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Loss to Isolated Communities

ECISION of the Union Steamships Limited to discontinue its coastal passenger service sees the end of 60 years of yeoman's service on the British Columbia coast. The move, made in the face of mounting costs and the rejection by the federal government of an increased subsidy, strikes another blow at Prince Rupert's claim to being the hub of the north. Late lienge the ruling of Mr. Speaker last month the city learned of Pacific Western Airlines plan to discontinue its service due to lack of business and a move was made to halt complete suspension. A subsidy is being sought to keep that vital link with the north coast's outlying settlements and

However, such a subsidy could not reach the proportions of the one the federal government has been pouring into Union Steamships. The company had asked for an increase in the current \$562,000 a year subsidy and it was rejected by parliament. Transport Minister Hees statement that it would have involved an "unjustifiably large expenditure of public funds" must be echoed by local taxpayers. Half a million dollars a year to keep large vessels going for a handful of passengers is not good business. The subsidy is twice that paid to keep the little used Prince Rupert drydock going just prior to its closure by the Canadian National Railways. In addition Union Steamships has been forced to increase its own contribution of funds to a cause that has been steadily losing out to air travel.

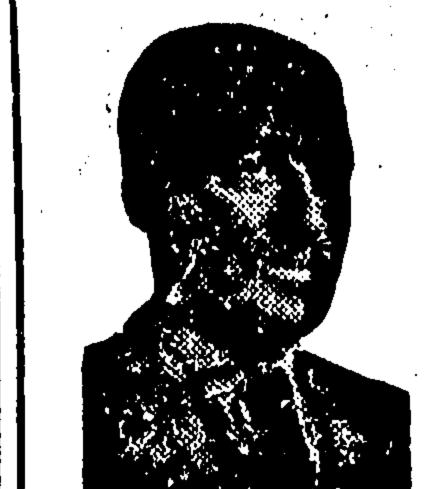
Hardest hit by the move are communities such as Stewart, Alice Arm, Alert Bay and those on the Queen Charlotte Islands. Weather often hampers plane services and the sense of isolation already experienced by these communities will be increased unless another steamship firm carries on the service as has been indicated.

If another shipping firm does take over the passenger service then it will make little difference to Prince Rupert. Freight will still come in by Union Steamships and those persons who prefer a leisurely trip down the coast will still have the promised steamship service.

It would appear that these apparent setbacks to Prince Rupert's coastal economy are merely stepping stones of progress. The expenditure of \$7.000,000 on Digby Island for Prince Rupert's airport with the possibility of further expenditures before the airport is finished is not a political whim on the part of the old Liberal government nor a continued vote getter by the present Conservative government. 'It means that Prince Rupert is becoming air-minded and the all. airport expense is justified. While we may be losing our identity as the shipping hub of the north, we are soon to become the aerial centre of the whole northwest. Progress can only be made in one direction at a time, not two. What we lose on the swings we are going to gain on the merry-go-rounds. With a \$562,-000 subsidy at stake that is the only business-like way to look at the situation.

He went about seeking someone to lead him by the hand. Act. 13:11,

Paul was stricken by blindness on the Damascus Road after his amazing vision of Christ. Do we value good sight? It is a free gift from God, who soon restored Pauls physical and - spiritual sight as well. We should value spiritual sight too.



Come Out Fighting

OTTAWA-Surely there was never a more disma spectacle in the House of Commons of Canada than when the Conservative leader challenged the deliberate, and carefully considered ruling of its own appointed Chairman of the Committee-of-the-Whole.

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liament found itself. In the na-

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Not once in a blue moon does any party in parliament chal- Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

Yet now—just a year and a half later—the country sees the government of the day repudiating the rulings of the man for the fabian line the Liberal daily life. chosen by itself to apply the party has deliberately taken in rules of the House.

These rulings were not snap which the Twenty Third partities: judgments. They were given by study of all the authorities, and consultation with permanent officials of parlia-

In brief, they were challenged on no other ground than that of sheer partian expediency.

IF THE Conservatives so brazenly tore from their own faces carried out its promises in rethe masks of being the cham- gard to pensions, and for farmpions of the rule of law in par-Liberals showed in almost as sorry a light.

Twenty Third parliament three opposition parties voted against the flagrant Conservaof parliamentary done. procedure. There was only dozen votes difference between the yeas and the nays when the time came for the MPs to stand up and be counted. But more than that number of Liberals ignored the call of the bell.

