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Look Farther for Power

APART from the respective merits of the two organizations concerned, it is good to know that at last some settlement is being reached in the question of who shall supply Prince Rupert with its power. The issue has hung ponderously over the city for years. It has caused moments of real ill feeling and taken up countless hours of debate in city council.

Possibly the party most inconvenienced by it all was the Northern B.C. Power Company. Uncertain of whether or not it was here to stay, the company was in an intolerable position and of course was prevented from making any long-term plans. This, in turn, was a handicap to the whole potential development of Prince Rupert.

When the company is replaced by the B.C. Power Commission (it will be noted that the move depends on the commission's ability to purchase all company shares), there can be no suggestion that it leaves under a pall of failure. Despite the criticism that any public utility is bound at times to encounter, its record of service has been satisfactory and its personnel has comprised an integral and respected part of the community.

But there is growing evidence that if power development for central and northern B.C. communities is to attain maximum success, responsibility for managing it must be assigned to the power commission. No matter how strongly one disagrees with the principle of public ownership, the fact remains that the commission may be the only body which can adequately exploit the power potential of this section of the province.

The time assuredly is coming when communities along the northern line can discard their diesel generators and jointly draw their power from a vast gridwork utilizing the tremendous water resources that are the priceless heritage of northern B.C. But development of this sort probably will not be economically feasible if it is undertaken on a piecemeal basis by private companies. Overall planning and control will be required which, as far as one can see at the moment, only the power commission can provide.

Here in Prince Rupert we are sitting on the fringe of a country that probably has the greatest potential in hydroelectric development of any single region in the world. Yet, through nobody's fault, we are compelled to rely on local devices for our supply of electricity. The same applies to other points all along the northern line.

If the power commission fails to appreciate the part it can and must play in a broad scheme of development reaching north and maybe into Kitimat, then we are not likely to be any better off. We will merely have exchanged private for public ownership without any compensating factors to go with it. However, the commission has indicated that it will be prepared to expand from present facilities as the industrialization of this area requires. As an important new customer, Prince Rupert must be constantly on the alert to point out the way.

Women Will Win

WOMEN of West Pakistan know what they want: Women's rights!

Women representatives in the West Pakistan parliament, bristling under a demand that they refrain from shaking hands with male colleagues because it's against Moslem law, announced that they would shake hands with whom they pleased. As parliament debated, the women stood on their chairs, shouted until the males gave up and then shook hands with every man who was willing.

West Pakistan might just as well get used to its new world. Our women shouted us down long ago.

—Milwaukee Journal.

As I See It

By Elmore Philpott

Hangman Out

AFTER years of deliberation, a committee of the parliament of Canada has decided to keep the death penalty for murderers but to recommend a less gruesome method of putting the convicted murderers to death.

Electrocution or death by gas chamber is considered by the committee to be more humane than death at the end of the hangman's rope.

It is therefore clear that the majority of the Senators and MPs who served on the committee agreed with humanitarians all across Canada that hanging is a brutal and even hideous way of ending the life of a criminal convicted of what society properly considers the most serious crime in the book.

But the majority of the committee members have not agreed with the steadily and now rapidly growing conviction that capital punishment itself is as outworn an institution as is the brutal technique of hanging, as a means of carrying it out.

FOR that reason, it is clear that the committee's report will not be accepted by the parliament of Canada without a prolonged debate; and that even if accepted, it will not settle the argument for long. For the real argument in not whether it is more fitting and humane to take a convicted murderer's life by hanging, electric shock, gas chamber, shooting, or by lethal injection. The real argument is whether society is legally and morally right or wrong to take a second life, because one life has already been criminally taken.

This is a question which has nothing to do with the technical question as to whether Hitler's method of mass murdering 5,000,000 innocent Jews in gas chambers was more "civilized" than is the messy method which you and I, and all the other citizens of Canada use, when we put murderers to death by breaking their necks on the end of a rope.

IN MY opinion, the committee's report is not in accord with the facts and not even in accord with the evidence given directly to it, when it suggests that the death penalty is a deterrent to crime, and especially to murder.

