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More Consideration

REJECTION by the Canadian government of Alcoa's proposal to use northern B.C. and Yukon waters to power a huge aluminum plant slated for Alaska must have come as a shock to the American interests.

Yet, it is only fair that our government guard the interest of Canadians with rigid control and Resources Minister Winters' reply to Alcoa's proposal comes from sound reasoning.

It appears, too, that certain rash statements and conclusions must have been made by the American aluminum company when it announced its plans to build the \$400,000,000 smelter near Skagway, Alaska, for production of 200,000 tons of aluminum annually.

It appears that little if any consideration was given to Canada's feelings as to her own resources—and that of her second largest source of hydro power.

The company has stated it wants to construct a power plant by harnessing the Yukon River which cuts through Alaska but which has its headwaters in the Yukon and in northern B.C.

Any use of this water for hydro purposes calls for damming the source in Canadian territory on a similar plan as is now being carried out by Alcan with its Kitimat-Kemano project.

It is only common sense that Canada—and this province in particular—should think twice before giving up such water rights.

It is also highly improbable that Alcoa could have thought to procure these rights by merely proposing a huge Alaska development.

On the other hand, Canada would not be too well justified in retaining this resource completely if it did not plan to develop its potentialities.

And if there are no such plans now or for the future, B.C. especially should play a part in giving due consideration to Alcoa's proposal.

There is no doubt that construction of a half-billion dollar plant in the Alaska panhandle, and production of huge quantities of aluminum annually, would have a great effect on this province of which Alaska is its next door neighbor.

Anything which benefits Alaska cannot help but benefit Prince Rupert in the long run. Already our economies are similar, and are becoming more closely related with the soon-to-be-inaugurated Ketchikan-Rupert ferry service which will transport tons of pulp and other cargo through this port.

A decision on the Alcoa proposal should not be too adamant, lest we may spoil an opportunity on one hand while not creating one on the other.

If there is not enough capital in Canada to develop the Yukon-B.C. watershed, or if capital cannot be induced from outside for such a purpose, then Canada should not forthrightly deny such a development to its neighbor.

Scripture Passage for Today

"The word of our God shall stand for ever."—Isa. 40:8

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

They do say an old maid is the girl who has been passed up more times than the third stanza of a church hymn.

My advice to the women's clubs of America is to raise more hell and fewer dahlias. — Wm. Allen White.

A bachelor never quite gets over the idea that he is a thing of beauty and a boy forever.

SO FAR UNSEEN

There has lately been a hefty stockpiling of military uniforms at Petawawa, in connection with the sensational Currie Report, due to resume in Parliament this month. Thousands of uniforms, but so far no reports sighting a horse blanket.

Only one Canadian in every line has made a will, comments The Winnipeg Free Press. It's a sobering bit of information. A simple and an obvious duty which thousands of us put off until too late.

Ottawa has voted against Sunday sport—excepting gossip. This, naturally, is a seven-day favorite.

Prior to every Yuletide, thousands of potential guests never heard of a wee dooch an' doris, which is broad Scotch for a good night drink—the final one, the one that does the mischief with the man behind the wheel. Instead of this shot of hard stuff, how about strong coffee and a slug of sugar?

OVER THE COUNTER

The hand of the American retailer is seen in all this business development throughout Canada. And it's a whale of a large hand. Sears-Roebuck has just bought into Simpson's. Montgomery Ward of Chicago is expected any time in Montreal.

On being wheeled into a hospital operating room, comedian Red Skelton threw back a blanket and exposed a piece of adhesive tape on his chest on which was written: "Do not open until Christmas."

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

More on New Bible

THANKS to all who have written me about the new Bible, especially to the lady who offered to send me HER copy if I did not get a Revised Standard Version for Christmas.

That won't be necessary for my family took the hint printed here.

I find the new version is not quite as disappointing as I expected to be. The famous passage about the birth of the baby where the angels told the shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men" the new Bible puts it "and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

That weak, watered down, and confused phrase seems to me even less inspiring than the text given in an earlier, modernized version "and on earth peace, to men of goodwill."

But in a small footnote in the new Bible I find what seems to me the best translation of all. It says "other ancient authorities read: peace, goodwill among men."

REV. J. WESLEY MILLER of White Rock sends along this most helpful clarification:

"I think that 'Peace on earth, goodwill toward men' is a fine poetic line of English that will remain with us—but to me it has never made sense. I take it there is an intelligent idea in the angels' song. The Greek does allow an interpretation I can understand: 'Peace on earth to men of goodwill' is one. 'Peace on earth to men who do God's will, or God's pleasure, or who are pleasing to God'—any of these make sense."

"If men do not do their part, there will be no peace on earth, no matter how much angels sing."

Thanks a million, Rev. Miller, sense than anything I have read—that comment makes more sense. That is why I wish the editors of the new Bible had made the new reading "Peace on earth, goodwill AMONG men" rather than their confusing first choice "Peace among men with whom He is pleased."

