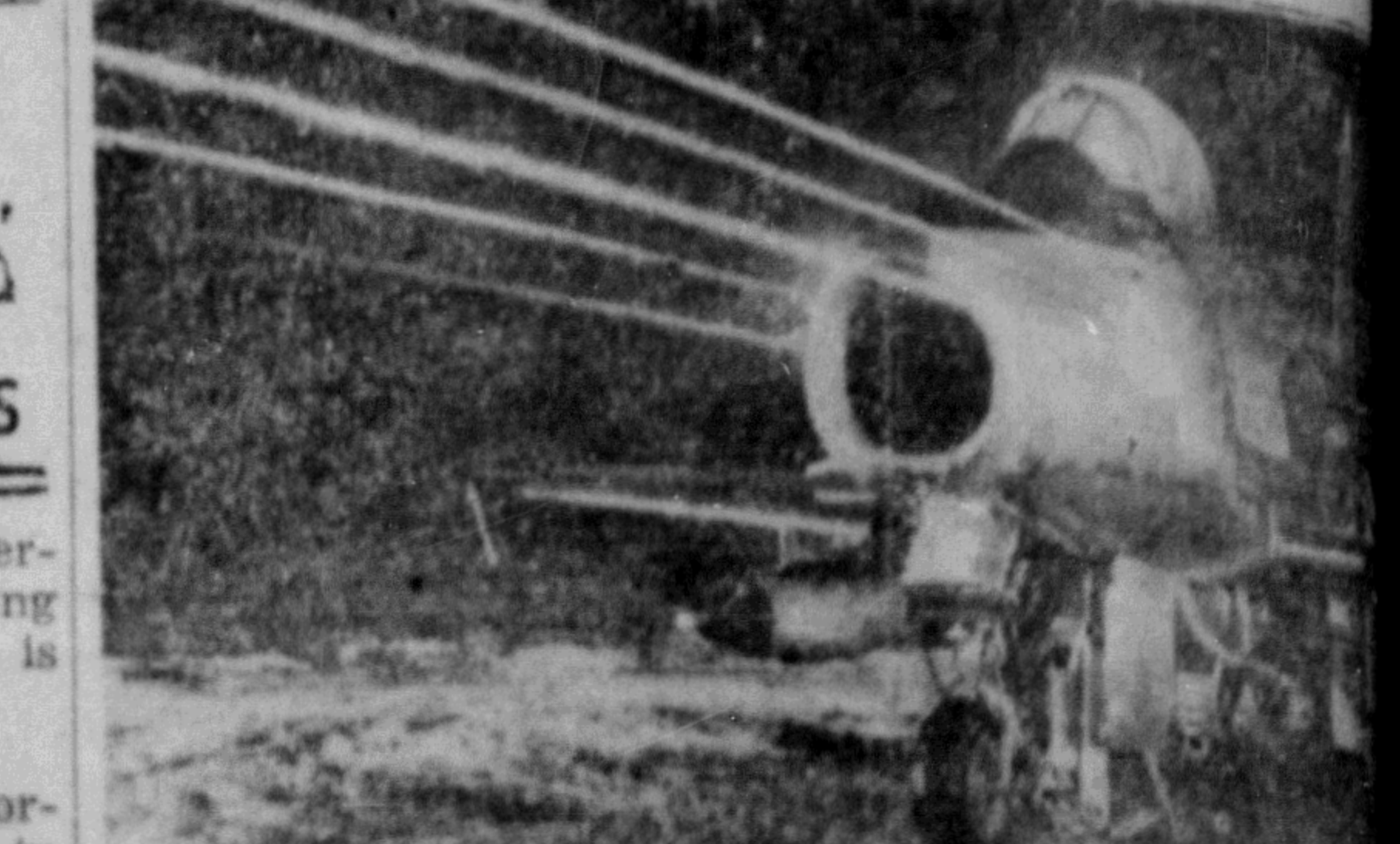
This is the day that could have laid the groundwork for a spring general election. It is the day on which Opposition Financial critic J. M. Macdonnell ("Toronto-Greenwood") is scheduled to reply to Finance Minister Douglas Abbott's budget. If the climax to Macdonnell's speech should be a really "tough" want-of-confidence amendment, the government would be prepared to dissolve Parliament and take the budget directly to the people as an election issue.

