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Less Haste Wanted

LTHOUGH there was some clarification at Monday's city council meeting of problems concerning our telephone operations, the impression persists that increased rates are being shot at us with illtimed areed.

Quite logically former alderman Harry Daggett jal committee of parliapointed out in his letter to this paper there could be ment. To guarantee over a 20-year period that rates would remain unchanged. Within 20 years we can expect to see a recurrence of some of the maintenance diffigulties that made the old system so costly. Moreover, if the present trend of living costs is any indication, the rates of virtually every public service will be substantially higher in 20 years so that no one will be surprised if those of our telephone system are forced to follow suit.

But what is disturbing is that the climb should start so soon. Presumably right now the system is , close to first-rate working order. Perhaps there are a few bugs still to be eliminated but the equipment itself must be in excellent shape since it has been in operation for only six months. Surely this must mean a considerable saving in maintenance which, 'as far as the public is aware, has not been given any , place in the calculations.

If the extra revenue is urgently needed, no one can even pretend to protest the telephone by-law that has now been introduced. The telephone service should be a self-sustaining operation and it is appar-Ent that with the proposed rates Prince Rupert will still have an advantage over towns of similar size.

It seems, however, that the revenue to be realized from increased rates is not entirely an immediate necessity and that there is some idea of putting part of it away for a rainy day. If this is the case, the WVA cheque. whole plan should be dropped until the necessity is far more compelling.

The fanfare that attended introduction of our new system is still fresh in the public mind. It may he common sales practice in business to put across quick deals while enthusiasm is running high, but where civic administration is concerned the customer should be given more chance to breathe. His opportunities to do so are so rare.

Heavenly Hash

THREE ministers in Springfield, Iil., have just learned that even clergymen may suffer when they venture into the world of the dubious.

They established a restaurant called The Celestial Grill. It was equipped with religious art, a jukebox that played hymns and waitresses who would discuss theological matters with a customer on request. It was a genuine effort to provide a place where people might, in the words of the sign outside, "dine in a Christian atmosphere."

Unfortunately, it did not succeed. As the Rev. R. C. Peters, one of the partners, explained sadly: "People expected the food to be twice as good at half -New York World-Telegram the price."

New Type of Berlin Blockade Threatened by East Germany

1st East Germany, today threat- would be disastrous with the ma- deduction from his WVA cheque eried a new type of Berlin block-jor lifelines of West Berlin, the for such odd jobs, ade by announcing huge increases in road taxes for vehicles highways the West Germany, protravelling through the Soviet hibitively expensive. Zene on the 110-mile autoban between this city and West Gor-'

Mayor Otto Suhr of West Berlin immediately branded the measure as "one of the expected reactions" to ratification of the Paris treaties for rearming West Germany.

The East German press says the tax increases are intended to make Western transport share the cost of maintaining the road. SAID "FANTASTIC"

A West Berlin government spokesman described the rises, offective Friday, as "fantastic" and in effect "a cold blockade of

The spokesman said the tax for goods transported by road, on which the West Berlin economy dopends, would increase elevenbuses, hitherto the cheapest with West Germany, would be four times as much. For private cars it would be almost trobled and for motorcycles doubled,

The spokesman said the of-

BERLIN (Reuters) .- Commun. feet on the West Berlin economy months. But there would be no



Baing John, N.B., has been appointed a judge of the Exthe first New Brunswicker to be named to the court since 1887, Mr. Justico Ritchio, 60, was born in Saint John and has been prominent in his provinco's legal, business and industrial life for many years.

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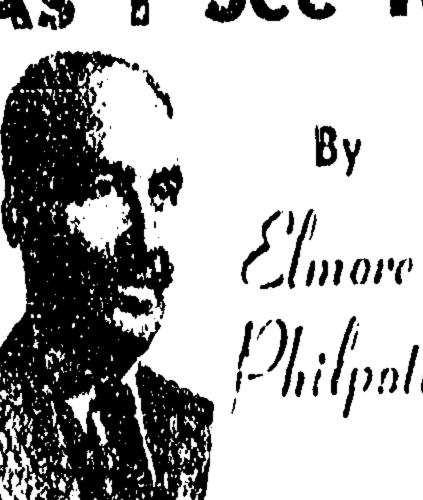
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The WVA Raises

HERE are the new rates and conditions for War; Veterans Allowances, as |finally passed by the spec-

get \$60 instead of \$50 from April

Married couples will get \$103 instead of \$90 per month also from April 1.

THE total permissable income, over and above the regular WVA cheques, is raised from \$720 to \$840 per year in the case of single men and from \$1200 to \$1440 for married couples.

It was made very clear in the committee proceedings that the above figures are "floors" even LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP more than they are "cellings."

'extra payment of \$10 per month; 🛥 💼 in the case of single people and \$12 per month in the case of

This is what is called "Special Assistance" and is granted only to those who need it. But in the case of WVA people who live in big cities like Vancouver all that is necessary is to fill out the spec-(ial form and prove that you have no other cash income than your

A single man drawing the WVA and Special Assistance at the new rates would get a total cheque each month from the government of Canada for \$70. \ married couple drawing the full WVA and also Special Assistance would get \$120. In the cress examination by the committee of the officials of the De- NOVA SCOTIA partment of Veterans Affairs it became very clear that vast WVA do not yet know about this 📆 extra "Special Assistance Fund."

timate, there are over 13,000 inquiry. people drawing WVA cheques who have no other income of any SASKATCHEWAN kind and who would therefore. A special committee set up to for married couples.

what a WVA man or woman is time in some sections. allowed to earn, over and above NEWFOUNDLAND the WVA cheque.

