

## Talking It Over

IT IS encouraging to note that leaders of Indian villages are anxious to make their meeting with government and city officials an annual affair.

The first meeting was held last summer at one of the darkest times in Prince Rupert's history. Suspicion, rancor and calculated agitation had boiled into disturbances which disgraced the city and threatened to mark it permanently as a place to avoid.

Fortunately there was a stream of cool sense beneath it all. There were those who could see that aside from the immediate hazards of disrupted law and order, there was danger that undeserved blame might attach itself to the native population and that lasting damage might be done to inter-racial understanding.

Against this challenging background the first meeting was held. No one will suggest it was because of the meeting's success that peace came again to Prince Rupert, but undoubtedly its contribution was an important one. Those hankering for trouble did not speak for everyone, and that first gathering of thoughtful leaders and officials served to show just how minor their voice really was.

This year the discussion was held in an entirely different atmosphere. Yet this did not mean the talk was limited to pleasantries. Grievances were aired and improvements asked for. As long as this is the case, and the necessary action taken, all future such meetings will be worthwhile. No one pretends that everything is wonderful. But the way to make it so will never be found in anger and violence.

## Industrialization of North

THE CHRONICLE predicted three years ago that the north coast line between Kitimat, B.C. and Skagway, Alaska one day would become heavily industrialized.

The opening of the big plant of Ketchikan Pulp company and of Aluminum of Canada's big plant at Kitimat, both this month, begins to fulfill this promise. Now comes news of a major lumber and lesser pulp development at Wrangell. And of course Sitka will not be far behind with its pulp and lumber projects, financed in part by the Japanese.

All that is needed is for Alcoa and Frobisher, Ltd. of Canada to thresh out their differences and get the Taiya river or Yukon river power-metalurgical development going. Then we'll be able to boast that we're a little Ohio river valley all our own.

## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Canada and the United States discovered on Monday, June 14, that if the people will it, war as understood by the bomb route, as ended for ever. In theory, a civilization of North America is destroyed. To allow the mind to picture this was terrible enough to say the least.

There is not the slightest doubt, as to the establishment of a paramount fact and the consequences following from it. Yet, as far as if, the world leaders, how far do our thoughts rise the possibility of a third fiction, and the lure of something loathed.

From Ottawa comes advice that more comfortable quarters will be provided men employed in lighthouses. Installation of elevators could be of some usefulness, to begin with.

An infant prodigy has been described as a small child with ghly imaginative parents. (Guelph Mercury)

A human being comes into this world naked and leaves it wearing clothes. And in the final analysis that's all the material profit he makes out of life on earth.

A Senator grumbles at what he has to pay to support the government. And a lot of people rumble about what they have to pay to support the Senate.

### NORTHERN PUBLICITY

There are dozens of papers published in Alaska and Yukon, but so far as the most of us can discover, precious few can dis-

cover that many manage to find their way to Prince Rupert. There's plenty going on between here and Fairbanks, and all of the stories of mutual interest.

Nudity, says a theatrical producer, is an art. The art of filling a theatre.

**THIS MONTH**  
A 19-year-old British Columbian is due to be hanged this month. The sentence carries with it a recommendation for mercy, and since then 7,500 names have gone to Ottawa, seeking clemency.

