

Strachan Raps B.C. Telephone

VICTORIA (C)—CCF opposition leader Robert Strachan charged Saturday that B. C. Telephone Co. service is outside the control of British Columbia's Public Utilities Commission and the Board of Transport Commissioners.

He was commenting in an interview on a recent statement by C. W. Halford, manager of B.C. Telephone Co., that there is little likelihood of the irritating four-party line ever being abolished.

Mr. Strachan said B.C. Telephone is "beyond the reach of the people" and "neither the Public Utilities Commission nor the Board of Transport Commissioners can control the service."

He said: "The people of B.C. will have to do the same as the people of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, who operate their own telephone systems and still have five-cent pay phones."



HOLLYWOOD'S Sid Luft, Merle Oberon and Mrs. Luft (Judy Garland), in the East on business or pleasure, talk over old times at a supper party in the Embassy Club of New York's Ambassador Hotel.

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Many Make Resolutions Despite Chisholm Sneer

By The Canadian Press

Dr. Brock Chisholm, who doesn't believe in Santa Claus, apparently doesn't feel any more benevolent towards another well-established seasonal institution—the New Year's resolution.

The former director-general of the World Health Organization says:

"If any change in attitude or behavior is indicated, why wait until the beginning of the next year? And I don't believe in temporary reformations."

But most other Canadians in the public eye make them and if their statements are any criterion, most, especially the politicians, take them seriously.

CHARLOTTE'S NEW HINT
Charlotte Whitton, Ottawa's retiring woman mayor, made her's more a battle cry, indicating she is going to be much the same in 1957 as she was in 1955.

Said Miss Whitton, quoting from Lord Tennyson's "Ulysses":

"How dull it is to pause, to make an end."

To rest unburied, not to shine in use.

As though to breathe were life.

For any who takes the point, she added, "This will let you know that I'm going to swing a sword again."

WANTS NEW DEAL
More typical for those in political life, was Pranie Smallwood, deputy premier for Newfoundland.

"I resolve to get a very favorable revision of the financial terms of Confederation as provided in the terms of union eight years ago when Newfoundland joined Canada."

Two Canadian members, one in Nova Scotia and the other in British Columbia, put their tongues part way into their cheeks before announcing their resolutions for a Canadian Press survey.

A PURIST'S RESOLVE
Thomas Radcliff, Liverpool author of historical novels and stories of the sea, said: "I resolve to do exactly what I've promised myself in other years—to work less, sleep straighter, drive slower, stop smoking, travel to Tahiti, think kindly of television, pocket books and people who say 'smile' when they mean 'fish'."

"Of course," he added, "I shall finalize none of these things—I never do."

And in Vancouver Earl Birney, poet and humorous writer, said:

"To read from as many committees as I possibly can until I have none left."

RECALLS PIONEERS
Other resolution:

Mrs. Harry B. Quart of Quebec City, honorary national vice-president of the Prose-wive Conservative party: "Not say will

but Thine be done." This simple but challenging resolution I've chosen for the New Year, and given the strength to bow to His divine will . . . I shall be more patient and tolerant . . .

Ruth McGill, Regina lawyer, former national president of the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs:

"To ensure we will continue to have peace and prosperity in Canada we resolve to support . . . the United Nations and . . . follow the example of the pioneers . . ."

Mrs. Rose Wilkinson, Social Credit member of the Alberta legislature for Calgary: "To work for and have peace with freedom. I also want to see no starving people . . ."

REMEMBERS CREDITORS
Jake Shuz of Winnipeg, chairman of the Improvement Committee: "I resolve to . . . think deeper, analyze sharper, plan sounder and hit harder. I intend to do it all with a sense of humor strong enough to make 1957 a happy year for me and those whom I work for and against in the process."

Alderman Maude McCreery of Winnipeg: "I do not believe in making special New Year's resolutions but I do resolve to pay my bills promptly and so keep my credit in good standing."

J. B. Weston, president of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool: "In this day of serious problems for agriculture . . . we resolve as we enter the New Year to fight for the solution of these problems that Western Canada may enjoy a fair share of the nation's prosperity."

Wedding Bells

PORT LAMBERTON, Ont. (C)—A summer romance blossomed into marriage for Willard Simpson and Mrs. Annie Day, who were wed recently by Rev. J. K. McMahon. Mr. Simpson, 35, and Mrs. Day, 35, met at a resort near Kingsville last summer.

HISTORIC SPOT
The 250th anniversary of the founding of Venice, a community of 20,000 in Finland, was celebrated in 1956.

Wisconsin Man Tops World Liars

BURLINGTON, Wis. (C)—An "earthy" story of hogs doomed to death by sticky soil has won Albert B. Hopkins of Madison, Wis., the title of world champion liar of 1956.

The Burlington Liars Club selected Hopkins' tale of hogs' tails from a collection of varied fabrications.

Hopkins won the club's "gold-plated, diamond-studded" medal for relating:

"Out in South Dakota they have a clay-like soil they call gumbo. The gumbo roads are smooth and hard as glass when dry, but when wet the gumbo balls up under the fenders until it locks the wheels on a car."

Last year, during a wet spell, a farmer's hogs got a little oad of gumbo on their tails. As they walked around it got bigger and bigger until the weight of it pulled their skin back so tight they couldn't get their eyes shut—and they died from lack of sleep."

Hopkins thus became the first Wisconsin resident in 26 years to win the annual lying championship and bring the medal back to his home state. Several Canadians have won the award in the past.

He succeeded Claude Yerkes of Kellsport, Mont., winner of the 1955 championship for his fib of a sheepherder who hung a 100-pound sack of flour on nails outside his trailer only to discover that fierce winds blew the sack away and left the flour hanging on the nails.

Stork Races

NORTH BAY, Ont. (C)—Cab-driver Adelle Schiavo three nights in a row drove expectant mothers to hospital. Twice he got them there just in time. But he lost one of the races, when a baby was born in his cab just as he was pulling into the hospital grounds.

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BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD



Mr. Dale Gets Hand And Goes Down One

After Mr. Champion puts in his one spade overcall, the right technical bid for Mr. Dale was two hearts.

But Mr. Abel still was not playing his best game, so Mr. Dale thought he had better see what the chances were for him to play the hand himself. Hence his two club bid.

You are entitled to raise your eyebrows at Mr. Abel's decision to bid four clubs. For all he knew he might push his opponents into a game contract they could make. But the bid turned out well as Mr. Champion could have made just three spades.

SPADES OPEN
When Mrs. Keen won the first two tricks with the ace and king of spades, Mr. Dale felt sure that both the king of hearts and the king of diamonds were on his right.

At trick three Mrs. Keen shifted to the nine of diamonds. The ten was played from dummy and Mrs. Dale was not surprised when Mr. Champion won with the jack.

The five of clubs was returned and Mr. Dale pulled three rounds of trumps, ending in dummy. Then he led the seven of hearts towards his jack. Sure enough, Mr. Champion had the king and since it was guarded only once he won the trick and led back a spade.

RUFFED IN HAND
Mr. Dale ruffed in his hand, cashed the jack of hearts, and led his last heart to dummy's ace. The fourth heart from the board furnished a discard for a losing diamond.

As it was, however, Mr. Dale was pleased. He was glad to give his opponents 50 points above the line instead of a partial score of 90.

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A New Year Arrives!



...and we sincerely hope that 1957 will prove to be one of the very best years you've ever had! May the New Year be just brimful of the rich rewards of success and high happiness ...of good health and deep contentment.

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