Granted that the wily Tories knew that they had the Liberals literally over a barrel for the next few weeks. But surely here was an issue so big as to offset the fact that the new leader of the Liberal party cannot be before the convention in the middle of January.

IT DOES not necessarily follow that the Conservatives would have asked the Governor-General to dissolve the Third, parliament, even had they been over-ruled in their amazing manoeuver of over-ruling own Chairman.

Technically, the issue was not one of confidence versus non-|confidence in the Diefenbaker defeat of the Conservative government on this matter would have been a moral blow from which it could have recovered only with great difficulty, if at

WHETHER the new Liberal chieftain is Lester B. Pearson or Paul Martin, he will have a difficult but vitally important decision to make at the very outset of his career as Leader of

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Hearty Horse-Laugh Heckles Harried Hagerty

LONDON (/r)-- Several British | Herald Tribune even remotely presidential press secretary, "I would assume that the New James Hagerty, the former news- | York Herald Tribune being paper man who couldn't take a fair and decent paper, would columnist's ribbing about his give these remarks equal play press conferences.

Art Buchwald, whose paper—the did with this unadulterated rot New York Herald Tribune-was that was printed in he paper the first major paper to endorse this morning." Eisenhower for the presidency SIMMER DOWN, JIM in 1952 and which has never | Hagerty said Eisenhower had wavered in its devotion. Hagerty seen the column. He declined to worked for the New York Times discuss the president's reaction. before he became the president's

press 'secretary. He will have to decide whether lished in The Herald Tribune or his deputies. Indeed it had the Liberal party is to get in and its Paris edition Tuesday, renot happened for many years, there and really fight the gov- counted an imaginary press conuntil the hectic pipeline debate ernment—come what may—or ference with presidential spokeswhether it is to continue to pull man "Jim." The column poked fun at many of the questions and No reasonable person could answers at such inquiries into Hagerty asked if a representafairly criticize Mr. St. Laurent the minutiae of the president's tive of The Herald Tribune was

answers to the column went like column, Buchwald told him:

Q. Jim, did the president ed, Jim." tional interest, it was his diffispeak to any one before retiring? A. He spoke to the secretary case," Hagerty replied. "I am government stayed in office at of state.

Q. What did he say to the secretary of state, Jim; Q. And what did the secretary

say to the president? A. He said, "Good night, Mr.

Q. The secretary didn't say "pleasant dreams?" A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Jim, do you have any idea what the president is dreaming, for the new Liberal leader to lay of this very moment.? A. No, the president has never

what the Conservatives have revealed to me any of his dreams-Q. Are we to assume from The Liberals cannot do that by that the president doesn't continuing the negative, pussy- dream? A. I'm not saying he does or

footing tactics they have been he doesn't. I just said I don't compelled to use in the past few

The new Liberal leader is go-UNABULTERATED ROT ing to have to come out fighting. Hagerty called a special press conference to describe the colgreatest production of lumber to assert that "at no time did and sawmill products in Canada. the reports in the New York

