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## Loss of Peter Lien great blow to city

collector and longtime leader of local bands, will leave a gap in Prince Rupert's community life that will be difficult to fill. Not only will there be a void in City Hall financial circles, but the new Prince Rupert Civic Band is left leaderless and the St. Andrew's cathedral is without its organist. This of course is all trivial compared to the bereavement of Mr. Lien's family and heartfelt sympathy is extended to

Last December, when Peter Lien as a new member gave his autobiography or "Who's Who" to the Rotary club, he

EATH of Peter Andrew Lien, city concluded with the words "Canada has been good to me." Nowhere in his modest account of his career did he mention his contributions to the life of this city or the fact that he had been a pillar of Prince Rupert's musical life. He left it for another member to point out that the mild-mannered Norwegian bookbinder had been "good for Canada."

So great is the tendency to take things and persons for granted that when life runs out suddenly no thought has been given to replacing the valuable. That is why, since Peter Lien had no understudy, his death is a great blow to the city.

### World mourns death of Pope Pius XII

• ARLY this morning in Italy, life trickled away from the frail form of Eugenio Pacelli, spiritual leader of the world's 500,000,000 Roman Catholics and 262nd Pope, and his long fight against recurring illnesses and two strokes this week, came to an end. Today millions of Roman Catholics are in mourning and tributes to the gentle man who hoped to be called "The Pope of Peace," are pouring into the Vatican from all over the world and from people of all creeds.

Throughout his career, the 82-year old pope was intimately concerned with international affairs. Immediately on his election in 1939 he made an appeal to Britain, France and Germany in an attempt to head off the Second World War. Later he tried to prevent Italy from joining Germany. From just after the First World War until his death he fought against the

Communists with a fervant and dedicated zeal. In 1949 he acted against those whom he considered archenemies of the church and peace by excommunicating all active Communists and denied the sacraments to all children belonging to Communist youth organizations.

His broadcasts, his "dove of peace" coat of arms, his reforms within the Roman Catholic church, became part of the lives of millions of Catholics throughout the world. His influence in the cause of peace has left a lasting impression in a world beset with violence in this century.

Already princes of the Roman Catholic church are in conclave to choose from among themselves another supreme pontiff, each cardinal aware of the monumental responsibilities of the office. Pope Pius XII assumed his burdens with greatness.

#### INTERPRETING THE NEWS

### Cease-fire puts Washington in dither

By GEORGE KITCHEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

The state department frankly doesn't know what to make of Red China's unheralded ceasefire in the Formosa area. Washington is in a diplomatic dither.

The state department's discomfiture is apparent in the sprase official American comment thus far on Peiping's one-week moratorium in it's bombardment of the Nationalist island outposts of Quemoy and Matsu. The United States has done about all it can

do for the moment-offer the cease-fire move a cautious welcome and then begin looking between the lines of the Peiping proclamation.

For this is, after all, a cease-fire however inadequate, and a cease-fire has been the primary aim of U.S. policy in the Formosa crisis. In that sense, it represents an easing of the deadlock over Quemoy and a sign, however small, of some flexibility in the Chinese pos-

What the state department now has to decide is whether this represents a genuine move by the Red China in the direction of a permanent cease fire and possibly a settlement of the dispute over the offshore islands. This it unchestionably will try to determine when U.S. Ambassador Jacob Beam and Red Chinese Finvoy Wang Ping-nan resume their diplomatic talks in Warsaw next Friday.

There is some speculation that the temporary cease-fire represents a Communist response to the hints State Secretary Dulles dropped at his press conference last week that the United States might modify its position if there were some sign of "give" by Red China.

One curious and militarily unrealistic-fact isn't overlooked by some Washington observers. That is that the Red Chinese, by halting their fire, are permitting the Nationalists to replenish their stocks of ammunition and other supplies. The net result of this can only be to reduce the effects of the war of attrition they have waged on Matsu and Quemoy since they began

bombarding the islands late in August. That brings up two questions: if Red China really means to conquer the islands, why give the Nationalists a breathing spell and a chance to rally their detence forces? If they intend to start banging away at the Islands again next week, why permit the Nationalists to bring in tresh shells to fire away at Red guns?

Any number of possible answers are being puessed at in Washington. One is that the Communists intend to turn

this into a permanent cease-fire. This theory is that the Rod Chinese, having taken the first step in halting their fire, now will find it easy to leave things that way and continuo warfare on the propaganda front.

Another is that the Reds intend to adopt

new military tactics. To date, they have made little use of their air force as a method of harassing the two islands. Nor have they employed their naval forces to any significant extent. They now may plan to lean more heavily on naval and air weapons. Communist air fights over Quemoy Tuesday may portend a shift in that direction.

