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Help Conquer Cancer

TODAY is the start of Conquer Cancer month in Canada. This is the time when public efforts are directed against an enemy which Sir Stanford Cade described in this way:

"Cancer is disordered life, an abnormal growth, monstrous in the unhappiness that follows in its wake, from its destructive powers, its relentless progress, its secret and silent spread, its mysterious menace and often fatal issue."

"Cancer respects no age, no sex, no race, no color, no class, neither does it spare any organ or tissue. It is a disease of life itself and effects plants and birds, fishes and animals, and is at present the greatest of mankind's foes."

The present cancer research program being carried out across Canada, and in other countries, is the most intense ever launched against disease. Virtually every branch of science is contributing—biology, zoology, chemistry, physics, genetics, medicine, x-ray and, most recently, atomic research.

Because they believe that the cause will be found and that new and improved treatments will develop, those professionally engaged in the crusade have good and sound reason to be optimistic. A comparatively new device which is popularly called the Cobalt Bomb is being used against the disease with considerable success, and it appears certain that further advances in radiation therapy will be made.

Promotion of cancer research is the function of the Canadian Cancer Society which also undertakes to alert the public to the menace of the disease and is responsible for organizing the Conquer Cancer campaigns.

While the society does not enter the field of diagnosis or treatment, it does make a contribution to early diagnosis through its Cancer Aid Fund. By means of this fund, needy cancer victims who have no other source of assistance are provided with transportation to and from a treatment centre, boarding and nursing home care, drugs up to a stated value, and housekeeper service.

To gain assistance for its work, and thereby help the entire fight against cancer, is the purpose of the society's appeal for funds this month. As one of the nine B.C. districts which has a consultative clinic, the Prince Rupert area has a particular stake in this campaign. If its response is as great as the benefits it has received, success of the campaign here is assured.

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

With the session now at approximately the three-quarters mark, the St. Laurent forces are satisfied almost to the point of complacency with the strategic gains they feel they have made so far.

They are particularly elated with the way the now celebrated Pitt case turned out. When the deposed manager of the Fort Garry Hotel withdrew from the sensational crusade which J. M. Macdonnell was directing on his behalf before the Railway Committee he left the PC's in the position technically known as "holding the bag."

The Liberals feel that the PC's cut a publicly ridiculous figure. They feel that the PC's exposed the fundamental lack of judgment which is always represented by acting first and thinking afterwards—if at all.

The view, furthermore, isn't confined to the Liberal Party. Experienced Parliamentarians in all parties except the Official Opposition believe that the PC's should have known from the first that neither Pitt nor anyone else in a similar position would be likely to stay to the end in the sort of campaign that J. M. Macdonnell was waging.

For Pitt that campaign could only have one outcome, namely: the destruction of his hopes for advancement in his profession. Pitt prudently quit while he could still salvage some respect from his employers for belated judgment. He wisely left the PC's to build their fortunes on some other foundation stone than the ruins of his career.

But that's not the way the PC's see things. They take the view that Macdonnell got far enough in his crusade to satisfy the public that Pitt would still be manager in the Fort Garry Hotel if he hadn't had the misfortune to have run up against

the Prime Minister as an incoming guest. In other words, Pitt's record of service was adequate so long as just the general public was concerned. It was only when the head of the Liberal Party was concerned that it suddenly merited demotion.

The PC's, in brief, aren't too dissatisfied with their success in making the Pitt case a cause celebre. They feel that the government sacrificed public confidence in the frantic manner in which at times it resisted the PC efforts to secure a wide-open inquiry.

Furthermore, the PC's didn't fail to emphasize throughout their arguments that Pitt was a victim of political injustice that he was also a Canadian National Railways employee and a war veteran. And the CNR employees and the war veterans are two groups whose friendship the PC's are understandably anxious to cultivate. They feel that they made some headway in championing Pitt. It was a real fight and no mere sham battle that J. M. Macdonnell waged.

