

Vision In Blueprint

PROPOSING that an artificial lake be created at Morse Basin for industrial and other uses, G. P. Lyons stirred thoughts if not only of the future but also of the past.

Forty-three years ago almost to the day, consulting engineers working for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway completed a blueprint for the development of Prince Rupert. Now in the archives at city hall this plan anticipated with remarkable foresight some projects which have since come to pass and others which now are certainly within the realm of possibility.

The blueprint placed emphasis on the development of Watson Island as an industrial site and on the establishment of Port Edward as a residential and business centre subsidiary to Prince Rupert. Both of these plans have been realized, though the latter admittedly has some way to go before it conforms with what the engineers had in mind.

Concentrating further on that area, the planners pictured almost exactly the same scheme for damming Morse Basin as that proposed by Mr. Lyons, a fact which he has pointed out. The only difference was that they proposed dams extending from either side of Watson Island—a proposal not now feasible because of Columbia Cellulose operations—rather than at Galloway Rapids as suggested by Mr. Lyons.

The west side of the lake so formed was pictured as a logical site for warehouses served by a rail line completely encircling Kainai Island. As the engineers saw it, the approach to Prince Rupert from the north would be made through Shawatlun Passage. In this connection, they envisioned active development around Seal Cove.

Looking across the harbor, the GTP planners saw excellent waterfront possibilities for the north shore, with a rail line running the entire distance and terminating at Pillsbury Cove, opposite Digby Island, where a community would spring up. The north-east shore of Digby Island was also seen as a promising site for industrial development.

In drawing an idea from these plans, Mr. Lyons has done two things of real merit. He has placed before us a specific proposal for making a much needed supply of water available to local industry—to say nothing of other advantages that might be realized—and he has drawn attention to a broad blueprint of Prince Rupert's future which in almost every respect could still hold good.

Until further study is made, it cannot be decided whether Mr. Lyons' suggestion to create Morse Lake is practical. But whatever happens, the original sweeping scheme in which it was a factor should not be forgotten. It is the actual outline of the dream that the GTP had for Prince Rupert and shows in a manner not since equalled what precisely can be done to make this a major Pacific port.

POWER RESOURCES CONTROL BY B.C. GOVERNMENT URGED

NANAIMO.—Government control of British Columbia hydro-electric resources has been urged by Mayor Earle Westwood.

Speaking to a Chamber of Commerce meeting this week, Mayor Westwood said:

"Because of the influence hydro-electric resources have on the future development of this province they should be controlled by the government of this province."

He also asked the government to provide the B.C. Power Commission with funds enough to push development of hydro-electric energy on a 'wholesale scale.'

B.C. should adopt the Ontario system of development under which the province would develop power to be distributed either by publicly-owned commissions or private companies, he said.

Such a course of action would, he said, tie in with the need of wider dispersal of industry in accord with defence needs and industrial requirements of the province.

"I do not feel that it is well to concentrate the industry of the province in Vancouver and Burnaby. It should be dispersed as widely as possible for the benefit both of industry and the people. I believe that industry, wherever feasible, should go to labor."