But use of air and naval power, hence it would carry the Communist forces beyond the confines of their own mainland, would increase the possibility of direct involvement with the United States, which has heavy air and naval forces in the area.

A third theory is that the Communists may have over-emphasized, in their own minds, the rift that appeared to have developed last week between Washington and Chiang Kaishek over Dulles' press conference statements. The text of the cease-fire proclamation, with its warning to the Nationalists that the Americans plan to abandon them, indicated the Communists may have felt the time was ripe for an attempt to win the Nationalists over to their side.

One line of speculation is that Peiping has begun to worry that Dulles may be moving toward a "two China" or "independent Formosa" policy—and that he may succeed. Peiping always has refused to accept such a policy, claiming that Formosa is part of mainland

This theory is supported by the stress placed in the cease-fire proclamation on the argument that the bombardment of the offshore islands was part of a continuing Chinese civil war. Pelping declared that "there is only one China,

not two, in the world." Noting that the Nationalists also take that position, the Red Chinese now may be moving into the diplomatic field, this reasoning goes, to prevent Dulles from rallying other nations behind a "two China" policy, which has considerable support outside the United States.

## Cheap at the price

From the Brantford Expositor Canada is picking up the tab for the Com. monwealth Trade conference in Montroal. At an expected \$225,000 it will not be dear if even half the hopes of delegates are realized.

## Hungry for knowledge

From Windsor Daily Star Communist China has ombarked on a fiveyear plan to wipe out illiteracy. Ho far as can be learned there is no similar plan to feed the illiterates. A hungry man makes an eager



# All Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

Michael, aged three, learned a foul word somewhere. "!!†)!" he said, with a look of innocence. It is said to be bad policy to make an emotional issue of children's swearing. This fixes the word in the child's mind, colored with the vivid , hues of a forbidden thing.

The boy's mother gently suggested to him that the devil said words like the one he had just uttered, and that anything the devil favored was no good.

The litle forehead creased in a frown. The boy seemed to be thinking. The following day we learned what had been passing through

his mind. "!!')!" he said. "The devil says !!')! I musn't say it, must I? I musn't listen when the devil says !!\*)!"

With this, the small boy burst into a malevolent snigger. jumped up and down with glee.

Now he had an audience in his five-year-old brother John, who urged him on to keener effort. "Tell Mummy, Michael," he said. "Tell Mummy what the

devil said." "The devil said !! ')!" the small boy chortled. And he repeated the word several times over, remarking piously each time that he must abjure the devil's example and never utter that word. He and his brother doubled up with mirth.

Having recovered his breath, John gave the matter some "Don't listen to the devil, listen to the angels," he said, and paused again to reflect. "I've listened, and I can't hear the devil," he grumbled earnestly. "I won't do what he says.

just want to hear him speak." John did not succeed in making contact with the powers of darkness—or if he did, he is keeping it to himself. However, he claims to have some influence with the sun. One day when the sky had partly clouded over, he and a little

girl from next door were discussing ways of bringing the sun "Come back," the little girl shouted. "No, no that's not the way," John said. "You have to talk

to it quietly. Come out sun, please come out." Oddly enough, the sun did come out, and shone brilliantly. John seemed pleased, but not surprised. "I called the sun back," he said, as though that were an ordinary thing to do.

## Fire safety new home factor

If you own a home or are planning to build or buy one, make fire safety a foremost thought, Fire Chief Earl Becker urged today in a Fire Prevention Week message.

"Few things can take your home and one or more of your loved ones away from your more quickly and tragically than a fire," Chief Becker warned. "And one of the hardest things you'd ever have to live down would be the knowledge that the fire probably could have been prevented."

The fire safe home, the Chief pointed out, has two important factors: good family habits about fire and its dangers, and good construction.

Good family habits include such things as care with matches and smoking, good housekeeping to get rid of rubbish, proper use of electrical fuses, appliances, and extension cords, and a sound general awareness of the ways fires start and how to avoid them.

Good construction for a fire safe home, according to the National Fire Protection Association, includes:

 Built-in fire stops. These are barriers of wood or masonry between studs, joists, rafters, or stringers that serve to prevent the spread of smoke and fire. In existing homes, when open channels can be seen from the basement or attic, they should be blocked off by the homeowner with 2-inch lumber nailed into place or with bricks and mortar.

