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We Can Help Unemployed

THE report that the Prince Rupert employment situation is the worst in two years is disconcerting but the district is not alone in the current winter crisis. Prince George has more than 2,000 jobless and the picture throughout the province is not unsimilar. With the district experiencing one of its more severe winters it follows that many of the unemployed are seasonal workers whose problems will be solved as soon as the better weather arrives. Indications are, however, that for the rest of this month there is no respite seen in the number of jobs likely to become available.

When the weather does improve, a considerable number of the jobless men, who are carpenters and other building trade construction tradesmen of varying degrees of skill, will be absorbed into a dozen major projects.

That is all very well, but it doesn't help the men or their families at the present time. The immediate result of loss of work is loss of income. As the Prince George Citizen points out "the presence of such a large number of persons without jobs in city and this vicinity means that a lot less money is being spent, not only for the necessities of life such as food and clothing, but also for items in the semi-luxury class such as gasoline for pleasure driving, theatre tickets, soft and hard drinks, magazines, ice cream, and confectionery."

Thus the situation grows until it effects the entire community.

The Department of Labor has for some time waged a campaign in an effort to alleviate winter unemployment, pointing out a way that we, as individuals can help solve the problem.

One way the government urges, is for us to have our inside renovation, remodelling, repair and other necessary jobs around the home and business building done now.

As well as creating employment for an otherwise idle worker, having the work done now is in our own interest. Time is saved, because competent tradesmen are available and because deliveries of material are more prompt in the slack season. We may also save money because when tradesmen are not rushed they do a better job and in the long run this means economy.

More employed workers means more pay cheques, which in turn means a more prosperous community. Everyone benefits if every willing person has a job, even a temporary one.

There is much that can be done around Prince Rupert and inside jobs are not effected by weather. There couldn't be a better time for us to help others help themselves and ourselves.

Scriptures

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As I See It

by

Elmore Philpott

• Sees China Peace

WHEN in mainland China last autumn, I gained a strong impression that the Chinese communists and the Chinese nationalists were well on the way to making peace between themselves.

There was most convincing evidence that the government in Peking was not preparing for war with Chiang's forces on Taiwan, often called Formosa.

But there was equally convincing evidence that the government of mainland China did not really expect serious further attacks by Chiang's men.

In other words, all the signs pointed in the direction of a negotiated peace.

Just before my own visit, the well-known character "Two Gun Cohen" had visited Peking. Some of the old-time foreign residents in China were convinced that he had come there as more than a tourist. In the past, Mr. Cohen had often acted as emmisary for Chiang Kai-shek for whom he had long been chief body-guard and protector-general.

MY OWN hunch about the probability of a negotiated peace between the present government in China, and the group on Taiwan, is based on the following facts.

There is no country in all the world where family ties are as strong as they are in China.

The recent revolution has not altered that basic fact of life. But the existance of two rival governments, still theoretically at war with each other, has caused real anguish for thousands of split Chinese families.

There are hundreds, or indeed thousands, of situations such as this; the father will be working for Chiang's government, while the son will be in the employ of the new government in Peking; or one brother will be working for the present administration in Peking while another brother will be working for the nationalists on Formosa.

The most classic example of how the continued civil war in China cuts across family loyalty is given by the Soong sisters. As almost everybody knows, there were three sisters in this famous family. One is the widow of Sun Yat Sen, the founder of the Chinese republic. The second is the wife of Chiang Kai-shek, the third is the wife of China's richest banker.

Does anyone in his right senses suppose that there are no means of communication between these three sisters, simply because of the fact that about a hundred miles of salt water separates mainland China from Formosa?

SAVING of face is still a most powerful motive force in Chinese society. Negotiated peace between the government in Peking, and that headed by Chiang Kai-shek, would save face for other important interests than the two Chinese groups directly concerned.

For months, or years past, the United States government has found itself further and further out-of-line from world thinking on China.

Only the strongest kind of American pressure has prevented ministers of the remainder of the world from recognizing the real government of China. Moreover, —but for the sudden world crisis of last autumn—the question of China's seat in the UN would have become a red-hot issue before now.

Privately, President Eisenhower and other American leaders, have been informed by all their closest allies that it is only a question of time until the latter follow Britain's example and recognize the present rather than the past government of China.

For all these reasons, it is by no means a foregone conclusion that the American government will continue to insist on Chiang's theoretical war with the rest of China.

A negotiated peace between the actual, present government of China and the remains of the former government would be a neat way, not only of solving China's own peculiar problem, but of saving "Uncle Sam" from a further humiliating diplomatic defeat in Asia and isolation from his closest allies.

Signs Help Hang "Moderns" Right Way Up

OTTAWA (CP)—A peek behind a modern painting in the National Art Gallery reveals how picture hangers on the gallery staff tell which way is up.

The more ultra-modern paintings arriving at the gallery nowadays are carefully marked "top" and "bottom."

Don't laugh when you hear the old chestnut about hanging modern art upside down and no one noticing the difference. It has happened.

