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New Horizons in Sight

" A FTER you read about the Canadians holding / onto Yukon water power and striking what may be a major uranium deposit within an hour's flight of Ketchikan, you begin to think maybe the border commission should have held out a little longer and gotten the U.S. border moved 100 miles east of where it is.

It is just possible that these two developments will be the most important ones of this region in the second half of the 20th century."

These comments by the Ketchikan Alaska the guardian of democracy in Chronicle provide still further measure of the importance being attached to what is going on north of us. Not so long ago the arrival here of Columbia Cellulose and the news of big plans for Kitimat were being discussed as the miraculous development of the B.C. wilderness. This coastal region emerged into prominence on what, in the public eye, was the last frontier.

Just as suddenly all that is changing. While we are by no means regarded yet as the hub of the provincial economy, it is becoming more and more apparent that the Skeena does not mark the northern boundary of B.C. It is, in fact, only halfway

This realignment of geography can do us no harm. For years Nanaimo occupied roughly the same position on Vancouver Island that Prince Rupert does on the mainland. It staggered along in the doldrums because it was the end of the line. Then all at once communities further up the coast began to come to life, the island highway improved and pushed north, and Nanaimo began to grow like an adolescent youth until now there are those who predict it will outpace Victoria.

It is not in the least inconceivable that Prince Rupert will have a similar experience. If the Frobisher proposals for the Atlin area become reality, B.C. is certain to have a large new city, or cities, in the north. In such circumstances, coastal shipping lines would find it practical to have headquarters at Prince Rupert, from which point they could readily serve both northern and southern

As far as transportation by land is concerned. a highway through B.C. to Alaska has long been the vision of leaders in the U.S. west coast states. If northern B.C. takes on its prospective massive development, Canadian leaders may find they have this vision, too. Construction of such a highway would be still another step in bringing the geography of the province into proper perspective.

It seems probable that eventually the whole picture will fall into shape. It will then be understood that Prince Rupert and district are not on the last frontier but in an enviable position right on the 50-yard line.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeou

worried and frustrated.

RUMORS

Their problem is a rash of stories being front-paged pretty | While the gist of all the cur-

of politics.

have been appearing as well in his successor. Still another repapers that have strongly port avers that Premier Leslie Conservative backgrounds. The Frost of Ontario is to be drafted London Free Press is an out- into the federal leadership in standing example. And this evi- time to pilot the party through dence of the insidious effective- this year's election. ness of a propaganda offensive of a particularly damaging na-

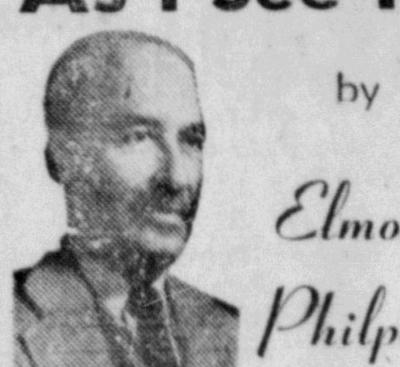
ture has just got the PCs down. effectiveness of the Drew leadthe impression can be spread on sound of its opening guns.

The PCs at the moment aren't a national scale that Drew is! too happy a lot. They're angry, insecure in the leadership of his folks. But relax. It is most likely, own party, public confidence in just another allied secret weap-The reason is that they figure the party's chances of election on, otherwise our excitable cousthey're being made the victims success will be lowered. And the ins would have real jitters by of the propaganda device known idea that the party has a chance now, which they plainly have technically as "the big lie." And of winning is the one notion not. they don't know what to do that PC strategists recognize as vital to sell to the voters be-

tween now and polling day. DREW'S FUTURE

well across the nation during rent rumors is that Drew is bethe past 10 days to the effect ing dropped from the leaderthat Hon. George Drew is in ship, the detailed versions show process of being supplanted by wide variety. One story is that the Conservative powers-that- the Toronto financial backers of be in the federal leadership of the party have lost faith in Drew's ability to win, and that There's no truth to the stories. they propose to replace him And if they had appeared only with President Sydney Smith of in Liberal newspapers they the University of Toronto. Anwouldn't have had too great an other rumor would send Drew effect on PC morale; they would to London as representative of have been taken as just an un- the province of Ontario in Onhappy part of the great game tario House. In this connection Donald Fleming, MP for To-But the trouble is that they ronto-Eglinton, is mentioned as

