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Choice of Two Evils

A LTHOUGH France originally proposed the European Defence Community plan, its decision to postpone further debate on the subject cannot be regarded as a complete surprise,

From the beginning there was a question of which France feared more—Communist aggression or German rearmament. When the Korean war broke out, it was the Red menace that held attention and talk of EDC evolved with French concurrence. But even then France was cautious and its support was qualified.

In the months that followed, it had reason to step more carefully yet. Not only did the Korean war fizzle out, but France's feud with the Communists in Indo-China was called off. Although the latter development was a victory for the other side, the French were so tired of the scrap that its conclusion came as a national relief. In fact, at that point their relations with the enemy were close to being cordial.

Against this were the Frenchman's historic fear and dislike of his Teutonic neighbor. Whatever the other hazards might have been, he could never really relish the idea of taking up arms with the country whose leader, Hitler, a few years ago was doing a victory jig on French soil.

Perhaps it is not wise of the French to behave as they have. Perhaps it is an act of ingratitude and poor faith towards those allies who helped drive the enemy from their land. But hatred often runs deeper than wisdom and, in the particular case of the French, it is not at all certain that they can be called at fault.

Hands Across Border

that's

JOWDY, Neighbor!" That's going to become a common greeting between residents on both sides of the international line of Alaska and British Columbia, leading to closer co-operation for development of resources.

The annual convention of the Associated Board of Trade of Central British Columbia to be held in Ketchikan Sept. 8 and 9 will bring together many notables from both sides of the boundary.

It is expected nearly 100 delegates and visitors will attend. Included will be high-ranking officials, business executives and industrialists from both sides of the border.

Most important of all, most of the problems for expansion and development are mutual.

Brought to bear on eliminating many of the present handicaps will be powerful official and industrial factors.

Meetings between the interested parties cannot he held too often. 'Plans outlined will reach Washington, D.C., and the Canadian parliament for assisting dosuperalive development, is

Thus, the common greeting across the border, "Howdy Neighbor," will take on a new meaning.

One thing sure, Ketchikan will do its part to welcome the visitors.

-Ketchikan Daily News.

REFLECTS

If space is available at Rock- be of unusual interest, not only eliffe barracks in Ottawa, Can- to Canada and Canadians, but ada is to have a' Royal Cana- of general concern as well. Otment by Commissioner L. H. Ni- more or less concern in a variety cholson. All exhibits would be of matters will be even more so, directly or indirectly associated with RCMP work, history and buckground.

Jack Land

This is from a recent announce- tawa always a city to arouse [

On Thursday, September 2 The story of the Mounties goes Wilf Ray and Marion McDonald 3 back as far as the story of Con- will wed at the PNE in Vancoufederation and word that a mu- ver. Do they love one another? seum is planned for Ottawa After all, nothing else really comes as something certain to matters!

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THE SALE of the YEAR SKEENA GROCERY SOON

VICTORIA REPORT

By J. K. NESBITT

VICTORIA— By way of at hange from politics and history, this column this week! would like to talk a little about Long Beach, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

This beach will shortly be linked to the Island's main road! system by a gravel highway to be constructed by logging companies which receive forest management licenses in the area.

We visited Long Beach last week. It's certainly a remote! place now. We motored from! Victoria to Port Alberni, spent four and a half hours on a chugging boat called the Uchuck on the Alberni Canal and Barkley Sound (where we felt the swell of the open Pacific) and from Ucluelet took a bus 17 miles and then walked down the heach a mile to our camp.

It's a wonderful beach-miles and miles of it, of sand so hardpacked you can drive a car over it. The rollers constantly pound in; the roar never ceases. In! winter those rollers toss huge logs about as if they were matches. The massive rock formations are fascinating; it's great fun to poke among them, climbing them high over the sea, the breezes from the ocean ruffling your hair, the salt spray in your face.

We managed to get our toes into the water; yes, it's cold, perishingly cold, though Long Beach residents insist it's not as cold as the water of Victoria's beaches. Some hardy souls do swim at Long Beach—for a few minutes. Youngsters are warned ing the opening by the E. B. not to go too far out, because of dangerous undertow.

baggage and supplies. It's a portant people, including some mile down the beach from the of Parliament Hill's top-flight bus stop to the camp so Mrs. Peggy Whittington, who runs ment officials. the camp, meets the bus with a pony called Duchess and a cart; painted blue. Into the cart go briefly to the gathering. But in the baggage and supplies for the his short talk he reminisced trot down the beach. Mrs. Whittington used to push the baggage which he had bought control of and supplies in a big wheel- the Eddy Company from barrow. The pony and cart must former owner, the late R, B. Benbe Canada's most novel method of hauling baggage.

beauty. You need to be a really isced, "he told me: Young man, umbia. rugged type to stay there for I give you this word of advice:

It was a refreshing trip, their face'." though, and one comes back to lit is so long since any smoke the city ready once more to has been flying in anyone's face plunge into politics and his- in the indifferent struggle be-