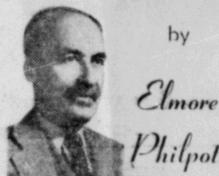
Writes Off Bond Expense

OTTAWA (CP)—The government is writing off \$68,419 as the cost of preparing blank bonds for a Second World War victory loan that was never issued.

Finance Minister Abbott explained to the Commons that the bonds were engraved in 1945 for a 10th victory loan expected to be floated in 1946. But it was found unnecessary to issue the loan, and the bonds now are of no use.

"Couldn't you sell them for wallpaper?" asked Stanley Knowles CCF—Winnipeg North Centre.

As I See It



Totems And Flags

VANCOUVER'S Totem Theatre has done as much or perhaps more, than any other group in Canada to bring the living theatre back to life and health. But now it must move out of its home in a hurry.

It is selling partnership shares in its new building on following basis Life membership \$5 and debentures \$10. It needs \$160,000 to swing the new (arena style) theatre. (Remember plenty of parking space, please.)

THE NEXT BEST news to announcement of the success of Totem drive would be that Vancouver's two professional theatre groups had got together.

Instead of two theatres in Vancouver staggering along half filled, why not one, almost always filled—to near capacity?

I ASKED a couple of Indians at the Vancouver performance of Tzinquaw how they liked the show: "Too much white man in it," they replied.

That is probably true. But it is good by any standard, precisely because it retains a basis of solid authenticity. Incidentally they should call it Indian "Song and Dance" show. The word "opera" scares many away.

Also at the show I met Harry Duker whose passion and profession is to have B.C. known to the world as "Totem Land."

I told Harry that the Indians' friends of Tzinquaw, the Thunderbird, ought to sue B.C. for damages due to the look of that dead crowlike critter that appears on our B.C. license plates and passes for a glorious thunderbird.

By all means let's have a Thunderbird. But let it be a real Thunderbird, sketched by some authentic Indian artist like Ellen Neal.

IN RECENT months hardly a day goes by but what some anti-Semitic Jewish literature comes to me through the mail. Most of it is anonymous. Curiously enough a good deal of this comes from professing ultra-Christian people. Not so much comes from the Social Crediters as formerly. To give Premier Bennett his due, he has stamped down hard on the anti-Semitic wing of the Social Credit party. He is sincere in this, too.

But there was one choice morsel that really gave me a laugh. It was a part of the present isolationist campaign in the States to "get US out of UN and UN out of U.S." It set out to "prove" that the whole UN was a tool or creature of the Jews.

Proof? Get ready to shake in your boots, folks. Here it is: Because the UN flag was just plain blue and white—and so was the flag of Israel!

Evidently these half-wit anti-Semites never heard of a country called Scotland, or a province called Nova Scotia. The St. Andrews flag of both old Scotland and New Scotland is plain blue and white. But those Jews sure do get around planting their flag colors everywhere. Here are some more plain blue and white flags: Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Salvador, Uruguay.

ANOTHER rather ludicrous complaint against UN is that it does not open each session with prayers to Almighty God.

I think it would be a grand idea if it did. For then all the religions in all the countries would have to take their turns. It would be a humbling experience for all the delegates, particularly from our over proud and over arrogant west, to be reminded of the great religions of the nations of the East, which produced the Three Wise Men. They, through their own religion—not our's, knew in advance of the birth of the Prince of Peace when our own British forefathers were near savages. Could be, in some ways, even in religion they are ahead of us still.

Canadian Troops Leave For Home

PUSAN, Korea (CP)—Some 800 Canadian troops, including the First Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, sailed for home Monday after a year's service with the United Nations army.

Other departing units included the 23rd Field Squadron Royal Engineers and the 37th Field Ambulance unit.



A PIECE OF CANDY holds the attention of two small Koreans perched on the knees of AB William Aller, of Fort William, outside a ROK Marine Corps headquarters tent on an island off the west coast of Korea. AB Aller was one of a party of sailors from the Canadian destroyer Athabaskan who landed on the island to distribute clothing and other amenities among the needy inhabitants.

VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—British Columbians are still reeling at the political developments of the last week. The defeat of the government, while not entirely unexpected, came nonetheless as a dramatic shock.

