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Good News for Miners

A wise step has been made by the provincial government in elaborating on its new system of mining leases to avoid any discouragement in the development of mineral resources in B.C.

When the system was approved in the legislature last spring to replace Crown grants of mineral rights, mining representatives protested that it would not give sufficient assurance of long-term tenure and would discourage prospectors. As a result, Mines Minister Kiernan and his officials met with the mining industry committee to plan administration of the policy so that harmful effects would be avoided.

Now Mr. Kiernan has explained that the government is seeking as much flexibility as possible in order not to confront practical operations with unworkable conditions. He emphasises that what the government seeks to encourage is development and that any company with a development program "won't find us difficult to do business with."

Under the former system, all the mineral resources of the province before long would have been secured under Crown grants. According to Mr. Kiernan, the government did not think it was in the interests of B.C. that anyone could "gather up the mineral resources and merely sit on them."

As things stand now, any person who holds a free miner's certificate can locate, record and hold a mineral claim for five years. A retention or production lease can be obtained only by a holder of a mineral claim who has done \$500 worth of work on the claim or paid cash in lieu of the work. If renewall of a five-year retention lease is applied for, the mines department may require an engineering certificate that the minerals in the leasehold cannot profitably be put into production at the time. A retention lease may be renewed any number of times. Production leases will be for 21 years and may be renewed if circumstances warrant.

This new arrangement makes sense. There is no discouragement to long-term development but the regulations are there to prevent inexcusable delay of work. The government has handled with care and wisdom a tricky situation affecting one of B.C.'s most important industries.

Capital Flows More Normally

THE review of world investment trends prepared *for the United Nations Social and Economic Council by Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold is angencouraging one. It shows that the outflow of capital for investment in countries where it is needed setta postwar record in 1956.

The largest single factor in this growth was the fact that export of investment funds from the United States for undertakings abroad more than doubledrover 1955. But very substantial contributions to the trend were made also by Great Britain and West Garmany.

This signifies that corporate and other private inwestment from the more industrially advanced commutries is beginning to take its normal role in the development of resources in countries that cannot ast yet supply their own capital. The aim of Americath and British aid plans in the Far East is to help countries reach a stage from which their economic growth will become self-propelled.

The larger portions of international investment by American capital in 1956 were directed to Canada, Lätin America, and Western Europe. If experience is satisfactory in those directions, a still broader distribution for development may be expected.

-Christian Science Monitor.

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Don't Rob That Bank

ONE of the finest things that has happened in my lifetime is the organization by the Red Cross of the free blood bank system across Canada.

In the old days it was necesors who would supply the neces-acles in the face of the diffisary blood for the transfusions culties. necessary after accidents or for

surgical operations. How many precious lives were lost in those old days, because the late Dr. Norman Bethune. there just was not the right blood available soon enough at | 7 the right place and time?

A GOOD many Canadians do not blood-bank processes.

service as a doctor here in Can- have never even heard. ada he went off to serve on the Bethune went out to China.

So far as I can find out, Bethune never was a Communist far bigger man than would or himself. But he did serve out could fit into any political party his last year of all-too brief life pigeon hole—above all into one in that part of China which was as cynically deliberately dishonunder Chinese Communist rule est as the Communist party, all through the years of the Jap- | where the party

speakable personal and profes- fifties—and are denounced in tic. The politicians, bored at stronghold. the very widespread but false associates of the forties, like other test at the polls, jumped higher-ups want to get rid of Mr. Terrace which was surveyed by made, another wanted to buy a munists did NOT give any help It seems to me from what I Bennett sounded the clarion have his political head chopped Middens are where early in- day, there are requests for insupposed to be in operation in ic doctor.

Chiang Kai-shek. In those days that great humanitarian. But these years—well over 20. the Stalin government was ada- thanks to the blood-bank techmant in living up to its bargain niques, which he helped to pion- hope, in view of what happened and shows not much sign of re- brought back from the midden. with Chiang Kai-shek, and eer, we can all help to save lives to them in the June federal turning to the dry beach, all Whichever midden, financial therefore would not even supply by systematically, and regularly election—two seats out of B.C.'s this sad state of affairs for the and other factors permit him to the Chinese Communists with turning up at the Red Cross 22 in the House of Commons, a Liberals not in any way being "dig" Mr. Bryan will use the elementary kind.

