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Exploiters of compassion

well past the house and stopped. It dropped a young man on crutches who swung himself back along the road, up the path, and to the door.

"Good morning!" he said, "And how 'are you this fine morning? May I step inside and explain an interesting plan to you?"

The householder, long and sadly experienced, replied pleasantly, but asked, "First, won't you tell me what you are selling?"

""Nothing," replied the young man. I'm am a handicapped veteran, and I want to tell you how to help me get votes to start me up in a business for which I am well qualified."

Half - hating himself the house-Molder said "no" with all the kindness and firmness he could muster. And the next morning he read how federal agents had arrested a ring for exploiting handicapped veterans in a fraudinlent subscription "racket."

These exploiters were not connected with any of the well-established veterans' organizations. The incident is re-

LONG, low chromiumed car drove lated only to dramatize one way the unscrupulous-heartlessly play upon a natural public sympathy. For a long time after every war these vultures soar above the disabled veterans in particular.

> But some money-raising methods of even the most respectable veterans' organizations have raised questions. And it is well that Congress has been looking into them. The investigating committee is urging a law which will require: that at least half of any money raised by the device of selling "unordered merchandise" shall go to the stated charitable purpose; that no groups using such a device shall sell "sucker lists" of those responding; and that all veterans' organizations shall amend their charters to place all public contributions in trust funds and make annual financial reports to Congress.

> For the sake of self-respecting veterans and the always compassionate but often gullible public, Congress should do no less.—The Christian Science Monitor.

Almost a legend

S the B.C. Centennial Year moves towards its close the visiting VIP list continues to be impressive. Hard on the heels of the Princess Margaret, as it were, an imposing number of Commonwealth dignitaries are expected to come to the province next month. Ceylon, Pakistan, Malaya, perhaps Ghana and some other states, are among those whose representatives are sure of a warm welcome as they join B.C. in its centenary celebrations. Heading the expected guest list is a personage of unusual distinction, Earl Louis Mountbatten. As the uncle of Prince Philip he is linked to the reigning royal family but this is not his claim to attention; it is the spectacular record he holds in war and peace that stamps him as almost a legendary character.

It is given to few men, if to any other at all, to be at one and the same time a vice-admiral, a lieutenant-gengeral and an air marshal, yet this triple role was Mountbatten's when at the top of the Southeast Asia command

structure. Before that he had been in turn an audacious destroyer captain and the head of the Commandos, and altogether a figure of forceful and compelling personality. After the war he became India's last viceroy in the capacity of warrior turned statesman and its first governor-general.

Perhaps more arresting was his return thereafter to his regular naval career, picking up where he left off with the rank of rear-admiral. That was a step down from his glittering wartime roles, but it merely paved the way for inevitable promotion to Admiral of the Fleet and the post of First Sea Lord that is now his. Even such a bare recital indicates that when Lord Louis comes to B.C. next month the province will have in its midst one of the most colorful of all the figures of the war and its aftermath.

There will be much curiosity to see in person this man, whose name has become a household word throughout the Commonwealth. — The Victoria

Hiroshima should know

MHILE scientists still argue about the damaging after-effects of Ahomb blasts on the human frame, a "good place to look for evidence is Surely Hiroshima. The first nuclear Iweapon used in war fell on that Japan-

Thirteen years later, Dr. Sasuma Watanabe, dean of the medical school at Hiroshima University, reports that leukemia or blood cancer is twice as prevalent in Hiroshima as in the rest of Japan. Strontium 90, the dangerous element in fallout, causes leukemia.

—The Financial Post.

ese city in August, 1945. INTERPRETING THE NEWS

President should be moral leader

By DAVID ROWNTREE

Canadian Press Staff Writer supporters of racial integration in Amer-Hear, schools are despondent at the attitude

er President Eisenhower. The President has declined to any what his Hown opinions on the controversial question Mro. Elsenhower soos it as his duty only to inake sure that the United States Supreme "Court rulings demanding an end to discrim-Lination against Negro children are enforced. It's no part of his job, the president belives, the say whether he thinks the court decisions

hire good or bad. "" This frame of mind—that he is above the. Hurly-burly of politics—has been apparent most of the time since Elsenhower was elected

Critics of his administration complain that iff in this Olympian-like detachment that--inmong other things-allowed the late Senator Joseph McCarthy to continue his witch-huntling an long an he did and jeopardizes budget and foreign aid plans in the annual assaults inguinst theme by congressmen.

