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Proposed Power Commission

MOST of the big rivers with power possibilities have their source of beginning in Canada, but the major part of their journey to the sea is through Alaska.

The legislature at Juneau proposes an Alaskan power and water resources commission to try to reach a mutual understanding with Canada for making use of the power on both sides of the international boundary line.

Mrs. Ryan, commenting on the measure, pointed out how Canada had vetoed the project for a big aluminum plant near Skagway by refusing it water power from the Canadian side.

She said Canadians are keenly aware of the value of water power for the proposed project, and is quoted in press dispatches as saying: "And they are saying they won't permit its use on this side of the border. They are playing international poker. We would be doing the same if we were wide awake."

We can agree with the statement of Mrs. Ryan concerning the ability of Canada to play poker, but it may be well for the Canadians to look at their hole card and realize they may have more to lose than gain by their present policy. Canada's proposal to make use of Yukon waters for a big plant on the Taku river on the Canadian side would be handicapped by lack of proper harbor facilities, and the necessity of shipping its products via Alaskan waterways.

Furthermore, there is plenty of water stemming from headwaters of the Yukon for a plant near Skagway as well as on the Taku.

Alaska has rivers and lakes on its own side of the line that can be harnessed for power, and in a pinch Alaska no doubt will get along very well without Canadian power, but Canada may find it somewhat of a handicap to get along without the port facilities Alaska has to offer.

The idea of a commission to bargain with Canada may not be a bad idea, but its powers should be carefully considered, and powers of this commission should be spelled out.

The appointive power to such a commission should not be invested in the legislature, as it has demonstrated it is not to be trusted, apparently political issues come first and the Territory's welfare takes a secondary role.

Such a commission should be appointed by the governor who would act as chairman. There's a possibility something could be accomplished if such were the case.

—Ketchikan Daily News.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES .

One advantage of being anything but rich is that you can and marching, laughter and hear a baffling sound in the dancing. Aye and there will be a basement and draw your own rollicking time if the round conclusions. It must be well world over.

According to advice from Ottawa, the question of capital punishment is coming under more permanent review, with a promise or prospect of development. A likelihood or possibility of abolishing the death penalty without the scaffold, but a different method of punishment?

A bank in the Judgment of a Yankee contemporary is the place you always try to borrow cash from when you fall utterly in trying to raise the fund from that friend of yours.

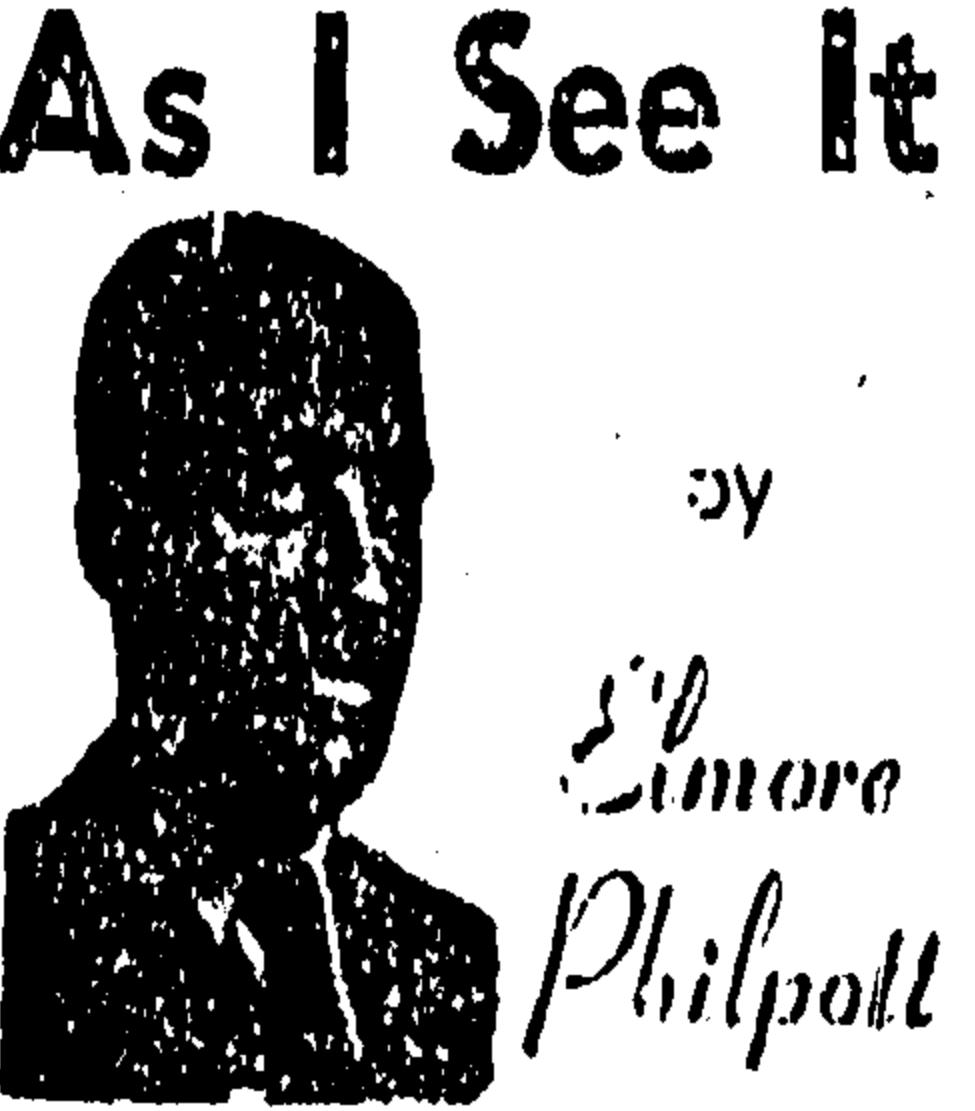
A Toronto bandit is reported to have recently stolen \$500 when he faked a toothache. He's a real druggist, and now the boss has a genuine headache. Incidentally, the boss is the druggist.