CHAD WALSH reviews all the new Bibles and Bible commentaries for the New York Times. In the Book Review section for December 21 he discusses the new Catholic translation. The first volume has already appeared in print (\$3 in U.S.A.) and covers Genesis to Ruth. Mr. Walsh says "the scholars preparing the new Confraternity translation were at liberty to disregard other English versions and to strive for modern, businesslike and direct rendering of the original Hebrew and Greek."

He cites the new Catholic Bible's rendering of the capture of Jericho:

"When they heard the signal horn, they raised a tremendous shout. The wall collapsed, and the people stormed the city in a frontal attack and took it."

The King James version, Joshua 7:20, gives it: "And it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city."

When you compare the above renderings you see what a fine clarifying job the Catholic translators have done.



AWARDED AFC—Ft. Lt. Robert M. Edwards, 24, of St. James, Man., was awarded the Air Force Cross in the Queen's New Year honors list. The award was for "exceptional ability and resourcefulness" as pilot on 26 round trips across the Pacific on the Korean airlift. (CP from National Defence)

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Greece	\$50,000
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Iran	\$50,000
India	\$50,000
China	\$50,000
Japan	\$50,000
Soviet Union	\$50,000
Other countries	\$1,000,000
Total	\$3,000,000

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Alert government authorities profess to be witnessing these days some heartening signs suggesting that a new wind of more down-to-earth economic thinking is beginning to blow both internationally and domestically.

The first such portent was the Commonwealth Economic Conference just lately adjourned in London. It affirmed the principle that the remedy for the economic difficulties of the sterling area and the salvation of the pound sterling alike consisted in increased production. In other words, the Commonwealth statesmen recognized finally that all policies of foreign loans, grants-in-aid, and currency devaluation measures were temporary and not fundamental in their effects; that the only real solution for a nation in a debtor position was to produce more in order that it might balance its ledger position by having more to sell.

Then there was the conference in Brown's Hotel in fashionable Mayfair of the executives of the British Labor Party. They, too, arrived at the conclusion that production must increase if British workers are to be able to afford the social benefits they are now enjoying, and if they hope to extend them.

That was an important admission for the British Socialists to make. It amounted to recognition that abundance for all could not be secured simply by dividing existing wealth—that that process just led to common impoverishment. Instead, the road to a higher standard of living is realized finally as lying along the pathway of increased production; the way to have more to share is to produce more.

GERMAN INFLUENCE

The trend back to fundamentalism in British economic thinking, both at the government and at the worker levels, undoubtedly is being accelerated by the factor of increasing German competition in foreign markets. At the end of World War II the Germans had no huge foreign aid programs to cushion the transition of their economy to a peacetime basis. Their only formula for short-term survival and possible long-term recovery was hard work. Consequently, the German workers took off their coats and rolled up their sleeves.

As a result of their Spartan program, the Germans now are pouring goods on export markets at prices with which nations such as the United Kingdom, carrying the large-scale social security programs, cannot compete. They can only compete if they can increase their production sufficiently to bring unit costs down to a basis comparable with German costs.

British export trade has been suffering heavily in recent months from its inability to meet German competition. So far, the issue hasn't arisen in acute form for Canada, but the test is merely delayed and every day makes it more imminent. German exporters are commencing to book business in Canada upon a scale which, at an early date, is going to compel Canadian industry to review its cost picture—and Canadian labor to do some soul-searching on the score of its own productivity.

London's Racketeers to Get Short Shift From Police

By ROBERT JELLISON

LONDON (Reuters)—Britain's fraternity of high-pressure "con-men," dreaming of easy pickings when the suckers arrive to see the Coronation next June, will get a rude awakening when they run into special Scotland Yard precautions.

The spivs, hustlers who live by their wits on the fringe of Britain's underworld, get short shrift from police every day of the year but at Coronation time they will find they never had it so bad.

Backroom boys at Scotland Yard have drawn up lists of undesirable, pinned photographs to them and have distributed them to London police stations. Forces of anti-con men will circulate through city crowds.

With standing or sitting room along the Coronation route already selling on the legitimate market at fabulous sums, the spivs can be counted on to become super salesmen. A glib foreigner looking for a vintage point may find he has bought the British equivalent of the Brooklyn Bridge if he runs into the wideboys.

SHORT SUPPLY

The motto of the spivs is "wideboys never wait" and their uniform is "American-style" clothes with wide, padded shoulders and drape shapes. Their wares are whatever is in short supply—nylons, bananas or tickets to major sporting events.

They became a feature of the British scene during the war, when blackmarketeering was a thriving occupation.

The spivs often spend enough energy to bring them a decent legitimate living simply by trying to avoid a regular job. They start at work at dawn and often are going after dark, pushing cartloads of precious commodities through the streets. They never bother with price tags, charging whatever the traffic will bear.

They are also resourceful and quick off the mark. When the King died last February, they thronged the streets along which the funeral cortege was to pass, selling black armbands and bits of crepe to mourners at handsome prices.

