

Preventative Measures Needed

WE AWAIT with great interest the findings of the city council's police committee presently studying the pros and cons of making Second Avenue a through street. We hope that in pondering the matter members of the committee will take into consideration the old adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The majority of Prince Rupert drivers drive according to the laws of the land, giving and taking where necessary and showing natural courtesy both to pedestrians and other drivers.

However, there is in our midst a breed of drivers who haven't the foggiest conception of how to behave behind the wheel of a car and once there know even less about how to operate the vehicle in traffic.

These drivers:

- Pull up on your right at a red light and when you go straight ahead and expect them to turn right promptly shoot alongside you and try to get ahead;
- Pull up on your left at a red light when you're planning a right turn, and then try to make a right turn also across your bows;
- Are afraid to roll down the window on a rainy day and stick part of a hand out as a signal;
- Stop on a flashing amber light, go through a flashing red light and ignore what stop signs there are in town;
- Pass you at high speed on the main streets and then promptly pull up in front of you to park;
- Now that Second Avenue has been judged not to be a through street, sail into Second Avenue without looking to left or right and without a moment's pause;
- Stop in the middle of a street to make conversation with a friend, (usually also in a car).

With these menaces abroad and apparently unapprehended, preventative measures are necessary to protect the innocent. The average sane driver not only is careful himself but tries to keep track of what other drivers do and tries to anticipate what they are planning. If signals are made properly, guesswork is not necessary. But with the above listed morons, even a clairvoyant is at a loss.

Stop signs are needed on streets entering both Second and Third Avenues at least between McBride and Seventh Streets with the exception of the Civic Centre corner where the present stop sign is ample.

Too costly says city council? No money budgeted for such a contingency? Not half as costly as the life of a child or an elderly person who couldn't possibly read the mind of a driver who doesn't know enough to pull over to the right hand side of the road if he's going to make a right-hand turn.

Space Problem

MONTREAL — The Montreal Catholic school commission has announced that \$2,400,000 will be spent on six new schools in the next year — but there will still be a shortage of classroom space because the school population is growing so rapidly.

Veteran Doctor

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. — Dr. H. S. Roberts, a veteran doctor, congratulated the city of St. John's on the 50th anniversary of his entry into the medical profession. He has spent almost his entire practice at Bay Roberts since graduating from McGill University, Montreal, in 1904.

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As I See It

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Showdown Near

THE speech by Lord Alexander calling for participation by Britain in an alliance in South East Asia plainly proves that a double showdown is near at hand—and a showdown in more ways than one:

1. Britain will have to argue with the U.S.A. and France, and inside her own parliament, just where, and how, the line against Communist aggression is to be drawn.

2. Once the line is drawn, on a basis which the British parliament and people accept, it will have to be made clear to the Russians and the Chinese that they cannot force their zone of power beyond that line without inviting, and indeed making inevitable, total war.

THE TWO greatest dangers which we face, on the eve of the Churchill-Eden mission to U.S.A., seem to me to be these:

1. That the leaders of the west should make the mistake of trying to line up their own people to try to bolster up the lost cause of French imperialism in Asia.

In my opinion, that should not be attempted, and will not succeed if it is attempted. If the British people would not have followed Churchill in an attempt to deny, by force, India's claim to independence, does anybody in his right senses think that those same British people would now agree to send armies into Indo-China, where French imperialism has far less right to be than British imperialism had the right to be in India ten years ago?

I THINK it is quite a practical proposition to get Britain, and some other close allies of U.S.A., to guarantee the really free nations of South East Asia against Communist aggression.

But if the west gets itself enmeshed in what the people of the countries concerned consider to be just another colonial war, then the west will invite a disastrous licking.

In other words, the west cannot intervene in South East Asia, with any hope of success, unless that intervention is on a foundation which has at least the approval and moral support of our great friends in Asia—such as India.

THE COMMUNIST leaders of Russia and China have evolved a new technique for expanding their zone of world power—not by sending armies across borders, but by organizing on the victim's territory, native armies which are so totally subservient to Moscow that they might just as well be wearing Russian Red army uniforms.

Technically, this subtle technique of creeping aggression is

not a flagrant breach of international law.

But the Russian leaders are making the greatest blunder of all time if they think the free nations would submit to this process indefinitely.

The whole violent history of the U.S.A. suggests to me that the Russians have already crowded the Americans disastrously close to the breaking point.

OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

The PCs are coming out of this Parliamentary session with their morale vastly improved over its low ebb when the session opened and they were still smarting from the most painful and humiliating election defeat ever sustained by a Canadian political party.

The main after-effect of that defeat was almost complete party demoralization. The PCs lost confidence in themselves. They also lost confidence in one another, and thus were unable to show the common front essential to effective action. The leadership of Col. George Drew lacked any real authority as a result of the sorry showing it had made at the polls.

It looked, in brief, as if the once-great Conservative Party might be smashed beyond repair. The fate of the Liberal Party in England seemed destined to be its lot.