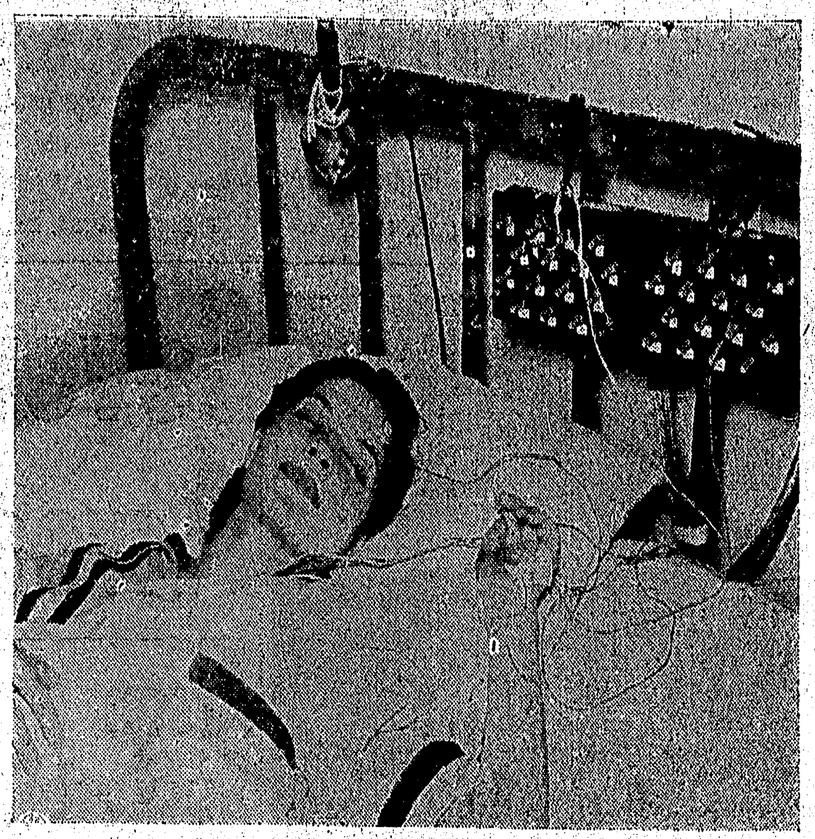
"We've sometimes hung them wrong," workshop foreman Walter Wardlaw said. "But usually the artist or someone catches the mistake right away."

No member of the staff can remember—or will admit he can remember — an upside-down picture actually going on show. But they enjoy chuckling about one that stayed up-ended throughout an exhibition in Western Canada.

Nasser Asked To End Curbs On Britons

LONDON (AP)—A foreign office spokesman said Britain has asked President Nasser's regime to end measures "directed at the liberties and property" of British subjects in Egypt. No reply has been received.

The spokesman said Egyptian authorities, acting under the cloak and sequestration laws, have done everything they could to force Britons out of Egypt. The source added that the private property of individuals has been seized and sold and expulsion orders have been made.



HELPING TO UNRAVEL the secrets of sleep i: this sleeping subject of a sleep test at the Sleep Research Foundation in New York. Part of the sensitive electronic equipment used to test the sleeper without awakning are little electrodes attached to the body which transmit impulses to the electronic panel on the headboard. The equipment records the subject's brain waves, heart rate and body temperature. Operating under a grant from Simmons Company, the Sleep Research Foundation has thusfar tested hundreds of men and women who were studied while asleep during some 3,412 nights for more than 20,000 sleeping hours.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Some of the most experienced political circles in the Capital now believe that the budget which Finance Minister Walter Harris is scheduled to bring down within a very few weeks will constitute the issue of the coming Federal general elections.

The expectation is that it will be a so-called "sound" budget featuring debt reduction and devoid of political trimmings such as major cuts and increases in social security payments. Presumably the PC's will challenge such a program on the grounds that the government's surplus, instead of being devoted to debt reduction, should be spent in easing the tax burden or in increasing old age pensions, family allowances, and in providing health insurance benefits.

Once the PC's launch such a challenge, the plan of the government, veteran Parliament Hill circles believe, will be to have the issue settled not in the House but by the country. The government will take its budget to the people for endorsation in an election to be held probably in mid-May,—approximately a month ahead of the time that the Opposition parties have been expecting it.

The strategy back of such a move would be only incidentally to shorten the time available to the opposition parties for political organization purposes. Mainly the move would be based upon the government's current appraisal of public opinion. Rightly or wrongly the Cabinet has the idea that public opinion right across the nation is fearful of inflation and of its long-range results some months hence. The coming budget will be designedly anti-inflationary rather than politically popular. The government believes that in their present mood Canadian voters will endorse it, and simply plans to appeal directly for their verdict. Or at least that is the story now spreading via the Liberal political grape-vine.

