

Come Back to the Classroom!

MANY appeals are being made to the public these days. One of them that makes a great deal of sense is that of Deputy Minister of Education H. L. Campbell in calling on ex-British Columbia school teachers to forsake their domesticity for the classroom. If Mr. Campbell's claim "that a 'good' teacher remains a 'good' teacher no matter how long he or she may be away from the classroom" is true, then B.C.'s desperate plight should strike a responsive chord in many ex-teachers' hearts.

When the deputy-minister who is also superintendent of education said B.C.'s teacher shortage is "acute" he wasn't kidding. He might even be suspected of understating the situation. The facts are simple. Approximately 1,600 more teachers will be needed later this year in addition to the 9,400 presently employed this year. Expected number of teacher-graduates this year is 960. That means that the province is going to be 640 teachers short, if the school boards throughout B.C. have to rely on its own resources. Fortunately the hard cold statistics do not mean that 600 or so classrooms will not be manned next Fall. Teachers will come to B.C. They will come from the United Kingdom, other parts of the Commonwealth, Eastern Canada, the Prairies, distant parts of the world. Whether they will come to Prince Rupert remains to be seen.

In the event that not many do, District 52 School board Tuesday night endorsed Mr. Campbell's plea for ex-teachers to return to the fold. The appeal has gone out in story and in advertisement because the school wouldn't want, any more than the parents, to have to resort to hiring unqualified and inadequate teachers.

Ex-teachers, who are mothers or fathers, know now that they do not want their children taught by young men or women who are not fitted either mentally or academically to teach their own children. A child's school life can be easily jeopardized by one year with a poor teacher. It takes years to correct the faults, failings, mistakes made during that bad year. This is the ex-teachers' chance to help remedy a situation that saw school boards hire anyone who had been near Normal school just to have teachers in all the classrooms.

Think about it, ex-teacher! It's more than a public service you are being asked to perform. There's a breach to be filled and you can do it. It will be tough for a while until you get back into the routine. Next thing you'll know, you forget you ever left. It will be a challenge. They haven't changed things at school that much. Your thinking will be sharpened, your interest will be renewed and besides... you'll feel better. Sure you'll be busy. You'll wonder, at times, how you're going to get everything done. But you will. On top of that you'll have a great many youngsters in years to come, who will be thanking "Mrs. So and So" or "Mr. What's His Name" for making the big decision and returning to school when the need was greatest. You can do it. The children are depending on you. So are the parents, the school boards and British Columbia.

Easy Divorce

WE ARE tired of commonplace hypocrisy that it would be a bad thing to make divorce easier. Divorce is easy now. Easy for anyone who wants to perjure himself or herself, who wants to conspire with fake witnesses of "adultery" who is willing to make a fool of the courts and our divorce laws. How long will we let this shabby farce go on? Vancouver Province.

Blessing End

EVERYBODY knows it is better to give than receive, but the rush is to get on the blessing end of the deal. —Brandon Sun.



As I See It

by
Elmore Philpott

Ike Brings Forth Mouse

OTTAWA—There is a real smile in President Eisenhower's much advertised Middle Eastern policy.

Surely it is a case of "the mountain labored and brought forth a mouse." For in fact Ike has asked for "standby" powers to deal only with the kind of emergency which is never likely to occur in the most explosive spot in the world of 1957. Ike has studiously avoided the kind of wars which have twice occurred in the past ten years, and are likely to break out again, perhaps at any minute.

To be specific, President Eisenhower has asked Congress for permission immediately to send into action U.S. forces in the event that there is an open-and-above-board attack by the Russian army, navy, or airforce on any Middle Eastern country friendly to the United States.

If such an attack were to occur, it is hard to see where the standby powers which the president now asks would be of any advantage. For the United States has long since served notice on the whole world—including Russia—that in event of such an aggression the U.S. Strategic Air Force would immediately proceed to blow much of Russia clean off the face of the earth.

Moreover, not only the forces of the U.S.A. but also those of Canada and every one of the 80 member nations of the UN would be morally and legally obligated also to join in the collective defense of the nation attacked.

In other words, President Ike appears only to be asking Congress for permission to use a small blank cheque when he has long since been provided by Congress with the right to use a whopping big blank cheque—or a blank cheque of any lesser size just as President Truman did in Korea.

BUT THE MORE amazing part of President Eisenhower's request to Congress is that it studiously avoids the real war threat, which is of course between Israel and her Arab neighbors.

In 1948 the Arab allies invaded the new born, or re-born state of Israel, and took a real licking in the short sharp war which followed. In 1956 Israel's armies staged a blitzkrieg against the Egyptian forces in the Sinai peninsula, and won the kind of overwhelming victory against the strongest Arab nation which might very well suggest at least to Zionist extremists that it might be a good time to repeat the process—next time eastward instead of westward.

