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# Making Page One

FROM a newspaperman's point of view at least, the Liberal party in B.C. is hitting on all cylinders. In his talk here Friday night, Liberal leader Arthur Laing provided enough material to make a good headline story of any of several items.

First, of course, was his accusation that Railways Minister Chetwynd won a bet at great expense to the province in getting the Pacific Great Eastern railway into Vancouver by a specific date. Then he spoke persuasively of the Social Credit government's remarkable way of covering up a mounting debt, and he carried a real punch in his comments about the danger of providing access through the Alaska Panhandle at the expense of facilities that now exist, such as the port of Prince Rupert. In addition, there was his charge that the autonomy of school and hospital boards is being needlessly surrendered to the government.

Any one of these and several more points were excellent newspaper material. Mr. Laing showed convincingly that he knows how to hit page one, and it is evident from the performance of his party in the legislature that his colleagues are equally experienced.

The big question is whether this is enough to persuade the voters that the Liberal party should be once more returned to power. It does not take any special knowledge of political affairs in B.C. to sense that the position of the Social Crediters is still fairly solid. In two general elections they have shown real strength at the polls and nothing has happened since—and that also goes for the dispute centred on former Lands and Forests Minister Sommers—to suggest they have lost in public acceptance.

But there can be no doubt that if Mr. Laing and his associates continue to attack in their present aggressive manner and are able to back up their charges, gains will be made. The press is going to report their remarks just so long as they remain clear of the tedium of political platitude, and the public accordingly will be alert to the fact that a fight is in progress.

While there is this kind of action, no party can be sure that it has the next election cinched.

# Man Inferior Being

SINCE the beginning of this century Man the Master has received so many jolts from fragile females that he is running around in circles. He has been ousted or equalled in almost every field of endeavor.

There are lady doctors, lawyers, business executives, fisherwomen and even pipe smokers. The Lord of the Manor has practically been relegated to obscurity. No more does he issue orders in that manly voice which made females tremble. He wipes dishes, waxes floors and even runs errands.

—Sherbrooke Record.

## BCE Seeks to Build Mica Dam

VANCOUVER (CP)—What British Columbia Power Co. says it has learned B.C. Electric Co. Ltd. will seek authority to build the Mica creek dam on the upper Columbia river and develop the enormous hydro power potential of that site.

The cost has been estimated at $247,000,000 by Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, chairman of the International Joint Commission, which engineers have said the project is feasible.

Mica is a forested mountain valley in southeastern B.C., 85 miles north of Revelstoke where the Columbia now is only a narrow river.

The story said "it is hoped and expected" the meeting of federal resources minister Jean Lesage and Premier Bennett in Victoria July 4 will open the way for BCE to launch the project.

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# As I See It

BY

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## Are Armies Out?

I WROTE in this space Saturday about a remarkable oversight in Lt. Gen. Guy Simonds' campaign for conscription in Canada.

That oversight was the General's failure to show that large scale armies will ever again play the same part that they formerly played in war; and hence the doubt as to th eusefulness of conscription to raise armies which may never be used in nuclear war.

Now along comes confirmation of the arguments I was trying to make. Prime Minister Eden announces Britain's intention drastically to re-organize her entire defence force program. Eden suggests that conventional land armies can never again play the same decisive role that they played in the past.

IN FAIRNESS to General Simonds, it may be true that he, too, foresees the relative decline in the importance of armies and tanks.

It is certainly true that, in the event of nuclear war, we would need a well trained and well disciplined nation-wide force to deal with the situation which would arise. But there is nothing in the public utterances of Lt. Gen. Simonds, to date, to prove that he recognizes the need for a new type of defence force.

One obvious need is for a home defence force whose main duty would be to maintain order in the situation which would follow an attack on Canada by nuclear bombs.

Whole cities would be wiped out. Normal communications would be destroyed. Vast regions would be left as poisoned wastes as a result of the radio active fall-out.

The main task of the civilian defence force would surely be to save as much as possible from the general wreckage and to try to knit together as many as possible of the broken strands of a shattered society.

FIELD Marshal Montgonmery seems to agree with General Simonds that considerable land armies are still a necessity. During his visit to Vancouver, he summed up the situation with his customary punch. It was to the effect that, H-bombs or no H-bombs, every country still needed an army to prevent an enemy from taking physical possession of its land.

No doubt this is true. The real question is what size of an army does a country like Canada now need for the type of a war we might be called on to fight; and exactly how should that army be trained and equipped.

In the early years of the H-bomb era, orthodox thinking among the brass hats in the western world was that Canada never needed to fear actual large-scale physical invasion—though this country may well be the target for nuisance raids or airborne landing to put our northern installations out of business.

