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A Decision Is Needed

CITY COUNCIL is split on what recommendations to make to ratepayers regarding future power supply for Prince Rupert. The time is drawing short when a decision must be reached and there is no doubt that all council members want the "best deal" for the city.

Such a deal was brought into focus by a Chamber of Commerce resolution last night which calls for the council to make some arrangement soon with any power supplier who will guarantee abundant surplus power in the near future, available for industrial development.

With the finger of industrial expansion and development pointed continually to central and northern B.C., just enough electrical power or a trickle over that needed by the present consumption rate will not do.

A lot of electrical power at a reasonable price is the most vital factor in industrial development of any area. Without it, Prince Rupert has reached its optimum in expansion. It cannot grow any larger unless more industry is attracted.

Employing a qualified hydro-electric engineer by the city in order to give council members an idea which of the two proposed suppliers of power would give the better service is a step in the right direction.

But council should go further. Such an engineer should be required to make a survey of the power potential in the area and to what extent industry could be developed on that basis.

Armed with that knowledge, city council can do business. It should certainly choose the supplier willing and capable of giving Prince Rupert the maximum power at a reasonable cost.

The case in this city rests on whether the present supplier, Northern B.C. Power Co. Ltd., will continue, or whether the B.C. Power Commission, a power utility of the provincial government, will give us future power.

If council wants to do the right thing by Prince Rupert people, it must choose the supplier who is practical enough to provide now for the future. In this lies our destiny.

Scripture Passage for Today

"I am the good shepherd."—St. John 10:14

OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

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Two Acquitted On Theft Charge

PRINCE GEORGE — Two men charged with attempting to steal a safe were acquitted in county court when they testified they thought they were to help move a washing machine.

Two other men, Albert LeBlanc and Willard Arsenault, each were sentenced to 18 months for the robbery.

When LeBlanc and Arsenault found they couldn't move the safe after getting it out to a lane they approached Matti Sanders and John Enski and asked for help. They told them the object to be moved was a washing machine.

When Sanders and Enski saw it was a safe they refused to give assistance, but police arriving at that moment arrested the innocent pair.

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As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Let the People Vote

THE wholesale defamation of the B.C. school system by J. A. Reid, Social Credit MLA for Salmon Arm, raises an issue so serious that only a vote by the people can clear the poisoned air.

Hon. Tilly Rolston was brave and honest to quickly repudiate the monstrous charge from her own supporter that B.C. schools are teaching courses which promote sex laxity, dope addiction, and depravity of youth.

The Social Credit party was right to accept the resignation of the retired school teacher whose astounding-sounding brief supplied the basis for the MLA's speech.

But the government has not asked for the resignation of the MLA who sullied the name even of the late Dr. George Weir, famous in Saskatchewan and B.C., and one of the finest educationalists Canada ever produced.

IT IS a foregone conclusion that we are going to have a provincial election in any event within the next year. This school question poses exactly the kind of issue on which B.C. can vote with conviction, clarity and common sense.

Apart altogether from the Reid charges, let us examine the Social Credit proposals which the Legislature must either endorse—or defeat.

1. Social Credit proposes to cut out what it calls "frills" such as teaching high school boys and girls expert automobile driving.

2. The government proposes to wreck the admirable Pro-Rec which has 10,118 registered members in Vancouver alone, with 17,695 in B.C. This program is a tried and proved antidote to juvenile delinquency, and supplies health, beauty, companionship and joy to large numbers of adults. No wonder the government also plans bigger jails.

3. The government-proposed new system of school grants to municipalities (according to George Miller, veteran Conservative and best municipal expert in the House) is like swallowing a sugar-coated poison pill. In return for a one time advantage the municipalities are asked to accept long-time disadvantages.

IT IS WORTH noting that the Social Credit MLA concluded what is possibly the most disgraceful speech ever given in a Canadian legislature by the old Social Credit trick:

"Have no fear that the Social Credit government, under the guidance of Almighty God, and with the very able and courageous leadership of our honourable premier, will remove the debris."

People who remember the Ten Commandments might ask: How blasphemous can you get?

