

Mixed Reactions Greet MacMillan's Warning

VANCOUVER (CP)—A warning by a leading British Columbia industrialist this week that an \$80,000,000 construction program proposed for 1956 by the government will lead to an over-inflated economy has drawn conflicting reaction in business circles here.

R. H. MacMillan, retiring board chairman of the MacMillan and Bloedel forest empire, told the company's annual meeting the government's proposed program would compete for scarce materials and manpower with "the greatest private construction . . . B.C. has ever seen." He said the result would be two-fold: Inflated costs and delay in completion of projects. Several business and industry leaders saw merit in Mr. Mac-

Millan's opinion but were reluctant to recommend reduction of public works projects.

"There are not enough trained men to get at all of the plans on the drawing boards," said Howard Walters, retiring president of the Vancouver Board of Trade. "On the other hand, the government cannot slow down on building roads—especially access roads to areas due for development of private industry."

Professor E. D. Macphee, head of B.C.'s school of commerce, said the province appears to be "running into a period again of over-employment and materials shortage."

He said he interpreted Mr. MacMillan's remarks "as a warning to government against starting too many major expenditures all at once."

A city banker said industry in B.C. is faced by a very tight labor market" and suggested a "middle of the way" to meet the needs of both industry and government.

"There is no shortage of labor that I know about," said Mr. Radford. "We've been faced with that sort of ballyhoo time and time again but all you've got to do is look at the unemployment figures."

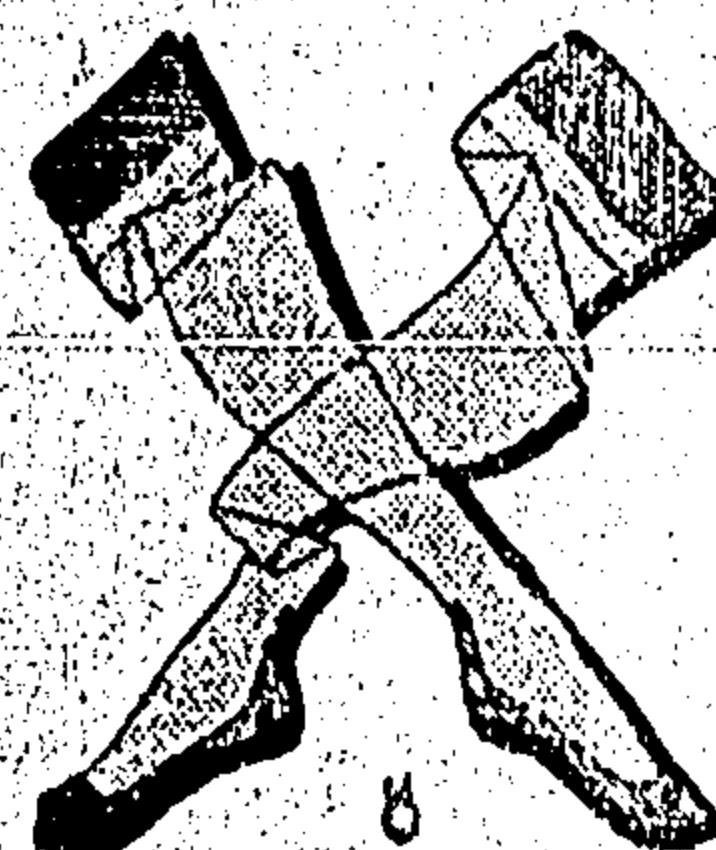
The government, meanwhile, has maintained silence except for a terse "no comment" from Premier Bennett.

