

Good Public Support

THE Prince Rupert public responded nobly yesterday to two worthy causes. Citizens turned out en masse over the lunch hour to help the Women's Auxiliary of the Prince Rupert General hospital make a success of a new venture—a "Coffee Party" featuring a businessman's lunch on an "all you can eat" basis. More than 400 men and women and even high school students attended the hospital WA's party, contributing a considerable sum of money to help buy yet another piece of valuable equipment for the hospital.

In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Prince Rupert, their sons and daughters returned to the Civic Centre, site of the noon hour repast. There, in the gymnasium they were treated, for a nominal fee, to a full evening of entertainment that showed Prince Rupert's youth at its best. At the Civic Centre's boxing exhibition there were young lads just two years beyond starting school up to young men just reaching their maturity who displayed courage, determination and sportsmanship. To some of the tinier boxers it was a tremendous occasion. Apart from school contests it was their first time in the public spotlight. They were under the critical eyes of their parents, their school-mates, the general public and the odd yahoo who expects blood and gore from seven and eight-year-olds. Yet, despite all this, there was no show of stage fright, none of them lost their tempers and they put up a wonderful show that was a credit to their parents and their instructors.

Both Maurice Bishop and Dick Ayres were extremely proud of the efforts of their boys, some of whom did not know how to take up a boxing stance or hold their hands last September. The Centre boxing classes also are appreciative of the extra boxers supplied to the exhibition card by Andy Marshall's Prince Rupert Boys' boxing club. The Civic Centre boxing classes and also the Civic Centre Board of Directors owe a vote of thanks to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Lodge 342 which provided help to erect and dismantle the unwieldy ring and also police the gymnasium for the entire show. If it hadn't been for the Elks, there wouldn't have been a boxing show because the Civic Centre isn't staffed to handle such big jobs. However, with their help and also the help of such volunteers as Benny Windle, Vic White, Art Murray and Don Wanamaker—the latter two are Elks anyway—the show was a success. It might even lead to greater things in the sports life of Prince Rupert.

Particularly heartwarming was the presentation by the Elks, unknown to either boxing instructors, of two awards, one to young Frank Nielsen for being the "greatest boxer" and one to Ted Arney for being the "most scientific boxer." It was a welcome gesture. So what with whole office staffs taking time off to attend the Hospital WA's "Coffee Party" and an extremely good turnout of parents at the boxing card, Mr. and Mrs. Prince Rupert certainly did their good deeds yesterday. The support was appreciated by both circles—the hospital one and the "squared one." We say "well done!"

Oh To Be A Dog

HERE is some doubt about whether man is better or worse off than he was years ago, but not so for dogs, says an American writer.

Reports in the Wall Street Journal, the trade magazines and conversations with economist friends, he says, make it clear that the lot of man's best friend was never better.

Pet fanciers in the United States are spending over 10 times more on pets (three billion dollars a year) than 20 years ago, as contrasted to the per capita of spending for humans that has just a little more than doubled during the same period.

In fashionable parts, poodles are emerging in their new winter outfits: Imported flannel jackets, bighorn sweaters, rhinestone collars and alluring periwinkles. Taxis and limousines are taking aristocrats of the dog world to beauty parlors, where poodles and their masters are clipped for \$25.

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SIX-FOOTED COLT — Four feet on the front should make this newborn colt a "four-footed" horse. But like all baby equines, it's still a little wobbly and has to be supported by its owner, farmer, Carl D. Smith of Mirrachuk, Tenn. Smith, whose hobby is raising and training horses, says the colt is healthy and normal except for the extra foot.

FAMOUS BASTION The Rock of Gibraltar, the southern extremity of Spain towers 1,380 feet at the entrance to the Mediterranean.

As I See It

by

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OTTAWA—Canadian MP's have been having extremely valuable conferences with Erich Ollenhauer, Leader of the German Social Democratic Party.

These conferences centre around the question of what will happen in Europe if the Social Democrats win the German general election of next September. It is safe to say that most Canadian MP's are now much less perturbed at the prospect of a Social Democratic victory than they were before Herr Ollenhauer's visit. For he makes it crystal clear that while Social Democrats believe Germany must sooner or later withdraw from NATO, she will not do so unless there is a better European security set-up than NATO itself.