LIBERALS, Conservatives and CCF members of the Legislature seem to me to have only two honorable courses open to them:

They can petition the Lieutenant-Governor to replace the self-discredited Social Credit minority government by an all-party caretaker administration, or

They can join to throw the rascals out, and let the people vote on whether they want more of what Social Credit has given them to date.

Printing Plant Roof Collapses

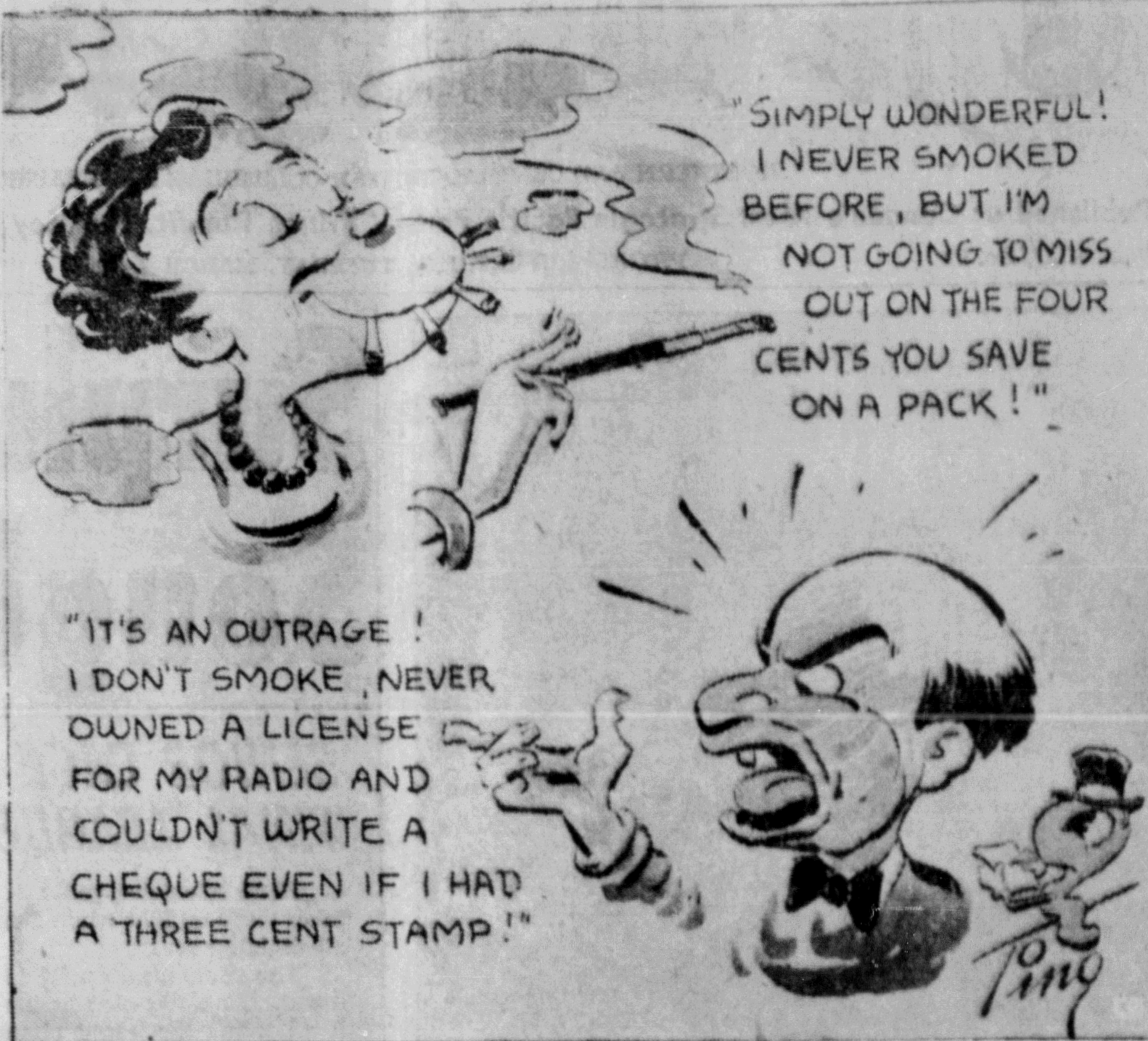
EDMONTON — Forty-eight workers ran for safety as the roof of a newly-built printing plant collapsed.