A really sound policy for the Middle East must be based on real peace between Israel and all her neighbors. It would have to warn the Arabs that the U.S.A. and the other law-abiding nations of the west will not tolerate another attack by the Arabs against Israel. But it must equally warn extremists in Israel that it will not tolerate future attacks by Israel.

Above all, a sound policy for the Middle East must be based on strict insistence on the right of all nations to use the Suez canal.

It was the flagrant denial of that right by Egypt to the ships of Israel that provided the long standing provocation to Israel to do the very thing that she finally did do in 1956—that is, take military measures against the nation which was maintaining an illegal blockade against her. The overwhelming majority of the member nations of the UN voted to rebuke the Israeli attack. But in doing so, many of them, including the United States, mentioned the long standing provocations for such an attack—chief of which was the Suez blockade.

ONLY A FEW weeks ago, the King of Iraq declared that there is no hope of real peace in the Middle East until the state of Israel is "uprooted."

It is worth remembering that the monarch who used that term is not a Communist, but the man-whom the British government still regards as the king-pin in the Baghdad Pact, and that if he falls the Baghdad Pact will fall with him.

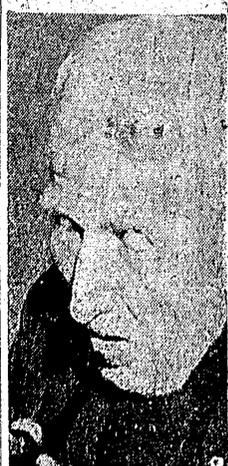
At the same time we have responsible Canadian journalists like Blair Fraser of Maclean's magazine reporting right from Israel that some key figures in that country believe that now is the time to push the borders of Israel eastward to the Jordan river.

Surely these are the real threats with which any sound pacification policy must deal. President Eisenhower raised his international prestige to an all-time high in most countries of the world by his swift intervention when war actually broke out around Suez in October last.

The whole world subsequently had reason to hope that a firm long time policy was in the making by Washington. The advance publicity for the President's promised policy led everybody to believe that Uncle Sam had made up his mind to take a firm stand against all kinds of monkey business in the Middle East.

Maybe that is what the President's new policy really does mean. But that is not what it says. It says that Uncle Sam is out to stop only Red Russian monkey business.

The world would have been further ahead if the President had said Uncle Sam would crack down on ANY aggressor, or any political coloration—and that Uncle Sam would insist on the re-opening of the Suez canal as fast as the salvage ships were physically able to do the job—and to keep it open for everybody, including Red Russians, and of course Israelis.



DEER SURPLUS
FERNIE, B.C.—Suggestion that the deer hunting kill should be raised to 100,000 annually was made here by James Hunter, chief game department biologist. He estimated about 50,000 were killed last year but said the 100,000 target could be reached eventually without seriously depleting B.C. herds.

U. S. Railways Bought Peace For 3 Years

VANCOUVER—American railroads bought a promise of three years labor peace by capitulating to the unions on the question of firemen being eliminated from diesels.

Today they stand in something like awe of the Canadian Pacific for fighting the Brotherhood of Locomotive firemen and Enginemen on the same issue.

Said a high executive of one American railroad, "I'm a little amazed at the CP. You know how sensitive these unions are." Another said: "We finished our negotiations with an agreement satisfactory to both sides. We were trying to work for three peaceful years on American railroads."

The comments were made to The Vancouver Sun by American railroad executives.

GOT CONCESSIONS
The interviews followed the statement by brotherhood president H. L. Gilbert that the CPR was the only railroad in North America refusing to sign contracts allowing firemen to continue on diesels in yard and freight service.

The CPR admitted the statement was true.

But it was left to Daniel P. Loomis, of Chicago, chairman of the contract negotiating committee representing every U.S. railroad to explain why.

Mr. Loomis, who represented the 140 U.S. railroads in negotiations, told The Sun: "We served notice to the brotherhood that we wanted to eliminate firemen during our negotiations with them. We later withdrew it because of concessions made to us in the overall negotiations with 12 unions."

ISSUE REMAINS
Mr. Loomis could not specify the concessions granted by the unions.

It was all part of an overall deal worked out with all these unions. We were trying to work out three years of peace on American railroads," he said.

But he added: "All this does not mean that the question is ended in the States. It is simply reserved for the future. We have still to decide what view we will take when the new contract expires."

BELIEVE CPR RIGHT
"The CPR, we believe is on the right lines, it is safe to say that in many instances we don't consider firemen necessary."

In some jobs, particularly in yard service, all he does is go along for the ride."

Told of brotherhood claims here that the fireman was necessary in the interests of safety, Mr. Loomis said "Our accident figures don't bear that out. Most of our accidents have occurred with three men in the cab (engineer, fireman and head end trainman). They happen just as fast no matter how many men there are."

