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Visit should be historic occasion

DRINCE RUPERT should be highly flattered that Premier Bennett and the British Columbia cabinet have chosen this city as the second site for a governmental "meeting away from home". Just what form the meeting of city officials with the premier and his cabinet ministers will take, has not yet been decided but certainly the government will be given a far greater insight into the city's problems than ever before. That Prince Rupert should be selected for the second government experiment of taking the government to the people and conducting on-the-spot talks about local problems is most gratifying and nothing but good can result.

Mayor Peter J. Lester, MLA William H. Murray and Clerk Comptroller R. W. Long are to be commended for their efforts in bringing about the cabinet's proposed visit in July. While the city did not receive any further relief regarding this year's school costs there is a promise of some improvement next year, none of which would have probably taken place unless a personal interview with the premier and the minister of education had been held with the city's delegation.

The fact that Mr. Bennett and his ministers will be here during the city's B.C. Centennial celebrations will have its advantages too. The premier will

be able to see the progress made by a city less than half a century old at a time when the province is observing its 100th birthday. It should point up to the government that while the more populated centres have progressed with more rapidity, Prince Rupert with its isolation and accompanying problems has had to keep pace with the south of the province regarding schools, utilities and municipal costs. The lack of recreation facilities here will be evident to the cabinet and should put the lie to the minister of recreation's belief that there is no crying need for Salt Lakes Park to be given a Class A rating. The need for government aid at Oliver Lake, the progress of work on the cannery road and particularly Highway 16 can all be given personal inspection by the government members during their visit here.

If it can be arranged that Premier Bennett officially open our new Museum of Northern British Columbia, all to the good since provincial government money has gone into it. It should be a momentous occasion and a plaque could be later placed on the side of the new museum to commemorate such an opening. All in all the visit of Premier Bennett and the provincial cabinet to this city should be a historic one and concrete benefits should

Don't be too sure

N the U.S. an effort has been made to expunge the court martial conviction of the late Brig. Gen. "Billy" Mitchell, dishonorably discharged because he criticized his military superiors for their then orthodox disbelief in air power. The examination of Mitchell at the original trial, dug up by an American reporter, makes fascinating reading today. An extract:

Prosecutor—You say that "in future wars soldiers will invade by leaping in parachutes from airplanes." Would you care to reveal who gave you this startling information?

Mitchell-Nobody gave it to me. It's quite obvious to anyone with the slightest foresight.

Prosecutor-It is your actual belief that this country (U.S.) is vulnerable to attack from the air?

Mitchell—In the foreseeable fu-

Prosecutor-Col. Mitchell, do you have any idea of the width of the Atlantic ocean?

Mitchell—Approximately 3,000

Prosecutor-You say that "airships traveling 1,000 miles an hour will fight each other in the stratosphere." Have you any comprehension how fast 1,000 miles an hour is? Do you know it is faster than the speed of sound.

Mitchell—Approximately 250 miles

This interesting dialogue took place in 1925, not very long ago. Better be on the safe side and not doubt the dreamers of 1958.

-The Financial Post.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

French hypnotized by de Gaulle rise

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

Watching events in France and Algeria since the crisis began has been a little like observing the progress of a glacier that could at any moment become an avalanche.

Gen. Charles de Gaulle has moved closer and closer to power while appearing to stand still, aloof from the madding throng.

Frenchmen of whatever political persuasion seem to find it impossible to wrench their eyes from this strange phenomenon with its air of inevitability.

In contrast to the popular conception of de Gaulle as a father image, the politicians act like small boys who have been naughty and know it. They promise to mend their slaphappy parliamentary ways-anything to keep the authoritarian parent at arm's length.

Because of fear of do Gaulle, the French assembly gave Premier Plerre Pflimlin unprecedented support when he took power two wooks ago to tackle the Algerian crisis.

Novertheless, de Gauile's acclaim has steadily broadened while Pflimlin faced new disasters. The premier not only falled to get anywhere in efforts to re-establish the government's authority in Algeria, but saw the insurrection jump to the island of Comsica, on the threshold of France Itself.