Burney Stoney and Brian Laurence, aboard the former Fraser River fish boat Tillieum II are on their way to the British West Indies where an island, called Bequia is said to be populated solely by women. They are said to be without either sextant nor chart. Both are Great War veterans, and once in the Indian, which should be in advance of the summer hurricane season, ought to be in line for all sorts of engagements.

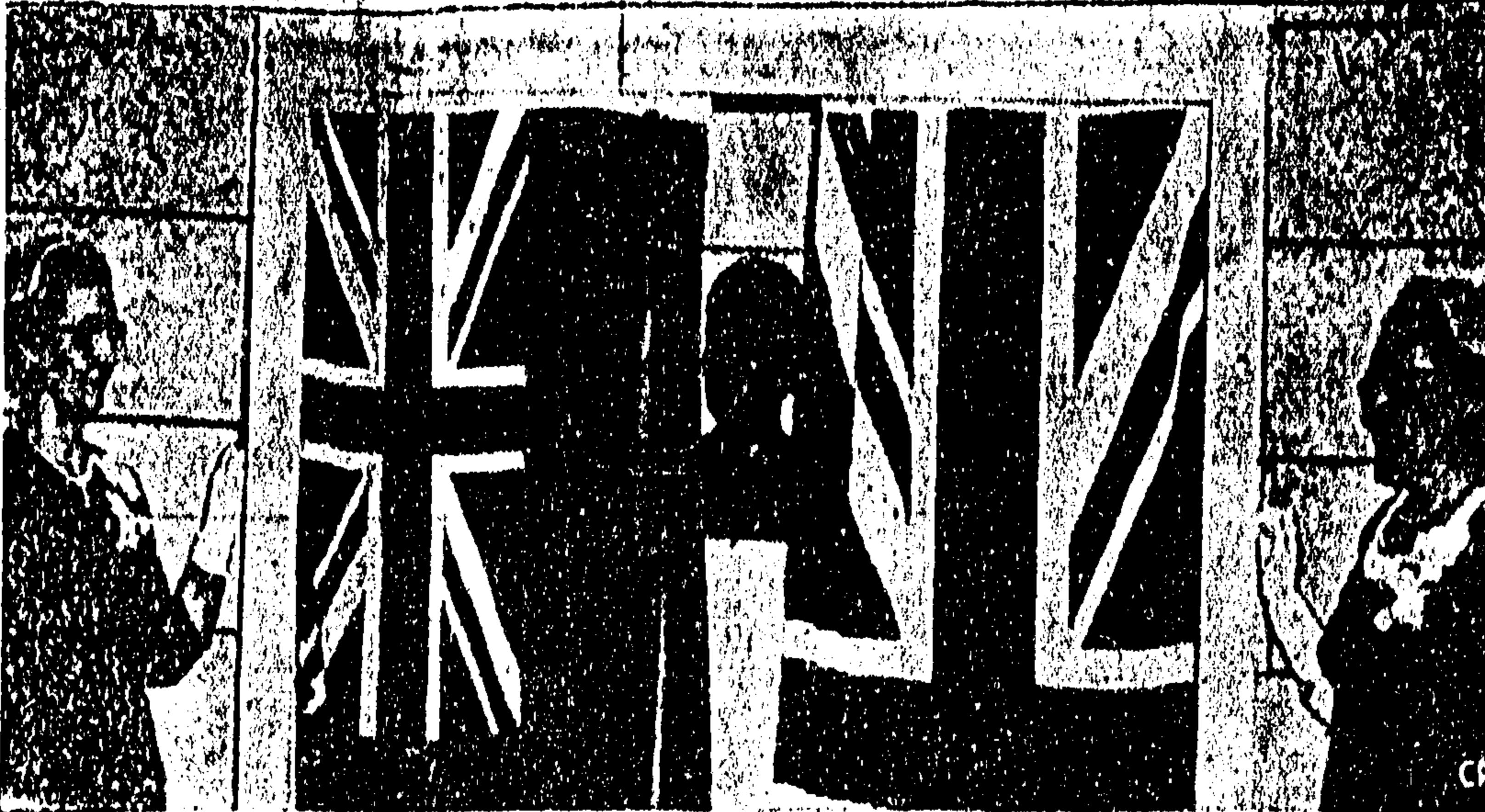
A mullet's tongue is almost but not quite as efficient at running down people as a motor car. — Moosejaw Times.