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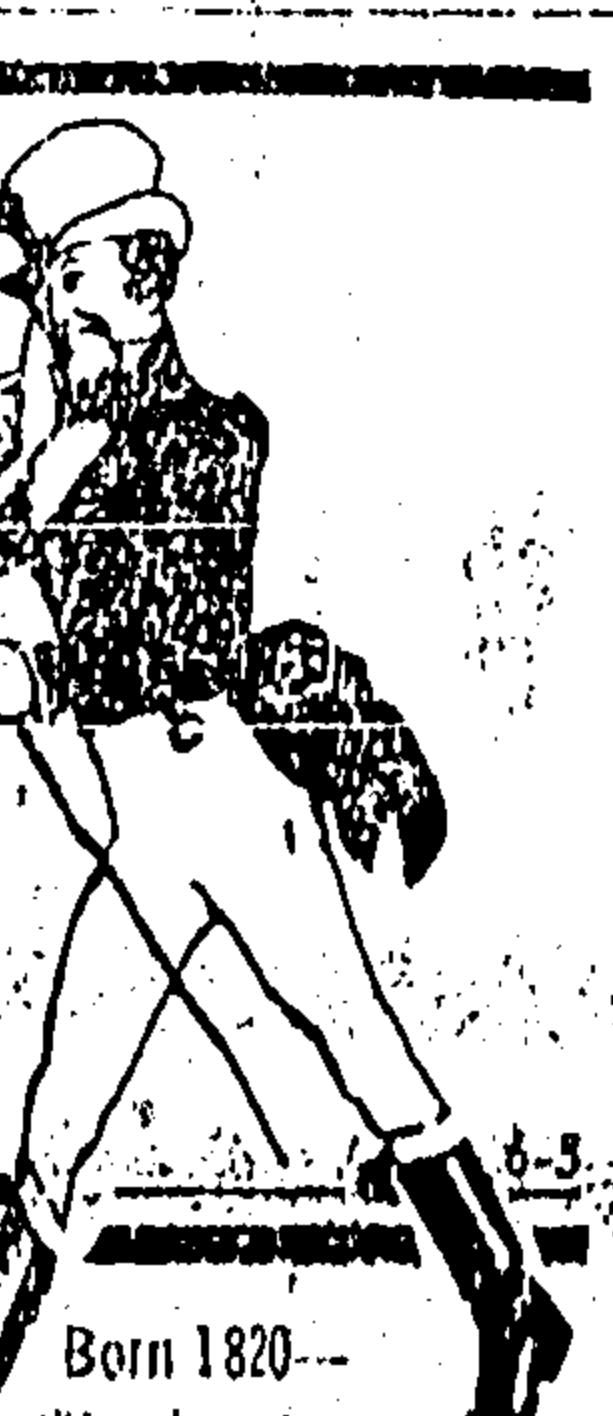
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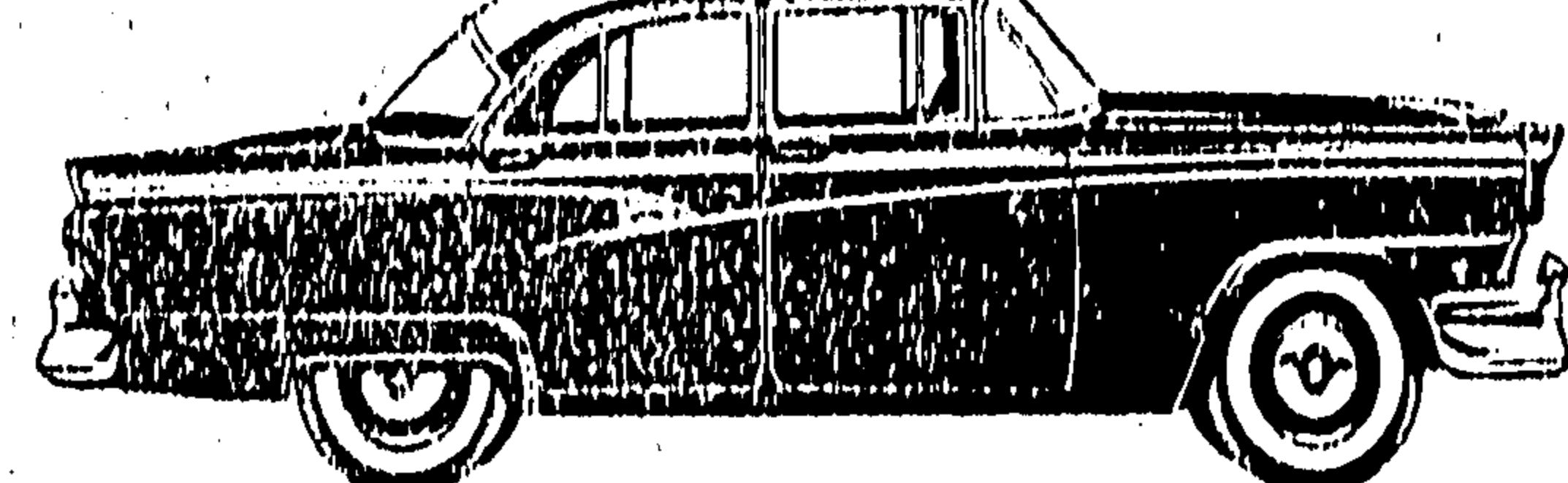


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BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

BY EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Suit Preference Is No Substitute for Judgment

Many players go overboard for every new bidding or playing convention. Mr. Muzzy, for example, is a suit preference fanatic. There is nothing new about the suit preference signals but they have been pretty badly abused from the start. Mr. Muzzy attaches even more importance to them than their originators intended.

They are very useful gadgets, but they must be handled with care. They, and all other similar devices, can never be adequate substitutes for clear thinking and good judgment.

The basic suit preference situations are these. You have won the first trick as opening leader against a suit contract and it is clear from the looks of the dummy that a shift is called for. Partner may indicate which suit he prefers you to shift to by following suit with his lowest card to ask for a shift to the lower of the other two plain suits; or by following suit with the highest card he can spare to ask you to shift to the higher of the other two plain suits.

RETURNS

In like manner, when leading a suit you know your partner can ruff, you lead your lowest card to ask for a return of the lowest-valued plain suit and a higher card to ask for the return of the higher suit.

It is relatively seldom, however, this ideal situation comes up. For instance, in the example given, what if partner has no interest at all in either of the other two plain suits? What is he supposed to do?

