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An Expensive Venture

IN SETTING his sights on the Aluminum Company of Canada as a venture the B.C. government would take over if the CCF is elected to power, parks expert Arnold Webster betrays an ambition that has grown out of all reasonable proportions since he assumed party leadership.

We allow ourselves the hope, however, that Mr. Webster would not attempt to install members of the cabinet as executive officers of the company. Without passing judgment on the current CCF candidates in their own lines of business, we doubt that any of them are qualified to operate a multi-million-dollar organization which incorporates some of the most advanced scientific ideas known in modern industry. Presumably, therefore, he would be prepared to hire a staff of experienced executives whose salaries should make an interesting item in the provincial budget.

It is possible, of course, that the venture could be put on a sufficiently profitable basis to cover its payroll and other enormous expenses and still leave something over for the province—which, to make the whole thing worthwhile, would have to be more than it would pay in taxes in private hands. Market conditions and costs being what they are, however, there could be no assurance of this and the B.C. public might find itself on the losing side of a gigantic gamble.

Expropriation of Alcan is a king-size example of what the CCF would like to do all over the province and the risk that the people would be required to take. Regardless of the faith one has in the industrial future of B.C., it is a tall order which grows still taller when account is taken of the fact that there would be no expansion if investors knew their projects became the government's once they were in successful operation.

Since the government would be boss, the plight of labor would be as precarious as that of management because every demand for improved working conditions would be, in effect, a political issue. Experience has proved that the public, which pays all the bills under doctrinaire socialism, is a sterner taskmaster than private enterprise. Conversely, it is less efficient, probably because there are too many people with conflicting ideas.

On the whole, it would seem that the duties of government are already onerous enough without any party looking for more.

Athabaskan Silences Red Forces While ROK Troops Make Withdrawal

ON BOARD HMCS ATHABASKAN (Delayed)—While Korean truce talks were under way at Panmunjon this Canadian destroyer was called upon to play a more deadly tune with her four-inch guns in the Chado Island area.

It turned out to be one of the liveliest clashes with Communist mainland forces which the Athabaskan, commanded by Captain J. C. Reed, DSC, of Toronto and Victoria, has experienced in her current tour of Korean operations.

The action began in broad daylight after friendly South Korean troops called for support during a withdrawal from the enemy-held mainland. The previous evening the South Koreans had raided the mainland near Chado Island to gather information. They had captured a North Korean army major and sergeant and the enemy was hot on their withdrawal trail. They

got as far as a small island connected to the mainland by a sand-spit but they required help to evacuate safely.

HMCS Athabaskan had been standing off Chado when the call for help came and she responded immediately. The navigator, Lieut. James Clapton of Victoria, piloted the ship by radar through treacherous rocks and shoals off shore. As the beach came in range, the Athabaskan's main armament opened fire to suppress enemy mortars and troops and to provide a curtain of fire on the landward end of the sand-spit, to prevent the raiding party from being harassed during the final stages of its withdrawal.

After 40 rounds of four-inch shells the Communists withdrew to what seemed to be a secure position behind a hill, out of sight of the Athabaskan. The ship then shifted her fire to two enemy gun emplacements, silencing them with ten rounds each.



PREMIER ANGUS L. MACDONALD of Nova Scotia has again led the Liberal party to victory in a provincial election. He first became premier in 1953.



THE LEACOCK MEDAL for humor for 1952 has been awarded to Lawrence Earl of London, former Canadian newspaper man. The award was for his book, "The Battle of Balinglass." He is married to Jane Armstrong, also a feature writer.



R. DOUGLAS STUART, 66, treasurer of the Republican national committee, has been appointed United States ambassador to Canada by President Eisenhower. Mr. Stuart, vice-chairman of the Quaker Oats Company, lives at Lake Forest, Ill.

