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## Mayoral robes not for Prince Rupert

PPOSITION by Mayor Peter J. Lester to wearing ceremonial robes for official occasions is understandable up to a point. To the best of our knowledge few cities in Canada of comparable size to Prince Rupert have ever gone in for these trappings and we doubt if many are planning to acquire them for their chief magistrate. It is traditional that the Lord Mayor of London and his councillors, the Mayor of Montreal or Ottawa wear there ceremonial collars and robes and even hats for auspicious events. Even Victoria and Vancouver trot them out once in awhile. But for Prince Rupert we would say no, but not for the reasons that Mayor Lester suggests.

The Mayor is incorrect when he says that he doesn't think there should be that much difference shown between the mayor and an ordinary citizen. It is the average citizen that. made that difference. When ordinary citizens go to the polls and elect another ordinary citizen as mayor that places him in the highest office in civic life. The townspeople look to the man they have thus elevated to fill that important post with dignity, aplomb and humility. He is the city's chief magistrate. He presides over the city's

elected governing body and certain responsibilities are attendent to that po-

A mayor may still maintain his touch with all phases of the populace. No one asks a mayor to change his way of living. But, when he represents the city at impoprtant functions either within the city or in other communities his actions, words and deeds are a reflection on his city. Citizens depend on their mayor to uphold the honor of their city at all times. He is their top. man. They hope he will make them proud of their choice. The ordinary citizen doesn't have these worries about himself.

As for ceremonial collar and robe, we feel that visiting dignitaries would find them rather amusing on a mayor of a city the size of Prince Rupert. When this city's top businessmen and the civil servants start turning up for work in cut-away coats and striped trousers, when dinner jackets are considered semi-formal here and all large dances and balls staged here call for white tie and tails, then perhaps that will be the time for us to consider mayoral robes. Until then it would seem a bit of a mockery.

### It's hard to believe

A group of young Italians who came to this country last year and have been working a five-day week seven hours a day, recently quit and they explained when questioned that they wanted to work six days a week, 10 hours a day. For the type of work they were doing and the environment in which they lived they explained that they had too much idle time. They wanted to work longer hours and a longer week and earn more money, to thus enable them to get established on a firm footing in the country where they intend to make their home.

Possibly, for the reason that they have done something that just isn't done in Canada these days, they will be termed foreigners, who are ready to break their backs and they'll probably be accused of taking money right out of the hands and mouths of those who want to work short hours and short weeks.

These boys claimed that they like hard work and they are not afraid of it and that again is heresy in this land of make-believe.

-Guelph Mercury.

# Sowing and reaping

THE Calgary school board has turned caught in acts of vandalism. Since that tends to offset the reputation for heroics which some of the punks acquire from other students, it is for the good.

Also the kids themselves should be made to pay for the damage. They should have to work out every cent of

it, not as punishment but as a simple to a policy of expelling students act of justice. They should have to learn about cause and effect, sowing and reaping. To have their parents get them "off the hook" is not good

> And finally they should get expert psychiatric attention. Some of them are ill.

> > -- Calgary Albertan.

### INTERPRETING THE NEWS

### Indonesian conflict worrying SEATO ministers By JOSEPH MacSWEEN

Canadian Press Staff Writer It's certilinty that the foreign ministers now holding their SEATO conference in Manila are

keeping a worried eye on the Indonesian civil Although Indonesia is not a SEATO member, it poses the ministers with a knotty problom because what happens there has obvious

implications for the eight-member pact. SEATO is faced with a situation in Indonecia where it is the established government that is open to charges of Communist influence. The beseiged repols in the outer Islands have said that the ouster of Communists from President Sugarno's central government in Java

is one of their cardinal aims. It's a problem calling for discretion by the SEATO ministers of the Philippines, Britain, the United States, France, Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand and Thailand.

Although SEATO exists to light communism, any criticism of Sukarno by the ministers would be leaped upon as unforgivable meddl-

ing in the internal affairs on Indonesia, NATO-SEATO's sister pact -- also faced a background problem of current war when Its December "summit" meeting was held in Paris with Franco battling Algerian robols. France, one of NATO's key nations, firmly maintained

that Algeria was a domestic affair, At the crux of the Indonesian crisis is the fact that the 3,000-island republic has never really become a unified nation since it won independence from The Notherlands in 1949. And the Communist vote is heavy in the

republic, which has fabulous riches in natural resources and with 84,000,000 population is the world's sixth largest nation.