Of course, the element of timing will not be entirely innocent of political purpose. The one province in which the PC's are probably less prepared for an election than in any other is Ontario. Lack of harmony between Premier Leslie Frost and Hon. George Drew was never conducive to effective action during the latter's leadership. But Ontario is admittedly the key province in the coming battle. If the Liberals are to retain power, they must retain a large measure of their present Ontario support.

The word has been spread in Capital circles in recent weeks that Leader Diefenbaker is going to get excellent co-operation from the Frost machine. After years of relative aloofness, it obviously takes time to tee deals of this sort up and get them rolling. That factor is obviously in the government's mind in its reported plans to call the election a month or so earlier than its original intention. It doesn't want the Diefenbaker-Frost machines to get meshing too smoothly.

New Stamp To Feature Outdoor Theme

OTTAWA— Postmaster General Hugues Lapointe today announced the details of a special set of postage stamps to emphasize the recreational activities that may be enjoyed in Canada. The stamps will be issued for sale to the Canadian public on March 7.

Four stamps will be issued in this set, all blue in colour, and of five cent denomination. One stamp will illustrate a skier, another fishermen, another a swimmer and a fourth a hunter. These four major vacation activities are being illustrated on postage stamps to further the knowledge that Canada, the "Land of Vacations Unlimited," offers a variety of recreational fare to those who travel for pleasure.

The designs are the work of Lawrence Hyde of Montreal and are being engraved and printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company, Ottawa.

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All Aboard

By G. E. MORTIMORE

Churlish comments are voiced now and then about Hungarian refugees in this country.

"Foreigners throwing Canadians out of jobs . . ." "Why didn't they stay and keep fighting . . . ?" "Millions for Hungarians but starvation pay for old-age pensioners."

Such bilious and unworthy remarks are heard in buses and taverns. They even find their way into print. Perhaps they do not deserve a reply. But it goes against the grain to let them pass without challenge.

The Hungarian people fought a tough and lonely battle for freedom. They require no advocates in this rich, calm land, which has been free from direct foreign attack for more than 100 years.

It is not our right to question the motives of the brave men and women who fought in the streets of Budapest. Their actions speak for them. The Hungarians are no living saints, but only human creatures who suffered wounds and death in a blind revolt against tyranny. Our ancestors fought the same war, in several ways and in several places. We should remember it. It is in the history books.

Some Hungarians remained in their tragic homeland. Others left, perhaps intending to renew the fight another day; perhaps merely heartsick, wanting to escape into the daylight.

Sanctuary for political refugees is an old British tradition, which Canada inherits. Waves of refugees during the centuries have enriched the cultures of Britain, Canada and the United States.

As their predecessors did, the Hungarians bring new skills and a passion for liberty.

Economists tell us that Canada needs more people to reach full development. In the long run, they say, the presence of more people will create more jobs. We would be wise to recruit a high proportion of new citizens from the countries that speak our languages, English and French, and can thus be most readily assimilated. But there is room for people from many nations.

Above all, there is room for those who have returned from the front line of their battle for freedom. Our welcome to such people should not be smudged by selfishness or pettiness of mind.

HANDY RELAXATION

A movie theatre seating 450 people is to be built in the main railway station at Zurich, Switzerland.

Former Prime Minister Heads Red Shield Drive

TORONTO — Canada's only living former Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, PC, today accepted a quite different portfolio to the many he has held during his crowded political and business career. The 82-year old statesman, long recognized as one of Canada's most useful citizens, today became Chairman of The Salvation Army's National Advisory Board, succeeding the late Air Marshal W. A. Bishop, V.C.

The appointment, according to Commissioner W. Wycliffe Booth, head of The Salvation Army in Canada, "is highly regarded by Salvationists who have long considered Mr. Meighen a tireless and influential comrade in their work." Mr. Meighen has been Chairman of the Toronto Advisory Board of The Salvation Army since its inception 17 years ago, and will continue to serve as a member.

The new national chairman's first duty was to announce the dates of the 1957 Red Shield Appeal for funds. The national appeal will begin on May 1 and will continue throughout that month. Objective will be $2,800,000 for maintenance. This is the estimated deficit on the 12-months' operation of more than 100 social service institutions, including hospitals; homes for children, the aged, the destitute; special services for unmarried mothers, prisoners and their families; summer camps and character-building youth activities; family welfare and disaster relief.

In indicating his confidence that the 1957 Red Shield Appeal would be successful, Mr. Meighen declared that "an identified appeal for The Salvation Army is a necessity. The Army," he said, "fulfills a vital role in the life and well-being of the nation. Previous appeals have clearly shown that the sympathies of the Canadian people are with this great movement. I do not expect that attitude to change. In fact I am confident that such sympathy will show itself unmistakably during the month of May in providing the needed financial support."

JOHN HOLMES, Canada's alternate representative to the United Nations, is a member of its special political committee. Mr. Holmes was first appointed to the UN delegation in March, 1951.

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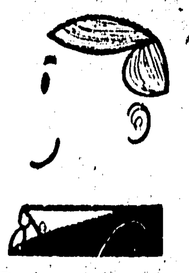

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