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Try not to become a tire victim

one's own situation.

residents, shocked and numb, being winter time. led from threatened suites, is a re-

nessed during the last 10 days can break out in any weather, dry and cold, rainy and windy or snowy and slushy.

To firemen the weather is just another obstacle to be fought along with fires. Sometimes it is better than it is on other occasions. Prince Rupert's firemen, both regular and auxiliary, have been magnificent in carrying out their ordinary duty. There wasn't one person in 10, Tuesday night who in the first half hour of the Gordon and Anderson fire would have predicted that the firemen had a chance of saving half of the block between Second and Third Streets. Yet good deployment of crews and persistence won out.

In the meantime, another segment of the population, this time a business

THE horror and tragedy of three firm has suffered a setback. Prevnight fires in the city between jously it was families who lost their November 29 and December 9 points homes. No causes for any of the three up many things and makes one review recent fires have been found. But the fires happened. They broke out on The glaring, all-consuming flames, Seventh Avenue West, First Avenue the terrifying, crackling sound when West and Third Avenue West. Fire buildings burn, the sight of evacuated could happen to you, especially in the

Now is a good time to check your minder that while it may not have home, your office, your plant. Go happened to you, fire can occur at any through them with a toothcomb. Check the wiring, toss out anything Fires of the type the city has wit- that might be a fire hazard or cause spontaneous combustion. If you have any doubts call the fire department and have your premisés inspected. Check your fire extinguishers. Make sure that you do not overheat your furnace, stove or heater. Do not leave children unprotected if you go out at night. Instruct your baby-sitter what to do in case of fire, how to get children out of danger as quickly and safely as possible. Keep the fire department, ambulance and police telephone numbers handy to save precious time.

In other words, do everything necessary to avoid fire. If fire occurs anyway, be ready to act as speedily as possible so that property loss and danger to life can be minimized.

Don't become a fire victim.

The poor voter on election day

The proudest now is but my peer, The highest not more high; To-day, of all the weary year, A king of men am I. To-day alike are great and small, The nameless and the known; My palace is the people's hall, Thhe ballot-box my throne! Who serves to-day upon this list Beside the served shall stand; Alike the brown and wrinkled fist, The gloved and dainty hand! The rich is level with the poor, The weak is strong to-day; And sleekest broadcloth counts no

Than homespun frock of gray.

To-day let pomp and vain pretence My stubborn right abide; I set a plain man's common sense Against the pedant's pride. To-day shall simple manhood try The strength of gold and land; The wide world has not wealth to buy The power in my right hand!

While there's a grief to seek redress, Or balance to adjust,

Where weighs our living manhood less Than Mammon's vilest dust,— While there's a right to need my vote, A wrong to sweep away, Up! clouted knee and ragged coat!

A man's a man to-day! JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Britain seizes chance for talks with Russia

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN

Britain has emerged as the most articulate Western advocate of the idea that Premier Khruschev's Berlin proposals should be used as a springboard for broad negotiations with Russia.

Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd seized the initiative last week when he outlined the British government's thinking to the House of Commons. His speech is certain to have an important bearing on NATO discussions beginning in Paris next week.

What Lloyd says, in effect, is that it is useless to consider Berlin as an isolated problem-that it cannot be separated from the broader questions of Germany as a whole, European security and armament ontrol.

The United States, too, has been pondering this view, as is shown by one spokesman's remark that Khruschev's action "gets us out of the trenches and into the diplomatic arena. It-opens up big opportunities as well as dan-

But Lloyd's speech goes further, outlining in général terms a comprehensive program and giving clues as to what the West might endorse and accept in negotiations.

While standing fast in rejecting Khrushev's proposal for making Berlin a démilliarizéd "free city," Lloyd offers Russin and its Baltelites a formula of security against any possible rhvival of German militarism,

While standing fast on German rounistention though free elections—a cardinal Western policy-Lloyd stresses that the Germans should then be able to decide their own internal and foreign policies.

In the event that Germany decided to John NATO, Lloyd's plan pledges the West against thereby selving milliary advantage. There would be no enkiward movement by NATO tropps. East Germany would be left us a soft of billfer kone.

enricht Enst-West disarmament talks in Consystem in Europe to guard against surprise to be licked.

Canadian Press Staff Writer attack and to enforce arms reduction. Such an inspection system, Lloyd hopes, could later be extended to other parts of the world.