The staff was standing in a corner of the print shop. They heard beams cracking when they reported for work and watched the ceiling dip about 18 inches before it gave way with a thundering crash.

"I saw two of the men vault over the office counter as if it were only a foot high," said Thomas Comfort, manager.

H. E. Hamly, president of Hamly Press Ltd., said he expected damage to the new 150-by-200-foot building and to printing equipment to exceed \$100,000. Damage was confined to the press room and composing room.

The company moved into the building last August.



"SCOOP LUKE'S" PRIVATE SURVEY ON BUDGET REACTIONS—By Merle Tingley in the London Free Press.

ray... Reflects and Reminisces

There is no doubt that rhetorical questions should only be indulged in with the greatest caution and at one's own risk, comments Lady Bonham Carter speaking on the "Power of Words." We must not forget the painful experience of the chaplain of a lunatic asylum, who asked his congregation dramatically, "Why are we all here?" only to receive the devastating reply "Because we are not all there."

Classified Advt.: Man wanted to work in a dynamite factory; must be willing to travel.

SOME ARE NOT

There are scores of comfortable little shacks in the woods around Prince Rupert as well as across the harbor. There are also scores of individuals who like nothing better than plundering them, the owners being there out infrequently. Smashing a door and lock, shattering windows, firing rifle shots into the premises, eating and drinking whenever this is possible, breaking dishes and leaving whole or partial wreckage all come within the range of wilful damage and loss. We have first class neighbors in Prince Rupert—and a few who are not.

And what will they see of the coronation parade? somebody with his mind on June 2 inquiries. Ahead of the state carriage will be an escort of the Household Cavalry, then the Queen and husband half hidden in the ornate carriage, then more Household Cavalry. And that's all. It will take a minute to pass. There are the thousands of soldiers in colorful uniforms. They are lining the streets for miles. The spectators will see only those immediately in front of them.

Fewer newspapers are printing the name of the United States president "Ike." After all, it's best. But nevertheless, the temptation is great. Only a headline writer can understand the beauty of a name with but three letters in it.

Wave of Revenge Reported Building Up Behind Iron Curtain

By RICHARD O'REGAN

VIENNA (AP) — Intelligence reports say a mighty wave of loathing and revenge is building up among the people of Eastern Europe behind the Iron Curtain, waiting to be released.

There is a small amount of active, armed resistance. There is passive resistance that shows itself in industrial and political sabotage. And finally there is a great leaderless, muttering dissatisfaction so elusive that the Communists cannot come to grips with it.

There are a few men with guns, maybe a few thousand hunted partisans hiding in the

MILESTONES

From the Files of The Daily News

40 Years Ago Today

A final decision was reached by the board of trustees of the Baptist Church to build a church. The contract has been let to Mitchell and Currie.

Atlin Fisheries has opened a branch in the city headed by Sidney Smith.

30 Years Ago Today

The Civic Employees Union, George Casey, president, held a meeting in the Carpenters' Hall to discuss the recent staff alterations and wage reductions at the city hall. It was decided to appeal to Ottawa for arbitration.

20 Years Ago Today

A near riot took place at the Canadian National dock when Anyox strikers tried to interfere with several miners on their way to Anyox.

Mayor Rochester warned the people of Prince Rupert to stay away from crowds in view of the disturbing situation in the city.

10 Years Ago Today

Over 12,000 ration books have been taken out in Prince Rupert and it is estimated 55,000 have been issued in the entire area of northern and central B.C.

Beginning today Prince Rupert citizens will only be able to purchase 40 ounces of liquor a month.

high woods, groups of five to 10 men without families.

Occasionally, the Communist press admits their existence. Bulgaria's interior minister, Gen. Georgi Zankov, recently warned of armed "underground groups" and a report quoted by the Committee for a Free Europe says there may be as many as 17,000 armed guerrillas in Bulgaria's Balkan mountains.

