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Housing for senior citizens worthy project

T would indeed be a feather in this city's cap if it could supply individual low rental homes for its elderly citizens. Many other towns and centres smaller than Prince Rupert with its 11,000 population, have already built such units and the late E. E. Winch's cottage-type housing projects in Burnaby have won acclaim all over the world.

The three major service clubs and other responsible associations, lodges and organizations have it in their power to bring such a project to fulfillment here. With co-operation from the City of Prince Rupert there is no reason why, within 18 months, there cannot be 15 units providing respectable homes for a small group of the city's pensioners.

It is a simple, tried-and-true proposal hinging on whether an incorporated group can raise \$12,000. If the sum is raised a grant can be obtained from the provincial government and the remained of the necessary \$115,-400 borrowed from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation over a period of 50 years.

Now it is not unkind to state that the Rotary club, which called last Thursday's organizational meeting on the housing project, cannot raise the whole \$12,000. The Rotary club, like all other groups, has other obligations throughout the year. Therefore the amount has to be shared, possibly split five or six ways with each organization pledging much.

Once a non-profit society has been incorporated, then the group can start the wheels turning toward financing

and construction. Blueprints are already on hand. The City Council, undoubtedly, will make land available either as a gift, at a nominal fee or at assessed value. There should be no obstacles to prevent this praiseworthy scheme becoming fact in a very short space of time.

However, several things should be made clear.

(1) This is not low-rental housing for anyone. It is strictly for low-fixedincome couples, widows, widowers or single men who are quite capable of looking after themselves.

(2) The housing project would provide these pensioners with selfcontained homes at rents of approximately \$33.50 for married couples and \$22.50 for single units.

(3) Once built the units pay for themselves. They are not subsidized. The non-profit society operating the homes repays CMHC just the same as any other group or individual who borrows money onder the National Housing Act.

(4) The plan would give widows, widowers, married pensioners who might through circumstances, be living with their families or under inferior living conditions, a chance to be on their own and live freely again.

All in all it is a terrific, wonderful humanitarian proposal that deserves solid support. A good turnout of wellinformed delegates from service clubs and organizations on October 9, will ensure that a housing project for elderly citizens in Prince Rupert will have such support.

From Old Bailey to Little Rock

ON the day that Governor Orval Faubus closed four Little Rock Migh schools because the Supreme Court of the United States had ruled that one of them must accept negro students, a judge in London spoke some words that should be listened to in Arkansas.

Britain's recent race riots had been greeted in the American South with a certain joy. "You too," the segregationists said.

But now, in the Old Bailey whose dome-tipping gilded statue of Justice dominates the City of London skyline along with the cross atop St. Paul's, Mr. Justice Sir Cyril Salmon was making it plain that racial bigotry finds no shelter under the Anglo-Saxon concept of Law.

Sentencing nine youths to four years in prison for assaulting negroes and fomenting the Notting Hill "nigger hunt" of two weeks ago, he said:

"You are a minute and insignificant section of the population, but you have . . . filled the whole nation with horror, indignation and disgust.

"Everyone, irrespective of the color of their skin, is entitled to walk through our streets in peace, with their heads erect and free from fear."

How long will the United States, which claims to subscribe to that same concept of the Law, tolerate the bent heads in Little Rock?

-The Vancouver Province.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Few glimmers of hope can be seen for UN

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

erists started out sharply, with no immediate signs of a meeting of minds, but perhaps in the background a few glimmers of hope can be seen

The UN with all its faults and weaknesses -can point to successes, peace victories achlieved through imagination and skill.

As John Foster Dulles of the United States and Andrei Gromyko of Russia spoke on the Fur East in the General Assembly, UN sources reported qualified success in another critical area--thre Middle East.

While the current tension swiris around the Quemoys and Matsus in the Formosan Bitraits, it's easy to forget that only a few months ago people were talking freely of imminent general war in the Middle East.

The United Arab Republic on the one hand and Jordan and Lebanon on the other now are reported to have agreed on a plan for a UN "nence presence" in their territories.

"No hard facts are known on just what form the "presence" will take, but even the teem shows ingenuity, obviously designed to take the sting out of the watchdog idea.

Mwaryone knows that one main purpose is to keep one eye on the ambitions of Comal Abdel Nasser, but even to the plan, providing the "presence" is bused in Damascus, not Catro.

United Nations discussion of the Formosan — One view may be that Nasser is merely giving himself a breathing spell after his successes. But international diplomats in the nuclear age are liable to be willing—even eager-to settle for the imperfect.

Hammarskjold's techinque in the Middle East is something new in UN experience. The authors of the UN charter envisaged an international police force but nothing so subtle as a "presence."

The ideal of a permanent international force remains but is beset by difficulties, mostly because of the overriding power of the U.S. and Russia. In this field the middle and smaller powers play a great role, such as: Canada's part in the formation of the United Nations Emergency Force that intervened in the Suez crisis.