The point is, these signals are in addition to all of the good

South dealer -- Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
(Mr. Abel).
A J 9 5
V 10 8 7 4
D 8 7
A 9 8

WEST
(Mr. Muzzy) EAST
(Mr. Dale)
A 7 6 3 2 A 8
V 3 V A K Q 9 2
D Q J 10 5 D 6 4 3 2
A K J 10 5 A 6 4 3 2

SOUTH
(Mrs. Keen)
A A K Q 10 4
V Q J 6 5
C K 9
Q 7

The bidding:

South West North East
1 A Pass 2 A Pass
4 A All Pass

TRAPPED

In today's deal Mr. Muzzy led his singleton heart. Mr. Dale won with the king and cashed the ace. Mr. Muzzy discarding a small club. But now Mr. Dale was trapped and he knew it. If he returned the nine of hearts, Mr. Muzzy would ruff and lead back the higher of the two suits, diamonds. If he led the deuce of hearts, Mr. Muzzy would ruff and lead back a club. With exactly the same holdings in both minors, Mr. Dale had no preference for either suit.

He had to guess, and his actual return at trick three was the deuce of hearts. Mr. Muzzy ruffed and, looking very wise, returned the jack of clubs. Mrs. Keen let it run to her queen and thus made an otherwise hopeless contract.

Mr. Muzzy should have reasoned that the best club Mr. Dale could have was the queen and therefore he could hardly have preference for a club lead.

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Says Divorces Of Henry VIII Not Sanctioned

LONDON (CP)—The Archbishop of Canterbury said this week at a luncheon of the Foreign Press Association:

"The Church of England

never did sanction the divorces

of Henry VIII. He had several

marriages annulled which is

quite a different thing from

divorce. Annulment says that

there was no marriage at all

and therefore you are free to marry.

The Pope was quite as good at

giving that kind of divorce as

the Church of England was."

The archbishop's comments

were made in answering a re

porter who had asked:

"How does the Church of Eng

land reconcile its present

attitude towards divorce with

the fact that it sanctioned the

divorces of King Henry VIII?"

King Henry, who died in 1547

at the age of 56, "divorced" two

of his wives. Two died under the

executioner's axe. One died nat

urally. His sixth wife survived him.

Dr. Fisher in commenting on

Henry's separations said: "In

the middle ages annulments

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Only 40 Persons See End Of Controversial Probe

By BRUCE LEVETT
Canadian Press Staff Writer

VANCOUVER (CP)—The public inquiry into Vancouver's police force ended Friday before a gallery of only 40 persons.

R. H. Tupper adjourned the 40th session of his royal commission and said that all the remains is for him to draft a report to the attorney-general.

"I will not know until the final day when my report will be ready."

He will have to go through the 1,500,000 words recorded during the 40 public sessions and the 200,000 words of reports turned in by investigators.

Mr. Tupper said he will have to weigh what he has heard from 121 witnesses and what he has read in 14 exhibits since the investigation started seven months ago.

The public hearing ended quietly in contrast to earlier days of dramatic testimony which drew hundreds of persons. A progression of events led up to the appointment of Reginald H. Tupper as royal commissioner.

TWO SHOOTINGS

First a Senate narcotics committee criticized the Vancouver force for laxity. A series of articles in Flash, a Toronto tabloid, charged corruption in high places.

On June 24 Detective Sergeant Len Cuthbert, named in the Flash stories, shot himself in the chest in the police station. He lived.

That night Mayor Fred Hume applied for a royal commission and Attorney-General Robert Bonner appointed Mr. Tupper the following day.

Then followed a parade of witnesses — policemen, politicians, criminals, reporters, members of the public and cranks.

Harry Whelan, head of the force's uniform branch, shot himself to death in his home before he could complete his testimony and Walter Mulligan, police chief when the inquiry began — was fired at his own request and moved to California without testifying.

Mr. Mulligan left with a \$10,000 action pending against Flo and its former reporter, Ray Munro.

ACCUSED OF BLACKMAIL

Sergeant Cuthbert, who admitted taking blackmail bribes, charged that Mr. Mulligan split them with him. Mr. Munro charged in testimony that the middle ages annulments chief had operated an illegal lot

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Mystery woman Helen Eliza

Sponge Placed In Heart May Save Boy

VICTORIA (CP)—An unusual operation gives promise of a normal life for eight-year-old Philip Friesen of this city.

Mayo Clinic surgeons in Rochester, Minn., term it "the most difficult operation of its kind we have ever done." In the six-hour operation a small piece of sponge, specially made, was placed between the two heart ventricles.

Word received by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Friesen from Rochester indicated Philip is progressing favorably and should soon be well enough to return home.

Surgeons reported that they believed the operation had been entirely successful.

Philip suffered since birth from "atrio-ventricular septal defect," a condition preventing adequate amounts of blood leaving the heart for the lungs.

In this case there were three holes in the heart wall between the ventricles where there should have been none.

A septum made of Ivalon sponge, a latex preparation, "corrected all these abnormalities," physicians reported.

STOCKPORT, Eng.—Motorist Walter Speed was fined £2 for speeding. "It's the first time his name has caught up with him," said his lawyer.

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