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British Budget

SUSPENSE over Britain's new budget has politicians palpitating in anticipation.

The British budget always causes excitement and apprehension, but this time it is something special. It is the first Conservative peacetime budget in 13 years. It marks the first decisive, thought-out stroke of policy under the new regime and it comes at a time of critical importance in the affairs of the country.

From the economic point of view, the budget to be presented March 11, may well determine whether a new devaluation of the pound will be needed during the summer. That is when the sterling area's gold and dollar reserves will be depleted if the pound continues at the present rate.

Politically, the proposals of Richard Austen Butler in his first term as Chancellor of the Exchequer are equally touch-and-go. All signs are that the Labour opposition is in a sour mood. The Communists, small in numbers but influential in some trade unions, have already launched a campaign to use government economies as a trigger for strikes in industry.

By now, everybody knows that Britain is going broke. Nearly everybody agrees something should be done about it. The problem for Butler, in broadest terms, is how to do it without providing an obvious signal for industrial unrest in a country where the social climate sometimes tends to be tricky.

Britain is spending more than she earns. The three main items of government expenditure are defence, social services and food subsidies. Of these only the subsidies afford prospect of substantial saving.

The hitch is that Labour regards these as inviolate and that the effect of abolishing them would be dynamic. While posters which helped the Conservatives win the last election still wave on some billboards promising lower prices, removal of the subsidies would have an impact on every housekeeping budget. Price tags on bread, milk, meat and butter would show a sharp increase.

The Conservative argument would be that the change has to come, that the subsidies come out of taxes anyway, that it would only affect each individual by a sum roughly equal to that paid for a weekly package of cigarettes. The question may be whether the public is sophisticated enough to listen to such arguments.

Butler is not committed to any change. At an election meeting last October, he became wrathful when hecklers taunted him with proposing to clip the subsidies. In the Conservative election manifesto, it is stated although the subsidies had risen to "alarming proportions, in present circumstances it would clearly not only be unwise but impossible to make any radical change."

The key word may be "radical." It seems as good a guess as any that the subsidies will be modestly trimmed, come what may on the political front.

Flags at Half Mast

AFTER the death of King George VI, flags were lowered half-mast in sign of mourning. However, some complained about the way the flags were hoisted half-mast. Some says that they should have been lowered only their own width from the tops of their poles.

The following is an extract from "The King's Regulations and Orders for the Canadian Militia," paragraph 1413 (b), which will explain everything:

"When flags are order to be half-masted, they will be hoisted close up when first hoisted and immediately lowered to half-mast, i.e., the centre of the flag in line with a point midway between the top of the mast and ground or roof level, as applicable."

Railway Union Leader Retires

MONTREAL—A leading figure of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen since 1907, William G. Graham will retire as locomotive engineer with the Canadian National Railway and as chairman and vice-president of the Brotherhood at the end of this month.

Vice-President of the Brotherhood since 1941 with headquarters in Montreal, Mr. Graham was first elected local chairman

in 1907 and became general chairman in 1926. He was made a member of the Brotherhood's board of directors in 1940 before being appointed vice-president.

Make Inquiries Regarding Alcan

More inquiries about the program of work to be performed in the Alcan undertaking continue to be received from industrial firms, schools, colleges and banks in Canada and the United States. There is a large re-run of the original brochure of information.



REFUGEES CROWD SEOUL—Despite a ban on crossing the Han River, refugees still crush into the overcrowded capital—sometimes at the risk of their lives. The jamming causes ration and housing complications inside Seoul, but everyone has a roof and enough food to live. This girl, her sleeping baby sister strapped to her back in a blanket, is drawing the daily ration of hot, powdered milk. (CP from National Defence)

KOREA SURVEY

New "Thirty-Eighth Parallel Found" On Great Han River

[Editor's Note: Bill Boss, Canadian Press staff writer in Korea, has completed a two-week survey of conditions among the civilian population during the Korean winter. This article is the fourth of a series based on interviews with United Nations, Korean Republic and civilian sources.]

By **BILL BOSS**
Canadian Press Staff Writer

SEOUL, Korea (CP)—In Korean "Hangang" means "Great River." The word is reserved for one watercourse, the majestic Han which winds through Seoul in its westward flow into the Yellow Sea. It's frozen now.

Koreans bite out a new definition for its expanse of ice. They call it "the second 38th parallel the United Nations have given us"—because they are forbidden to cross it.

The people—as distinct from the government—are becoming increasingly acid and impatient over an Eighth Army order making the river's south bank the limit of free movement in South Korea, and forbidding them from entering their capital.

Public meetings debate the order both north and south of the stream. Newspapers devote editorials and articles to it.

And refugees from Seoul defy the ban, returning clandestinely, often risking and losing life.

Last May, Seoul, in peacetime a city of more than 1,000,000 population, numbered 240,000 and was a closed area. Today it numbers 680,000. One way or another more than 60,000 got back last month.

Officially, only four classes of civilians may enter the city: civic officials to keep govern-

ment functioning, tax officials, utilities employees, and individuals working with United Nations units.

THE REASONS
Eighth Army pronouncements give four reasons for the no-crossing policy:

1. A shortage of rice and other foods.
2. Inadequate water, electricity and sanitation.
3. Overloading of the high-level bridge across the Han must be prevented because it is the only main supply route to the front.
4. Medical facilities inadequate to handle casualties that would result if the Communists decided to launch air raids.