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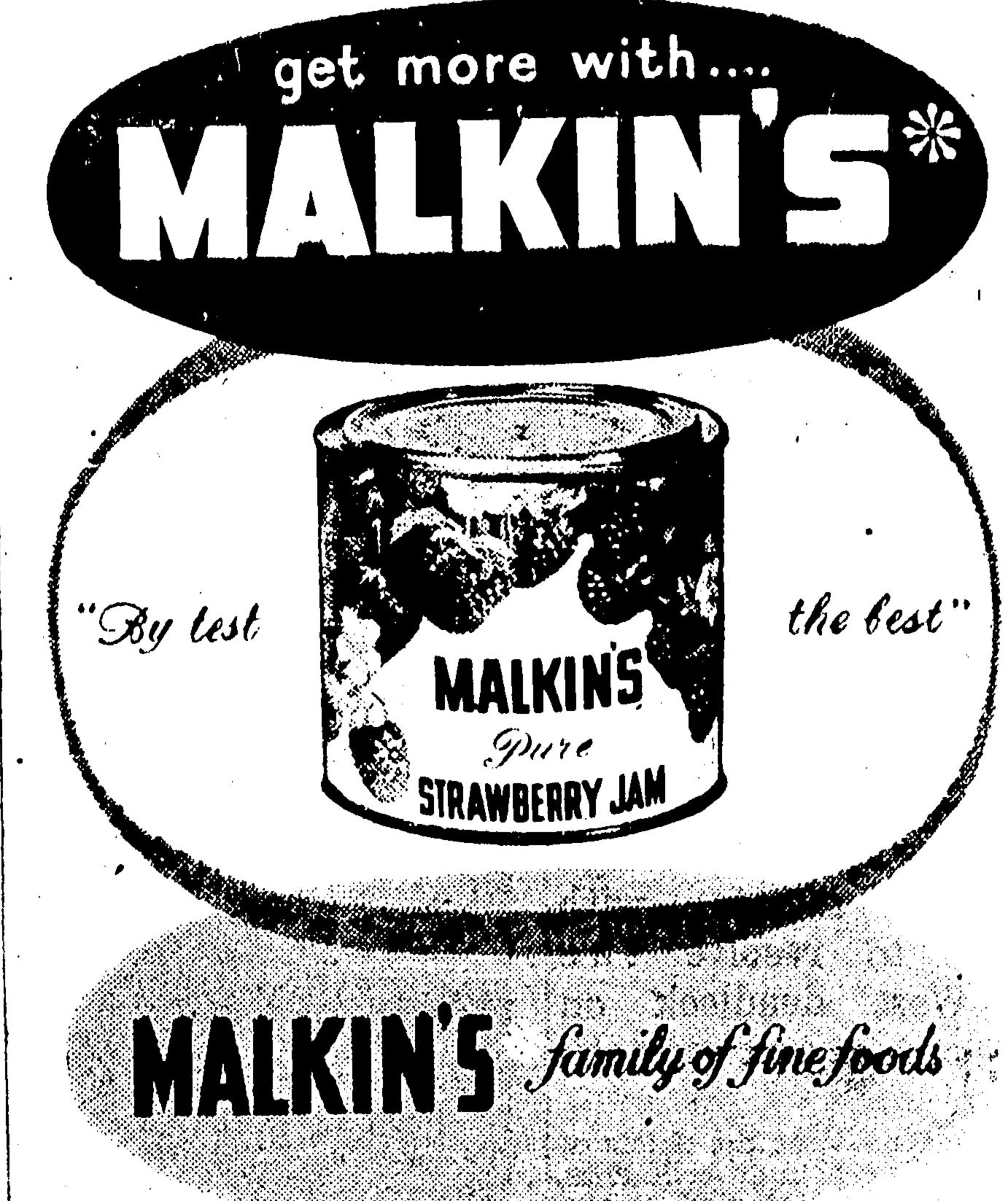
newspapers have given a loud resemble what I ever said at a horse laugh to the United States public briefing," Hagerty said. on the front page of their paper The columnist was humorist in their edition tomorrow as they

The Mutual Broadcasting System, in a broadcast from Paris, said "that when President Eisenhower himself read the column he laughed like mad and his only comment to Jim Hagerty was 'simmer down, Jim, simmer down.'" Before making his remarks.