In Korea, a hastily-orginzed international force fought a bloody war with inconclusive results, and since than the concept of world policing has gradually evolved to meet the need of the moment.

The UNIEF, for instance, was charged with a vastly different job from that of the Korean expedition. And in the recent Middle East flareups, it was a group classed simply as "observers" that was sent to Lobanon.

Should the current Warsaw talks fall botween the U.S. and Red Chine, perhaps the UN will come up with yet another workable plan for the embattled Quemoys and Matsus.



Resume of progress

From The Wall Street Journal

Our prehistoric ancestors killed each other with clubs and stone axes. We have the hydrogen bomb.

Their chiefs held pow-wows before raiding an enemy camp. Our big businessmen have mergers before underselling their rivals. Their children wasted time

in crude games designed to in-

crease their physical prowess. Our boys go to college to play They risked their lives in combat with wild animals to get food and clothing. We ruin

our health in offices to buy

mink coats and annuities. They told monstrous lies to each other about the wonders of far off countries. We have chambers of commerce.

MEMBERS OF THE RCAF across Canada commemorated the famous "few" as the 18th anniversary of the Battle of Britain was marked by church parades and special services yesterday, September 21. The battle, which had special significance for the RCAF in that it was the force's "baptism of fire", is recalled by the wartime scene above as the airborne defenders of Britain patrol over bombed-out ruins. The battle reached its peak at this time 18 years ago, and although the skies over Britain were not completely cleared of enemy aircraft, the Battle had been won, and the immediate threat of invasion -RCAF photo.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

You are cordially invited to attend the first Regular meeting of Booth P.T.A. in the school 8 p.m., Wednesday, September 17th.

FEATURES:

"Back to School Night"—an opportunity to hear your child's curriculum for the year explained. Introduction of Teachers to Parents—an opportunity for informal discussion.

All Aboard By G.E. Morlimore

"Pete is always hungry," my friend said. "When he comes in our house, he makes straight

for the refrgierator. what he's eating. Just reaches in there, and whatever's hangrowing whiskers—he snatches it and woof! woof! it's gone. "We never have any trouble

disposing of our scraps. Pete is our sanitary squad. "Lots of times someone wil.

say, 'This tag-end of a can ofbeans and be done with it.' 'No save the stuff. Pete should

be in tonight.' scraps and put them in a couple of dishes in the fridge.

Pete, straight for the ice box as usual scoops out the whole works and hurls it down the

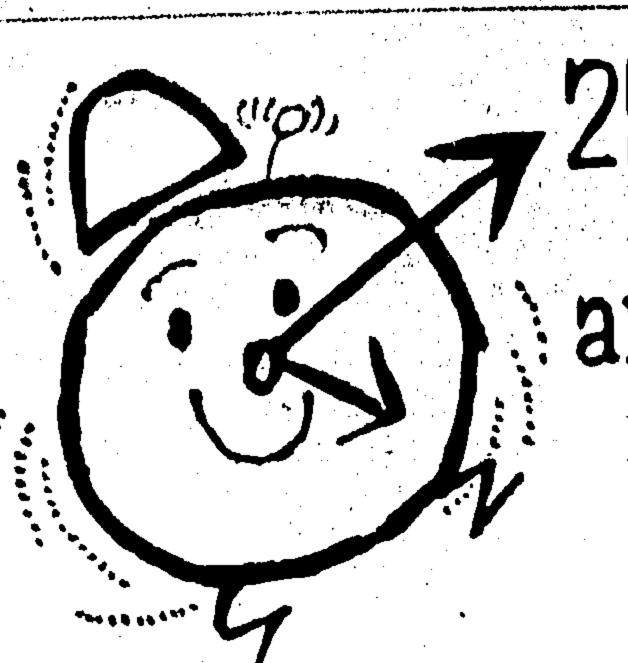
juice.' he says, or 'Boy, half and carton of chow mein, and he downs the stuff.

"No messy leftovers to bother with. It's better than having tame seagull call around." suggested to my that Pete must have a tin

"An ordinary man would be and botulism," I said.

"That's funny," my friend" said. "Sometimes Pete will" turn up during the day, hold ing his stomach and saying 'Oofg, Urgg. Got trouble with my insides today. Must have eaten something that disagreed with me, but I'm, darnass ed if I can fgiure what it was "And only the night before."