Chiefly for that reason, the whole human race: last period of the life of Dr. As the good book says, God Norman Bethune was almost like has made of one blood all the ly bursting with hope, though a medical man's nightmare. He nations of the earth. The good literally had none of the tools of red blood given by the son of a modern medicine with which to B.C. millionaire may save the work. The human need around life of the child of the reddest him was appalling, yet he car- Communist in the land, and it ried on, in the face of all the works the other way too.

sary for the hospitals literally to hardships, and accomplished scurry around to find blood don- what, now seem to be like mir-

> THE present day Chinese almost worship the nemory of When I was in China last year found that they had named several great medical institu-

tions after this Canadian. It is strange but true that all know it, even yet. But a Can- the 57 million children of China adian doctor, Dr. Norman Be-who are going through the prithune, was one of the great mary schools of that vast land, world leaders in the present day are taught to revere the name, and to honor the work of this Bethune had an exciting life. Canadian doctor, whose name After a rather ordinary term of the vast majority of Canadians

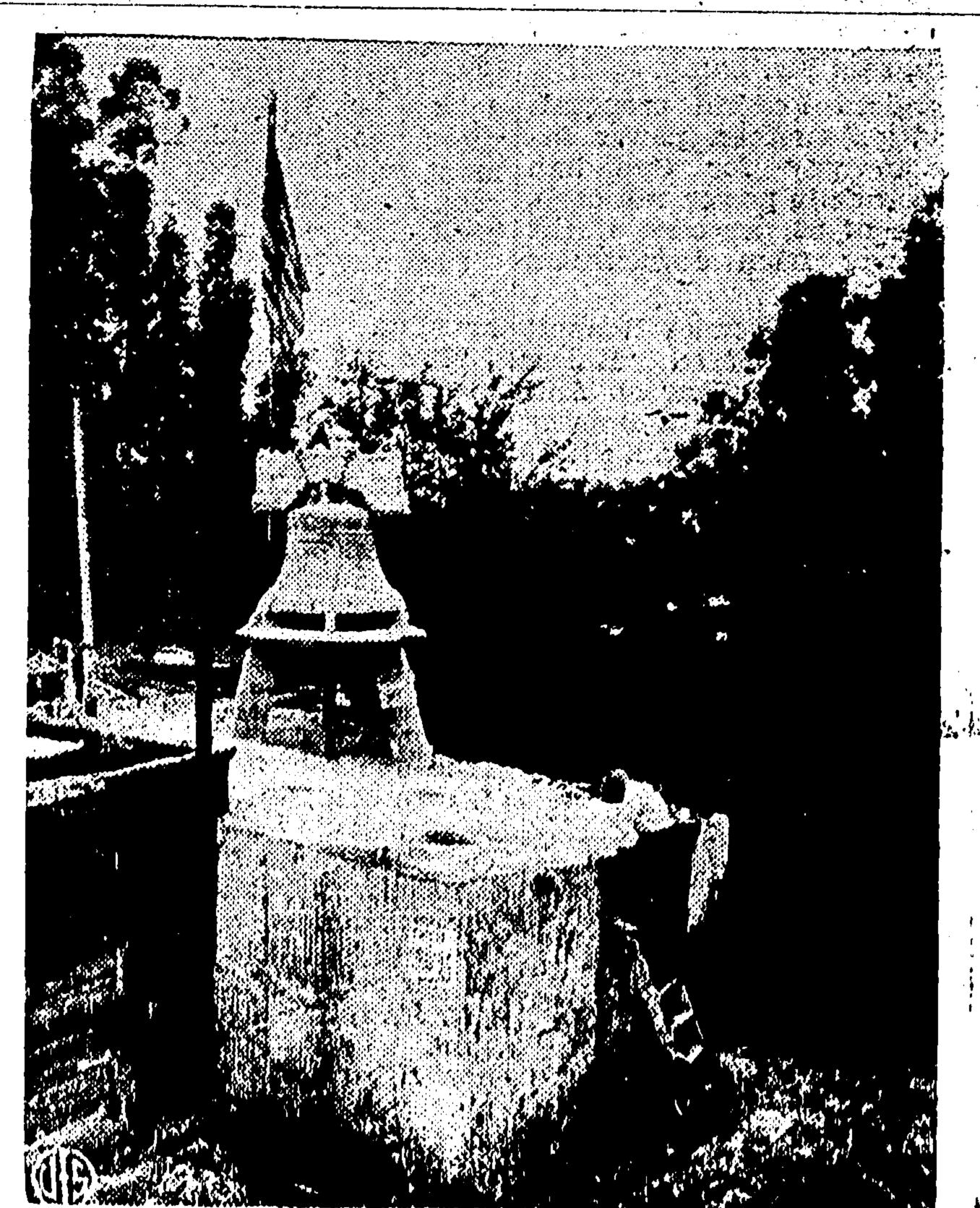
republican side, in the Spanish WAS Dr. Bethune a Communist? civil war. When the Fascists I do not think he was—despite finally won out in that curtain-the fact that a few Canadian raiser to the Second World War Communists said so, after his