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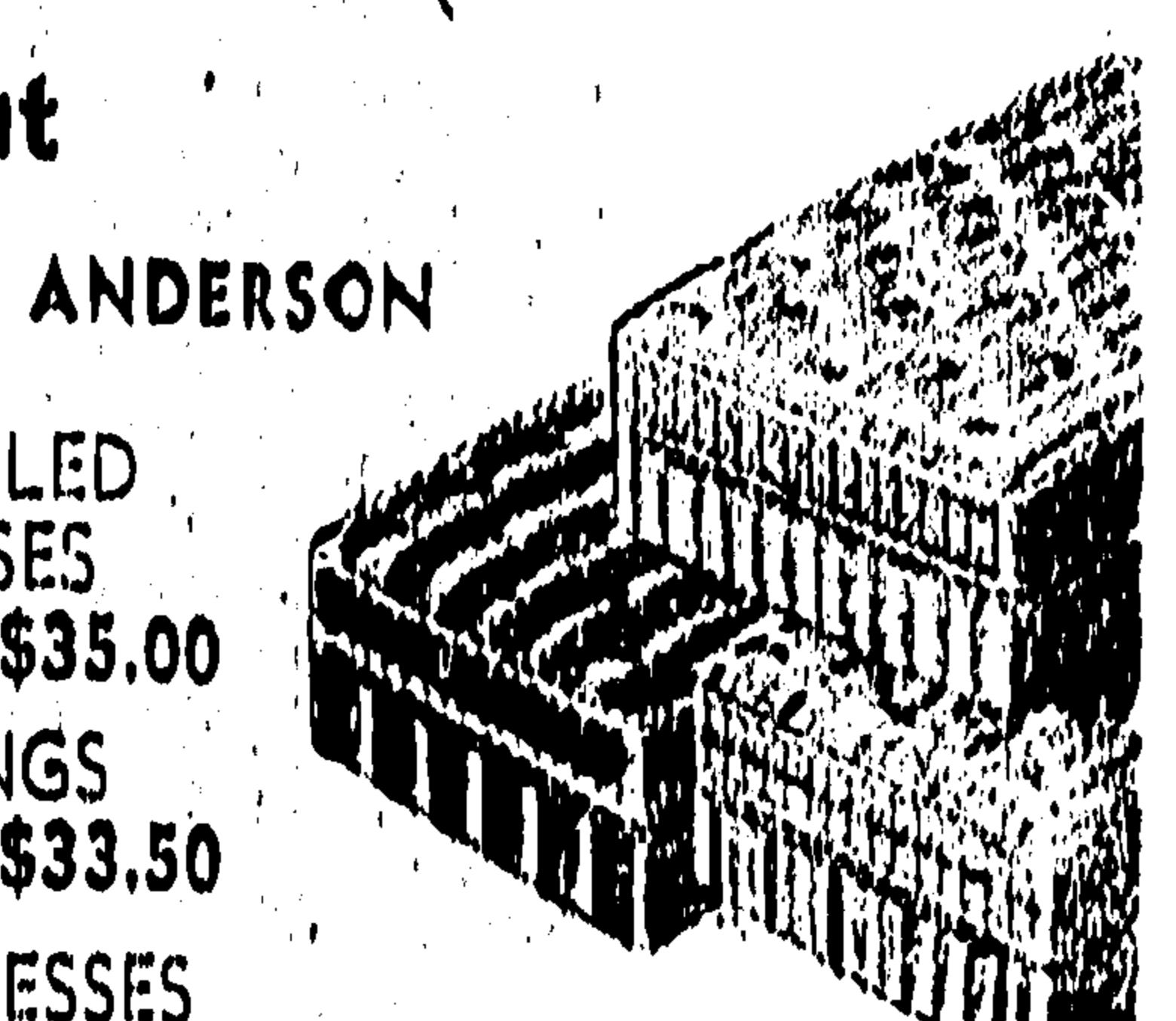
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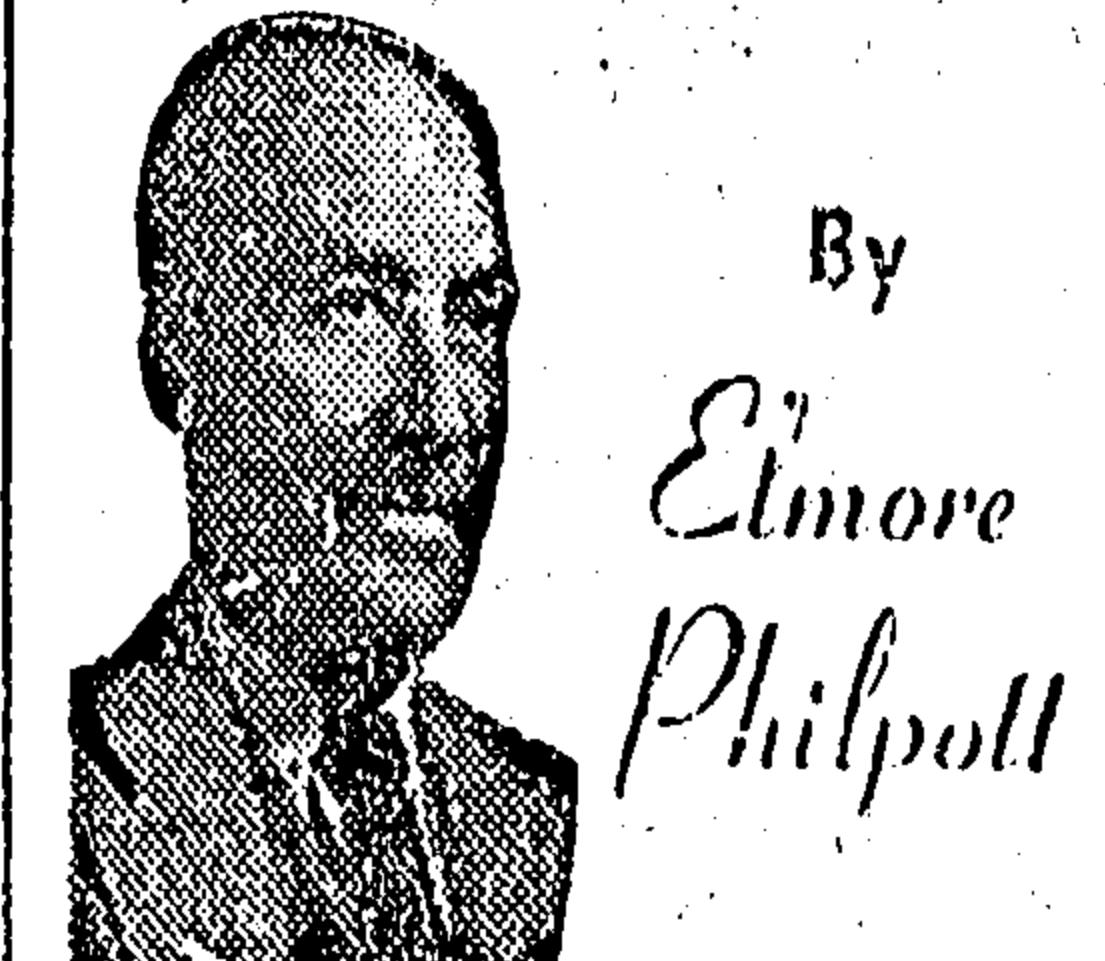
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By