As early as 1952 army officers tried unsuccessfully to seize the Jakarta government and other attempts failed in 1955 and 1956. Failing in their head-on attempts on the central government, the rebels adopted a different strategy late in 1956—switching their operations to the rich outer Islands, on which Java depends in an economic way.

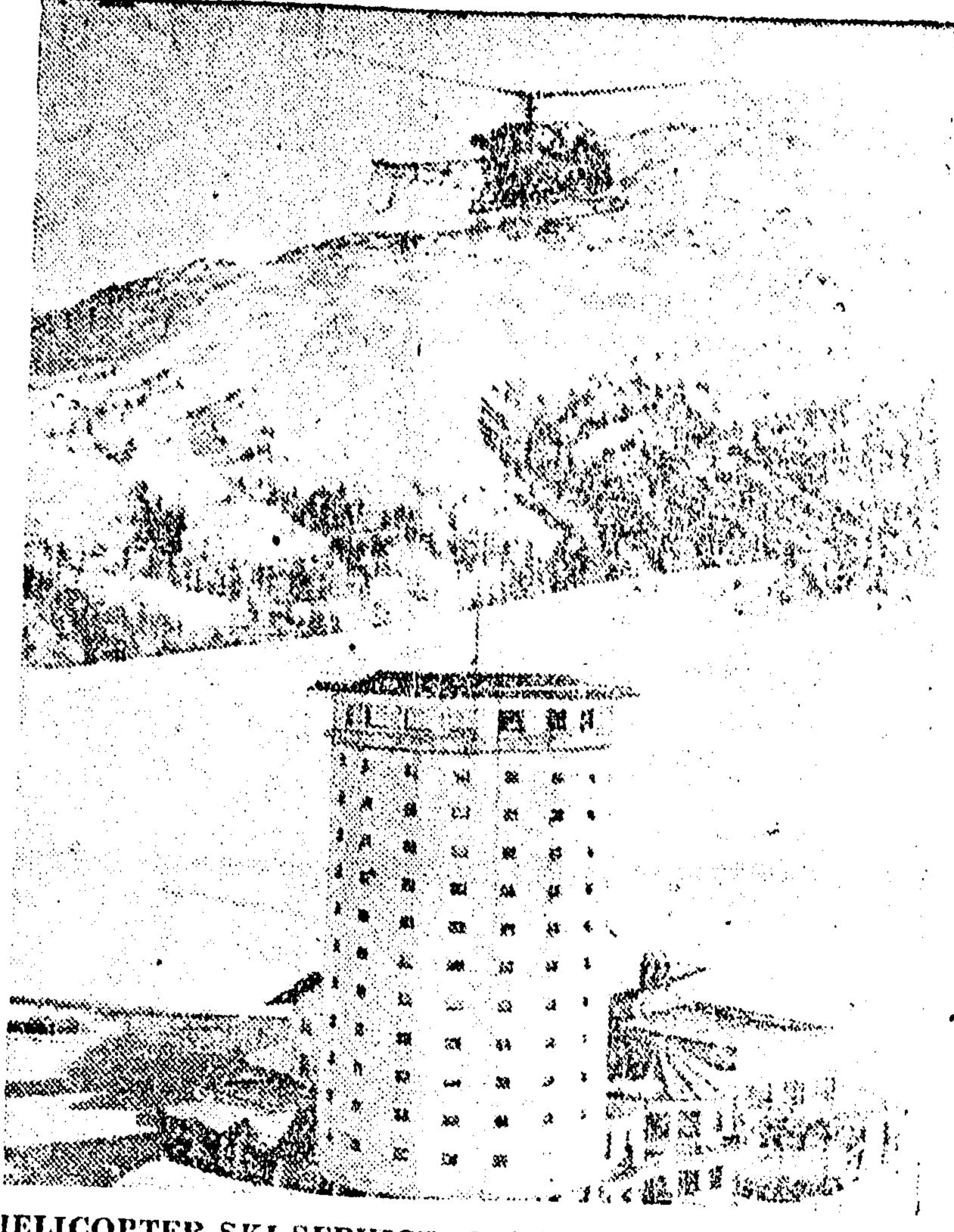
In March 1957, the Jakarta cabinet fell and Sukarno declared a state of war emergency, instituting his program of "guided democracy" and permitting communists to serve on an im-

portant government advisory council. The robels charged that the new government was corrupt and open to Communist influence. They domanded that the outer islands receive a greater share from their abundant

Last November, an attempt was made to assassinate Sukarno, but the robels denied any

part in the act. The Jakarta government then opened its campaign to wrost West New Guinea, a remote, untamed territory, from the Dutch. It is gonerally conceded now that this was mostly an attempt to divert attention from the growing internal crisis.

