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Peace Coming in Korea

IN AN EFFORT to qualify for the Beard of the Prophet offered by our columnist Elmore Philpott, we hazard the following predictions for 1953 based on the questions he asked.

There will be a cease-fire in Korea but the peace will be an uneasy one. A heavily-guarded border between the north and south will be the scene of incidents from time to time.

There will be no world war involving the U.S. against Russia, or any other combination of forces.

Admission of organized German military units into the western defence alliance will remain an important issue but nothing will be done to execute it. Too many dangers are involved.

Russia will still be a UN member in good standing at the end of the year.

If there is a B.C. election during the year, Social credit will be returned with an increased plurality but still lacking a house majority. The order of the parties will remain unchanged.

Louis St. Laurent will finish the year as our Prime Minister.

In the event of a federal election, the Liberal government will be returned with a reduced majority. The order of the parties, and the seats held by each, will be: Liberals, 142; Conservatives, 70; CCF, 23; Social Credit, 21; others, 6.

Although Mr. Philpott did not ask about this one, it is our prediction that Prince Rupert will gain new prestige as a western port and will enjoy the greatest shipping activity in its peacetime history. The fishing strike will be settled and the city will benefit accordingly.

Price Too Excessive

INSPIRING and visionary though the provincial government's plan to extend the northern boundary of B.C. may be, it is difficult to see how it can effectively carry out the idea when it is unable to take care of the north it already has. It reminds us of how an expert was once defined as a man who brushes aside the small errors to sweep on to the grand fallacy.

It is evident that the government similarly intends to disregard the deficiencies of its present program of northern maintenance and development, if any, to take on more spectacular commitments. As any such expansion would have highway construction as its first essential, one wonders what that will mean to the sad roads we now have around these parts. Budget allowances for provincial highway construction and maintenance have been falling steadily in relation to overall expenditures and the outlook for 1953 offers no encouragement that this will be corrected.

In view of the condition of the road between Prince Rupert and Prince George, and between Prince George and Lac la Hache, and the lack of a link between Prince George and McBride, it is mystifying that the government should consider itself in a position to take on a more ambitious project.

The scheme is also in contradiction to the government's announced policy to cut expenses in its education department and to hold down hospital costs. While there are admittedly great potential sources of revenue in the Yukon Territory, the price of development is certain to outweigh these for a considerable time to come.

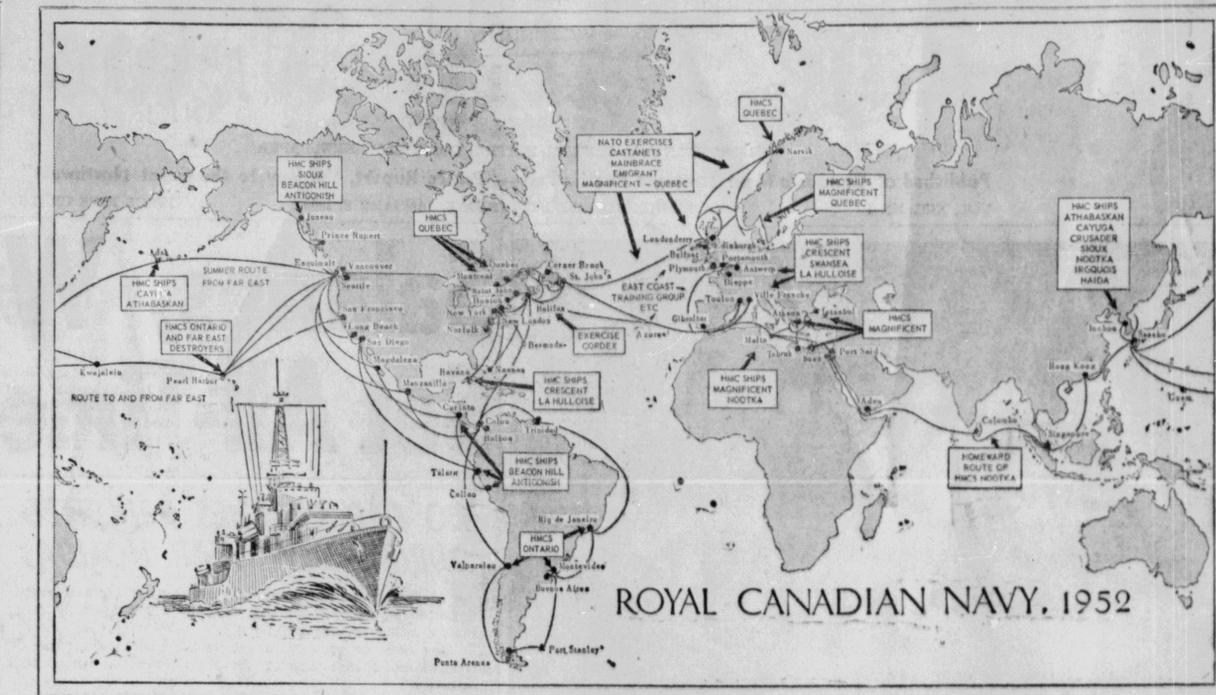
The principle of the plan is good. In the north lies the key to the future and the province would do well to gain possession of it. But first it should put its own house in better order.