" The rebellious generals and French settlers in Algeria have progressively become bolder. In France, de Caulle has become a symbol dividing the entire population into two camps. Pflimlin, in his speeches in the assembly and

on television, has carefully avoided criticizing the general. He has given the impression that he glances uneasily over his shoulder occasionally, half expecting the tall, austere gentleman to appear at his olbow.

De Gaulle-in public at least-has adopted a strictly correct attitude, if somewhat exasperating in his apparently unshakable conviction that sooner or later France will turn to him. Many claim to speak with de Gaulle's blessing, but he delegates no one as spokesman, and himself says precious little.

He has yet to spell out exactly what he would do about any of the grinding problems that beset France. People may ask whether it is a weakness or a strength to take a position that raises questions rather than provides

In the National Assembly, Gaullist forces have been gaining support on the right. But all shades of the left are adamant against "Le Grand Charles." A big Communist-dominated labor union has called a protest strike against

Pflimlin once more has warned of the possibility before which even the courageous war leader de Caulle must quall—the spectre of

Solve problem

From The London Free Press Why not reappoint Mr. Massey for another term? Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey has proven an ideal Governor-General. . . . If he would be willing to take the post for another term it would solve a difficult problem, even if it does set a new precedent.

Nothing is cheap which is superfluous, for what one does not need, is dear at a penny.

-Plutarch.

THE MARKET HE STORY



THE HIGHEST television transmitter in Europe, and perhaps the world, was erected in northeastern Switzerland. It is situated on Mount Saentis, 8,210 feet above sea level and over five times higher than the Empire State building on which transmitters for New York City stations are located. Fortunately, repairmen will not have to be mountain climbers. An aerial cable car provides year-round access to the peak.

All Aboard By G.E. Morlimore

Some 1,500 fishermen and shoreworkers, including many Indian families who come down for the summer from remote villages up the Nass and Skeena rivers, are employed gathering and preserving salmon, halibut and crab at the canneries and cold storage plants in and around Prince

The state of the seafood industry, is everybody's business. The city watches the progress of negotiations between the fishing companies and the fishermen and shoreworkers as they drag along indecisively in Vancouver. At the time this is written, company and union are a long way apart on wages and fish prices.

There is a strong feeling in

some union and some antiunion circles that northern fishermen get the thin end of the deal when there is a strike.

The season for salmon fishing with nets opens first in the north. Then areas between here and the Fraser are opened in succession. A strike, when it comes, appears to be timed so that it knocks the bottom out of the northern season, but manages to get settled by the time the south-

ern season is due to open. But officials of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union are aware of this feeling. "If it is necessary to take strike action, it will be at a time when it affects pretty nearly everyone," Ray Gardiner, northern repersentative of the union, told me.

Worrisome time for all

Halibut fishermen, some of, whom are members of another' labor group, the deepsea fishermen's union, have been busy setting their long lines baited with octopus tentacles for the giant bottom-feeding

There's plenty of time yet before the opening of the salmon net season, but seiners, gillnet fishermen and merchants of the town are biting their nails awaiting news.

However, members of the fishermen's co-operative have not a worry in the world. While the men who sell their fish to the commercial companies are tied up on strike,

co-operative members chug serenely to work. The fishermen own the co-operative. They can scarcely be expected to go on strike against them-

By an agreement between co-operative and union, co-op fishermen allot striking union members a proportion of their

Theoretically, both groups work in harmony to advance the welfare of the fisherman by two different methods. In fact, there is a certain amount of shoving and elbowing behind the scenes, which neither side will admit.

Busy boats frustrating

Regardless of principles, it hurts a striking union fisherman to stand on the dock and watch a fellow - fisherman from the co-operative head out to sea. The co-operative member, on the other hand, resents paying tribute to fishermen who, he may think, are too lazy or timid to bother joining the co-op.

But some fishermen are in debt to fishing companies for loans on boats and gear, and they feel an obligation to keep selling to those companies. Furthermore, a fisherman must make a sacrifice at first to join the co-op. Private companies pay him for his whole catch, but the co-operative

statistics ticker tape is Rube Hornstein, a mataorologist with the Dominion Public Weather Office, Halifax who discusses weather topics each Sunday night in his radio broadcast, Ask the Weatherman, on the CBC Trans-Cannda network.

pays for only part of it, the balance later when the fish is sold. Eventually though, the entire profit from his catch, minus administrative expenses, goes in the fishermen's

Some co-operatives in other places have falled because of bad management—but so have private companies. The Prince Rupert co-operative is solid.

