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TAPHATEVER doubts or opinions may be held on other aspects of the latest proposal to develop electric power in British Columbia's northern region, it is false to suggest that an agreement allowing the Wenner-Gren or any other interests to do the producing would mean selling the B.C. Power Commission down the river. Under the provisions of the Electric Power Act there should be no conflict between pubhic ownership and private enterprise in this visionary project, because a private company—all other factors being satisfactory—would not be usurping territory statutorily belonging to the commission.

There is a great deal of misunderstanding about the status of hydro-electric power production in this province. British Columbia has public power, but not nationalized power. In the passage of the Power Act there never was any intention to nationalize power; nor to intrude in fields which were being or could be served by private companies.

The primary—virtually the only—purpose of the spiration: and the responsibility of first in the minds of men and However, that is not the point. Electric Power Act v-hich set up the B.C. Power Commission was to bring cheap power within reach of rural areas where there was little hope of getting it otherwise. The commission, with money borrowed on the credit of the province, was to supply power in the more remote regions impracticable or uneconomje for anyone else to enter, and has done so most successfully. Separate spheres of operation were Set up, specifically barring the commission from Competing in populous areas which sould be served by private producers. The character of some regions the province has changed since the act was passed 12 years ago, but the principle on which spheres of operation were divided has not. These terms may not always have been observed to the letter, but that has no bearing on the Peace River project.

Not by any stretch could the development of 4,000,000 horsepower in the uninhabited wilderness be interpreted as rural electrification and thus a prerogative of the commission. Whatever the dreams of an "Industrial empire" in the Rocky Mountain high national esteem. Trench, it does not seem to be denied that this enormous new horsepower would be developed mainly for export to already industrialized areas far to the -south, even to the United States. 'Related to the intention if not the precise wording of the Power Act, that does not appear to be a proper function of the -Victoria Colonist. commission.

And God shall wipe away all ears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain. Rev. 21:4.

There are several planes of existence awaiting mortals, but sorrow and pain have their function on this earthly plane. It is our last chance to relieve suffering and sorrow. It would be regretable if we missed our last chance.

By HON. LESTER B. PEARSON (Copyright 1957, All rights reserved)

To be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and to join Muggerlage, and are therefore to time. The man who does a the company of devoted men who have already received it, is something that is bound to make one very

When, out of the blue, or rathin this way, both sentiments were tive could now mean. one, surprise, even stronger. I yearning been more intense or wrote it, and probably laugicd and tricky to be spoken at all. at college for writing an essay dinary wife and mother who on the subject, particularly ap- looks at her children and years, "It is better to have loved a Nazl concentration camp, but ticle, unfair in parts and purely clamor the faint cries of the

peace and war are discussed, in- ingly shared my pride in the falling into a vegetable state. co-operation between peoples, share the great pride we like to climate of New York rather the privilege becomes an in-feel that our country is thought harsh in winter.

a great opportunity. this during the years I have rep- pride is first in my country. My resented my country at the Un- thoughts then go to the men and ited Nations and elsewhere. Ca- women who worked with me in ada's reputation abroad stands Ottawa and on Canadian delegahigh because she has always tions at international meetings tried to help in the solution of some of whom have now passed of differences. However, we do voted group in any foreign sernot need to get too smug about vice in the world. I think also ate in the facts of our political ment I received from my fellow and economic position, which citizens generally; from parliahave been such as to make it ment; from my colleagues in have been directed at the throice impartial and objective view of some matters than it is for certain other countries; or indeed than it would be for us, if our short term national interests were more often and more directly involved; or if our experience and our history had been

But what ever the reason may be, the fact remains that Canada has achieved a good name among the nations for its contribution to the search for peace. The Nobel Award has made me the beneficiary of that

In the last ten days I have received more than a thousand | messages of congratulation and good wishes on receiving this award. They have come from all parts of the world: from children at school and from an old friend of 93 years; from persons in the highest places and from those who work and live as plain, ordinary people. The President of the United States of America has addressed me as "Dear Mike" and a newly arrived laborer from a refugee camp as "Excellency." One envelope that intrigued me was addressed to: "L. B. Pearson,

New York." Wherever these messages came from—and however addressed there was in them all a deen

Peacemaker, Late United Nations

proud and should make him very humble.

an English prize in my first year ical excerpts. "I am just an or- some payment of that order and television." propriate for a freshman of 17 afraid;" "We were refugees from tors and we want to serve this

make for peace and constructive hearts:" and another—"May I geridge would probably find the

women as a land of peace." I have been very conscious of In receiving this award, my of them.

problems and in the conciliation away. There is no finer or dethis. We have been very fortun- of the support and encourageeasier perhaps for us to take an government, and above all from

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All Aboard By G.E. Mortimore To Be United.