Dairymen Up in Arms Over New U.S. Import Restrictions

OTTAWA (CP)—Ire of Canadian dairymen has risen to the boiling point over new restrictions on imports of dairy products to the United States.

The National Dairy Council, spokesman for the Canadian dairy industry, said the U.S. action restricting imports of powdered whole milk and buttermilk is "most deplorable," in view of the "already serious" dairy outlook.

W. K. St. John, the council's executive secretary, suggested if the Canadian government plans retaliatory action, it should be taken against huge imports of American soybeans which go



WARSHIPS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY in 1952 furrowed every ocean, touched on the shores of every continent but Australia, and were in ports above the Arctic circle and the most southerly on earth.

Canal and the Pacific and returning via Singapore, Suez and the Mediterranean. HMCS Ontario training cruiser, made an 18,500-mile journey around South America. HMCS Magnificent, aircraft carrier, took part in three NATO exercises and the cruiser Quebec in two.



As I See It

BY Elmore Philpott

TRUMAN MADE BIG MARK

IN A COUPLE of weeks two men in silk hats will drive together down the broad avenues of Washington. The new President will take the oath of office and be in. The old President will be out.

How will history rate the smiling little man who served as President in one of the most crucial periods in history? I figure, very highly. I think Truman will emerge more and more as anything but a pygmy, not even the scrawpy little bantam rooster type so often pictured.

WE ALL KNOW that there is great restiveness against American overlordship in most countries to which U.S.A. is allied. There have been anti-American riots even in Britain. These are the small nuisances and annoyances which are the price of getting "mixed up together for the common good."

CAN WE ever forget that terrible day in April 1945 when we got the flash that President Roosevelt had died? The great mass of the people, in every civilized country on earth, groaned in spirit or even aloud. It was not so much just grief for the untimely passing of a great, beloved leader. It was, even more, a chilling premonition, a dark foreboding of great new trials to come.

THE GREAT permanent contribution which President Truman made to world stabilization was in killing U.S. isolationism for all time to come. Truman solidly anchored the front lines of American world power where Britain had always kept her own strategic lines in the centuries of the Pax Britannica.

COOKING A Meal Like Writing A 'Best Seller' Cooking a meal is really an art and it can be as exciting as writing a story.

With careful planning and skill, it is sure to be a "best seller." Like any good author the homemaker must first acquaint herself with all the details and information, then outline the plot.

Telegraph Rate Increase Sought

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's telegraph companies have applied to the Board of Transport Commissioners for increased rates on some messages.

ray... Reflects and Reminisces

Dr. W. Clark, Canada's deputy Minister of Finance, is dead. Yet few Canadians knew there was such a man until after announcement. However, many of less importance were darn well known.

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RETAIL TRADE: Some leveling off from the recent holiday tempo, but a higher over-all average for the year. A repetition of the recession of the early months of 1952 while the credit restrictions were in force is not to be expected.

INFLATION: This nightmare should fade steadily as the year progresses. Industrial production will demonstrate increasing ability to meet the demands of both the defence program and of civilian needs. All food supplies are at surplus levels due to record world harvests. Living costs should decrease, thus bringing about an automatic increase in real wages.