Clerical Milestone

SUMMERSIDE, P.E.I. (P) — A former teacher of philosophy at St. Dunstan's College in Charlottetown, Rt. Rev. G. J. MacLellan, observed the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He is a rector of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church here.



As I See It

BY

Elmore Philpott

Salmon Arm Shadow

SALMON ARM: Here in one of the loveliest beauty spots in all the world, a vague shadow seems to hang in the air.

The people of Salmon Arm are acutely aware that their lovely little city has become the storm centre of the entire B.C. election. They never sought fame, much less notoriety—least of all did they want to have the name of this city dragged out into the limelight as it was.

If I am any judge of character, the people around Salmon Arm are just waiting for June 9 to get the chance to dissociate the name of this city and this district from the charges made by their former MLA that the schools of B.C. by "sex and socialism" courses were "producing thieves, robbers, dope addicts and prostitutes aged 13, 14 and 15."

Moreover, so far as I can find the people are not so particular which party does the job of getting rid of the MLA who brought them into this valley of humiliation. Like a person with an aching tooth, they want it out, fast.

MR. BENNETT had a big meeting here a short while ago. But like all other big Secored meetings it was a carefully stage managed affair—with carloads of party workers brought hundreds of miles.

But the answers which Mr. Bennett gave to the indignant and naturally insulted school teachers certainly did not help the Secored cause. For here is exactly what the Secored leader did:

- 1.—Completely repudiated the Reid charges.
- 2.—Nevertheless asked the people of Salmon Arm to re-elect the man who got them where they are today.
- 3.—Completely side-stepped the claim made by Mr. Reid—the offending ex-MLA—that in caucus Mr. Bennett had "backed him up 100 per cent."

This claim by Reid was verified by Mr. Shantz, another Secored MLA.

AFTER Mr. Bennett's attack on the press for printing the reports of Mr. Reid's sex and socialism charges some local wisecracker came up with this window card slogan:

"Don't believe everything you read."

But the deeper reaction was one of burning indignation against Mr. Bennett. Frank Marshall is an easy going and unassuming editor of the Salmon Arm Observer. He is usually a moderate Conservative—but has been fair to all parties, including Social Credit. But when Mr. Bennett attacked the press for doing its duty, Marshall really got mad.

He wrote a sizzling editorial of which the following is just one paragraph:

"Mr. Bennett implied that the press, and he went to particular pains to include both the large and the small papers, was dishonest in that it slanted the news and distorted the facts. No implication could be further from the truth." The outraged editor went on at length to show to what expense and pains newspapers go to get accurate news reports. It was their duty and right to comment he said "the slightest deviation from it is a step towards a dictatorship."

INCIDENTALLY, this is the only place in all Canada where in recent years I have seen a rash of electioneering poetry. Several people have given me election poems. Of this, more later.

THE INDEPENDENT FOOD STORES AD On Page 10 Specifies "MIRACLE WHIP" and "BEST FOODS" MAYONNAISE At 59c. This should be "BEST FOODS" ONLY



ALVAREZ GUY, a Montreal fish-raising specialist, holds a Canadian Bowfin, one of four to be displayed at the London 200 as a special Coronation year attraction. The fish were shipped from Montreal to Britain. Bowfins are living fossils, survivors of an otherwise extinct family.

Pictorial Says Princess Margaret Shuns Old Haunts by Going to Church

LONDON (AP)—The Sunday Pictorial has come up with an explanation why Princess Margaret is shunning her old gay haunts: She's going to church instead.

"While the Queen has been preparing herself for her Coronation, her 22-year-old sister had dedicated herself to the religious way of life," the mass circulation tabloid said in a front-page feature.

"It is no doubt as a result of the Princess's new and fuller religious life that the rumor has spread that she plans to enter a religious order after the Coronation," it added.

Officials several weeks ago denied the rumor that the Princess plans to enter a religious order shortly after the Coronation.

The Pictorial said the Princess lately has been a regular church goer and a frequent visitor to the London home of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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