Prize for the most contemptible man goes to the Rochester (New York) thug, who "launched" a cripple over the head with a hammer, robbed him of 30 perfectly good dollars, then took away his crutches and pawned them.

Thursday, God bless you, will



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A BRONZE BUST of Agnes Macphail, first woman in member of Parliament, is unveiled in the Commons chamber by her sisters, Mrs. Meredith Reilly, Palmerston, Ont., (left) and Mrs. Hugh Bell of Toronto, Miss Macphail, who died last year at the age of 63, sat in the Commons as a United Farmers of Ontario member between 1922 and 1940 and later in the Ontario legislature. (CP Photo)

Attlee To Lead Attack On Tory H-Bomb Attitude

LONDON (Reuters)—Labor party leader Clement Attlee today leads an attack on the Conservative government's policy toward hydrogen bomb talks in an attempt to assert his leadership.

Attlee will join battle with Prime Minister Churchill in the House of Commons on a Labor motion censuring the government for failure to bring about a meeting on the H-bomb among the American, British and Russian heads of government.

The motion, which calls for immediate British efforts to promote such a meeting, is destined for defeat by the government majority, which will support a Conservative counter-motion to hold off such talks until the Paris treaties to rearm West Germany have been ratified.

But its presentation may be a key point in the struggle between Labor party leaders and the followers of the insurgent Labor left-winger Aneurin Bevan.

If the ceilings were raised as above, good many more veterans would automatically be taken on the WVA lists. It would be necessary for the Minister of Finance to find an additional \$24,750,000 this year to pay for the increased grants.

As things actually stand right now, Canada will spend this year \$28,145,932 on War Veterans Allowances. This, of course, is in addition to the sum of \$54,875,000 which will be spent this year on disability pensions for wounded men of World War One and \$72,840,000 for disabled veterans of World War Two.

Canada continues to lead the entire world in her treatment of the men and women who bore the brunt of the struggle in the two world wars.

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Even in a year when the national treasury faces a heavy deficit, the parliament of Canada has voted unanimously for a substantial increase in the cash grants to the men and women who need them most.

There are two points which will come up before the parliamentary committee on which there may well be improvements in the WVA act as it now stands.

Men who served only in England are not eligible if they served in the First World War but they are eligible if they served there in the Second World War. That hardly makes sense!

Also widows of ex-soldiers who served in allied forces are sometimes denied WVA grants if they or their late husbands were a few days short of the necessary 20-year residence qualification. I think there is an excellent chance that the Committee will do something about these grievances.