INDUMITION STRENGTHENED in the school integration controversy, it thus boon said that the bitter Little Rock riots Inst September might have been headed off it Ekonhower had taken a firm public atund, Illa last-minute decision to send troops to restore order only served to strengthen

southern opposition and won few friends in

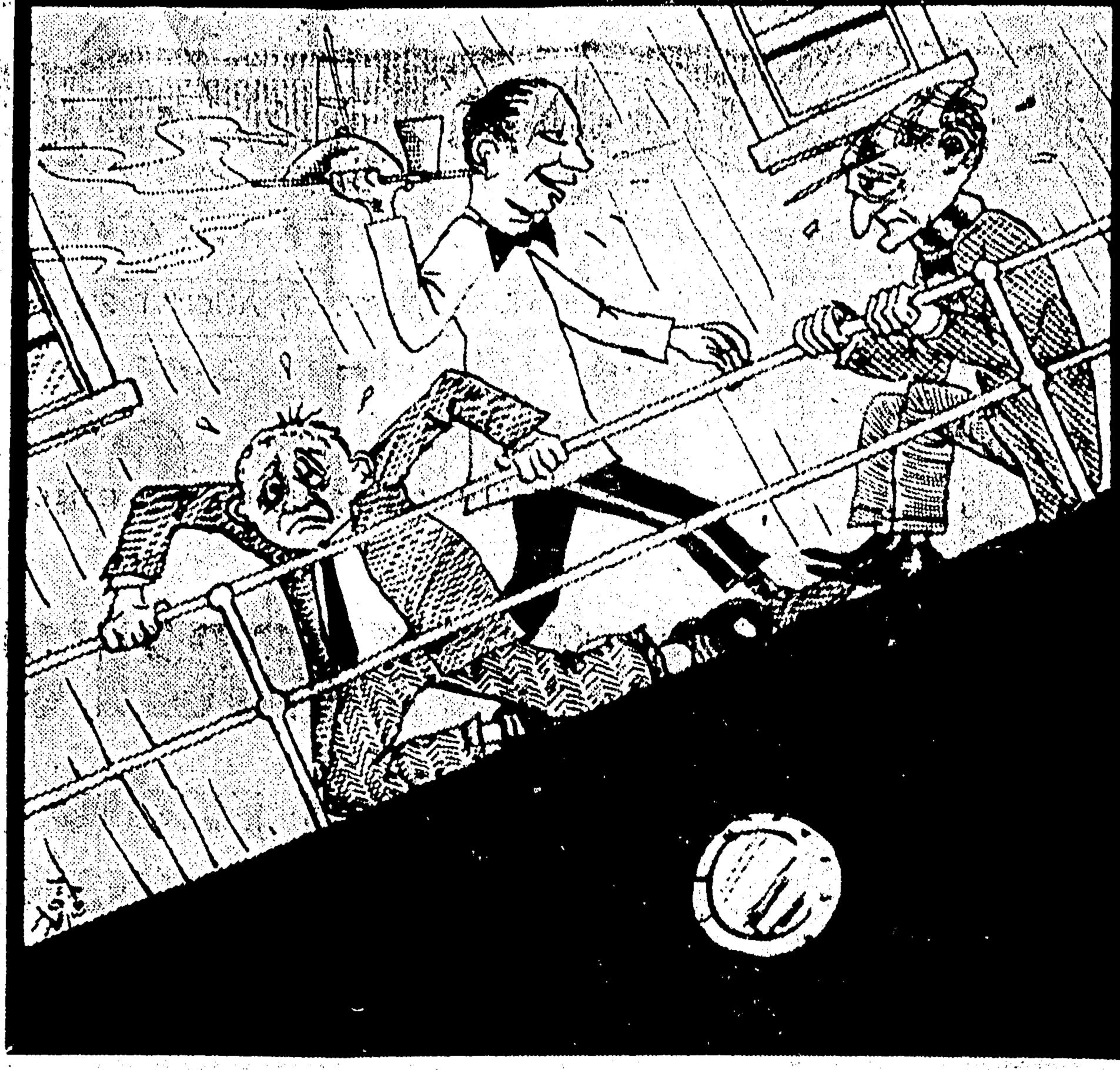
The president now has hinted that he might use soldiers a second time if a state fails to quell riotous opposition to integration. Reaction from integration supporters has been less critical than that from southerners trying to keep Negroes out of all-white schools, but they say Eisenhower should make more use of the prestige of his office to swing public bohind the law. This is something bayonets cannot alone achieve.