Malcolm Muggeridge? Many people here don't even tainly he has the right, and the know that England has Maleolm job may need doing, from time unable to answer the question. I must resign himself to a certain

Need a Queen?"

er over the telephone from the longing for peace in the world; smillar to asking: "Dose a Man ing Commonwealth family will that national government could press, I received the news last one made more intense by the Need a Mother" Mr. Muzger-continue to set a high value on not be attained without comweek that I had been honored realization of what the alterna-lidge himself knows that it was the Queen and her successors plete unity. silly, and there is no doubt that The feeling of many people tostrong in me: with an additional Perhaps never before has this he sniggered up his sleeve as he ward the Sovereign are too deep don't think that I have ever been | widespread—and so mixed with | out loud as he pocketed the Such feelings have nothing to so flabbergasted since I received anxiety. Here are a few, but typ- | Post's cheque for \$1 a word, for do with gush and gabble in press

and lost than never to have lov- our boys are now Canadian doc- rhetorical in other places, but archers at Agincourt, the guns of interesting from start to finish. Trafalgar and the German. There can be no greater privi- country that has brought us After a great deal of palater, bombs laying waste to London. lege — and responsibility — given peace." "Please do keep on trying he agreed that England did need to a Canadian than to be the to help nations get along with a queen. And there is no doubt to a Canadian than to be the to help nations get along with a queen. And there is no doubt spokesman of his country at in- each other;" and so they went, that England needs Malcolm beach of the BOOM terretional meetings such as Then there were also many Muggeridge, or somebody like ternational meetings such as Then there were also many Muggeridge or somebody like those of the United Nations, letters from Canadian friends, him. He stings people, makes where the elemental questions of known and unknown, who mov-them think, and prevents them fluenced and perhaps even on award as a tribute to our coun- If it came to a vote between occasion decided. When the poli- try. One from Vancouver read: the Queen and Malcolm Mugcies of one's government, as de-| "It makes every Canadian feel geridge, and the people of Britermined by the will of the Ca- proud of their country, for peace tain were called upon to decide trading during the first half nadian people, are those which is the great desire of all our which one had to go Mr. Mig-

There seems to be room for both

Mr Muggeridge's article is not an attack on the monarchy, although it is decked out to look like an attack, if you don't read through. But it has a faint

Some of the Queen's subjects in a solid line. won't like this journalist's cool cynical appraisal any more than and its occupant.

tion and examine it like an an- wounds to hands or feet.

Does England Really Need tique-dealer checking a family Asserts Socreds 'alcolm Muggeridge? heirloom for worm-holes Cer-

Mr. Muggeridge is the man amount of hatred. This, for Man amount of hatred. This, for Man amount of hatred. who asked, in the Saturday Eye-| Muggeredg, is nothing new. ning Post: "Does England Reply Regardless of what, the ap-promised to eliminate any inter-

It was a silly question, very members of the English-speak-

More power to him. He wrote a As the Queen approaches, loyal penetrating, witty, irreverent ar- subjects will hear through the

Highest Yet

TORONTO W-The stock market raced ahead Friday in active hour. Wednesday's sharp rise, the strongest in the history of the Toronto stock exchange, showed no signs of letting up as the high-speed ticker-tape fell five minutes behind floor sales.

