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Contrast in Salmon

EARLY CLOSURE the last week in August ended the agony of the poorest salmon season that Southeast Alaska has ever known.

It was a discouraging and disheartening demonstration of decline and depletion—of failure in management of the resource.

Especially damning is the contrast which exists between the situation in Southeast Alaska and that on the coast of British Columbia.

Physically, Southeast Alaska and the coast of British Columbia are closely similar. True, they are divided politically by an imaginary line which runs down Portland Canal and out to sea through Dixon Entrance.

These waters are inhabited by salmon of the same species feeding, on the same feed running at the same time.

The fundamental difference in the fisheries of this continuous and related coastline is that the fishery resources of the American section is sick, while that of the Canadian portion is healthy and productive.

During the past eight years—four pink salmon cycles—the average pack in Southeast Alaska has been 63 per cent of the 40-year average.

During these same eight years, the average pack in British Columbia has been 101.2 per cent of the 40-year average.

What is the answer? The Alaska purse seiner will be quick to blame the traps, to point to the fact that there are no traps in British Columbia.

That is true; but it is also true that traps are the only form of gear whose number the Fish and Wildlife Service can regulate.

Traps are the only form of salmon fishing gear which cannot go up the creeks and fish above the deadlines.

The trap operator will say that illegal fishing by mobile gear is one of the principal destructive influences on the American side; and provides one of the sharp contrasts with the situation in Canada.

The basic problem of the Alaska salmon is broader than gear and more complex than enforcement.

Essentially it is one of administration—administrative efficiency and administrative courage.

B.C. DELEGATES LEAVE FOR OTTAWA CONFERENCE

NANAIMO, B.C. — Rev. Peter Kelly, of the United Church Mission and charge at Parksville, B.C., left for Ottawa today to attend a three-day conference concerning the Indian Act.

He was accompanied by William Scow, Alert Bay, president of the Native Brotherhood; Andy Paul, North Vancouver, president of the North American Brotherhood, and Daniel Mmuel, Merritt.

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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Clare Luce Loose

THE LEADING Italian newspaper hailed the recent announcement of U.S.-British intention to hand Trieste to Italy with the same big black type it also used when it was backing Mussolini.

Corriere della Sera explained that it was all due to the remarkable lady, Clare Boothe Luce, wife of the publisher of Time and Life, who is now U.S. ambassador to Italy.

What happened has been to a great extent the work of a woman, of Mrs. Luce, and it is right and necessary that the Italian people know it.

IT ALL DEPENDS what you mean by a "happy end." If the idea is to make the lady ambassador loom as large in history as with say, Helen of Troy, the face that launched a thousand ships, then you can call the Trieste announcement a "happy event."

Time magazine calls it a "bold stroke of power diplomacy." Most other observers call it the greatest allied blunder since the end of the Second World War.

TIME magazine lost since gave up any such old-fashioned idea as giving the news straight. But what are readers in countries allied with the U.S.A. to think when they read such an appalling hodge-podge of fact and fantasy or downright fabrication as appeared in the New York Times for October 4, 1953?

Under the heading "PERSUASION OF WAR PRISONERS," the New York Times says editorially:

"Actually, the United Nations Command, and the nations that it represents, should go much further than they have gone in protesting the outrageous decisions of the Neutral Reparation Commission."

"It was said in the armistice agreement that there should be no coercion in the process. Yet the supposedly 'neutral' commission has actually authorized a procedure in which individuals, against their expressed will, can be segregated and then forced to endure a continuous 'brain washing' for eight hours a day, six days a week, from now till December 23. Just where this falls short of 'coercion' has not been explained."

THIS fantastic bit of misinformation might be excused if it appeared in some newspaper rag with no integrity; or in a propaganda organ of a police state, where the editors falsify facts on instruction.

But the New York Times is one of the finest, most honest newspapers in all the world. It should have known, and reported, that no prisoner would be subjected to more than one brief session of explanation—that about three hundred prisoners per day would be screened only in batches, and never under duress.

ADELAIDE, Australia (CP) — Nine Dutch journalists touring Australia expressed themselves as greatly pleased with living conditions here, where thousands of Dutch immigrants have arrived in recent years.



W. D. NEIL, general manager of communications for the Canadian Pacific Railway since 1932, has retired. He had a total of 48 years with the company. He joined in Calgary in 1905.

ray... Reflects and Reminisces

President Eisenhower will be in Canada next month. He will be present at a full cabinet sitting and address parliament. It is said, informally, that the American chief executive and Canadian ministers will discuss "affairs of the world." They could say, instead, "affairs of North America," and still not be wrong.

THE CHURCH SPEAKS OUT

Notice outside a Toronto church: "Do You Know What Hell Is? Come Inside and Hear Our New Organist."