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Kid Gloves for Reds

THE latest congress of the Russian Communist party has shocked the western world, for a curious reason.

The west had learned the hard way how to deal with Stalinist Russia. But it is clear that the new streamlined regime, headed by Krushchev, has western statesmen temporarily baffled. The elaborate and costly defences which we have built up to checkmate the threat of military aggression are useless to meet the new challenge. For Russia, headed by Khrushchev and Bulganin, intends to meet and beat the west on the west's own chosen ground of economic expansion.

If ANYONE had any doubt before that the reality of the changes in Russia, the events of the latest Communist congress should shatter the uncertainty forever. The Russians have a new "soft" kid glove line of world policy, which is going to be far more difficult for the west to meet. Not only has Stalin's harsh one-man dictatorship been publicly denounced, but—and this is far more important—the Russian Communist leaders have deliberately repudiated the main point of doctrine in the hundred year old revolutionary religion of Karl Marx. They now claim that the class struggle does not need to be intensified to the point of civil war in each country. They now admit, what Communists have never admitted before, that the parliamentary system enables any necessary change, however drastic, to be made, if the people want it.

Coming from anybody else except Khrushchev, this would be rank heresy, indeed treachery to the Communist cause.

The point is that the new doctrine has come from the Communist pope himself. Moreover, the promulgation of the new religion has been attended by speeches from the whole host of lesser leaders in the top layers of the hierarchy. There can be no doubt that the new line is official.

WHILE there is no doubt that the new kid glove line of world Communism will be harder for the west to meet, there is no reason why it should not prove welcome, nevertheless.

Far from deplored the fact that the Communist powers intend to pour much money into depressed countries of Asia and Africa, the west should exult in Moscow's change of heart. If the Marshal plan was a fine thing, both for those in U.S.A. who financed it and for those in Europe who benefited by it, so a similar plan financed by Russia could also help the human race.

We live in fool's paradise if we imagine that desperately poor countries, like Egypt, India, Burma or Indonesia, will reject offers of economic help from Russia. The only way that we can meet and beat the new Red challenge is to "Get there first with the most."

IN MY opinion, the new "soft" Soviet line will raise in more acute form the whole question of the legality of Communist parties in western countries.

The really vital consideration is how the Communists intend to use the parliamentary process.

It is one thing to say that Communist parties in Italy and France can use the parliamentary process to attain office.

The acid test of Soviet intentions is what Communist parties intend to do with political power, if and when they attain office by free, democratic means.