• Solid doors on every room. An ordinary wooden door can keep smoke and fire out of a room for as long as 30 minutes. Ideally, bedroom doors should be kept closed at night. (An intercom system can be installed so that parents can hear children.) • Good escape routes. Best exits lead directly outside, not

thruogh other rooms. Windows should be large enough and low enough to climb through, and operate easily enough for the youngest member of the family. • Interior finish of materials with low flame-spread char-

acteristics. Wallboards made of gypsum, cement, ashestos and similar materials are noncombustible and resist the spread of flame. On the other hand, flame spread is a dangerous hazard with certain other types of wallboard. • Fire-resistant roofing material, The National Fire Pro-

tection association says that wood shingles can ignite easily from sparks and big fires often spread from them via burning brands. The NFPA recommends a fire-resistant roofing material, such as asphalt shingles, slate, asbestos, or metal. • Proper wiring. Qualified electricians observe the provis-

ions of the National Electrical Code when installing wiring in new homes and during remodeling, which means a fire safe installation.

 A good heating plant properly installed and located. Many furnaces manufactured today are equipped with fire-prevention safety devices. But they must be cleaned and inspected regularly. A furnace never should be located under stairs or near an entrance where fire originating in the heater might block escape. A furnace also needs amplo air for combustion and adequate clearance from walls and cellings,

### Assembly line faults

From The London Free Press

The Russians are having anysit is turning out too many education trouble too. The youngstors ill-prepared for mass assumbly method they available jobs, and many who, having had no training for a have been following isn't workparticular and, have become ing out as they had hoped. Promier Khrushchev himself disduinful of work.

# L'ETTERBOX

UNION CRITICIZED The Editor.

The Daily News: In a recent article by our MP for Skeena in the daily paper he mentioned that some unions such as "Hal" Banks and his seamen are controlled by dictators.

Truer words weer never spoken. We have such a CCF dictator in the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers Local 708, here in Prince Rupert. This local had a good attendance at each meeting prior to the recent strike.

Since Mr. E. P. O'Neal with his dictatorial and railroading policies became president, attendance has dropped to real low.

Seven out of twenty-nine shop stewards attend shopstewards' meetings.

For example, at one meeting the union wanted to raise union dues and welfare, which was voted down by a secret ballot., Next meeting O'Neal did more shouting for another raise in dues and again it was voted down. If this isn't railroading then I don't know what is. At least it's not dem-

He harped about a 40-hour week but wouldn't allow a secret vote for shift workers.

Ghost cars

miss point

From The Financial Post

Police officials who have

been arguing this past week in

defence of "ghost cars" (un-

marked police cars to trap un-

wary traffic violators) miss

the whole point of the exist-

constables replaced the motely

minions of the law in Britain

140 years ago, the object was

to create a force of men whose

very appearance would inspire

respect for the law and who, by

their well-advertised presence.

The object of a police force is

not to catch culprits but to

maintain peace and order. In

this task the uniform is a help

—and the markings of a police

car are the equivalent of the

Every driver has had the ex-

perience of finding himself in

an exceptionally orderly

stream of traffic—only to dis-

cover that a clearly marked po-

lice car in the vicinity was put-

ting all the drivers on their

best behavior. A "ghost car"

would have no such effect.

Even the knowledge that ghost

cars exist, that the fellow in

the car might be a policeman

in disguise, won't have the

same effect as the sight of a

What's needed is not ghost

cars to apprehend law-break-

ers, but more clearly marked

police cars, to put the fear of

the law into the careless

motorist in the imperturbable

police car.

constable's brass buttons.

would prevent infractions.

When the first uniformed

ence of their own force.

Lately the company wants to lay men off that were hired temporarily. The mechanics workers, believing that laid off men be absorbed as shift mechanics had more than 600

hours of overtime in last year. If a brother gets up to speak he's either out of order, ignored, told to sit down by other members, or even threatened with suspension by the union for talking against. the president or executive." This would be a good union brotherhood if Mr. O'Neal resigned or was removed by the International.

> "Equal Rights," Prince Rupert.

#### Civic questions ... and answers

This is one of a series of questions on city affairs, problems and projects to which Mayor P. J. Lester has offered to provide answers. Questions should be sent to "Civic" Questions and Answers," City Hall, # Prince Rupert, together with name & and address. The answers do not " necessarily ferlect the opinion of the whole or individual members? of city council.

Q. When is the new City Hall going to be built?

A. The City has been negotiating with Ottawa in an attempt to acquire property and to persuade the Federal Government to build a new Post \* Office, with a view to purchasing the present Federal building as a new City Hall. These negotiations have dragged on for well over a year, and I believe that it is now time to say ! that if we are unable to make a suitable arrangements with " the Government we should draw up plans for a new City \* workers. Yet some of these. Hall and have it built to spec-



## LOCAL LABATT BREWMASTER WINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD



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