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Don't Take A Chance

IT IS appalling to note that barely a week goes by without a serious accident occurring on Highway 16 between here and Terrace. Vehicles smashing into each other, rolling into the Skeena or careening into an embankment are writing up a gruesome and tragic record for that 95-mile strip of road.

Without doubt a major contributing factor has been the condition of the highway itself. Dust, mud and skidded, gravelly turns can often mean disaster even to the most careful driver.

As the road becomes paved, these hazards gradually will be eliminated but others will take their place. The tendency to speed up will be one inevitable result, and as the driver's foot goes down on the accelerator, so the danger goes up.

Another factor adding to the risk will be the surface of the road in rainy weather. No one requires any statistics on the subject to know that a wet paved road is many times more hazardous than a wet gravel one. At high speed the effect can be like driving on ice.

Consequently, no matter what improvements are made on the highway, the accident ratio will still be high unless drivers realize that caution is just as important as ever, and maybe more so. It is probable that even with conditions as they are, the element of human error still stands as the greatest single cause of the accidents that have occurred.

In the long run, therefore, the responsibility for a safe trip rests with the person behind the wheel. To help make sure that nothing occurs which may end in tragedy, a good rule to remember is—when in doubt, don't do it.

Mark of History

FEW men are destined to write their names in the annals of history.

Yet every free man and woman is represented there as surely as if their millions upon millions of signatures had been entered into the official book of the years.

John Jones, Robert Brown, Henry Smith, their Marys, their Evelyns, and their Alices—these are the makers of history.

Though their signatures may only be written on the sands of time, to be washed away by the tides of succeeding generations, yet their unmistakable mark is on the events that build the present, and on the blue-print of the future.

It is the mark of "X." This mark, made by the voter's hand on the secret ballot of his democratic elections, is the sign of his personal authority, his order to those elected men and women who will be his leaders, the order without which all would be chaos.

It is the mark that no one may erase, not even the voter himself.

If the order which his authority has commanded should fail to please him, only one power shall command it—the power of his own mark inscribed again on a succeeding ballot, delegating his authority to yet another leader.

Let him consider well the dispensation of this potent authority—for, like the stone cast into a pool, though it disappears from sight, the waves it sets in motion impress their shape on distant shores.

Such is the power of the elector in the democratic society.

Such is the power of the voter's cross.

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As I See It

by

Elmore Philpott

Simonds' Second Shot

L.T. GEN. Guy Simonds has written a second pungent article in Maclean's Magazine. He suggests, in effect, that the vast sums of money which Canada is now spending on the air force is wasted; and that Canada should concentrate on the development of ground to air missiles, scrapping altogether the production of the CF-100 and the even faster CF-105 fighter planes.

The General is probably right in his conclusion that there is no defence against the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile except possibly through development of other missiles which could intercept and explode them before they reach their target. But all of the best brains in the field of so-called scientific warfare agree that it will be another several years before either power can mass produce these IBM weapons in significant numbers.

So what the General is really suggesting is that Canada should make a gigantic gamble in the meantime: we should drop everything, in the way of air defence, and go in for a "crash" program to develop defensive rockets. It seems like a reckless gamble.

THE AMAZING thing to me about General Simonds' overall arguments is his lack of consistency. In one sentence he is in effect arguing that the manned airforce, which we actually have, is obsolete. But in the next sentence he urges mobilization of the whole manpower of Canada on a conception basis, in the apparent belief that armies will play the decisive role in future wars.

While admitting General Simonds' complete sincerity, there seem to be some glaring gaps in his logic. Nobody knows for sure whether the type of airforce which we now have would be of much value in the event of another war; but it is even more clear that nobody knows whether any kind of an army would be of even as much value as existing manned airforce.

But the very fact that nobody does know the answers, for sure, is the strongest argument for maintaining the kind of balanced forces we now have.

These would be at least sufficient to give the country some protection against the kind of bomber attack which we know Russia would be physically capable of making right now.