That none of these stories has any foundation in fact is at-The PCs are convinced that tested by the common-sense the stories all stem from Lib- logic of practical politics. Politieral propaganda sources. Their cal parties don't change horses target allegedly is to destroy the - or leaders - in mid-stream. ership on the eve of the general And the coming general election election campaign. Obviously, if campaign is already within



One Garson Point Right

IN A RECENT column I strongly criticized the

Liberal government's policy of extending the Emergency Powers Act for another year.

I still think the basic arguments of the three opposition parties are right.

Parliament cannot be too jealous about the whittling away of its rights. It should stand foursquare on the principle that parliament-not the cabinet-

But I confess I overlooked one point, made later by the Minister of Justice, which drastically changes the picture.

Parliament is soon to be dissolved. For two or three months we will literally have no parliament that could be summoned in an emergency. I think we would be totally blind to world reality today if we did not see that a grave emergency, might arise in that interim period. If parliament does not extend

the E.P. A. there would be nothing but the War Measures Act to invoke in such an emergency. The latter is a too drastic meas-

The lesser evil, surely, is to exend E.P.A. till one month after the new parliament assembles

THE CIVIL servants of B.C. are clearly on the right track when they request the same rights of collective bargaining and arbitration of wage rates, as everybody else has.

ment to say Crown employees the United Kingdom. He imcan't have it. Many classes of pressed me greatly, and so did school teachers, and men work- I was from B.C. he started ing for the B.C. power corpora-

the happy-ending verdict the Tobacco Road case is tha eternal vigilance is the price. of liberty."

Judge McGeer's historic decision was based on the highest law-the law of common sense Freedom of the stage is just as much a part of democracy as freedom of worship or pulpit freedom of press, or freedom of parliament. That freedom is not absolute-for we all must obey the law-the courts, police, as well as actors or MPs. + + +

ON SATURDAY, March 14, highly respected citizen of Taft, B.C., wrote me a letter complete with diagram, reporting a mystery aircraft. It was seen at precisely 17 minutes past midnight and of strange design, with fiery lights above and behind, with a dark circle round its middle. It was moving at great speed toward Alaska.

On March 18 BUP reported from Anchorage, Alaska, that on (the same) March 14 "a weird 'object' hovered over Al aska for almost an hour. One of the many observers said (see page 2 Vancouver Sun March 18) it had a 'circular pattern of radial lights . . . and gave an eerie glow."

Don't say I didn't warn you

Aid Sought

EDMONTON (P) - British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan have decided to seek immediate federal aid for the building of a network of all-weather de-

fence highways. Highways ministers of the three provinces conferred in Edmonton Saturday and decided to press for an early conference with the federal government discuss the plan.

P. A. Gaglardi, British Columbia; told us we will be asked to vote J. T. Douglas of Saskatchewan one million dollars for that purand Gordon Taylor of Alberta. pose. Manitoba also will be invited to The International Pacific Saljoin in representations.



THIS IS THE PRODUCTION LINE where Sabre jet engines are overhauled at a new plant near Toronto's suburban Downsview airport. The plant was built and staffed by Canadian General Electric Campany under an arrangement with the defence departmana

Parliament Hill

By Edward T. Applewhaite, M.P., Skeena

The Post Office Department is pushing ahead with its arrangements for house-to-house mail delivery in Prince Rupert. This also includes having to be like this. What's a detective make provision for parcel post delivery, which of for? course is done by motor vehicle.