Wild geese, perhaps the first of the season seen here, were sighted high over Prince Rupert Wednesday forenoon. One has to do a bit of figuring as to how far south they will fly, and the number of sturdy and beautiful birds are fated to die. The latter possibly depends on how many of our people are not sportsmen.

Within 20 years it will be easy to drive from Dawson Creek to the Alaska border, as it is now to drive to Toronto from Montreal. But who wants to drive to where there's only 130 days between freezing periods?

Sixty-two per cent of Canadians went to the polls on election day last summer. Germany also had an election last summer, and on that occasion 86 per cent of the Germans marked their ballots. Well, they set a first rate example—something Canada has not been admitting very much in recent years.

TEA FOR A CHANGE

American consumption of tea is reported to have increased 14 per cent within the last two years. Many of us know that in 1773 tea helped the Yankees win a war when tons were pitched into Boston harbor. But since then it helped her lick the Germans when the tea pot was put on the stove at the first far-off sound of an approaching bomber.

IMAGINE

Imagine being a Queen! Imagine arranging Christmas for all family members and countless friends before leaving for Australia before mid-November. And imagine completing the Australia-New Zealand preparatory jobs before you've crossed the Pacific! Imagine!

THE LETTER BOX

WANTS PROOF

The Editor, The Daily News: The following contains my reply to your editorial of October 15 on the police referendum. The principle of referendum is a means of recording public opinion on certain questions. Therefore, it's hard to understand why some editors oppose its use.

I hold that all governing bodies in a democracy should be directly attached and responsible to the people they govern. That's a simple principle of home rule and local autonomy.

Mr. Editor, your statement that the city police were thrown out years ago for good reason, is not correct, and I challenge you to prove it. Defects in the force were never mentioned and by only one single vote in council the trick was put over, not by referendum.

Here is the reason and I challenge contradiction and proof to the contrary. The motive was to defeat Mayor Newton, who held office as mayor for eight years, father and founder of the city hydro plant at Woodward Lake.

In order to seize the utility and barter it to the Power Corporation of Canada, Newton must first be removed from office, in addition to myself. To accomplish that it was deemed necessary to scuttler the police commission, a body consisting of the late George Frizzell, W. H. Montgomery and Mayor Newton, all three now deceased. The whole operation was quietly performed under direction of Col. S. F. McMordie, having the groundwork first as chairman of the utility commission and completing the job as mayor. With Newton and myself out of office, the whole operation was successfully performed.

Then for a few short years going appeared easy while the few dollars received from sale of the city hydro lasted. But the fatal day soon arrived. Without that steady stream of power revenue, the city could not meet its liabilities, thereby defaulting. The provincial government then appointed Mr. W. J. Alder as commissioner. There, brother, is the story of the McMordie raid on the city hydro plant and police detachment.

Your bewilderment concerning the city's ability to cope with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police indicates a fog-bound mind. We did it before and can do it again. In addition we will be keeping company with our own self-proclaimed master of our own ship.

And may I further state, in all Prince Rupert's history, never

did we have two more respected citizens than Chief Billy Vickers and Sergeant Bailey of the city police detachment.

Regarding special privilege seekers, we know they are in every community. And, brother, please don't be simple enough to try and persuade an oldtimer like me that the Mounties are immune from human weakness. There's a weak spot in every human being... the secret is to find it.

Under a city police setup, the police commissioners would be responsible to the citizens. Let some citizen go to the police station now with his complaint and see how far he gets with the top brass if they don't like it. Their directors reside in Ottawa, not in Rupert. It's the nucleus of a police state, the charm of every dictator.

Neither do I think we will have to rely on cuis in a cheap uniform to spread goodwill. What we would expect and demand is that they know how to get along with people who are in pursuit of their own affairs and doing no harm to others.

The next point is cost. Possibly

the city merchants are the best judges of what they now pay through loss of native trade through raids and heavy police court fines imposed. The matter of dropping in for a quick drink is common practice to most humans, be they police officers, editors or aldermen.

Last, but not least, the matter of taking a referendum in face of hostile influence at work, of course as usual meaning Moscow, is just pure bunk and denotes downright foolishness unworthy of attention.

ALD. GEORGE B. CASEY.

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Barbara Brent's BUYS AND WHY

MONTREAL, October 22nd — "Put on the clothes—then forget them!" a famous man said to me the other day. "It's not a bad money that makes you look well-dressed, sense of rightness!"

Hold On To Romance with both hands! by keeping them young and lovely with JERGENS LOTION. Preserve for yourself how good this pure, white, liquid lotion is.

Ran Head-on Into A Crisis Last Week... The Boss came to dinner — unexpectedly — and nothing planned! I felt panic, for a moment, and then remembered my ever-ready shelf of HEINZ CONDENSED SOUPS.

There's No Telling When The Cold Bug May Bite You... now that the weather is so changeable. If you're a victim do try FACE-ELLE tissue handkerchiefs.

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