Anyway, it gave rise to an economic war against Dutch interests in Indonesia in which both dies suffered severely. The Island have been in ferment since.



HELICOPTER SKI SERVICE—Italy's first helicopter passenger service for ski-minded tourists has just been inaugurated. Passengers are picked up at Turin, northern Italian metropolis and rail centre, and flown to Sestriere in the Alps—about 20 miles away. Fare is 6,000 lire—about \$10 in U.S. currency. Here the ship hovers over Sestriere's famous silo-shaped hotel.

### PM (short form) From The Ottawa Journal

line writers; escape very often

ter." But it would be handy

for them if he had some ac-

ceptable nickname to compare

with the "Ike" for Eisenhower

(10) or the informal "Winnie"

No ones likes "Dief," an un-

gracious abbreviation al-

though it is down to four let-

ters. There would be no ob-

jection, it might be thought

to making him "John G."

(seven including period and

space) in the tradition of the

Macdonald (nine) who was

This in many ways is an ex-

ercise in futility. Nicknames

and abbreviations are born,

not made, and some day some-

one will strike on the perfect

short form of Diefenbaker.

preferably not more than five

for Churchill (nine).

known as "John A;"

is to "PM" for "Prime Minis-

When Campbell-Bannerman was Prime Minister in Britain the headline writers, driven to distraction, had to make him "C-B" to fit the big type. In Canada Meighen (seven letters), King (four), Bracken (seven), Drew (four), Low (three), and Pearson (seven) have been bearable. St. Laurent (11, including a space and period) was more difficult and Coldwell (eight) has not been comfortable.

Diefenbaker (11) is a sturdy chunk of a word and the head-

# OLD SITE I

They tell me that the French are rated as great lovers. This I cannot confirm but then again, who am I to deny the opinion of several million happy women?

On the other hand, if some one were to ask me who were the quickest into action in the last war wheliever it became a case of cherchez la femme, I would take off my hat to the French-Canadians.

Now places like Buron, Gruchie. Authie, Rots, Carpiquet and Caen around June and July 1944 were spots you would figure that Dan Cupid would starve to death. In the first place eligible young mademoiselles just weren't around. In the second place, the troops were slightly preoccupied with the German army.

However, the gods of war did not figure on that ardent young swain, Sgt. Leon Gagne of Les Capucins, Quebec. A member of the fighting Chaudieres, he was storming past a Norman farmhouse near Rots. A farmer waved frantically to him. The Germans, he said, had left some grenades in his attic and would the brave solrdat canadien please take them

Sergeant Gagne had always been an obliging fellow so he entered the farmer's house. He had no sooner crossed the threshold when he stopped in his tracks.

It wasnt the grenades that stopped hlm. It wasn't a German soldier. It was dynamite in the form of the prettiest gal he had ever seen—the farmer's daughter.

I still don't know if Gagne ever bothered about the grenades in the attic. But I do know that he exploded into action. A few minutes later he was out into the hedgerows fighting off a German counter-attack.

One month later, he was back to that little farmhouse and kneeling beside him was the fair Jacqueline in front of the old Cure Benullen who blessed them both in holy mat-

And that, my lads, you will admit was fast work near Caen in June, 1944.

### Solve mystery

From the St. Catherines Standard While they're at it the Russlans should send a mousecarrying rocket to the moon and settle for all time that choose question,

#### dem am file meine einfelt freit. Mittelle für eiten bei der bei eine fil febe bereit bil eine bereit bil eine bestellt der Environment factor

From the Moose Jaw Times-Herald Environment has much to do with the size of hall stones. In the country they are "hen's eggs," while in the cities they are usually golf ballst except Calgary, where they are 10gallon size.

# Welsh and the use of surnames in headlines

Newspaper headline type is not made of rubber.

I make this profound statement for the edification of the Rev. Richard James Welsh, viear of St. David's-by-the-Sea, for whom it should not be necessary. In a recent sermon Mr. Welsh

criticized the press for using surnames instead of titles in headlines referring to dignified and important citizens. His Grace the Rt. Rev. Harold E. Sexton, Archbishop of British Columbia, was called Sexion, and His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor was called Ross, in examples which Mr. Welsh quoted. He said the press lacked manners for doing this sort of thing.