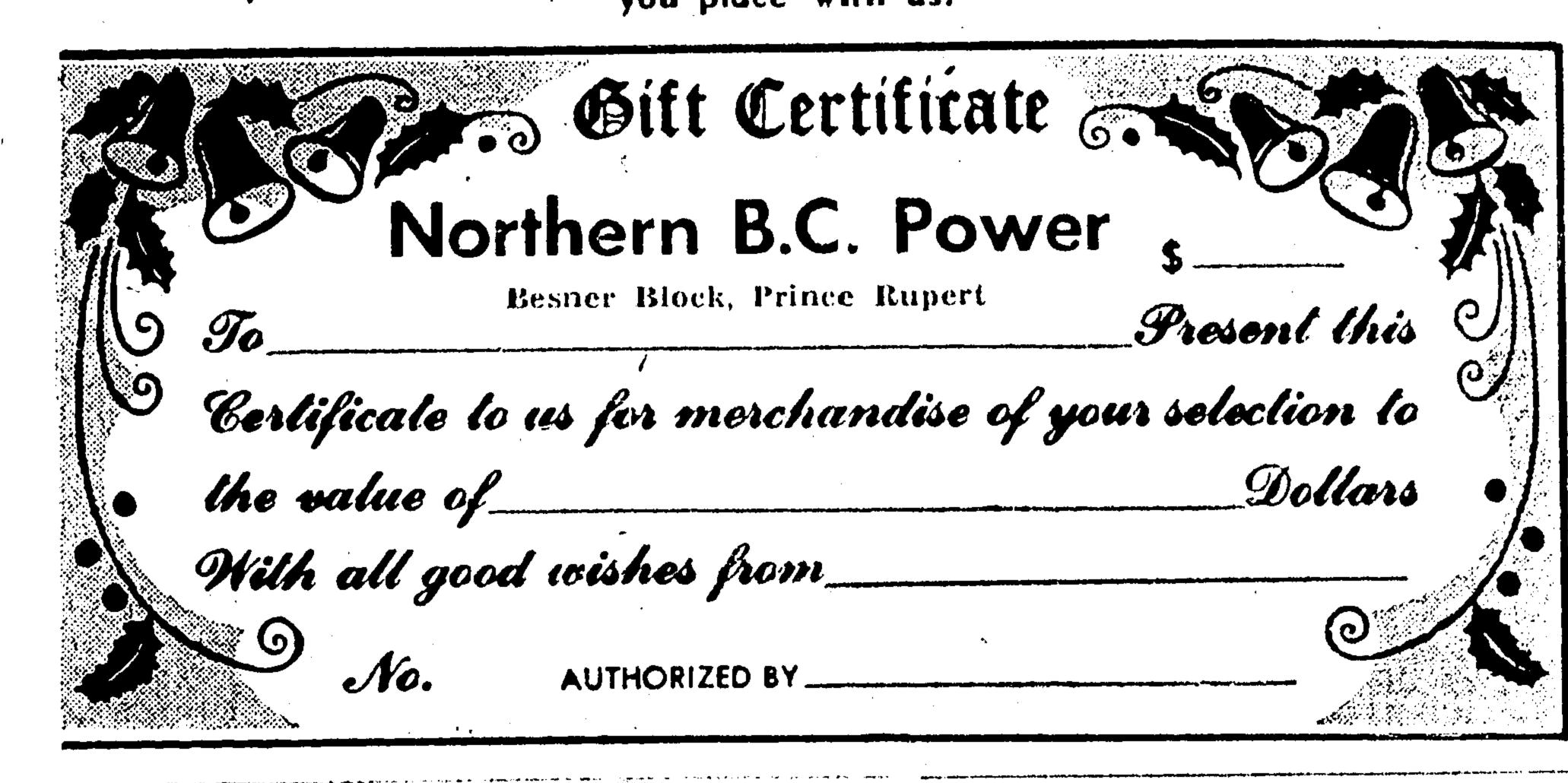
in the room. Buchwald respond-Some of the questions and ed. After Hagerty assailed the "Your name wasn't mention-

"I am not going to argue the making my statement. think it was unadulterated rot. "This incredible scene," A. He said, "Good night. Fos-| London Daily Express tells its British readers, "resulted in the

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ASSETS

	in transit)	\$ 540,240,109
•	Government of Canada and provincial government	672,276,365
	securities, at amortized value	505,688,414
	Other securities, not exceeding market value	·
	Call loans, fully secured	238,163,548
	Total quick assets	\$1,956,368,436
	Other loans and discounts	1,431,188,052
	Mortgages and hypothecs insured under N.H.A.	216,590,777
	(1954)	34,559,150
	Bank premises	29442224420
	Liabilities of customers under acceptances, gharantees and letters of credit	112,413,852
•	Other assets	9,424,350
		\$3,760,544,617
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	Deposits	\$3,426,683,145
	Acceptances, guarantees and letters of credit	112,415,852
	Other liabilities	19,444,074
	Total liabilities to the public	\$3,558,541,071
	Canstal paid up	50,400,000
	Capital paid up	151,200,000
	Undivided profits	403,546
		\$3,760,544,617

Balance of undivided profits, 30th November, 1957. 403,546

Profits for the year ended 30th November, 1957, after pro-

vision for depreciation and *income taxes and after mak-

ing transfers to inner reserves out of which full provision

has been made for diminution in value of investments

Dividends at the rate of \$2.00 per share . . . \$10,077,622

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Malance of undivided profits, 30th November, 1956

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Extra distribution at the rate of 10¢ per share

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