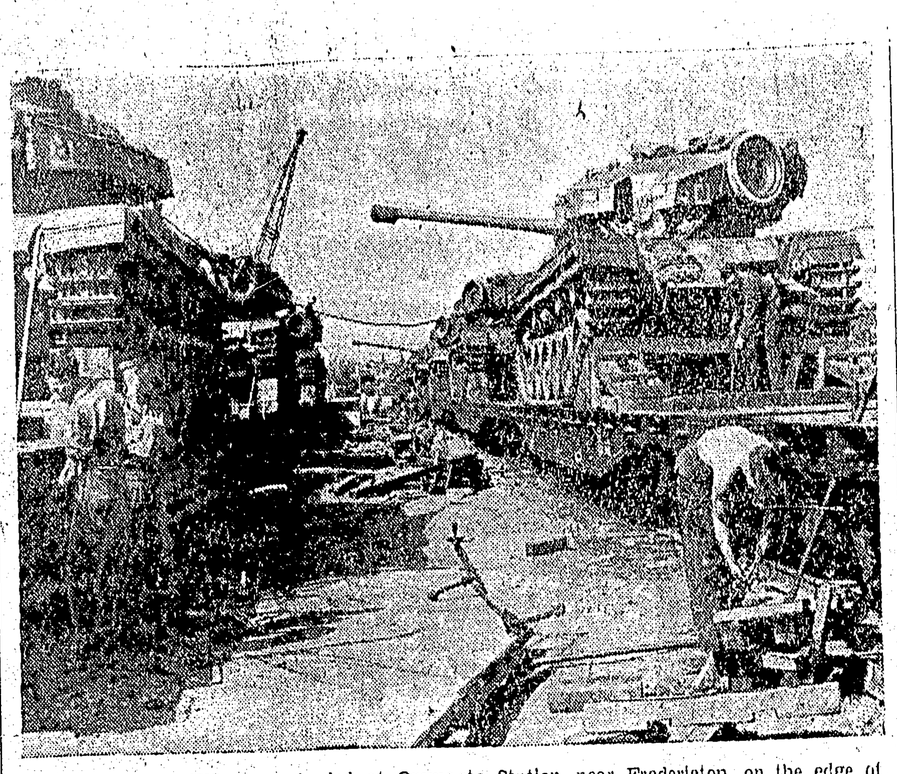
It is just not possible to prove, from the official statistics, that abolition of the death penalty has had any effect whatsoever or the rate of crime in general, or the rate of murder in particular.

Certainly the rate of murder has not risen in the numerous countries of the world which have already abolished the death penalty. Moreover, in the United States there are neighboring states where the population is of about the same type but where one state executes murderers and the other state does not. There is not the slightest shred of evidence to prove that there are more murders in the states which imprison their murderers than there are in their next door neighbors which hang them, shoot them, gas them to death, or kill them in the electric chair.

THE ultimate question is a moral one, which every citizen of Canada must answer in his own mind or heart:

Is it still right—for the state—ceremoniously to kill murderers, on the ground of vengeance—an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a life for a life?

Do two wrongs ever make one right, even if the state itself commits one wrong?



CENTURION TANKS are unloaded at Oromocto Station, near Fredericton, on the edge of Camp Gagetown, for a big summer army exercise. Fifty of the tanks rolled off flatcars to take part in manoeuvres at the New Brunswick training centre. (CP Photo).

Report From VICTORIA

By JAMES K. NESBITT

VICTORIA—Premier Bennett continues to be delightfully vague about when the next B.C. general election will come. He's the one who'll set the date, and he'll pick that date to suit the best interests of Social Credit, no matter how much he talks about holding an election when, as he says, it'll be in the best interests of all the people of British Columbia.

Because the election might be this year, or next year, or not until the year after that, as the Premier so mysteriously puts it, his political enemies have to be ready, aye, always ready.

And so it is that the election campaign has actually started in this province. All the opposing politicians are out making hay—and, as a result we hear a fair amount of political nonsense being talked in loud voices.

One of these days—far, far away—perhaps we'll have a more sensible, democratic way of setting election dates. It will—or should—be done by the people, in the Constitution Act—a certain date every four years, at the same time keeping the British safeguard of a defeat of the government on the floor of the House, followed by another election. Setting of election dates is vastly too important to be left to the political whims of one man—even though that man be so important a man as a Premier.

But as to all the political poppings-off we hear these days!

The Premier insists the defeat of Social Credit in Saskatchewan was, in very truth, a great victory for Social Credit. Thus does the Premier whistle to keep up his courage, and attempt to confuse his political opponents.

CCF leader Robert Strachan runs about saying Social Credit spent $600,000 fighting the election in Saskatchewan—and Mr. Strachan is most suspicious as to where such tons of gold came from. This is just a wild guess on Mr. Strachan's part. He has no way of knowing how much Social Credit spent—SC'ers not talking out loud about such touchy matters as campaign funds, they being, as with all political parties, very hush-hush.