Fortunately, Mr. Welsh knows better. Having spent five or six recent years of his life in the news business he is aware that a column of news type is less than two inches wide and that if a headline is to be large enough to be attractive it can only contain so many letters. (In the headline over this piece, for example, there

### "Misquote, misquote"

From the Comox Free Press Whenever the opposition in Victoria criticizes Mr. Bennett any other government member, we are inclined to take it all with a pinch of salt because the opposition inclined, if not supposed, to criticize anything and everything the government says

But for once we are agreeing with the opposition member who feels that Mr. Bennett is trying to discredit the press.

Newspapers make mistakes but not, we feel, as often as Mr. Bennett says they do. And if they did, does Mr. Bennett assume that newspaper readers have no intelligence? Perhaps he assumes that voters are intelligent but newspaper readers are idiots.

In any event the newspaper reports are down in black and white for posterity which is more than we can say for the speeches of the politicians. Hansard in the legislature would be a good thing.

By Seth Halton, publisher of The Daily Colonist wasn't space to get Rev. Rich- tent, had Eisenhower, Norard James Welsh in so we had

to settle for Welsh.) I can't help but wonder if the Rt. Hon. Sir Winston S. Churchill was offended when he was appointed First Lord of the Admiralty in 1939. The Royal Navy flashed a threeword message to all its ships

saying only "Winston is back," Or if the president of the United States is angered when, in almost every newspaper in the country, he is called Ike-Ike mind, not Elsenhower and certainly not Mr. Eisenhower. Quite aside from the fact that lke is seven letters shorter than Eisenhower and therefore much more palatable to headline writers, it is a term of endearment.

Looking over some papers the other day I found that the responsible Weekly Scotsman called a knight, with an Ll.B. and an MBE after his name. plain Dollan. The august and universally

respected New York Times used Harriman, Churchill and Rhee (president of South Korea) in headlines in a single edition. And the Christian Science Monitor, beyond reproof when

it comes to either taste or con-

stad and Stassen.

Most Canadian papers use Mike and John D. freely for our leading politicans, John D. is the prime minister but he doesn't seem to mind his sob-

Happily, I gather that not too many people nave taken Mr. Welsh seriously. In his talk he exhorted his parishioners to protest strongly against this iniquitous practice of ours, and was quoted as saying a "flood" of letters would be sent to the Victoria papers. So far this paper has received one-from the peoples' warden of Mr. Welsh's own

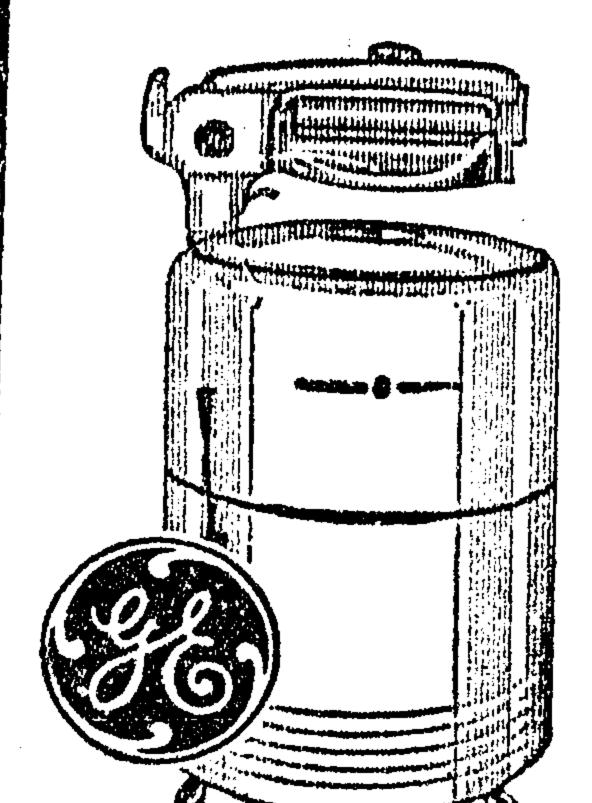
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table Soup to 3 cups boiling water. Add bay leaf, boil 5 minutes. Thicken slightly with flour, simmer 5 minutes more. Meanwhile, arrange I large package frozen fish-sticks in bottom of casserole. Remove bay leaf from sauce, add onionrings, pour over fish-sticks. Top with tomato slices and buttered crumbs. Bake 20-25 minutes in moderate oven. Serves 6.

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