EMPLOYMENT: A firm labor market will continue, despite the fresh crop of youths that will have to be placed. Immigration will be watched more carefully from the standpoint of the capacity of the labor market to absorb newcomers without risking the point of saturation. Emphasis will be upon badly-needed agricultural and industrial workers.

CURRENCY: It will be a year of continued Canadian dollar strength. Canada's balance-of-payments position will be enhanced as increased marketings of domestic oil result in decreased reliance upon dollar petroleum imports.

PROBLEMS?: Mainly export trade, due to continued dollar shortages overseas. Domestic market saturation in some lines such as farm machinery and household appliances also will necessitate some shifts in production. But none of the problems threatens crisis proportions, and all are capable of solution by a change in present emphasis within the economy. It's a re-assuring outlook.

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OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

It's not so long ago—no later than the depression thirties—that economics used to be referred to as "the dismal science."

On the eve of a New Year, they are prophesying confidently that fledgling 1953 will prove almost the twin of 1952. That means that it's going to be a prosperity year. For amongst all the problems that the now expiring year has presented, real economic distress anywhere in the ten provinces has been conspicuous by its absence.

Here, briefly, is the government economists' preview of the 1953 picture:

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OTTAWA (AP)—British newspapers view Winston Churchill's coming visit to the United States as the prime minister's "personal reconnaissance" to feel out President-elect Eisenhower's attitude toward world problems.

The Liberal News Chronicle tersely welcomed the trip. The Conservative Daily Telegraph said Churchill's trip will "in no way substitute for a formal visit of a British delegation headed by Churchill and planned for the end of February or early March."

The London Financial Times correspondent said the trip was decided upon because a preliminary exchange of views on the new administration's basic policies could not be delayed until Eisenhower was fully settled in the White House. The paper said: "A delay of some six weeks might, in existing circumstances, be detrimental to efficient pursuit of NATO defence plans."

"It would also hold up progress of various plans decided upon at the Commonwealth economic conference in London aimed at liberalization of trade and exchanges which are subject to co-operation by the United States."

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's telegraph companies have applied to the Board of Transport Commissioners for increased rates on some messages.

The companies asked increases of five, 10 and 15 cents in the price of 10-word telegrams, depending on the distance sent. Increases would become effective Feb. 1 if authorized.

Press rates would not be affected.

ALBERTA FARMER MAKES MONEY WITH UNCUT CROP

VALLEYVIEW, Alta.—Farmer Henry Gavillan didn't lose any money even though he left his oats crop uncut this fall. An oil-hunting party, who were unable to move motor vehicles over the muskeg, brought 60 horse into the area and gave Gavillan a contract to winterfeed them in his oats field.

Japanese Group Expected in Alaska Sunday

JUNEAU—A technical mission of forestry experts from Japan is expected to arrive here Sunday for a detailed study of the possibilities of obtaining pulp, lumber and other manufactured forestry products from the Territory, the Alaska Development Board has been advised.

The Board disclosed also that the Shinko Rayon Company, one of the principal users of pulp in Japan, has been conferring with an earlier Japanese timber mission about Alaska's production possibilities.

Shkizo Kashu, President of Shinko, has notified the Development Board that the party of four men who visited Alaska in October has been "negotiating with the appropriate authorities in accordance with your kind suggestions." The Development Board has been endeavoring to turn the current Japanese interest in the direction of constructing or financing a pulp mill in Alaska.

The new survey group, which will consist of seven men, reached Seattle from Tokyo last Tuesday. They will visit Juneau, Sitka and other locations in the Tongass National Forest.

4th Robbery Suspect Sent to Jail

BOSTON (AP)—The fourth reluctant witness has been sentenced to jail for refusing to answer questions before the Federal grand jury investigating the \$1,219,000 Brinks robbery.

Paul Hooley, 39, of Boston was ordered to begin serving a nine-month term on Monday. Hooley's wife, Mary, 37, has appealed the term of one year for her refusal to tell the grand jury if she had ever seen \$70,000 at one time.

Mrs. Hooley is a sister of Joseph (Specs) O'Keefe, Boston gunman identified by the FBI as the chief suspect in the robbery of the money express company.

SMALL DONATION: SHIPLING, Eng. (CP)—Council received half-a-crown, 35 cents, from a 93-year-old woman in Bristol towards the cost of building its village hall. The woman said her ancestors lived in Shipling 250 years ago.

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