At a press conference in Washington Wednosday the president admitted he might have told friends that he thinks the rate of integration should be slowed down.

REASON AND SENSE "We have to have reason and sense and education and a lot of other developments that go-hand in hand . . . if this process is going . to have any real acceptance in the United States," he said.

It in this type of lead that Elsenhower is being urged to take. Apparently he doesn't feel that it is his responsibility to help shape

and influence public opinion. Franklin D. Roosevelt had a different idea. He said: "The prosidency is not morely an administrative office. That is the loast of it. It is pre-eminently a place of moral leadership."



"Yo . . . Ho—and up she rises . .

(Cartoon by Tom Nicoll)

All Aboard By G.E. Morlimore

There are some things that run like this: know already, and don't need to be told.

Yes, the days are drawing in In the last week, a dozen persons have brought this phenomenon to my notice. I am also aware of the fact that the evenings are growing cooler lately, and that it

won't be long Yes, I have seen the leaves beginning to turn yellow. But I don't want to talk about the vegetation, or about the length and temperature of

I find these subjects so depressing that I would rather avoid them.

However, I know that people are just being polite when they bring up such topics. They are trying to establish communication.

Their remarks don't have much more meaning than "Hello" or "Goodbye.", In time. perhaps, the ordinary exchange of pleasantries will be abbreviated, and people will be able to hold short-hand conversations, thus fulfilling social obligations without the" need to ruffle their brains with a single thought.

"The days are drawing in" will be shortened to "Daysin." "Well, I see the leaves are beginning to turn yellow, will be rendered "Leavesel-

A typical conversation might

"Morning. Lookwell." "Youtoo, Zwife?" "Wellthanks, Hmm, August."

"Hmm September. Days-"Yes. Leavesellow. Nights-"Winter? Hawaii? Califor-

"Tough." A standard patter could be worked up to meet a few other everyday situations: For example, the fact that people have altered in appearance ("Lostweight?" "Yes. You-grownbeard?" "Have You-

er. Chump." "Badluck.") After such routine greetings have been exchanged, people will be feeling reasonably well at ease, and ready to begin a real conversation.

lostfinger?" "Yes. Powermow-

HELP WANTED add in the Palo Alto, California, Times: "Accurate fast typist. Familiar, with IBM executive."

THOUGHT FOR TODAY It's startling to recall that there once was something called the Concert of Europe. Today, in international affairs, there's only rock 'n' roll.

The Marquis of Reading.

Plain Talk

From The Northern Sentinel In a recent session of Parliament, Frank Howard, MP for Skeena, told the government that northern road development is just so much talk, so far as BC is concern-

He advocates that there, should be more action on the Cassiar Road and that instead of merely ending at Stewart, it should be continued to Terrace so that Kitimat and Prince Rupert could serve with terminal facilities. Politicians have a way of bowing to the inevitable only when there is nothing else to bow to. Going off at unbelievable tangents to pour money into economic voids is nothing new in Canadian experience—and it could happen in the case of the Cassiar

Stewart, where there are inadequate facilities and after taking it over a costly moun-

The highway to link the southern terminus near Meziadin Lake is already more than half built from Terrace. But the missing link could remain missing for years, unless the subject is kept hot and bothersome to those who should be dealing with it...

Kitimat and Skeena owe a debt to Frank Howard for some plain speaking.

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