> It seems to me Bethune was a / of the forties, like Stalin, Delta, Burnaby and Cariboo.

Bethune's last years were lived Molotov, Beria, and Malenkov under conditions of almost un- became the arch-villains of the but it promises to be fairly hec- chance, it being such a CCF may lead to a "dig" in one of sional hardship. Contrary to the fifties, by their own closest first with the thought of an- There's a story the Liberal Kitsumkalum midden outside she could get a birthday cake a

whatsoever to the Chinese had read, and from what I call, and now they're having a off in Burnaby. Communists for several years— heard in China, that Bethune fine time, politicians liking nothat is, during the period when was first, last and all the time thing better than elections. that curious "united front" was just a good doctor—a very hero-

- tribution for the good of the



A PLACE TO HIDE—Ready for the worst in this atomic age of anxlety, C. H. McCaslin climbs atop the concrete bomb shelter which he has built in the yard of his home in Oakland, Calif. The structure is topped by the U.S. flag and a six-foot tall replica of the Liberty Bell, which houses a public address system linked to the interior of the shelter. Constructed of 18-inchthick concrete, the shelter contains a private water supply, electric generators, foodstuffs, and other necessities. Capable of holding 60 persons, the building is expected to withstand all but near or direct bits.

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ROCKET TEST FIZZLE—The sixth rocket fired by the United States army in its tests at Fort Churchill, Man., didn't get as far off the ground as it was supposed to. Booster rockets gave out and the main rocket motor did not start. No one was hurt when the rocket crashed near the launching site. The tests were established in connection with the International Geophysical Year. (CP Photo)

Victoria Report . . . by J. K. NESBITT

VICTORIA—The hustings of B.C. ring loudly in preparation for B.C.'s Sept. 9 "little election,"—by-elections in the ridings of

right in, the minute Premier Laing and have ordered him to Dr. C. E. Borden three years ago. Tsimpsean totem pole. Every

poor showing, indeed. The Con-Mr. Laing's fault, but merely one results to write a thesis for his servatives, in view of what hap-of the ill fortunes of politics. pened to them in June, are fairthey should not forget that people, for some strange reason, don't always vote provincially as they do federally. This odd The Editor, fact is probably due to nothing The Daily News:

more than human perversity. B. C. Conservative leader in one of the ridings but there of Prince Rupert for the wonare stories top-night Conserva- derful reception they have given tives, led by the victorious Fed- us during our stay in the city. eral wing, won't let him. They say, it is said, that he has been defeated too many times already, that the public doesn't like losers, and therefore Mr. Finlayson would be bound to lose,

again. However, if this be true, the top-flight Federal Conservatives! are contradicting themselves. for Mr. Diefenbaker was defeated five times before he'was finfally elected to the House of Commons—and look where nel is now, the Prime Minister of

Arnold Webster was defeated four times for the Commons hefore being elected to the B.C. House in 1953, to become the Leader of Her Majesty's Loya) Opposition, And he could still a be there had he chosen other Victoria and Seattle. than to run again last Septem-

These cases would prove that perhaps the voters like persist-

Mr. Finlayson should have his day trip. chance to run, and win a logislative seat, otherwise he should Winner give up Conservative leadership. Winner t's ridiculous to have a party leader without a seat in House for too long,

If he gets another defeat he the remains of food preparation other. Never a dull moment in may well be jettisoned from or other refuse. It is from these the museum, Chamber of Com-CCF'ers and Social Crediters Liberal leadership, though what middens the archaeologist is merce or Tourist Bureau. are fairly calm and confident. good this would do for the Lib-able to piece together the pre-China with the Communists And incidentally, a very great S.C. expects to hold Delta and eral cause it's difficult to see, history of the inhabitants. After George Hees and his wife again, Cariboo; the CCF is sure it Mr. Laing being a good man, the dig the real work of the ar- and sad to think that our old command of then-President We can't all be heroes like won't lose Burnaby after all one of ideas and ideals, though chaeologist begins. He must weather man did not co-operate. it's his tough luck to be leader construct the culture from the llowever, I think they are very The Liberals haven't much when the Liberal tide is far out, bits of stone, bone and shell impressed with Northern B.C.