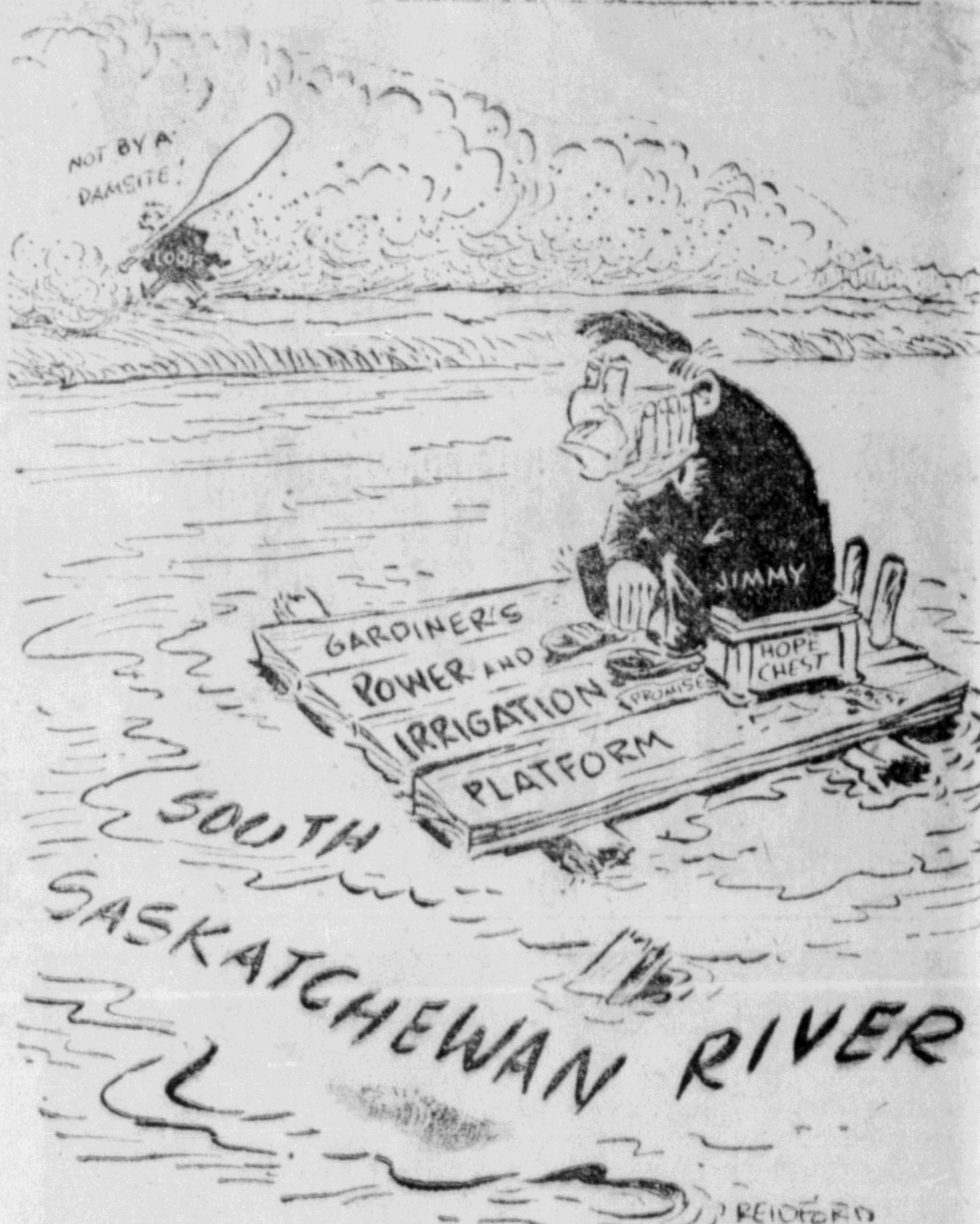
### LENGTHY WEEKENDS

Absenteeism has been a blot on the session at Ottawa. When MPs increased their pay to 10,000 a year a few months ago, there were sober reports that something would be done to curb the T-to-T brigade members whose weekend lasted from Thursday to Tuesday.

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**FAST RELIEF FOR RHEUMATIC PAIN**

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WITHOUT A PADDLE—By James Reidford in Toronto Globe and Mail. (CP Photo)



## As I See It

BY

Elmore Philpot

### On The Record

IN OTTAWA General Greunther made two kinds of public appearances—those "on the record" for publication and those where he was not.

There are times when public men may wish to talk in such relaxed and candid terms that they prefer to speak "off the record." Also, the sponsors of important discussion meetings know very well that people will talk more candidly when they do not have to watch every word because of how it may appear in print.

But just to keep the record clear, there was nothing much said in the "off the record" MP's meeting which General Greunther did not also say, for publication, to the press. Far from having any secrets, which could only be told to a select few, the NATO commander had a crystal clear warning which should sound as clearly as a trumpet to every intelligent person in the western world.

As of now, there is no chance of a world war started by Russia, for the military facts are such that Russian leaders know they could not win—but that their cities would be destroyed in the conflict.

But the outlook for five or ten years ahead is by no means so clear.

IT IS obvious that General Greunther fears that the highly concentrated nature of Communist control may enable them in the Kremlin to swing the whole balance of world power in their favor, say by about 1960.

Maybe all generals are, by nature of their profession, pessimists along the lines of the French saying that the doctor nothing is so certain as the death of a patient, and to the military man, nothing is so certain as the death of a nation.

But if you give a bit deeper into the reasoning of Greunther, and others like him, you come to the conclusion:

The outcome of the world struggle is anything but clear because the Red rulers have a form of political organization with which we cannot date, assure that we can successfully compete.

It is at that point that the where the military men, in effect, pass the ball to the democratic statesmen.

Here are two examples (mine, not Gen. Greunther's) of how

we are handing whole countries to the Communists.

Refusal to face the fact that peoples of all countries want to rule themselves. Yet because the western powers have never made up their minds quickly and completely to end imperialism everywhere they are, in fact, enabling the Communists to seize control of every liberationist and nationalist movement everywhere in the world.

It is beside the point that when the nationalists do win out under Communist control, the people of that country find themselves in a new, vast Red Empire, far more ruthless in its methods than the old-fashioned empires.

They don't know that till it is too late.

## LETTERBOX

### CAUSE OF PITTING

The Editor,  
The Daily News.  
Before the atomic bombs destroy all living creatures on this globe, I feel it my duty as a citizen to report my theory as to the cause of the recent windshield pitting.

Some people attributed the windshield pitting to action in the atmosphere as a result of hydrogen bomb explosions. No doubt those explosions were very powerful, but they had nothing to do with the mysterious pitting of windshields.

We will have to look further than the Pacific Ocean for the cause. We would, if we could, have to travel to the spot out in space where, a couple of months ago, two monster planets collided in space and exploded.

Tiny grains of material from the smashed planets are the cause of the pitting.