It was soon after the war that the name spivs came into use. Whenever they were arrested, they were usually booked in as "suspected person—inventive vagrant." Such arrests soon became so numerous that police sergeants simply abbreviated the entry—spiv.

Bad For Business

KING'S LYNN, England (CP)—Merchants here signed a petition demanding restrictions on street musicians—because they hold up business and "interfere with the sale of radios and record players."

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OUTDOOR CELEBRATION

Editor,

The Daily News.

We think this little outing is worth recording.

On New Year's Day we packed up a box of groceries, took the family in the car and drove up the highway on a picnic. We drove about 50 miles until we encountered snow and ice, so decided to turn back to the "bananas belt."

We lit a huge bonfire, cooked bacon etc., even toasted our mince-meat tarts and took pictures. The children went mountain climbing and we simply marvelled at the mild weather on the first of January.

Of course, we all dressed for the occasion and were as snug as a bug in a rug. We returned home in the early evening, tired out all feeling we had a wonderful and novel New Year's Day.

W. N. LINNEY

PARKING BYLAW CALLED "FARCICAL"

Editor,

The Daily News.

The city bylaws governing parking regulations have reached a point so farcical that nobody can untangle them. Not only so, taxis but others have been forced to park all over town, with the consequence that if a taxi is called, you can't be picked up at that point or at the stand.

The city seems to forget that it gets \$20 a year from all taxis (which are vital to this city) in trades licences. The fares have not been raised, as they have in other businesses in this city, but the taxi maintenance costs have gone sky high.

During last winter when snow and ice conditions crippled transportation, the taxis still operated when other people wouldn't move their cars. This year is an open winter and business is poor, so the taxis are driven off their stands because they are not needed as much and because the city parking bylaw has been reframed without the public being given full knowledge of its clauses.

There are so many yellow lines on Third Avenue that it looks like a checkerboard and is just

about the same game to play trying to park the car in the right squares for the right time. Why can't the City Council study the cities of Victoria and Vancouver and see how properly laid out their regulations are? They have been educated by experts who have been educated at universities on the special study and who would be glad to advise an amateur on this matter. It would interfere with the livelihood of conscientious taxi-drivers who are struggling to make a living against high rents and tax and maintenance costs.

A HOUSEWIFE

TCA Exceeds Past Peaks In Performance

MONTREAL (CP)—O. R. Gregor, president of Trans-Canada Air Lines, in a statement said TCA in 1952 exceeded previous peaks in performance, both in passenger and commodity carried.

Despite increased operating costs, the company "was again present a profitable financial statement at the end of its fiscal year."

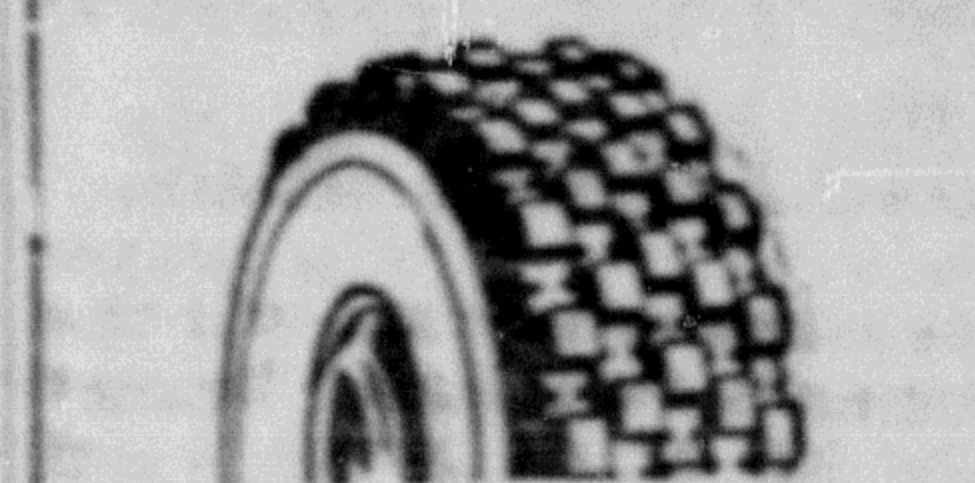
Approximately 1,125,000 passengers flew on TCA's American and international routes, an increase of 20 per cent over 1951, and used 71 per cent of the line's year-round capacity. Air cargo and air express volume increased by 27 per cent to 850,000 ton-miles and mail ton-miles, an increase of 10 per cent.



UN-FROZEN FOODS

Was up in Alaska, within Arctic Circle, one 70-year-old gardener has found how to get full quota of home-grown vegetables. He writes glowing wonders by "trapping" the brief summer sun with aluminum foil barriers, set behind his vegetables.

The Arctic application takes leaf out of the book of root builders and others who eat out of aluminum's reusable reflecting and insulating properties. Demand for Canadian aluminum in foil, sheet, rod, tube and wire forms today totals one billion pounds a year. When Alcan completes its present expansion program, supply will be further increased. Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd. (Alcan).



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