Surely these are questions which should be threshed Guy Simonds could not only have their say but be crossexamined by competent persons.

AT WASHINGTON, some of the keenest minds appear to believe that large scale expenditures on the old-fashioned army and navy units are waste of money.

They figure that the intercontinental missiles will be the decisive weapon of the near future. They claim that there is a possible available electronic device called SAGE, which can be installed to intercept and shoot down even missles travelling at speeds with which the present day radar sets and other defensive mechanisms cannot cope.

It all boils down to this: we are in a period of revolutionary change in the weapons of war and old-fashioned thinking could be our deadliest enemy.

# All Aboard

By G. E. MORTIMORE

Millions of newspaper readers and television watchers are now acquainted with the inside story of President Eisenhower.

The Chicago Daily News (which has been averaging eight Eisenhower stories daily) published on its front page a small road map of the presidential digestive tract, with danger points and detours clearly marked.

This niggardly coverage was bettered by some other papers, which showed a panoramic view of ALL the president's insides.

I understand that Associated Press tried to send a man down to file a special report from near the appendix, but the internal security bureau wouldn't give him clearance.

Nevertheless, the man in the street knows more about the president's alimentary canal than he does about the St. Lawrence seaway.

American reporters, forgetting their grammar, are ending every sentence with a colon.

We Canadians are an old-fashioned lot. Only the outsides of our statesmen have been pictured in the newspapers so far. The minister of trade and commerce may have gas on the stomach; and the leader of the opposition (as his critics suggest) may have an enlarged spleen, but nobody has yet photographed these features of the political landscape.

Diagrams of the Trans Canada pipeline have appeared in the press, but the internal tubes of our politicians have never been publicly mapped.

Are they trying to hide something from us?

We do not mean to be disrespectful, but if any changes are proposed in the route of a politician's inner highway, the people should be informed, and tenders called in the correct manner.

## Queen Invests Eden as Knight

WINDSOR, England (Reuters)—Queen Elizabeth today buckled a jewelled garter around the left knee of her prime minister, Sir Anthony Eden, investing him as a night of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, the oldest European order of chivalry.

In a ceremony more than 600 years old, she also invested two other new Knights of the Order, Earl Attlee, former leader of the Labor party and prime minister from 1945 until 1951, and Lord Iveagh, chancellor of Dublin University.

Sir Winston Churchill, who was invested as a Knight of the Garter two years ago, was one of Eden's supporters today. The formal investiture followed conferring of the award on Eden last year.

In the throne room of Windsor Castle, the Queen, wearing a royal blue mantle, the Garter on her arm, a plumed, floppy blue hat and blue sash and St. George medallions, summoned the new knights-elect. She had returned from a state visit to Sweden only a few hours before.

Eden, in morning dress, led the way, passing through the lines of the Knights Companions of the Order and their ladies.

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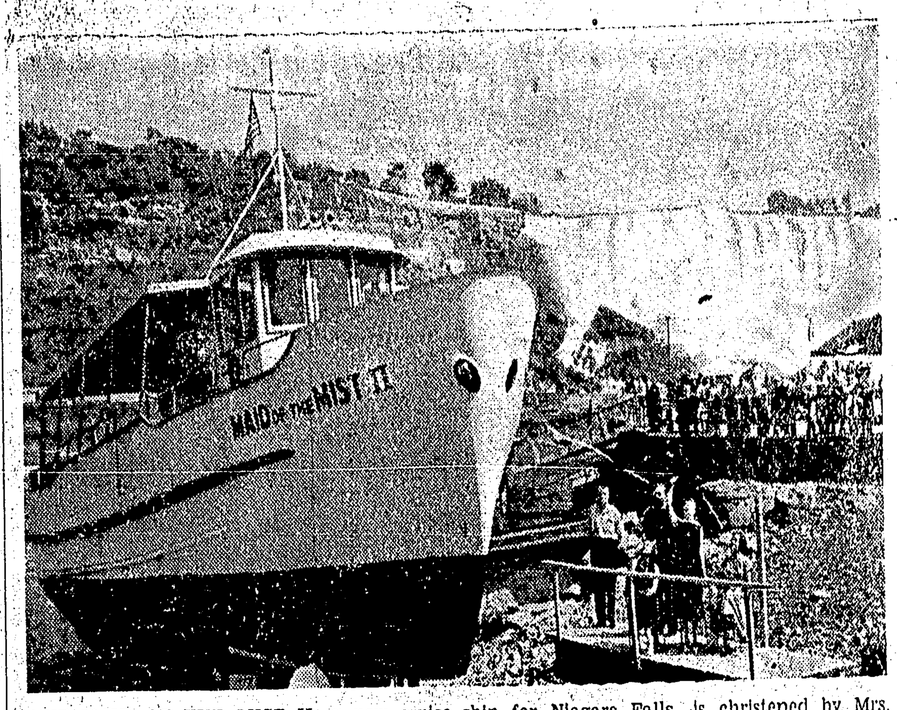


THE MAID OF THE MIST II, a new cruise ship for Niagara Falls, is christened by Mrs. Frank LeBonde, wife of the builder, at the building yard below the falls. It joins a sister ship launched last July. They replace two cruise ships burned April 22, 1955. (CP Photo).