I understand that this con tract will be concluded almos immediately. And in spite rumors circulated by those with no knowledge of the facts, the vehicles used will bear the words "ROYAL MAIL."

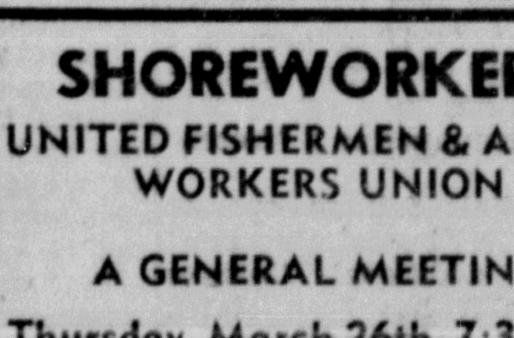
And now may I interject personal note. It has been my privilege twice to hear the Right Honourable R. A. Butler, It is silly for the B.C. govern- Chancellor of the Exchequer of Crown employees already do his accounts of the really wonhave it. Where can you draw derful comeback that Britain is the line? The CNR and TCA making economically, despite employees bargain collectively, her heavy military load. I met So do municipal employees, Mr. Butler. As soon as he heard cussing salmon and lumber. One just has to meet a few men like Mr. Butler to have one's faith LL THAT needs be said about fully revived, in Britain and in the solidity of the Commonwealth. I would like to add that certainly hope something specific and helpful will result

> from his interest in salmon, Recently I have made representations to five ministers in connection with the Prince Rupert Drydock; they were Ministers of Transport, Public Works, Fisheries and the Minis ter and the Associate Minister of National Defence. Like ever other member, I had received circular letter from the Cana dian Shipbuilding and Ship Re pairing Association, whichwhile it ignored our drydock brought out arguments which could be used strongly in favor of our plant. Over the years Canada has built up a large and sockeve runs. valuable plant for the building and repairing of ships at Prince Rupert, This plant includes great number of facilities including drydocks, wharves cranes and so forth, Integrate with these are machine shops electrical shops, pipe and othe tools - in fact a very great variety of costly equipment This complexity of facilities, valuable beyond the terms the dollars invested in it by in dustry and by the government The skills of the staff are among the most valuable of its asset. And neither the workers' skill nor the yard's facilities should be allowed to deteriorate through not being kept actively in use and properly maintained. the moment I am particularly States are spending to aid the interested in having the yard afflicted.

fully overhauled and where necessary repaired or renovated something more interesting mum efficiency before and not the out of town reader, some months after any emergency arises. The officers of the Canadian

National European Flood Relief Fund were anxious to have an announcement made of the duplicate of Mayor Garnet Coulamount parliament will be ask- ter is aiding the Red Cross here. ed to appropriate as the Cana- The puppet, which delivers a Line dian government's contribution short recorded speech, was built to the fund, and so Prime Min- by Eric Bennett, an accountant ister St. Laurent anticipated the who makes a hobby of building Attending the conference were supplementary estimates and models.

mon Fisheries Commission has



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BUSINESS — Convention Delegates Reports

ust presented a review of t sockeye problems created by the Alcan project, This report has been prepared by the Internaional Pacific Salmon Fisheries

Commission to review and sun unction with the Department of Fisheries of Canada to pro-Nechako River System. The big of the season. dam, as you know, is owned by the Aluminum Company of Canada. It has been found that during the period of migration H. Shockley. the sockeye enroute to the Stuart Watershed will have to swim 55 miles up the Nechako in an average of 40 per cent less hako Watershed include the folowing separate and distinct races: The Early Stuart, Driftwood, and Lake Stuart races. which all migrate up the Stuart

River, tributary to the Nechako, and spawn in various streams above Stuart Lake; and the Stellako, Nadina and some minor races which migrate up the Nechako to the Nautley. Joint recommendations have resulted in a damming of the Cheslatta to provide water for aiding upstream migration, Negotiations have been going on continuously between the Minister of Fisheries and the company, and the Minister has reserved the right to require the company to release cold water if needed. The Commission insists such cold water is required to protect the

NO SET TIME The Editor,

The Daily News:

In answer to Mrs. Ingalls' letter re heart attack. Perhaps she should consult her physician and find out that a person suffering with heart disease cannot set a time for the attacks that they are subject to. She might also read up on At what Canada and the United

Mrs. Ingalls might think of so that it will be at its maxi- put in your paper, especially for MRS. G. DELGREN

Port Edward, B.C.