The land forces we now have would also be competent to deal with the only kind of diversionary raids which an enemy would be likely to make against northern Canada with land forces.

IN THE summer of 1955, the NATO forces in Europe staged the biggest army, navy, and air force sham battle that had ever been held in the history of the world.

(CP from National Defence).

NEW BRIGADE PET.—This beady-eyed bird perched on the shoulder of Tpr. R. M. Satter of Calgary is one of two baby eagles raised by troops of Lord Strathcona's Horse. The picture was taken at Camp Walnwright, Alberta, where the armored unit is engaged in exercises.

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Observances began at 8:15 a.m. local time, the time of the blast. The crowds at the memorial service paid homage to the 59,000 persons who were officially listed as dead in the explosion.

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FOUR VETERAN CCF members who helped draw up the party's 1933 Regina manifesto study draft of a new policy statement adopted at the national CCF convention in Winnipeg. Seated are M. J. Caldwell, national leader, and standing (left to right) are Elmer Roper, former Alberta leader, Mrs. Grace MacInnis and C. M. Fines, Saskatchewan provincial treasurer. (CP Photo.)

report from PARLIAMENT

By E. T. APPLEWHITE

It was as great a satisfaction to me as I am sure it was to the residents of Terrace, when the call for tenders for the Terrace Federal Building appeared. Tenders will be received up to August 29, and the contractor will have 10 months from the date of notification of award of the contract, in which to complete the job.

May I make a personal comment here? I hope this proves to my friends in Terrace that not only do I mean what I say when I say something will not be done this year, I also mean it when I say it will be done this year. I cannot say exactly what

program the successful contractor will follow with this building, but I would expect only preliminary heavy work to be done before freeze-up, and the building to be ready for occupancy before this time next year, I hope—and am confident—that this building will be a credit to Terrace; but just one of several concrete evidences of Terrace's growing importance and prosperity.

Tenders are now being called to see what sort of an offer the Post Office Department can get for the carrying of the mail, six days a week, between the CNR station and the South Hazelton post office. If a reasonable offer can be obtained, South Hazelton will get a daily mail service, instead of the present three mails a week.

It is always a pleasure and a satisfaction to a Member here to see the people of his district giving practical evidence of their faith in its future. And so I would like to add my congratulations to R. S. Sargent, Ltd., upon the opening of the new "Inlander" Hotel at Hazelton, where he is not going to be too long before I have an opportunity to register there.

I would like to write a few sentences about one of the outstanding and most colourful members, the Rev. Daniel McIvor, BA, MA, BD, Liberal member of Parliament for Fort William, Ont.; a United Church clergyman, "Danny" turned to politics in the 1930's to help the unemployed. He is what I would describe as a hearty Christian, with a zest for living and a genius for co-operation. This venerable member is now 83 years of age and entered politics for a very similar reason to that which made him go into the ministry, a real desire to be of service,

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These should be good days for surance, they can eliminate the Canadian taxpayers. Government revenues are running at CCF as a factor in national-political level. They figure they would be certain to maintain that level for the balance of the year. By the time of the next budget Finance Minister Harris should have accumulated a surplus of somewhere between a quarter and a half billion dollars.

The strategy is sufficiently attractive from a political point of view to be winning a considerable volume of Liberal support which is reflected in the changed attitude of many of the government supporters. In recent weeks towards the mush-rooming surplus. Just a little while ago most Liberal MP's took it for granted that surplus taxes taken from the people in excess of government requirements belonged to the people in the form of tax cuts. But that view no longer is as general as it once was. The idea that is replacing it is that the surplus belongs to the government, which therefore is entitled to spend them in a manner that will purchase it the maximum of political advantage.

For the taxpayer it is a serious outlook. For it means that at no time in the future will there ever be major tax reductions. Instead, there will be ever larger pay-offs in the form of more generous Santa Claus legislation. For the taxpayers who have to pay the bills it is a really gloomy outlook.

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