But at the close of the session the PCs are back in business once more. They have held their own in the session's four by-elections. That gave them some heart, since it showed they weren't completely bankrupt with the electorate. Then they elected the energetic and relatively youthful George Hees to the National Presidency of the Party.

Since the accession of Hees the party organization has come to life in a way that veteran Ottawa observers regard as almost a minor miracle. In the space of weeks only a long over-due house-cleaning has been effected in the Bracken House national headquarters. The shop-worn faces that had been identified with too many failures have disappeared at long last. There appears, too, to be an understanding that the headquarters must accept responsibility for the way it discharges its organization functions.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Then there's the fellow who eats raw onions because, he says, he suffers from halitosis.

The cost of coffee continues to arouse protests, usually indignant. But there never comes a moment when one is compelled to drink.

One reason, that there are so many poor women drivers is that a large percentage of them were taught to drive by their husbands.

It was a fine railroad and it opened new horizons. By utilizing the Yellowhead Pass through the Rockies, and then following the Fraser and Skeena Rivers down to the sea, it secured the lowest crossing of the mountains and the best gradients in the far west. At Prince Rupert it had a harbor 500 miles closer to the orient than any other in North America. There was nothing wrong with the concept. It was merely a quarter century ahead of its time. But for war and economic disturbance it might have

succeeded from the start. The foregoing, from the book "Canada: The Golden Hinge" written by Leslie Roberts in 1952. It describes the CNR.

No fewer than three trucks raced to a blaze in a fireman's house in Hamilton. Logically enough, the Spectator observed, that sometimes the business of taking work home can be overdone.

The important aspect of the seaway construction is that for once Canada is in a position where it can "call the tune". An all Canadian seaway is possible. In fact, it seems preferred.

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PARKING RESTRICTIONS don't bother this swarm of bees which invaded the downtown section of Allentown, Pa. Police couldn't do a thing about the "lawbreakers" but a beekeeper handled the situation by rounding up the buzzing bunch.

There's to be no more washing its hands of defeat by blaming the party rank-and-file in the constituencies for failure to cooperate.

Most important of all, the PCs have finally settled down to a long-range Parliamentary policy. They have dedicated themselves to the single aim of being the party of free enterprise in Canadian politics. The old dream of being all things to all people has been abandoned. The PCs never want another rude awakening such as that dream brought to them after the last election.

The PCs know they have a long distance to travel before they are even within striking distance of a return to power. But they feel that they really are on the way. They haven't got that feeling of utter hopelessness any more.

And the CCF and the Social Credit? A word about their reactions to the session in tomorrow's Diary.

Pegler Admits Column Excerpt Pro-Communist

NEW YORK — Columnist Westbrook Pegler was quoted Monday as identifying an excerpt from one of his columns as "pro-Communist propaganda."

Author Quentin Reynolds is suing Pegler for \$500,000 libel damages based on a 1949-Pegler column that called Reynolds "yellow" and an "absentee war correspondent." Reynolds also contends the column intimated he was pro-Communist. Reynolds has denied the allegations. Louis Nizer, Reynolds' lawyer, quoted this exchange from the pretrial examination of Pegler: Q: "Would you say that a statement 'Communism is the reaction to poverty, oppression and the exploitation of the masses by the few and represents the demands of the masses for a strong central authority to curb their enemies' is a pro-Communist statement?"

Pegler: "I don't know. It could be. It is certainly part of the Communist line."

Q: "Would you say that was an honest expression of liberalism or would you say that was pro-Communist propaganda?"

Pegler: "I would say it is pro-Communist propaganda. It is very familiar in the Communist line. And it is false."

Nizer then produced a photostat of a column Pegler wrote in 1937. It contained the statement quoted in the first question.

Pegler said "it was my own independent thought and the fact that it was related to the Communist line was coincidence."

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Report From PARLIAMENT

By E. J. Applewhite

By now many of you will have seen the official press release announcing that the Ground Observer Corps of the RCAF is organizing what they call a Filter Centre at Prince Rupert and will try to get some 200 observation posts set up in the surrounding district, including the Queen Charlotte Islands. The main purpose of these observation posts will be to provide fast information on low-flying aircraft. Filter Centres are manned on a steady 24-hour a day basis, by Air Force personnel assisted by civilian volunteers. In addition to its prime purpose, which is, of course, defence, this system if well organized and supported should be of tremendous help in all cases of missing or overdue aircraft and aerial search and rescue work.

May I take a line or two here to offer my sincere congratulations to Prince Rupert's indefatigable Mrs. J. S. Black upon her election as Provincial President of the Legion W.A. Many of my readers know even better than I do, what a wise choice this is and what a well-deserved recognition of Mrs. Black's services.