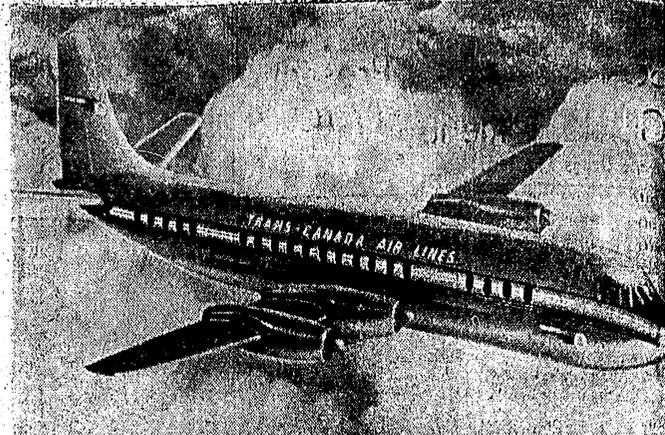
SAFE IN EUROPE
"Diesels operate with only one man in Europe and they are pretty safe."

"The new three-year contract was signed between all U.S. railroads and the unions in mid-November last year."

One railroad executive said: "The question of safety is a moot point and the union might swing public opinion with it. Because of that I think we have more or less settled down with the idea of having a fireman."

There was general agreement that elimination of firemen would be "a considerable saving"—as argued by CPR.

The company claim that having laid out capital to modernize their road they are entitled to the savings modernization would bring.



TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES has placed an order in the United Kingdom for 20 new Vickers Vanguard turbo-prop airliners like the one shown in flight in this photo. The aircraft with spares and components will cost \$67,000,000, making up the largest single dollar-export order placed in post-war Britain. The new plane will carry 82 first-class passengers or 102 tourist class. It will have a speed of 420 miles an hour. (CP Photo).

CPR Official Outlines Stand On Firemen

MONTREAL—D. S. Thomson, vice-president of the CPR, has issued a statement outlining the company's stand on a proposal aimed at removing firemen from diesel locomotives in freight service.

The CPR said the statement was "to remove any misunderstanding that may have arisen as to the number of men there will be on freight diesel locomotives."

"Locomotives on freight trains are now manned by three men—the locomotive engineer, the fireman and the head-end trainman. The fireman and head-end trainman both ride on the left side of the locomotive to maintain a lookout and to check signals and operating orders. In this respect, the fireman duplicates the work of the head-end trainman."

"On steam locomotives, the fireman must, of course, look after the fire. However, on diesel locomotives in freight service which have no fires, he simply duplicates the work of the head-end trainman."

"Having two men instead of three in the cab of freight diesels as the company proposed and the conciliation board approved, will not affect the safety of freight operations. Freight diesels will be operated safely and efficiently with two men in the cab—just as are passenger locomotives today."

CPR officials said today that yard diesels would carry just one operator. They said that the engineer moves only on signal from a man on the ground.



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The Daily News.

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Why should preference be given to refugees.
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Prince Rupert.

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OTTAWA DIARY

By JAMES R. NELSON

It's a grand and glorious country, this nation of 18 million Canadians, churning out goods and services at the rate of \$30 billion a year. Evidence, from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, follows:

Item: "Shoe polish and dressing were shipped to the value of \$1.1 million in 1955, close to \$80,000 less than in the preceding year." Well, well. Down \$80,000. Has C. D. heard about this?

Item: "Canada's 242 drive-in theatres in 1955 had a 'walk-in' seating capacity of some 20,000." There's scope for an election promise! A car in every garage. Let's cut out walk-ins at drive-in theatres.

Item: "Some 8,727,000 pounds of paste floor wax and 3,043,000 gallons of liquid floor wax and polish were made in Canada in 1955, both kinds increasing about eight percent over the preceding year." Let's all give a rousing cheer!

The facts and figures reported by D.B.S. are wondrous, indeed. Here's another:

"Drive-in theatre revenues in 1955 comprised some \$5.7 million from general admissions... some \$2.2 million from the sale of candy, popcorn, soft drinks, cigarettes, etc."

"Over nine-tenths of all households were served with electricity and all but a comparatively small number had radios (96 percent)... Between 70 and 80 percent had electrical refrigerators, telephones, and flush toilets."

Asserts Rates Aggravating Serious Condition

PRINCE GEORGE G.—An official of the Northern Interior Lumbermen's Association says new freight rate increases in the United States and Canada are "simply aggravating an economic condition which was already becoming serious."

Robert Gallagher, secretary-manager of the association, said an increase of six cents per 100 pounds on freight in the U.S. and Canada has further lowered a profit margin for lumber which had all but disappeared through a combination of slackened demand and high stumpage fees.

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