HERE ARE the steps which Herr Erich Ollenhauer says Germany of a Social Democratic victory: many would take in the event:

• West Germany would remain within NATO, pending negotiations with Russia about the unification of Germany.

• The negotiations with Russia would be conducted collectively, as between the western allies and the Soviet—and not bilaterally as between West Germany alone and Russia by themselves.

• Provided Russia thus agreed to the reunification of a peaceful and democratic Germany, the reunited country would be willing to enter a general European security pact.

• This regional security pact would be established within the framework of the United Nations Charter. It would be open to all European countries who wished to join. Military contributions of the various countries would be based on an agreed quota arrangement, so that no one country could arm out of proportion to its partners.

• All member countries of the proposed European security compact would agree to conduct their combined defence collectively. No member nation would have the right to veto any proposed mutual defensive action against aggression.

ALONG WITH other MPs, I myself cross-examined Mr. Ollenhauer on some of the points. He made it very clear that he did not envisage participation in the proposed pact either by the United States or the Soviet Union. However, he was candid in stating that such a compact had no chance whatever of coming into effect without the support and agreement of both the United States and Russia.

It is quite clear that the German Social Democratic leader believes that there is no hope whatever of a satisfactory European settlement unless Germany eventually accepts Russia's demand to withdraw from NATO. In this size-up he is probably realistic. Both publicly and privately, the Soviet leaders have made it clear that they will never voluntarily agree to the reunification of a re-armed Germany. If that re-armed Germany is to become a full-fledged member of NATO, Herr Ollenhauer seems to regard this as a reasonable condition. From his point of view, the United States would also never voluntarily agree to the inclusion of a reunited and re-armed Germany within the red bloc of countries which have pooled their armed forces under the Moscow's Warsaw pact.

Nevertheless, in spite of the strict neutrality which protocol favors, the St. Laurent Government has shown considerable interest in the Ollenhauer mission. By some impartial Parliament Hill observers, the interest is interpreted as weakness. It is regarded as a yardstick of the Canadian Government's anxiety over the re-election prospects faced by the Adenauer Government.

External Affairs experts rec-

ognize that West Germany is a major balancing factor in Western Europe, and that if Pro-

Western Chancellor Adenauer were to disappear from the politi-

cal scene, it would be of the utmost urgency for a similar pro-Western figure to succeed him. This thinking is regarded as the explanation of the red carpet upon which Opposition Leader Ollenhauer has been walking during his stay in Ottawa.

It's a situation from which the government derives no real comfort. Cabinet ministers admit frankly that if either PC Leader Diefenbaker or CCF Leader Coldwell should receive similar treatment in London or Washington they would consider that protocol between govern-

ments had been at least strained, if not downright violated.

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All Aboard By G.E. Morlimore

What a furtive character that man is. Someone else in the office has just whispered in his ear. A crafty look comes over his face, and he moves out the door sideways.

You can tell to look at him that he is up to no good. Doubtless that crook of his just told him some character-destroying gossip about a co-worker, and he is on his way to pass it where it will do the most harm.

Here he comes back again side-winding into his seat like a crab. He looks at people sideways, too. You can tell a man's nature by the way he walks and looks at other, I always say.

Consider this man. Deceit is written all over him. Now he's getting up and walking over to fetch something from another desk. Look, he can't even travel in a straight line across the room. He has to slide along with his back to a wall.

When he is forced to travel in the open, he seems to dodge from pillar to pillar, like a rat scuttling down an alley in the shelter of a row of garbage cans. Yes, it takes all kinds to make a world. But a shrewd observer can spot out the wrong 'uns and the phonies. Now look at the man. Someone else has whispered in his ear. He's a kind of a crooked, shifty grin, and edges away again.

What's he doing now? He has gone to the coat rack and put on his overcoat. But he isn't leaving. No, he's going back to his desk. That's funny. He almost walked straight, like a human being. He's sitting down.

Oh, I know his game. He wants to give the boss the idea how alert and busy he is, working at top speed and yet poised to go out on a hurry-up job at an instant's notice. Those cunning types are up to all kinds of tricks.

Don't you agree that his whole appearance betrays him as the kind of man who is not to be trusted?

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