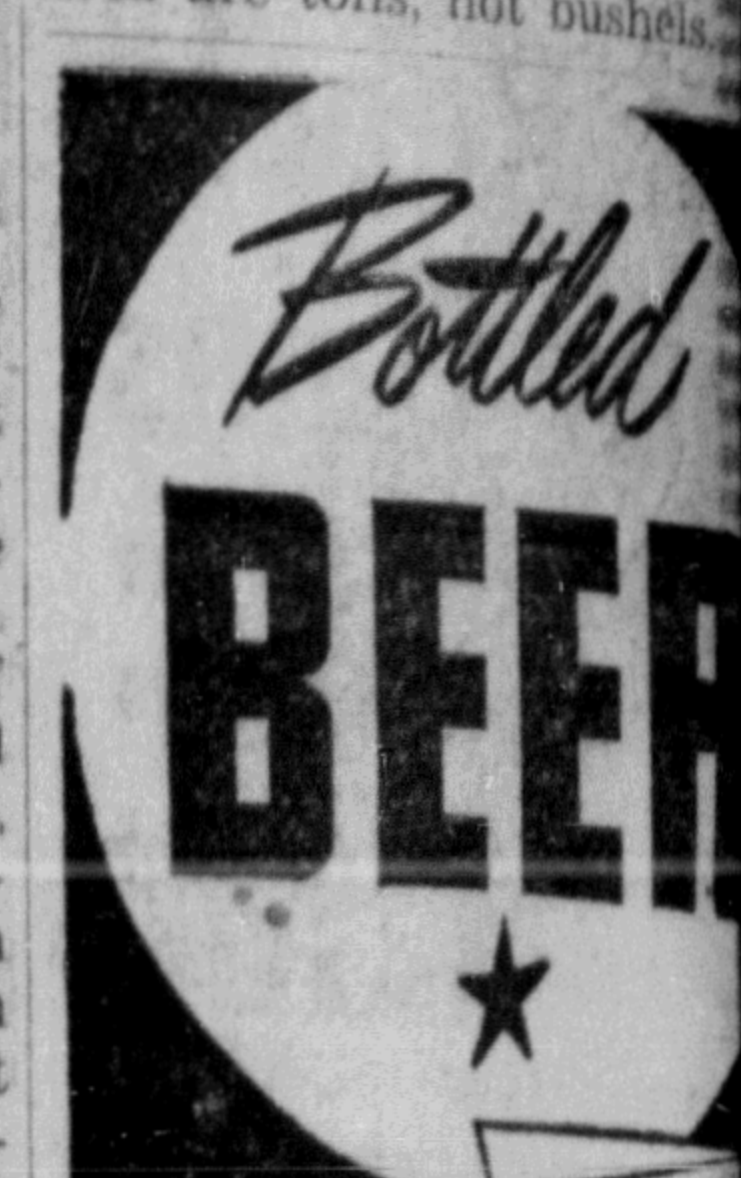
I received complaints from Stewart to the effect that after the changeover of the telephone service, their local calls from the mines to Stewart by radiophone were being compulsorily routed through Prince Rupert or elsewhere on the railway line. I have now been advised by Transport that the original local service will be restored.

Another long-desired facility in the district will now become a reality with the construction of an Indian Health Centre at Masset, a contract for which has been let to Greer & Briden, Limited, of Prince Rupert.

Talking about the needs, problems and accomplishments of our own area is far more interesting than discussing happenings or problems far afield. Yet I feel I would be missing in my duty if I did not emphasize the seriousness of some national—or rather international—problems. Particularly do I want to drive home the vital necessity for all of us to be loyal to our partners in NATO. Feeling as I do that the North Atlantic Treaty

Organization is our only shield against terrible calamity, I do urge that we try to understand the viewpoints and difficulties of our allies, as we would like them to understand ours so that we may keep effective this Partnership for Peace.

The prospects of a steady market in Japan for Canadian grain should be a matter of interest, not only to those directly concerned with the Prince Rupert elevator, but also to those interested in railway activity on the Southern division and to others. Late last fall, the Minister of Trade and Commerce announced to the House of Commons that, early in 1954, Canada would dispatch a Grain and Flour Mission on a tour of eight countries in the Far East and South East Asia, to study markets for Canadian grain and flour in that area. The Canadian Grain and Flour Mission to the Far East left Vancouver on January 6, 1954, and visited the following places: Japan, January 8 to 17; Hong Kong, January 18 to 21; Philippines, January 21 to 26; Singapore, Malaysia, January 27 to 29; Indonesia, January 29 to February 1; Ceylon, February 2 to February 6; Pakistan, February 6 to February 10; India, February 10 to February 20. Advance arrangements for the visits were made by the Trade Commissioners or other Canadian government representatives in the areas. The purposes of the mission were: To promote goodwill between Canada and the various countries; to make personal contacts with government officials, importers, flour millers, processors and bakers, and discuss mutual problems; to give information on Canadian grain; and to study markets to encourage their retention and expansion. The mission reported that Japan is the most important market for wheat and also takes large quantities of Canadian barley. Canadian wheat and barley may be required in growing quantities. In 1950-51 Japan imported 2.2 metric tons of Canadian wheat. In 1951-52, 294,700 tons. In 1952-53, 456,800 tons. These figures are tons, not bushels.



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