Industrial gains ranged to \$5 with many key issues climbing at least \$1. Mines had moderate gains and

a broad list of issues were ahead. The western oil section didn't show the big gains recorded ring of patronizing familiarity. Wednesday but stocks moved up

When gardening tools such as the slobbering hero-worship and scypthes, shears and rakes are tawdry gossip-mongering which put away for the winter, they should be wrapped thickly with newspaper and tied. If encount-! Has Mr. Muggeridge the right ered in the basement in the to pick up a cherished institu- dark they can inflict dangerous

VANCOUVER ((1)-British Columbla's Social Credit movement laster pledging itself to a united, fight to be elected as the gov-

ernment of Canada has also nal difficulties within the party. Premier Bennett said Friday

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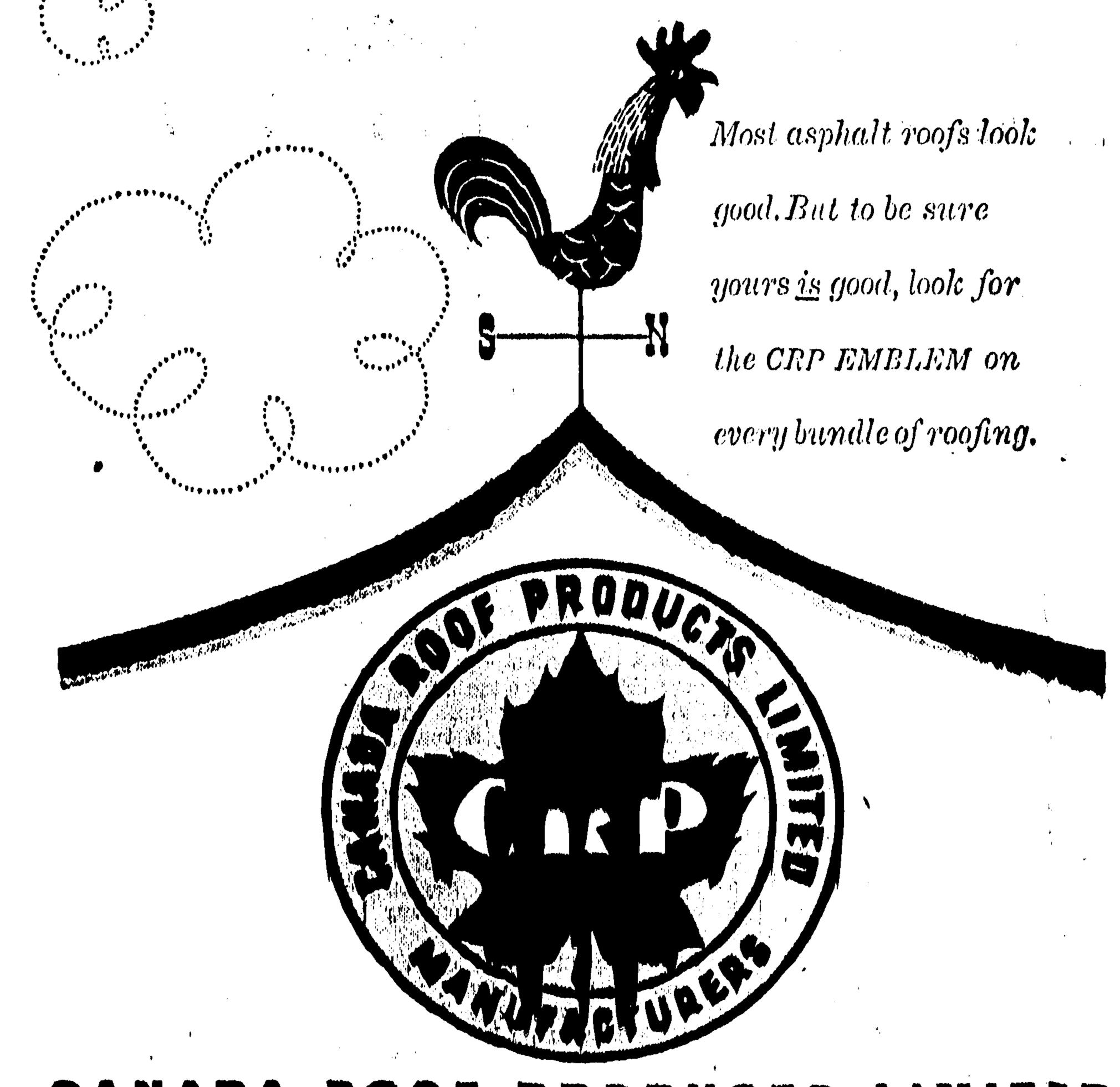
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