*Report From*

# PARLIAMENT

By E. T. APPLEWHAITE, MP Skeena

Due to various circumstances incompleteness of title to the land, etc., the Village of Stewart was unable last year to use the small grant of $10,000 voted for their airstrip. I am glad to say that this amount has re-appeared in the supplementary estimates, tabled this month.

Perhaps some progress, though certainly slow, is being made in the efforts to make the Atlantic Treaty Association more effective in cultural, social and information affairs. Further conferences were held during April by the NATO study committee in Paris. Various matters were discussed and finally, on April 27th, representatives of the National Centre of Foreign Trade and of the trade unions of industries met to discuss NATO common in infrastructure and the mechanism of international bidding. On March 26 at Bonn there was formed the German Atlantic Society, Inc. whose aims include "to promote the establishment of a European Community within the framework of the Atlantic Community." All persons or societies who agree with its aims can apply for membership. It is expected that this society will be admitted as a member of the Atlantic Treaty Association this month.

Last Sunday morning I attended St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church here. The reason for this annual action on my part was that the service was conducted by guest preacher, Rev. Dr. E. A. Wright of Duncan, B.C. who was for several years at Prince Rupert.

The recent months of bargaining among countries subscribing to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade have brought results, as far as Canada is concerned, of some importance. Here and there in a wide range of items of small importance is found an item that would make a difference. D. B. Gillespie, President of the Canadian Exporters Association, expresses satisfaction with the deals as a whole, for this reason, "Canada granted tariff concessions on $300 million worth of goods and granted concessions on $180 million—. Hence, Canada has made a better showing than at past meetings of the GATT."

The Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act will be in effect through 1957 and 1958. We passed that measure on June 13. The last speaker in this long debate was my old friend and former room-mate, Karl Eyre, MP for Timmins, a leading gold-producing area in Northern Ontario. In a practical down-to-earth speech, Mr. Eyre pointed out the value to Canada as a whole, of the gold producing communities. I was in the Chair when he spoke, so, knowing our years of friendship he started his remarks with; "Mr. Chairman, I hope you will not call me to order too often." He said that he felt that the House did not want too much repetition and that there were others who were probably more qualified to speak than was he. Personally, I doubt whether any Member in the whole House has the practical knowledge of gold-mining that Karl Eyre has. He wanted it to be understood right away any figures he quoted and anything else he said was going to apply strictly to his constituency. In other words he only spoke about things he had a full knowledge of—a practice not always followed here. He proved to us clearly that gold mining is rather the major and basic industry in Timmins, and that Canada as a whole received dividends from the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act far in excess of the small amounts expended under the Act.

WON'T BOYCOTT BUSES

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)— The Miami chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has rejected the idea of a boycott of Miami buses protesting segregation. A resolution condemning boycotts as "untenable" was passed Sunday at a meeting of 400 Negro NAACP leaders. But G. E. Graves, representing the NAACP, announced that he soon will file a federal court suit challenging the constitutionality of Miami's bus segregation laws.

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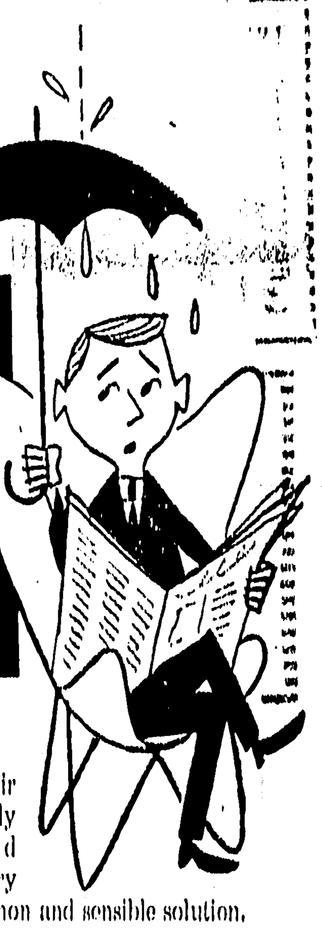
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