But that won't happen. The P.C.'s are too impressed by the popular appeal of the budget: to make it a major issue of controversy, Macdonnell, actually, will have a want-of-confidence amendment. But it will just be a routine affair, put in largely for appearance sake and to indicate that the Official Opposition is still doing business at the old stand and hasn't put up the shutters simply because of the Finance Minister's dexterity at affecting a maximum number of pockets favorably in his latest fiscal program.

The likelihood is that the P.C. amendment will be based on the failure of the Finance Minister's program to disclose any hint whatever of major administrative economies. Veteran Amherst P.C. Percy Black revealed the party's position in an interview in which he said that elimination of extravagances and inefficiencies in the Department of National Defence could make additional "tens of millions of dollars" available for tax cuts.

The truth is, however, that the latest Abbott budget is too orthodox and generally sensible in the opinion of the P.C.'s for them to attack it savagely. Basically, they have no quarrel with it in principle. The real test for the Finance Minister's program is slated to come from the CCF.

With the exception of Ross Thatcher of Moose Jaw, whose divergence from the views of his CCF colleagues in matter of business policy is well-known,



TRACER BULLETS fly from the six 50-calibre machine guns of the F-86 Sabre jet during night practice at RCAF Uplands, near Ottawa. The Canadian-built Sabre jets bomb and rockets in addition to regular armament.

VICTORIA REPORT

by J. K. NEWMAN

VICTORIA — This session is seeing some strange flip-flops. Attorney-General Bonner was quite right when he said that if opposition members meant all they said about the government they'd have voted against the Speech from the Throne. This, of course, would have defeated the government right on the floor of the House—giving Premier Bennett his perfect excuse for the election he so desperately wants.

It's apparently going to be the same with the budget. Opposition members say they don't like the budget, and yet, they're getting ready to vote for it, because they don't want to give the Premier an excuse for an election they're not ready for.

Opposition Leader Harold Winch has called the budget false economy, and rotten economics, and says it's cutting the throats of the people. And yet, no doubt, he'll vote for the budget. Such is the way of politics.

There's little doubt Premier Bennett is rushing the session. He wants to get the boys and girls out of the way. Of course, that's nothing new — Premiers and governments have always felt the session a chore and a bore, having to sit hour after hour listening to private MLA's talk their heads off.

When the Premier was in opposition, he was a great one to talk. But now, of course, he has changed his mind; he thinks MLA's talk too much. Such is human nature.

There's no doubt, though, the government has shown a commendable alacrity getting legislation into the House. One afternoon 22 government bills were introduced—12 of them Message Bills. A Message Bill is high government policy and if it should be defeated, the government would be defeated. That's ancient British parliamentary practice. A Message Bill is signed by the Lieutenant-Governor—and is always highly secret until it

On Budget Day Senator Macdonnell walked into the chamber in a button-down shirt, white socks and green slacks. That's the Social Credit white and green. We're wearing new in this House. Members to wear party colors the good old days. Liberals red robes and Conservatives low primroses. But on this day, while the Liberals flaunted their red robes, there were no primroses. Liberals and Conservatives—what's left of the House, would doubt, if they'd ever got back in the seats of the House. The Conservatives feel hopeless—but the Liberals a little hope, or so they say. Or are they merely to keep up their courage?

This observer believes the next 10 years are going to be between CCF and SC's.

the Socialists are a closely-knit unit against this budget. They are resolutely opposed to the corporation tax changes. They recognize them as a valuable concession to business—especially to medium-scale business—and on general principles they dislike seeing business receive any legislative favors. Their attitude towards the income tax changes is similar. They would have liked the reductions to take the form of larger basic exemptions which would help especially the individual in the small income brackets. The Abbott changes are too beneficial to persons in the large income brackets to suit them.

In other words, the political strategy of the budget appears to be aimed at splitting the Conservative sentiment of the nation, rather than at wooing the CCF and extremist elements. Conceivably the government figures that in a time of show-down the Socialists will have no place else to turn with whatever House support they may have to offer.

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