One of those grains landed on my window Monday night and made a star-shaped pit with a crack four to five inches long.  
P. J. CLAIRE,  
Prince Rupert.

Taxes will take one dollar in three of the net national income of Canadians in the current year.

## India Free From Fear Of Famine

NEW DELHI (Reuters)—India at last is free from the spectre of recurrent famine.

Rice production has risen by 22 per cent since last year. Wheat production is up by eight per cent. Stocks of wheat in the country total 350,000 tons, considered sufficient to meet any immediate emergency, and wheat imports this year will be the lowest since India became independent.

Rationing of rice and wheat has been abolished. Self-sufficiency in food no longer is a dream but a practical possibility despite the growing population problem which means feeding 4,000,000 extra mouths each year.

Wheat imports have been steadily decreasing since the peak year of famine in 1951 when 3,000,000 tons of wheat had to be imported. So far, only nominal quantities of wheat have been received from abroad this year, totalling about 9,250 tons.

### MAY PURCHASE LITTLE

Although India has ratified the second International Wheat Agreement, which came into force for three years on Aug. 1, 1953, she may not purchase any large quantities unless prices reach the minimum stipulated in the agreement, in view of her improved internal supply position.

The improved food position in India is due to a number of factors.

The heavy wheat and rice imports during the famine of 1951 left the government with a substantial reserve in hand, which helped to lower prices and bring out hoarded stocks.

At the same time, local production has been increased by the reclamation of land, by improved irrigation, and by use of intensified cultivation, particularly the Japanese method of growing rice.

The Japanese method involves careful selection of plants and individual attention to their growth. In 1953-54, the area put under this system was nearly 200,000 acres.

The man behind this improvement in India's food situation is the food minister, Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, one of the two Muslim ministers in Prime Minister Nehru's cabinet.

Taking over the portfolio shortly after the famine of 1951, he began by abolishing rationing in Madras state and surprised critics by thereby bringing down rice prices and forcing into the open hoarded stocks of food. Since then he has progressively abolished rationing and control of grains all over the country.

## Last of Subsidy To Be Paid QCA

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons Wednesday approved the last payment of a \$100,000 subsidy granted to Queen Charlotte Airlines Ltd. to enable the company to overcome financial difficulties.

The subsidy was granted to the British Columbia company in five payments of \$20,000.

Transport Minister Chevrier said in the Commons the subsidy was paid under the terms of the Aeronautics Act to permit the airline to continue operation. The assistance was authorized because the company serviced isolated and northern areas of the Pacific Coast.



## Bear for Punishment

ALASKA'S GIANT Kodiak bear plays rough. But the people who run the Bronx Zoo have found the perfect toy for him. It's an aluminum beer barrel, which in his playful moments he can bang, bounce and generally maltreat without serious damage. Having seen barrels (filled) being tossed around trucks, we can understand why breweries have turned to these rugged, attractive containers. Another reason, of course, is that aluminum is an excellent protector for food and drink, preserving their purity and flavor indefinitely. Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd. (Alcan).

## OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

One MP who is ending the session literally at the peak of his Parliamentary form is General George Pearkes, VC, of Esquimalt-Saanich.

Ordinarily, General Pearkes is a modest sort of person. He is so modest that the Parliamentary Guide carries no mention in his biography of the heroic exploit in which he won his Victoria Cross. The reason the Parliamentary Guide is silent on the point is that the MPs who are described in it furnish their own biographies. General Pearkes has never seen fit to go into the details of his military service.

On his arrival here back in 1945 Parliament Hill political circles definitely under-estimated the effectiveness of the general. Knowing his modesty, they figured that he belonged in the category of war heroes who become political accidents and disappear from public life after a brief baptism of fire. That wasn't the Pearkes' way of doing things by any means.

The VC hero took up his position on the Ottawa political stage just as he would have done on any battle ground. He took careful stock of his own position and that of the Liberals who had changed from being his employers while he was in the defence forces and had become his political enemy. No government source has suggested that General Pearkes ever took advantage of his experience in the nation's armed service for purposes of political ammunition.

But that doesn't mean that the Liberals have found the Vancouver General easy to handle. The contrary is rather the truth. He has been a real buzz-saw with whom to deal. And the proof of it has been apparent in the latter weeks of the

present Parliamentary session. He really has got into the Liberal government's hair.

For example, just about three weeks ago the General ferreted out the fact that, while Russia was buying canned Canadian pork at something below accepted world prices, the Soviets were also buying high-grade pulpwood for fibre purposes at prices substantially in excess of normally understood world prices. General Pearkes established the fact that the pulpwood in question, for which Moscow was paying a premium price, was capable of being processed into high explosives.

During the current week, the General has discovered that oil pipelines built at huge Canadian investment expense from Alberta to British Columbia are actually carrying foreign petroleum for the use of the naval base at Esquimalt. The General has established the existence of this curious situation in spite of the disappointment of the Alberta oil producers over the Pacific Coast market.

It's something the Liberals are going to have to explain. In the meantime, the General is receiving credit as the opposition who focussed the spotlight on an anomaly.

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