Mechanical Mayor WINNIPEG (CP)-A miniature

Jack Scott was due in Johan- | THE FUTURE?

nesburg Saturday to cover the In the Twentieth Century, war March, for prices kee South African general election will be dead, the scaffold will be When trawlers sin next month. The Vancouver dead, hatred will be dead, fron- contract, that at Sun's special writer will have tier boundaries will be dead, other cut. Industre something to tell about. Today dogmas will be dead, man will not to feel what the union is a land of black live. He will possess something hatreds. Anyone not wearing a higher than all these-a great white skin is next door to being country, the whole earth, and a slave-over worked and under- a great hope, the whole heaven. paid and subject to all sorts of __Victor Hugo. other indignities.

PERHAPS SCOOPS!

The newspaperman from Canada flew from New York to Lisbon, and thence over a continent much of which is particularly dark just now. Scott will be busy from the moment he arrives. It need hardly be said he will have to look for news. It will be seeking him-and the nearer Elecday Day, the stronger the pres

To get to sleep, says a scientist think of nothing. Wrong! Think it is time to get up. Windson (Ont.) Star.

world still wonders how his suc cessor feels concerning the general subject of war. This much can be said. The number of air bases being established by the United States in various parts of the earth is not decreasing.

Vancouver's police chief, Mair Cop Mulligan says he can hardly find his way around because there are so many new streets

MILESTONES

40 Years Ago Today

The Queen Mary Chapter of the IODE held its third annua Daffodil dance at the Kaien tect the sockeye salmon of the one of the finest social events

30 Years Ago Today

Skeena River millmen wit the assistance of G. W. Nickerson are planning to make trial shipment of hemlock to the Atlantic seaboard through

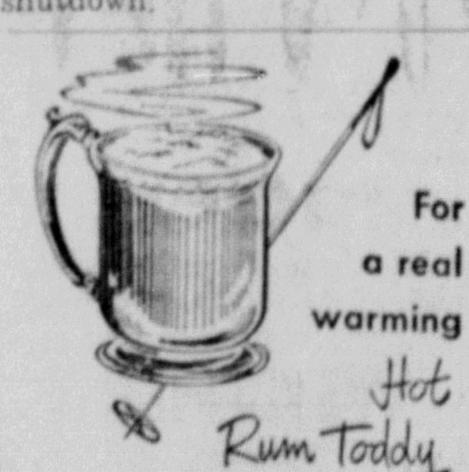
Civic employees decided to call a strike unless a conciliation board is granted by the city council. The employees are objecting to the 50-cents-anhour rate for common labor.

20 Years Ago Today

Word has been received here of the marriage in Panama of Lindsay Mann, formerly with the Royal Bank here.

The local CNRA basketball team make a clean sweep of the eries with the Vancouver team. winning both games by a considerable margin,

NORWAY DROUGHT OSLO (CP)-Extended drought forced strict rationing of powe in Narvik and some other munities in recent weeks as power plants in north Norway were threatened with a complet



NAVY RUM

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Ray Reflects and Reminisce

It will surprise no one to discover that tourist travel next summer will be as heavy as ever if not more so. As usual strangers in town will note as few visible street signs, and would like to ask questions or know where to turn to. Here's where the museum and the railway lookout-each convenient-could be put to use.

fish is flat, the business tendency is in the same direction and that goes on each side of the border. Two-thirds of the Seattle



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