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The hard truth of the matter is that now and then you have to look down in order to be really smart. Almost every individual is put on that spot some time or other, even Cabinet Ministers aren't exempt.

For example, it is the consensus of Parliamentary opinion that Defence Minister Ralph Campiney didn't look too bright the other day when he refused to answer the question as to whether or not Canada possessed any stock of atomic weapons.

What made Hon. Campiney look a bit naïve in the stand he took was the fact that at the time at which he was playing coy on the subject of Canada's atomic resources, Prime Minister Winston Churchill was discussing the same subject in the British House with the utmost frankness. Canadian MPs just couldn't convince themselves that Hon. Campiney was a better judge of security risks than Churchill. It simply seemed to them that the Canadian Defence Minister had a little more starch than usual in the shirt he was wearing.

But the actual fact is that Hon. Campiney, who is a very smart fellow indeed at all times, was never sharper than when he made himself appear slightly foolish by declining to answer CCFer Hazen Argue's questions on atomic weapons. For it is a well-known fact that Russian intelligence is concerning itself continuously with just such questions as Argue asked. The Soviet authorities receive a constant stream of information from their agents. They hope it is accurate, but they never can be quite sure.

But if questions such as CCFer Argue asked—admittedly in all innocence—were to be answered Moscow would have an official check on the accuracy or otherwise of the information it is being fed. Hence it is the policy amongst Western nations generally to refuse to answer questions which might assist the Kremlin in checking on the reliability of its intelligence network.

The Churchill statement in the

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RCAF Concert Includes Classics, Popular Music

Both popular and classical music will be featured when the 40-piece Royal Canadian Air Force band appears here April 22 and 23, visiting Air Cadet officials said here yesterday.

Meeting with members of the sponsoring committee of the Prince Rupert Air Cadet Squadron were Flt. Lt. Hal Carling, liaison officer with the cadets; J. E. Brasseur, vice-chairman for the British Columbia air cadet group and Bert Heaton, committee members, who arrived yesterday from Vancouver by RCAF plane.

The famous band from Edmonton will play both a concert and for a dance while here.

CHOSEN LOCALLY

Lieut. Carling, who has accompanied the band on one of its Canadian tours, said that frequently the program is worked out after discussion with local representatives who know the musical tastes of their community.

The concert will be given at the Civic Centre, while the dance will be held at the navy drill hall under the joint auspices of the Navy Army and Air Force. Proceeds will go towards promoting the work of the local air cadet squadron.

With headquarters at Edmonton where it is attached to the tactical air command, the band consists of 40 regular force airmen specially selected for their musical ability. It was started in

1946 and the following year.

MONDAY

Spanish music will be the specialty for half an hour at 6:30 p.m. A local personality, Les Brain, brings out some of his collection of records in "For Your Delight."

At 7:20 p.m. after the National News John Campsie of Toronto begins a series of talks on "World government... a Second Look." An interesting discussion comes from the NBC at 7:30 p.m. In "conversation" two zoologists and a historian discuss "How man learned from the animals."

At 8:30 p.m. the CBC Symphony Orchestra accompanies pianist Warren Mould in a presentation of one of the more popular classics... Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1.

TUESDAY

E. T. Applewhite, M.P. for Skeena is back again at 6:45 p.m. in "Report from Parliament Hill."

John Campsie's after-the-news talks at 7:20 p.m. continues the series on World Government.

Ray Milland enthusiasts will be able to hear their favorite actor with Dorothy McGuire in a radio version of the Darryl F. Zanuck movie "Gentleman's Agreement," in Lux Radio Theatre at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Today's "Report on the Legislature" at 6:30 p.m. is by James Nesbitt and the Rev. Keith Woolard.

The lyric opera "Pelleas and Melisande" is the major work in the Wednesday Night program. Robert Sayre, Suzanne Danco, Rejane Cardinal, Joseph Rouleau, Jean-Paul Jeannette, Louise Charbonneau and David Roach are the singers in this combination of the work of Maeterlinck and Debussy.

THURSDAY

The Red Cross Show may be considered the big program event of the week. Each year America's three favorite movie stars give charity performances in aid of the Red Cross campaigns in America and Canada. Tonight at 6:15 p.m. Bob Hope has the show. Next week it is Bing Crosby.