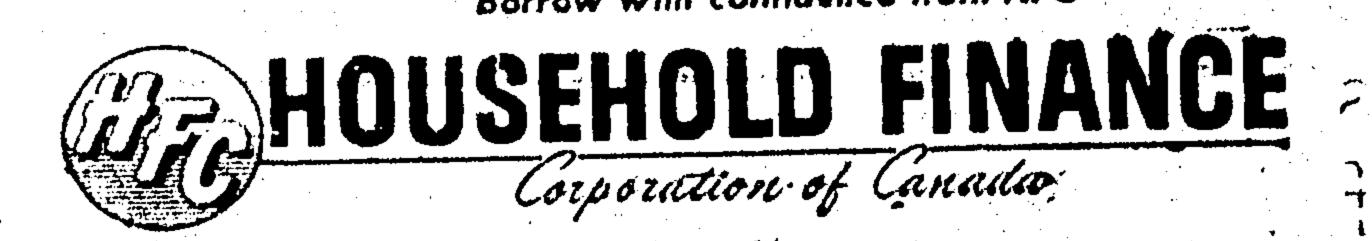
he has chucked down that deadly assortment of chilled garbage from our fridge, Yelf he never seems to associate. that with his stomach ache The idea of cause and effect has never yet dawned on older



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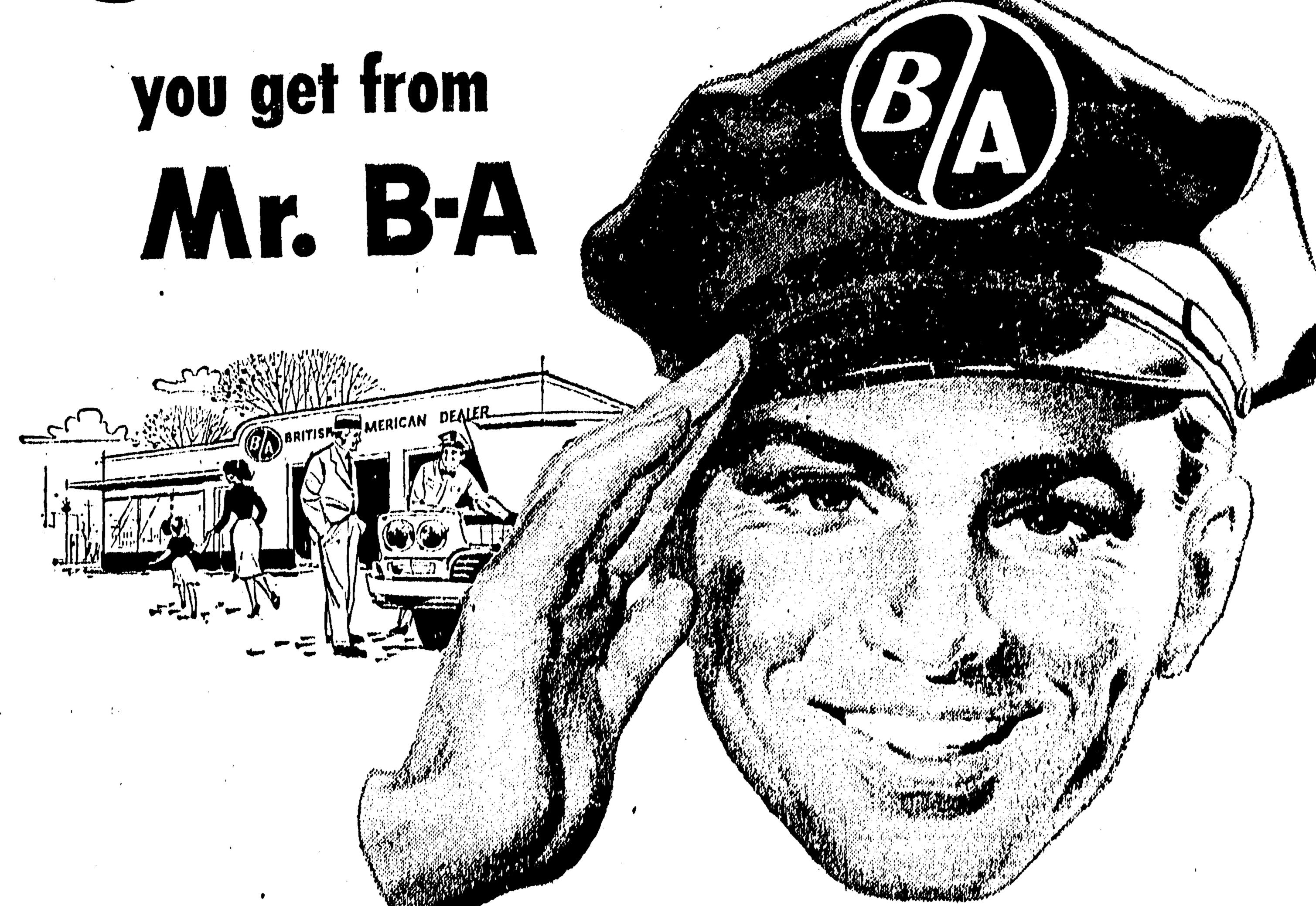


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