In Poland and the Soviet Ukraine, there are the mysterious Benderovci fighters; in Czechoslovakia's high Tatras an armed group known as the "White Legion" in Romania scattered bands in the Transylvanian Alps.

Actually, there is little the East European partisans can do, outnumbered as they are by Communist police. Occasionally, it is reported that they carry out attacks on trains headed for Russia. In Hungary last year, 200 Russian soldiers supposedly died in one such incident.

Far more important in the anti-Communist fight is the activity of scattered underground groups and the deliberate sabotage by individuals. Underground groups mostly are cells of two, three or four men. Mostly, the cells have no connection with each other.

Western diplomats in Vienna say they believe it is both underground cells and individuals who cause sabotage, who also cause deliberate accidents in mines, railway mishaps and destroy shipments for the Soviet Union.

Pacific Mills Names Secretary

VANCOUVER — George J. C. Hodson has been appointed treasurer of Pacific Mills Ltd., effective today.

Announcement of his appointment was made by President Paul E. Cooper. Mr. Hodson has been comptroller of the company since 1943.

The state of Georgia in the United States was named for King George II of England.

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Parliament Hill

By GEORGE M. MURRAY, M.P., Corby

I want my friends to know that I stubbornly opposed in the House, the American proposal to blockade the ports of China. If I opposed this, our Social Credit friends supported an all out blockade in the Far East. I am sure they did so because of lack of knowledge or of cold-blooded desire to oppose the government. I feel that the United Nations has done a very good job in containing the war in Korea, and I feel that this policy of the American Generals to blockade the Chinese is simply asking for a third world war and the welter of bloodshed which will come with it.

I told the House that the British tried to blockade the ports of China and failed. Since 1942 until very recently the British held all the important ports of China. But the Chinese people went about their affairs with energy and patience, and in the last few years we have had to suffer the humiliation of seeing the British kicked out of China along with the USA, Japan and other European nations, bag and baggage. True, we held the rocky island of Hong Kong but we held it under duress. The Chinese allow us to hold it because the British banks at Hong Kong and the British warehouses are safe repositories for the gold and silver which would not be safe within the ancient realm of China and the British hotels provide comfortable suites for the concubines of the warlords of China.

External Affairs Minister Lester B. Pearson has gone back to the United Nations, and may be among those proposed for the position of Secretary-General to succeed Trygve Lie. No better man could be chosen. He has interpreted Canadian idealism in international affairs ever since he went to United Nations.

Even the CCF have great respect for Mr. Pearson but the Social Credits seem to have been swept off their feet by the Eisenhower victory in the United States, and are blatantly echoing the policies of the generals who surround Eisenhower.

The Social Credit spokesman aroused a hornet's nest in Parliament last week when he labelled the late President Roosevelt and ex-President Harry Truman as betrayers of democracy. External Affairs Minister Pearson expressed disgust at the attack upon the American Presidents, and Prime Minister Louis St.

Laurent expressed his regret any responsible Canadian use such language in reference to two world-famous statesmen. The Leader of the Social Credit group was backed by speakers from his group, sailing the records of Hoover and Truman.

Sir Archibald Nye, High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, sent an attached office of the Member of Parliament to discuss ways and means of seeing Central British Canada We set April 30 as a possible date for visiting Prime Minister Archibald will come to Prince Rupert and visit Vanderhoof and Fort St. James.

Can we get Sir Archibald to lay the corner stone of the federal building at Corby? It's an idea which is being turned over to the authorities at Prince George for a decision.

From Prince George the Commissioner, with Lady and party will go to Vancouver. Quessell should make some effort to see the distinguished visitor.

Lady Nye, by the way, student of Indian lore and to promote Indian handicrafts. Let's hope that the national dians may plan to meet with a view to enlisting their co-operation. It is have the visitors pay a visit to the Peace River Block from Prince George.

HEAT WAVE

CAPETOWN, South Africa. Temperatures at Klerksburg province reached 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the heat and flood surface.

The Budget

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Donald Fleming, M.P.

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