Liberal leader Arthur Laing cries out in some anguish that the SC government is engaging in what he calls "squandermania,"—which word is not a Laingism, as it might first appear, but is to be found in the dictionary. Mr. Laing bursts out this way in indignation because the government is spending $100,000 on a "Buy B.C. Produce" campaign, to help the farmers, Mr. Bennett says. Mr. Laing is infuriated because, in the newspaper advertising, appears a large picture of a handsome, smiling W. A. C. Bennett. Mr. Laing is quite sure Mr. Bennett is not out to help the farmers as much as he's out to help his own political cause—and, at the taxpayers' expense. Says Mr. Laing: "This is no advertisement for food, but purely political propaganda for Bennett . . . . ."

It's all very well to have differences of political opinion, but B. C.'s politicians engage themselves in far too much petty, partisan bickering, which may be all very entertaining, but it does add up to a contempt, on the part of the public, for politics and politicians, which is too bad, for politics is the basis of our form of government and politicians are those people to whom we entrust our most important business.

Contract Let For Pulp Mill

VANCOUVER (CP) — Contract for the building of a $88,500,000 pulp mill at Crofton, B.C., on Vancouver Island, has been let by B.C. Forest Products Ltd., to Commonwealth Construction Co. of Vancouver.

H. G Munro, president of the forest firm, said Tuesday clearing of the site and excavation for the main buildings is complete and construction will start July 9. The mill is scheduled to go into operation late in 1957.

HEAVY TOLL

TOKYO (AP)—Automobile accidents in Japan last year killed 6,379 and injured 76,501 in 93,081 mishaps. It's a record, topping the previous high of 6,374 deaths in 1954.

OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

Not infrequently thoughtful MPs are bothered by the heresy that perhaps the House of Commons should recognize that there are some major fields in respect to which it could profitably take lessons from the example of the generally maligned Senate.

Especially, for instance, in the highly controversial issue of closure.

From the time of its inception at Confederation the Senate has had no closure rule. Nor is there any evidence right at the present time that it is ever going to need one—not, at any rate, so long as it has Toronto Senator Salter Hayden in the background to prevent any situation of potentially dangerous debate from getting out of hand.

The Hayden method has the virtue of being effective, without stirring the opposition into weeks of time-wasting, energy-consuming, temper-fraying obstruction. Some students of Parliamentary procedure are sufficiently unappreciative of its finer points of technique to call it a gag method and to suggest that it owes its success to a cavalier disregard of the rules of debate. But the fact remains that it is successful—or has been so far. That's something more than the closure rule in the House of Commons can claim.

For example, in recent days New Brunswick Senator Neil McLean wanted to get an inquiry going into the economically-vital situation of tight money, and credit which Bank of Canada policies have brought about. The Senate Banking Committee had before it a bill to extend the loaning powers of the Industrial Development Bank. Bank of Canada Governor James Coyne was on hand to answer questions. Other Senators and MPs were present to hear a situation recognized as one of the foremost problems of the day expertly explored. The stage appeared to be all set for one of Parliament's most important forum discussions of the session.

But Senator Hayden ruled arbitrarily that there must be no such discussion. The only question which the committee could be allowed to consider, he said, was whether or not it should pass the particular bill before it. There could be no discussion of general financial policy.

When Senator McLean protested that the bill before the Committee raised questions of general financial policy, Senator Hayden replied by repeating his ruling. Toronto Senator David Croll had no better success when he tried to get the floor. Even the redoubtable Jean Francois Pouliot, whom no House of Commons Speaker ever succeeded in silencing, was forced to take his seat and left the committee immediately thereafter in protest.

The reaction of Parliamentary circles to the Hayden performance is that it was not only remarkable but also arbitrary. Some Parliamentary economists compute that Bank of Canada interest policies are going to cost the Canadian public no less than $100,000,000 per year in net effect. They consider it is only reasonable that some opportunity should be afforded to check into such a possibility before it is too late.

West Germans To Debate Conscription

BONN (Reuters)— The West German Bundestag Lower House today decided to debate a conscription bill aimed at raising 500,000 men for the armed forces.

Earlier noisy Social Democrat demands that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer be recalled from a state visit to Italy to attend the debate was voted down.

The government denied Social Democrat Opposition contentions that it was "whipping" the bill through the House and moved to give the bill its second reading.

In Rome Adenauer had another talk with Italian Prime Minister Antonia Segni on the last day of his three-day visit. They were accompanied by political and economic experts.

The bill provides for conscription but not for its duration. The government proposes to ask for an 18-month term in a bill to be submitted in the fall.

ANCONA, Italy (AP)—Some rat kept stealing banknotes from Carlo Frontini's wine shop cash box. Finally Carlo moved his refrigerator and found a hoard of 10,000 lire notes worth $10 each. They had been used to line a rat's nest.

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