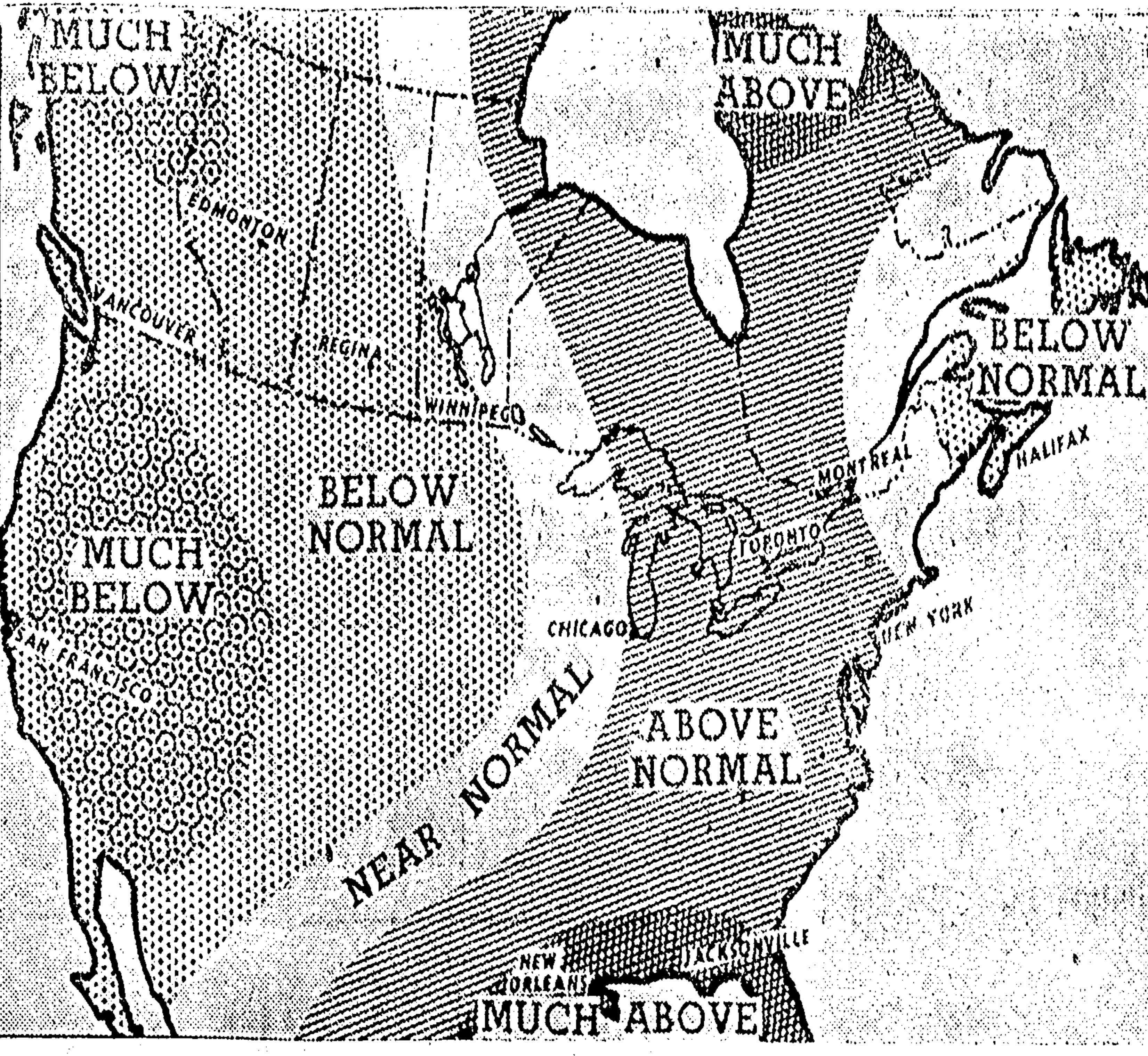
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Up till now, Communists' party can claim to be a democratic body, worthy of equal treatment with all others, it has to demonstrate this.

Are Communist parties willing to permit the people of any country to throw out the Red government, when they no longer want it?

That is the essential, vital difference between totalitarianism and true democracy and it is a difference by no means extinguished by the latest edict of the peace doves in Moscow.

Use Want Ads—They Pay



A VARYING RANGE of temperatures is expected in Canada in the next 30 days according to the long-range forecast of the United States weather bureau. This map, prepared on the basis of the forecast, shows that temperatures are expected to range from much above normal in Quebec's Ungava peninsula to much below normal in northern British Columbia. (CP Photo)

LETTERBOX

WARNS OF DANGER

The Editor,

The Daily News:

I am a newcomer in Prince Rupert and I am amazed that there hasn't been a line or comment concerning the recent article by Tom Alsbury which appeared in the Vancouver press.

Prince Rupert was specifically mentioned in one of these articles as being the location of one of 65 Communist cells in British Columbia. It is from these cells that espionage agents for the party are recruited.

The United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union which has a membership of more than 7,000 and which must have several hundred members here, is mentioned too and this union has been alleged to be Communist controlled.

It is time the people of Prince Rupert woke up and did some thinking about the strength and growth of Communism in this city.

These Reds who are so successfully spreading the Communist line by getting them selves into important positions in unions wouldn't want to live in Soviet Russia even if their ways were paid over and they were guaranteed life-time jobs.