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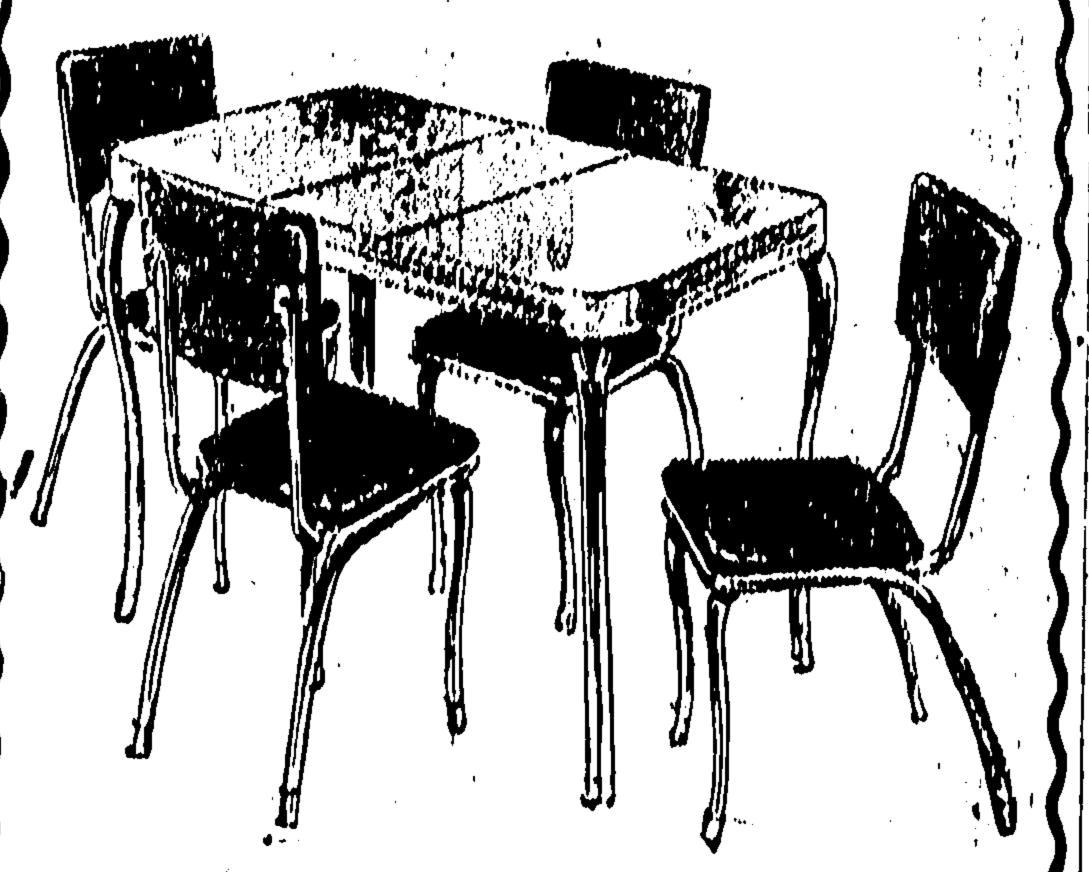
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OTTAWA DIARY

field Weston

The Canadian-born tycoon who operates his vast enterprises **Q** on two continents was making B.C. Payments one of his rare appearances here in the Capital. The occasion was a luncheon gathering celebrat-

! pire—of a huge new tissue mill. At Singing Sands Camp there's The guests represented a crossa quaint method of transporting section of the Capital's more impoliticians and senlor govern-

> Industrialist Weston spoke only about the day in England on nett. After the deal had been'

Always keep the smoke flying in /

Eddy Company Limited—a unit During August

Special to The Daily News

VICTORIA- During August 464,460 British Columbians shared \$5,789,949 of the federal welfare payments, W. R. Bone, reg. ional director, department of National health & welfare, said

Of this number 87,145 were old age security pensioners and the remaining 377,317 were children in 183,832 families. The amount! paid in this province.

During the month 533 families completed and a handshake had receiving family allowances came Long Beach, when it's brought been exchanged in token of it, to British Columbia and 513 left

of a by-gone age in Canadian characteristic reminiscence of be non-political, and it remainpolitics been better recaptured the fighting and indomitable "R. ed that way to its end. But only in a single phrase than it was B." elicited a warm round of nost barely. Hon. Alexandre Tache, here the other day by busy in- talgic applause from the gath. Speaker of the Quebec Legislature, returned to the R. B. Bentended to receive.

told Industrialist Weston in his informal address that he blam-

servative Party."

involved was the largest ever applause, surprising in its vigor.

closer to civilization by road, will the former Prime Minister and for other parts of the Dominion. cided it was time to complain ai-But it's doubtful if it will ever retained Weston's hand in his. volved the Prairie provinces and rivet dropped by a worker on the be a populous tourist resort. The "Looking down at me from his Ontario. During the same period Angus L. Macdonald bridge here. rain, it's too exposed for all its as a statesman," Weston remin- entered and 137 left British Col- twice before — by a rivet and a

Rarely has the deflant spirit parties in recent years that the The occasion was supposed to

should have turned over the Con-

nett theme for a brief reference that won probably considerably

more applause than it was in-A Duplessis supporter in provincial politics, Hon. Mr. Tache is an acknowledged Conservative in his Federal sympathies. He reserved the late Mr. Bennett for a particular respect which came close to hero worship. But he

ed the great Bennett for one mistake which had been monumental in its disastrous result! "Instead of turning over the E. B. Eddy Company to you," the Quebec Speaker commented, "he

The remark brought a burst of

Heads Up

HALIFAX (P) — A citizen debecome popular with motorists. Conservative Party Leader had The bulk of the movement in- ter he was nearly hit by a hol. winds are cold, there's plenty of great heighth, both physical and 102 Old Age Security pensioners He said he had been nearly hit

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