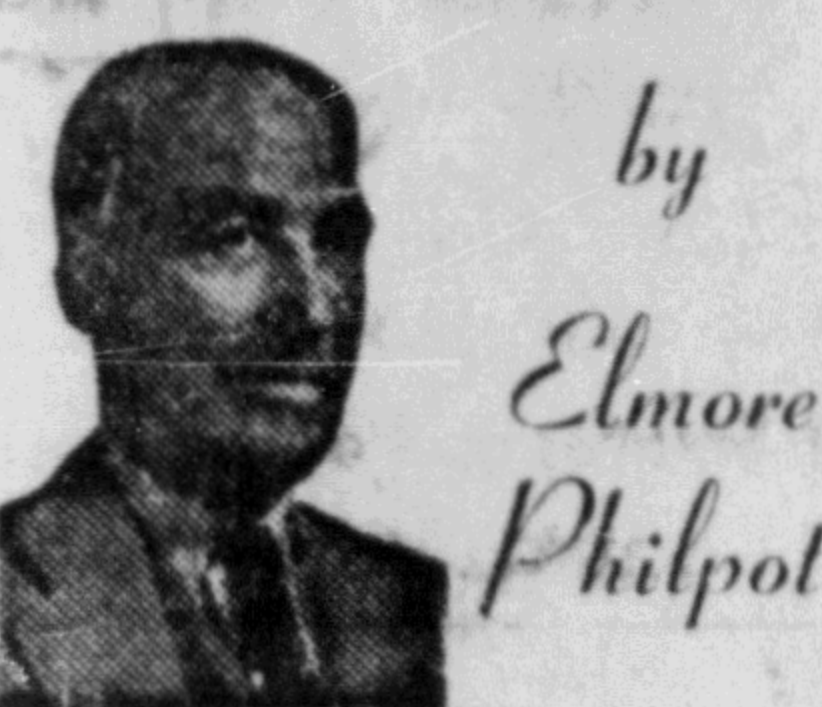
SAY RICE ABUNDANT

The Koreans reply:

1. Rice is abundant in the markets, and 10 per cent cheaper than anywhere else in Korea.
2. The Eighth Army's own Civilian Assistance Command has announced the restoration of the utilities.
3. Most of the army's supplies and personnel move by rail and the bridge could handle

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As I See It



by **Elmore Philpott**

Predicts Two Winners

THE GOVERNMENT of Ontario has just announced a new housing scheme that is far ahead of anything so far in sight in the three westernmost provinces of Canada—all of which have governments which consider themselves more progressive than the Ontario Conservatives.

The Frost administration's plan is based on a rental purchase scheme. The government will take the responsibility of seeing that more new houses are built. The family will "rent" the new home. But in the "rent" there will be a margin included which automatically builds up the tenant's ownership in the property. It is the most sensible plan I have heard yet for Canada.

ALL THREE westernmost provinces are to have elections this year. I hereby predict the results in two of them:

CCF to win, hands down, in Saskatchewan—for it is the best provincial government that Saskatchewan has ever had.

Social Credit to win in Alberta, but with a reduced majority—with Liberals making gains. The weakest spot in the Social Credit record in Alberta is its lack of an overall health and hospital insurance scheme. Harper Prowse, the Alberta Liberal leader, has announced that he will make this a main issue in the campaign.

IN THE recent sharp fighting on the Suez canal the British were suddenly faced by well-organized attacks. I think you will find the answer to that mystery in a recent report by John Ashton in the Christian Science Monitor.

It comes from Germany and says that Colonel Hanak Hassim Bey, otherwise known as "Major Hans Muller," who served on Rommel's staff in Africa, is signing up ex-members of the German Afrika Corps to serve in Egypt, Syria and Iraq. According to Ashton report the following

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THE LETTERBOX

RADIOPHONE CHANNELS

Editor, Daily News:
This letter mainly concerns an article which appeared in the Daily News dated February 6, 1952, entitled "Clearing up Radiotelephone," the information seems to have originated as a Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The first part of the article states that Channel 4 will be

ray ...

Reflects and Reminisces

This can be said about a Prince Rupert fish. It has no feet and, as far as a mouth is concerned—well, that's no matter. And how does a halibut or a herring become infected, anyway?

ANOTHER OPERATION?

Waldo Demara, the ruddy rover who posing as a salt water surgeon showed real skill in the Canadian Navy is back from Hollywood. There, he is said to have offered the story of his life and signed a contract. He would like \$100,000. Waldo has the right idea. Filmdom is interested only in big money.

The Duke of Edinburgh, husband of the Queen, has a sense of humor. That's more than the last Consort had.

Mardi Gras came to its glamorous conclusion for the year, this week. The ten day preceding Ash Wednesday brim with action, color, gladness, parades, shenanigans, jocularly and what have you. Historic New Orleans, founded almost three centuries ago and in that time under six flags, stages her most alluring show. Small wonder multitudes flock to witness it.

COMING OVER

Southampton workmen, cheered the Duke of Windsor who expects to return to England in April or May, accompanied by the Duchess. The latter has not yet been received by the Royal Family. Times have changed since the abdication. And there may be more.

Now and not later is the time to complete vacation plans. For changes are always insisted on by the time real summer—or in other words—the real holiday period makes itself known.

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Channel 7 is preferable to Channel 4 because the lower frequencies on Channel 7 will not reach out as far as those on Channel 4 and so will not receive the same amount of interference from Vancouver. Alterations to improve Channel 7 are being made. It is highly desirable that Channel 7 continue to be well served. Arrangements for Channel 7 as well as other channels are being made. It is hoped that a version of this news in the Daily News will be published. B. R. TRIPP, Manager and Northwest Division.

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