We in the Press Gallery will never forget that night, Bill 70 came up for second reading—the contentious amendments to the Public Schools Act. There were rumors that this would defeat the government, but somehow at the last moment we thought it would be averted.

CCF Randolph Harding of Kaslo-Slocan spoke first against the Bill. He roundly condemned it—and suddenly Liberal and Conservative benches were pounded for what he said. That was it. There now could be no turning back; the government was doomed.

Premier Bennett, now that he saw the moment at hand, fought for his government, even though he had been courting defeat all session. He made an excellent defence, dramatic, impassioned. He spoke from no notes, and the words flowed out and we saw how it is this man has tremendous appeal on the platform.

The opposition attempted to adjourn debate. The Premier said the government could not permit that; that no government could allow the sun to go down with a want-of-confidence motion hanging over it. And so the vote was called. The entire combined opposition stood together—18 CCFers, six Liberals, one Labor, two Conservatives, and they were joined by one Social Creditor, Bert Price of Vancouver-Burrard—for a vote of 28 to 17.

There it was—for the first time in 53 years a British Columbia government had been defeated on the floor of the Legislature.

Two more days the session lasted, to clean up necessary business, to pass some money votes, to give approval to some non-contentious legislation. Those last two days were a death watch. MLAs sat quietly preparing for the demise of their Legislature. Gone were the arguments and the heat and the fire.

In the meantime there were hurried calls to Government House by Premier Bennett and CCF Chief Minister Harold Winch. Mr. Bennett was asking for immediate dissolution of the Legislature; Mr. Winch for a chance to form a CCF government.

But Lieut-Governor Clarence Wallace acceded to the Premier's wish. It is all very well to talk about the Lieut-Governor's constitutional right, but, in the long run he has no right. He must do as his chief adviser tells him, unless, of course, such advice should be absolutely wild.

The Premier in this case advised dissolution. The Premier said that if the CCF should form a government, again would come a stalemate, and eventual defeat, and that, said the Premier would not be good for British Columbia or its people.

Exploding Artillery Shells Rain Fire on Village For Five Hours

LEWIS, Ind. (CP)—Exploding artillery shells from three ammunition cars on a derailed and burning freight train rained fire on this village for five hours. More than a dozen buildings were burned and scarcely one was left undamaged.

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Reflects and Reminisces

Ambitious wife: the power behind the drone.

Northern British Columbia has long been famous as a big game land. Grizzlies and moose! And now, By Gad, crows and ravens.

SOMETHING TO FEAR

Not since 1888 has London had a crime so closely resembling what is taking place today. Sixty years ago, Jack the Ripper haunted the streets, murdering dissolute women. He was never caught and was thought to be a demented physician. Six bodies have already been found, and Britain's police continue to warn a public that's beginning to feel a nameless fear. It's a hand, liable to strike, any time and any where.

My old friend Captain Gustav Olsen of Harbour and Shipping (Vancouver) remarks that it is high time the old fashioned proverbs were brought up to date. He submits the following modernizations: "Strike while the iron's hot—If it ain't, strike anyway." "The laborer is worthy of his hire—and higher and higher."

SPEAKING OF HOTELS

Jasper Park will open in early June, with an entirely new and larger lodge. From Jasper to Prince Rupert is a lot of territory, already busy, and destined to be busier. The railway admits that. We know of a city in this part of the northwest that could use a new hotel, also.

A mail carrier called Crow, living in Surrey (England) delivered a parcel from New York sent by Jas. Rook to a gentleman called Partridge.

Would you change your name for a fortune? Colonel E. M. D. McNaughton, son of the general, will do that very thing. It's no picaresque fortune, either. It consists of a home and \$250,000. His aunt, Mrs. James S. Leslie, asked him to accept it, providing he would in future be known as Col. Leslie.