The sky is literally the limit in the case of odd jobs. You can make all the money you can get, from as many people as you can find, so long as you do not take many for one of the province's a teady employment. Thus for twenty people in his neighborhood. He might do so at the Ltd. as \$54,986. rate of \$5 per month and so earn

thu look of remilian Joh may with la small radio station, to sweep up and clean for an hour or two per day, he could not earn more than \$50 per month, without deduction from his WVA cheque. The idea behind this is quite !

The parliament of Canada, Court Quashes and the government of Canada. want to make sure that war vet. Youth's Appeal erans and their families have enough money to live on. But they do not want to give WV/ grants to people who in fact can egular jobs --- as distinguishe from odd jobs, or small paying part time jobs.

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC chapel of Stella Nia ara Seminary-stands in a sea of ice jamming the Miagara river between the falls and Lake Ontario, The dee, in some places 55 feet above the · normal level of the river's surface, dwarfs the little church, and threatens to sweep 'It hway, Sunny weather and milder temperatures bave since removed the thirdaling

to the unemployed.

Veterans Allowanc in Canada is now entitled to apply for an

By The Canadian Press A member of the Ontarlo leg- ture two members of the Social dian Pacific Airlines over-theislature says labor cannot have Credit government rented a pole route to Europe will take off -, a guaranteed annual wage under building to the government, con- from here April 9. Regular trans- chinery industry the improvethe private-enterprise system.

W. E. Brandon, Progressive- act. Conservative member for York The act prohibits a person. The DC-4 will carry a crew of West, was speaking Tuesday dur- from sitting in the House if he seven, Along with, four extra countries. Orders for these maring the budget debate.

would require state control of all money. industry and enterprise operat- MANITOBA ing in any community, he said. The Manitoba legislature urg- brador, and Sondrestrom. "Who," he asked, "would pay the ed. the sederal government by It will also circle emergency Harvester Company is actually guaranteed wages of employees resolution to speed up its public strips at Frobisher on Baffin 18- extending considerably its Ca-

In other legislatures:

Private members suggested in the Nova Scotia legislature that numbers of men and women on finance companies be investigat- ment

The government said it agreed So far as the officials can es- but did not commit itself on an;

appear to be eligible for the ex-find a solution to Saskatchewan's tra grant of \$10 per month for time troubles suggested to the single people and \$12 per month legislature a plebiscite be held on what residents want.

Two time zones, central and ONE other thing became clear in mountain, split the province and the hearings. There is still a other differences are introduced vast amount of confusion about in the summer with daylight

Opposition leader M. Hollett told the Newfoundland legislature he has information that a machine imported from Gernew industries was valued at \$12,600 on the involce and entered on the books of Koch Shoes

Mr. Hollett spoke in support of a non-confidence motion moved) by W. J. Browne, Progressive-Conservative member for St. John's West, Mr. Browne usked) for a royal commission to investigate the economic development program which resulted in establishment of 10 new indus-1 tries -... including Koch shoes ---) during the last five years. ALBERTA

Opposition leader J. Harper

VANCOUVER O - The B.C. Court of Appeal Tuesday digconviction of the rifle-murder! of his girl friend's step-father.

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at her second trial of knowingly possessing counterfeit United States currency, Her first (rial ended in a jury disagreement.

JIRS! HARRY PURSEY, 41, Ipaves a Montreal court with her

husband, Cindr. Harry, Purkey, Labor member of the Brillsh

Clotted of Commons for East Hall, Mrs. Pursey was acquitted

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Early relief is in sight for two velopment all the inc the large-scale industries because it was market which over recent months have two industries were been presenting stubborn prob- having become "to lems of unemployment. The two the national economic industries in question are the normal seasonal impact textile and the farm machin- unemployment would

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The prospect of improvement ing them of lowercomes from unexpected sources, imports and decline the case of the textile indus- farm income were ry It is raised by the new mir- as insoluble in ecle bullet-resistant and wear- future. resistant fabrics developed by But with the new Defence Department researchers, ahead of these ind In the case of the farm machin- ernment confidence ery industry the new factor is a cral economic outlons substantial increase in export balance of the vest business to Brillsh Common-correspondingly, The wealth countries.

Close observers of the over-all 1955 before its close with memployment situation—main- prosperity record set government statisticians and party politicians with their early o the ground—liave Just two 1 doubts with respect to the tox-He industry's prospects. They take for granted that largevolume orders for the new fabries will be placed by the Desence Department and that stock-pile for future use will be created. But they don't know just how long it is going to take Individual mills to swing into production on the new fabrics. More important, they don't know what the ultimate effect of the new fabrics is going to be upon volume of production. The new it materials are said to be so amazingly wear-resistant that if they l should come into popular gen- i eral use they would reduce sharply the textile yardage cur-

CPA Planning

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Prowse told the Alberta legisla- crews who will pioneer the Cana- demand. is a direct reflection of the mildi boom of recent months in the holds a contract with the gov- crew members and three tech- liets are being filled from Cana-The guaranteed annual wage ernment or has received public nicians and will fly to London dian factories in order to gain stler familiarization landings at the advantage of the British pre-Churchill, Man., Goose Bay, La- serential tariss. States-controlled International works program and extend aid land and Narsalssuak on nodian subsidiary at Chatham, Donovan Swalles, CCF member The flight will be the first Empire preference duties, the for Winnipeg Centre, said the ccean-hop although a CPA plane the IHC Chatham plant would resolution was "another governresolution was "another govern- earlier this month made a lam- be shipped from the United which sidetracks provincial res- Marization flight from Vancou-States.

For the St. Laurent Cabinet Ministers the improvement looming up in the textile and farm's machinery industries is a de-

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