Lloyd's plan undoubtedly will provoke argument on both sides of the Iron Curtain. and indeed was promptly attacked in some aspects by the Labor opposition in the British Commons. He presents it merely as a basis for discussion.

Extreme views against negotiations have been expressed by Russia and West Germany. Mosow radio said Russia won't talk about German reunification despite the Western contention that only such discussion will ease war-breeding tensions.

In Bonn, a highly-placed informant said Chancellor Konrad Adenaur's government believes only one word is needed to reply to Khruschev----"No".

Cold war?

From the Hamilton Spectator

The Liberal party in Ontario is girding itself for another battle with its own particular problem of perma-Frost.

Time for a trim

From the Vancouver Province

Viewers and listeners may be pardoned for hoping that along with the costs of the CBC a certain amount of long hair and some beards may be shorn also.

Pre-cooked

From the Winnipeg Tribune

The rendy-mixed, pre-cooked ora has nothing to replace the aroma of new-baked bread with Lloyd-undignited by this poor prospects of butter melting into a silce cut from the first. steaming loss. Or the spice-and-vanilla singl eva-further proposes an inspection and control—of a kitchen where there are cake batter spoons



"Gosh! I've forgotten the name of the alderman who kissed me last night!" -Cartoon by Jack Manheim

Report from United Nations

Nations as a parliamentary observer, He will report his impressions of activities at the UN from New York.

NEW YORK—There is quite a debate raging in one of the committees of the UN regarding the free exchange of information between countries. What this debate hopes to accomplish is difficult to say at the moment. However, the free exchange of information is supposed to be designed to promote a better understanding among nations. It is felt that the more we know about our world neighbors, the more will we understand them. With understanding and familiarity comes friendliness. The more we are true neighbours, the less chance there will be of armed conflict.

Some very interesting information has been presented to the committee. For instance, the Soviet bloc of nations expresses complete support for the idea. They claim that we must get the truth across to all peoples of the world. Too many times in the past, they wants them to listen to: argue, we in the Western world have slanted our propaganda and have not told the truth. This is deplorable and must be stopped. The facts and the truth must be told, or so they say.

Equally interesting and upsetting, to the "champions of the truth" in the USSR sphere,

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is some information that has been given to the committee regarding the number of radio reception jamming stations that have been established in the USSR.

Radio reception jamming stations operate by sending out a series of static like signals on the same wave length as legitimate signals. What happens, of course, is that one cannot hear anything but sta-

In 1949 the Soviet Union had about 100 of these stations operating. As of last year they had increased this number to 2,500. The estimated cost of these installations is \$2,500,-000 with an annual operating cost of close to \$1,000,000.

The net result is that people in the Soviet-dominated nations cannot hear radio broadcasts from other countries. They can only listen to what the Communist heirarchy

The USSR rationalizes this action by saying that every radio broadcast which emanates from the West is false propaganda designed to subvert the minds of the people living behind the Iron Curtain.

One cannot help but feel that the Soviets are being dishonest, not only with other

The select committee appointed to enquire

into the riot of August 2nd will be holding public

hearings at 4:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers,

City Hall, on the following days: December 15,

representations to this committee please contact the City

All individuals or organizations wishing to make

their own citizens.

The Editor,

By all means let's, have canned TV as it is apparent it will be years before the CBC or the government do anything about t. Here we have a promise of TV within months and it will be clear at least and I understand the reception of the same type in Prince George

Yours for TV. Jim Gray, Prince Rupert.

By FRANK HOWARD

delegations to the UN, but also to themselves when they say that they are in favour of the free exchange of information. In my mind they cannot reconcile support for free exchange of information with their obvious denial of it to

Letterbox

URGES CANNED TV The Daily News:

I have read the city council discussion in regard to TV in Prince Rupert. It is hard to understand from information shown in the paper why the council is hesitating.

is excellent. If the council fools around with this we will have nothing. Let Fletcher and Associates have their opportunity. It will be a boon to Prince Rupert.

NKRUMAH PLANS TOUR ACCRA, Ghana, (A)— Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah is to visit India and Pakistan, it was announced here Tuesday. He will leave Dec. 20 for a twoweek state visit to India and later go to Pakistan.

LONDON (4)—The Common, wealth Parliamentary Association Tuesday held a dinner for the speaker of the Canadian House of Commons, Roland Michener, and his wife. The Micheners are in London on a personal trip.



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