One doesn't escape taxes, by crossing the Atlantic. Geoffrey Blake, late of Bristol and now of Vancouver, has discovered that. He figured he would avoid the housing shortage by shipping his houseboat to the Pacific Coast and occupying it with his family. In Bristol, he had been told his cabin cruiser would be tax free, but Ottawa ruled otherwise. Blame must pay a 15 per cent duty and 10 per cent federal sales tax. "This is all quite expensive for someone who is short on funds," Blage was heard to remark. This is easy to believe.

The dedicated bachelor, saying a contemporary, wasn't paying attention when he heard something about an English judge saying there were four kinds of women that a man should not marry. So he is unaware of another breed: blondes, brunettes and red-heads.

President Tito stood in the British Museum last week and viewed the parchment, 738 years old, beginning in Latin manuscript: "John, by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine and Count of Anjou." We wonder if, 738 years hence, a dictator will look over some document written more than seven centuries ago, extolling communism. For this, which Tito has been pondering, is Magna Carta—called the collective soul, the bill of rights of the English speaking race.

Admiral Robert Peary reached the north pole in 1909, while Roald Amundsen reached the south pole in 1911.

MILESTONES

From the Files of The Daily News

40 Years Ago Today Real estate dealers in town report sales are active and prices are decidedly on the upward trend.

Word has been received from Telkwa that work will be started on the new townsite of Smithers around May 1.

30 Years Ago Today The Canadian Express Company has ordered 50 new express refrigerators for shipping halibut.

20 Years Ago Today Official figures showed Prince Rupert had more sunshine and less rain for the first three months of the year than last year.

10 Years Ago Today The three-day Co-operative Institute sponsored by the Extension Department of the University of British Columbia was opened in the Eagle's Hall with a large and enthusiastic crowd attending.

LETTERBOX

RED-MENACE The Editor, The Daily News:

We have been informed, not only by the press but also by the radio, that Communist China has offered the UN General Assembly a basis for settling the Korean stalemate—that of voluntary repatriation of war prisoners and the immediate exchange of the sick and wounded.

From previous meetings with Red leaders at truce talks it is plain to see that the Communists do not want to be pressed with their backs to a blank wall. There must be a hole in it to squeeze through.

Thus we see from their offer to the United Nations, not a complete acceptance to end any breakdown of negotiations but they have left the way open for further bickering, that of prisoners of war being sent to a neutral country to be screened.

Finding a country acceptable to both parties willing to cooperate in ending this vital issue could take months and even then we have no guarantee that the Communists won't change their minds at the last moment (on orders from another world power.)

One of the principles of the UN is that all countries band themselves together and discourage aggression by force if necessary, after all efforts to halt aggression peaceably have failed.

Russia, with far reaching tentacles as that of an octopus, has caused disorder of wide magnitude thus gradually milking the balance of world powers of their hopes for world peace. By sending pawns to do their trouble making, and their use of a veto in UN conferences, this world disorder can be kept up indefinitely until such time as they wish. To strike when the rest of the world is tired of war and they are yet fresh.

Any country assisting an aggressive nation, with either men or equipment, should be barred from the UN until a peaceful settlement is arranged.

With a world army made up of units of UN nations including Russia to halt warfare, it would be difficult for any one country to gain by active warfare. Russian troops, fighting alongside UN forces in Korea, as their contribution to world peace, would be an ideal set-up.

Even driving the Communists completely out of Korea would not settle this useless and costly struggle. A sizeable army would be needed to keep them out causing a bigger drain on the UN.

History has taught us that just as long as there are ambitious leaders of world powers we will have this same struggle on our hands unless they are made to realize the absolute futility of warfare.

This desired world peace can only be attained by enacting new legislation in the UN whereby no country, even with a veto, could halt the effectiveness of their powers to attain the desired peace.

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PRINCE RUPERT CITY AND DISTRICT LIBERAL CONVENTION

BUSINESS OF CONVENTION:

- 1. Nomination of Liberal candidate to contest provincial election
2. Nomination of delegates to provincial Liberal convention.
3. Consideration of Resolutions.

This is an important convention and all Liberals are urged to attend.

CIVIC CENTRE—8 P.M.—APRIL 2nd

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