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Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Tillen, ence-and a determination on mother and sister of W. H. Wilthe part of men to never cry son Murray, have arrived in the city from Detroit on a holl-

win a Pulltzer Prize for report-Liberal leader Arthur Laing's ing, died at a rest home Sunday going to run in Burnaby, where, after a long illness,

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By JOCELYN BOLTON

Among the interesting guests we have had this past week. were Mr. I. S. Muir of Scotland who visited us with his young grandson. Mr. Muir is visiting with his son and family in Prince. Rupert and we enjoyed meeting and chatting with him. Mr. W. H. Long of Auckland, which is the state of the sta

New Zealand was also a very of Baarn, Holland, were "also" charming guest, very interested visitors, as was Miss Lara Thorin taking photos of Prince Ru- darsen of Vancouver accompanpert and also the Museum. In any ner courin Mrs. R. Grimfact Mr. Long made two trips olfson and children of Prince to the museum and we enjoyed Rupert. talking to him and his friend There is someone in the musting from Saskatchewan.

Miss J. Allaert of Brussels, closing time these days, not only Belgium was also a guest and tourists off the tour boats, but spent a long time seeing our many local people and giner's displays. We do find that people who are arriving by car and from other countries, especially yacht—many from Kitimat, Europe are so interested in the museum. Dr. and Mrs. Scholten

Visit Local Middens

By GLADYS BALDWIN

House pits, petroglyphs, artibut jam-packed visit to. Prince derful and "so well kept." Those

examining sites around the har- fresh looking these days is a bor and through Metlakatla major operation, the time ele-Pass. A morning was spent at ment/being of great importance. the Co-op midden and in the One has to get to work early to

Museum of Northern British Co-lkeep, the place looking as if It will be a short campaign, one would think, he hasn't much middens around Prince Rupert and jetsam in the mail also.

habitants of the country threw

doctorate.

Mr. Bryan's home is in Graham, Washington and he attended the University of Washington. He is at present attending Harvard University.

While a student at the University of Washington, he took part in an archaeological survey; of Tweedsmuir Park under Dr. C. E. Borden of the University of British Columbia. The survey in Tweedsmuir Park preceded the flooding of the area by the Aluminum Company of Canada.

The famous Boundary Bay midden. Point Roberts, Chinlac village on Stuart River Puget Sound and surrounding areas are other middens the ar-

chaeologist from Washington has worked in. Mr. Bryan was one of six archaeologists hired by the Pacific Gas Pipeline Company, solely to survey ahead of the pipeline, to retrieve as many artifacts and as much material as possible before the bulldozers went through and destroyed the evidence of early culture. With another ar- Jan

|chaeologist. Mr. Bryan's "beat" was from Colorado to the border Miss Ella Steen is sailing to- of British Columbia, Then, after) night on the Prince Rupert for the ditch had been dug they holiday trip, to Vancouver, walked it again, a small matter of 1,500 miles round trip. Two of the six archaeologists are still working and are well on their 'way to Mexico.

from early morning until Campbell River, v.f., Dawson

Creek, and many smaller places in the province. Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Timms also pald us a visit with their (family. They had been to see us thefore and were so excited at showing their parents the musfeum. Mr. and Mrs. Timms hope , to return alone sometime and really see what we have on dis-

I had a very lovely letter from a Miss Beatrice Denton in Michifacts, the middens along Metla-| g.m. telling me how she enjoyed katla Pass and the Co-op mid- the museum and enclosed a den were all of interest to Alan small donation for us. It makes L. Bryan, archeologist from one feel happy to think people Washington. Mr. Bryan, with appreciate what we are trying his mother Mrs. E. C. Bryan and to do. Another guest told me he young brother Garry paid a brief thought our museum was won-Hast remarks made me feel quite Mr. Bryan spent an evening clated, as keeping the museum

Someone cared for it. Today a ladý enquired where formation of some kind or an-

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