FRIDAY

The first of three plays by Charles Wasserman is on "Vancouver Theatre" at 8:30 p.m. "Assignment Europe" centres around the activities of a furtive news paper correspondent in post war Europe.

SATURDAY

The Metropolitan Opera Company present Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde" at 11 a.m., with Setsu Svahnholm, Margaret Harschaw, Jerome Illinois, Blanche Thebom and Joseph Metternich as the leading singers.

READERS

• Monthly general meeting Loyal Order of Moose, Prince Rupert Lodge No. 1051 at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 15. All members please attend.

• S.O.N. Masquerade and Dance March 18. Dancing from 10 to 2. Everybody welcome.

• Canadian Legion Card Party tonight 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.

• Local 708 Union meeting Wednesday.

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St. Patrick's Concert By CYO Wins Acclaim

It was "standing room only" last night at the Annunciation school hall when the Catholic Youth Organization staged a St. Patrick's concert.

"It's Great To Be Irish" was the theme throughout the show with Father O. P. Mohan as master of ceremonies, bringing down the house with his ad libs about his native Ireland and his country cousins.

Father Mohan and Father H. E. Tunney, combined talent to present the highlight of the show singing and dancing to "Phil The Flute's Ball."

Other popular acts in the successful show were:

A selection of Irish instrumental numbers by Father Tunney, Bonny Sprinkle, Olga Zubudney and Bob Matte;

"McNamara's Band" with Den-

nis Mulrooney, Father Tunney, Edward Saunders, B. Sprinkle and drillers led by Mrs. Robert Murray;

Imelda Hewer, recitation "Mrs. Moodie and Her Tea Tray";

A six-hand reel, Sharon Dumas, Trudy Ross, Gary Fahey, Gerald Domino, Margaret Thompson and Wilma Berle;

A piano duet, Anita Rogerson and Eloise Lahti;

Mrs. Murray, recitation and song "Kelly";

B. Sprinkle and B. Matte, saxophone duet;

A play, "Merry Molly Malone," with Mr. MacKinnon, Bob Dumas, J. Cloutier, John Laporte, B. Dumas, Derrick Letourneau and Olga Zubudney as Molly Malone.

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IT WOULD ALMOST SEEM as if a wholesome smile is part of the uniform after a look at these photos of various phases of Girl Scouting in the United States. On land, sea and in the air, more than two and a quarter million Girl Scouts observed Girl Scout Week last week. Top left picture shows a Brownie. The youngest of the Girl Scouts, the Brownies range in age from 7 to 9. Top right shows an Intermediate Girl Scout (ages from 10 to 13) giving the Scout salute. Lower left photo shows a Vixen Scout, an air-minded lass who takes pre-flight training and dreams of the day she will "solo." They range in age from 14 through 17. At lower right is a sea-going Girl Scout, called a Mariner Scout, also in the 14-17 age group. Some 21,000 teenage girls have become Mariners in the past four years. Canadian Boy Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides and Brownies celebrated last month.

Newly-Formed Kitimat JC's To Operate Red Cross Drive

Kitimat's newly-formed Junior Chamber of Commerce, under the chairmanship of Dave Knowles, has undertaken its first community project, it was announced by executive member Gordon Sharun, during a brief visit to Prince Rupert over the weekend.

The new unit, organized in Kitimat only a week before by local delegates "Jay" Burns and Gerry Woodsides, will organize and operate the Canadian Red Cross campaign in the smelter town.

The Kitimat Jaycees spokesman reported that the unit already had received applications from 45 young men and that there was a good indication of more interest.

Chartering of the new Junior Chamber unit is expected to take place before the end of April.

Mr. George Kearley, 101 Fifth Avenue Fast, left the city last night aboard the Canopus for a short visit to Kitimat.

Mr. H. M. Crompton, general traffic manager of Union Steamships, was in the city yesterday, arriving by car from Kitimat and leaving on the Canopus last night for Vancouver.

Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. William Clark left the city last night aboard the Canopus to make their home in Port Alberni. Mrs. Clark is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Haugan, 310 Fifth Avenue East.

The initiation ceremony under the direction of District Deputy Art Murray saw 26 new members inducted into the order.

The evening activities were brought to a close by the serving of refreshments.

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