But they live in our country, enjoying the freedom and all the advantages of our way of life and all the time they are subtly working to undermine and destroy our democracy.

The Communists are lying and clever, ruthless and vicious in their task of achieving world domination. Let us—while we still have our democracy—be just as ruthless and vicious, and weed out these Kremlin stooges from our society.

GARNET E. JOHNSTON,

Prince Rupert.

Doctor Raps

Statements

FORT FRANCIS, Ont. — Dr. B. W. Solomon, Fort Frances medical health officer, Wednesday accused the Calgary medical health officer of spreading "false propaganda" by saying fluoridation can result in ganglia, disturb the function of the parathyroid glands and cause other ills.

In a local radio broadcast he said he had searched the literature for any contribution that Dr. W. H. Hill might have given to medical research on this subject and found none.

He described opponents of fluoridation as "the same group that have opposed every worthwhile and progressive health measure, including the pasteurization of milk, chlorination of water, diphtheria toxoid and smallpox vaccine."

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OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. MACLEOD

Despite last week's settlement of the General Motors strike—

at huge over-all cost to labor and management alike, the most threatening cloud which Ottawa authorities recognize as possibly darkening the national horizon is the labor outlook.

If wages should commence to spiral once more, they would take other prices and costs up with them. For Canadian workers real wages would be lowered by reason of higher living costs; by Canadian industries producing for export markets costs and prices would rise speedily to the point where Canadian goods would not be competitive with goods from other countries.

That way real trouble could come. The economists on Parliament Hill are keeping their fingers crossed for the next few weeks or so until the danger season passes.

RIGHT now the national economy is operating at a tempo somewhere between the record pace of 1953 and the slow-down rate of 1954. Unemployment has been climbing fairly steadily since early last December, and in some weeks its advances have been rapid. But there are still 218,000 more individuals working at the present moment than was the case a year ago. And most authorities believe that the peak of unemployment for the present winter has just about been reached. The first signs of Spring weather are expected to bring substantial and rapid improvement.

A reassuring feature of the current unemployment is that it is predominantly seasonal in character, rather than a reflection of weakness in the economy. Severe weather during December and most of January in the Maritimes and in the West have cut working forces in logging, lumbering and construction in those areas. But the general industrial employment picture across the nation has held up well—so well that it could be a dangerous source of inflation.

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The report said that "for some years scientists and naval officers have been collecting the necessary knowledge on this subject, but it has only recently become possible to start practical work on planning a nuclear power plant."

The United States now is building its fourth atom-powered submarine, due to be finished in 1959.

Admiral Earl Mountbatten said in Washington last November that Britain could save two years in construction of an atomic-powered sub if the U.S. would furnish information on its own projects, but his request had been turned down with regret because U.S. law did not permit release of such atomic information.

EXECUTED BY GAS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Sweating nervously but otherwise showing no emotion, Arthur Ross Brown gulped cyanide gas and died quickly early today.

He was executed in the Missouri prison's gas chamber for kidnapping, raping and slaying Mrs. Wilma Allen, 34-year-old Kansas City mother of two, last August.

FOOTBALL TOUR

SYDNEY #—A football team of university players from the United States, sponsored by the University of California, will tour Australia when the next season starts in April.

Terrace Views and Comments . . .

By Frank Heeley

THIS AND THAT

We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming all those new Terrace readers who have joined our circle within the past two or three weeks. We hope that you will come to like our up-to-the-minute paper and especially, of course, we hope that you will find our column stimulating if not always satisfying.

You know, we in Terrace have had a pretty rough winter this year. We are told that there have been worse ones, but we are inclined to think sometimes that they must have been way back with the Ark. However, we would like to say a public thank you to local Department of Highways foreman, George Beaton and his gallant crew. We have had a very good service from the boys this year and we appreciate that it is not very pleasant work ploughing the streets at 2 o'clock in the morning as some of the boys did from time to time.

Now we can just see George sitting back and enjoying this little bouquet but perhaps we should remind him that he will be having lots of complaints when the thaw starts (probably in July) and we hope that he and his crew will be able to cope with them all.

The next thought that occurs to us is that the local Jaycees are out to have the Board of Commissioners use the services of a member of the Provincial Town Planning Commission. In view of the anticipated extension of the village boundaries we would heartily endorse this move.

We do have a zoning commission now but as far as the public are concerned this is not very evident. Nor are we able to see that the present zoning com-

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The GREYS are here!

Grey coats for Spring we mean. They're just lovely, too. And despite the weather they are selling...

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