Perhaps the management of commercial fish companiesand other business firms too -will take a lesson from the success of the co-operatives and introduce the profitsharing principle in their labor force.

Many observers think that an honestly-administered profit-sharing plan, subject to constant scrutiny from both sides, may be the device needed to take the bitterness out of labor-management conflict. Unions are much warmer toward the profit-sharing idea than they used to be.

The Prince Rupert fishermen's co - operative works hand-in-hand with a consumer co-operative that operates a large, brand-new store. Fishermen as well as landsmen who don't know a spring salmon from a smelt are montbors of the growing consumor-

Among the 2,500 mombers of the Prince Rupert consumer corop (an increase of 50 per cont since April 10) are fishermen from as far away as Vancouver.

At Torraco, 100 miles up the Skoona, thoro is a farmors' co-op which shares with the Prince Rupert and other coons in owning B.C. Co-op Wholesale. Elsewhere in Canada, co-ops own oil walls, refinaries, coal mines and sawmills. Canadians are not as hostile to the co-operative movement as some people would have us believe.

This panda is a Red?

"Look, Mummy, a live teddy bear." This is the usual reaction of children who see a giant panda in a zoo. With its white body, black legs and clown face, the panda is a born comic, and its antics cause children to squeal with

officials would give their eye teeth for such an attraction. As a matter of fact, the Chicago and Bronx zoos have been bidding for a giant panda, now in Peiping, and one bid has gone as high as \$25,000. But it is doubtful that this white-faced character with the smoky eye-rings

Pleasant talk

From the Edmonton Journal Khrushchev emphasized that the race for supremacy between the Communist and capitalist worlds "does not mean killing anybody.". This is more pleasant talk than his utterance at a diplomatic reception last year when, in reference to the Western world, he said, "We will bury you." Jnless, of course, Khrushchev's ambition now is to bury

Great faith

'In secret'

From the Ottawa Journal

pold was a short stout man

with sparkling brown eyes and

an affable disposition. He

looked neither like a Mountie

nor an undercover agent. Al-

ways immaculate and easy in

with eternal good cheer ex-

cept when Communism was

mentioned. On that he was

deadly serious. It was a men-

ace to which he dedicated his

life, as policeman and citizen,

to combating, the citizen role

being no less formidable to

the Reds than that of the

In 1931 he emerged as wit-

ness against Canadian Com-

munists who discovered too

late for their own good that

Jack Esselwein, the leftist

house painter who had been

accepted into their counsels,

actually was Sergeant Leo-

pold of the Mounted. But it

would be injustice to a good

a that moment of fame revealed

all his service to Canada. The

fact is that Superintendent

Leopold's long study of Com-

munism was of infinite value

to the Royal Commission on

Espionage and helped bring to

justice those associated with

Soviet spying activities re-

There are brave men whose

acts of courage are done in

secret and who receive no re-

wards in medals or acclaim.

Superintendent Leopold was

vealed in 1946.

public servant to think that

policeman.

conversation he regarded life

Superintendent John Leo-

A paper sleeping bag has been invented. Great faith will be required of those who go on a camping trip with them.—From the Edmonton

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will ever see the U.S.A. As a resident of Communist China, it has been denied admission,

Unhappy zoo officials! They have been pleading with the State Department of clemency. What a shame to make this darling a victim of the cold war!

But the Department is obdurate. The U.S. law is explicit. No trade with Red China, not even if a brace of hippopotamuses, rhinoceroses and giraffes were included in the bargain,

It looks as if the panda is destined for the Frankfort Zoo in Germany, unless there are Canadian takers. Toronto hasn't the facilities nor the funds for such an animal. But wait! Attention, Mayor Horace Boivin of Granby, Quebec! Has Granby's famous 75-acre zoo got itself a giant panda? It has almost everything else. -The Toronto Telegram;

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