

# Building Spree Troubles Vancouver Rental Agents

VANCOUVER (CP) — The current building spree in Vancouver apartment blocks is an \$8,000,000-a-year bonanza for contractors but a penthouse-size headache for rental agents trying to fill them, in town, said one realtor. "In fact it's a marvel to me how we have managed to fill them so far."

At most 90 new apartment blocks have gone up in the city so far this year. Since the beginning of 1954 some 475 permits valued at \$38,000,000 have been issued by the city building department.

"Within 20 years there won't be a house left in the downtown area," forecasts Harold McRae, head of the big real estate firm of Rutherford McRae Ltd. "They will all be pulled down to make way for apartments."

**HEAVY OVERSUPPLY**

North Vancouver, where \$5,000,000 has been invested in 71 apartment blocks since 1954 has a heavy oversupply of suites at present.

One owner said he is losing heavily on his investment "because half the suites are empty."

"Owners figured they would get plenty of tenants when the Second Narrows bridge was completed to give easier access to town," said Cliff Riley, rental manager for H. A. Roberts Ltd. "Now they are left with half-empty apartments."

The bridge, which collapsed during construction, is not scheduled for completion until the middle of 1959.

Realtors say, however, the present oversupply will be taken up by spring and apartment blocks still are a good business bet.

There is a definite trend here towards apartment living, they say. Elderly couples and business people predominate among those selling their homes in favor of suites.

**WON'T BE SLUMS**

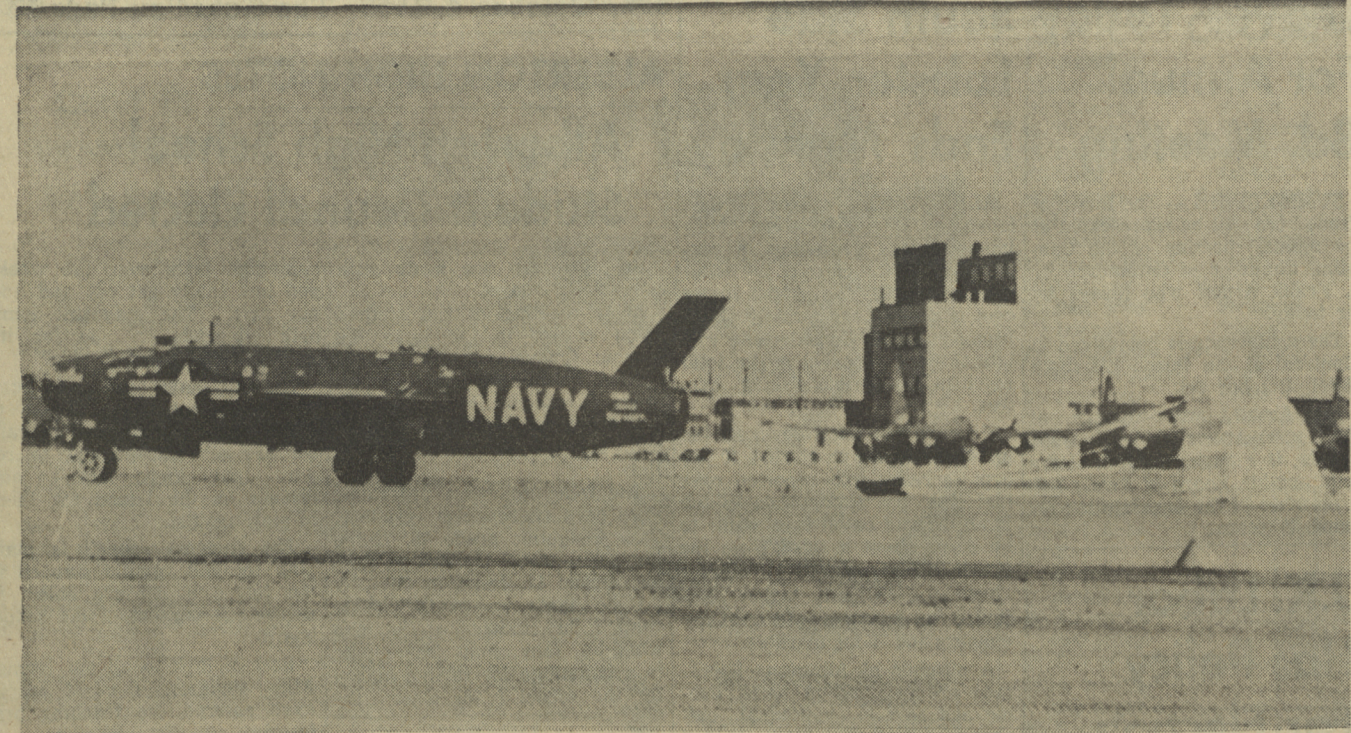
The new "locks have to meet certain city standards and represent such a big investment they are unlikely to degenerate into future slums, say real estate men.

Minimum rents are \$75 for a bachelor suite, \$95 for one bedroom and \$115 for two bedrooms. Maximum rents range up to two and three times this amount.

A city bylaw passed in 1956 makes it compulsory for builders to install parking space for tenants' cars. But there is a monotonous sameness in Vancouver's apartment buildings. They appear to have been taken "off the rack."

H. Denys Back, head of B. C. Mortgage Ltd., blames this on the developers.

"Too few of them get an architect to design the most suitable building for the area," he said. "They just take a look through the architect's existing catalogue, pick the cheapest, decent-looking block that will comply with city standards."



## SHIP TO SHORE MISSILE TESTED

BRUNSWICK, Maine — A Navy Regulus I touches down at the Brunswick Naval Air Station, made about 50 miles from the cruiser Maccen which launched it at sea. Regulus was guided to Brunswick by jet planes. It made a perfect landing and the Navy called the flight a complete success. The Regulus range is about 500 miles; its speed more than 735 miles an hour. The parachute acts as a brake on landing. (AP Wirephoto).

## THOUGHTS FOR OUR TIME

BY HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL McGUIGAN

### ACCEPT THE TRUTH THEN DELIVE DEEPEE

In the Gospel account, an event is recorded by St. Matthew which is very interesting and thought-provoking. While our Lord was in Capernaum, some time during the early part of His public life, a man sick of the palsy was brought to Him to be cured.

Actually He did two things for the man. He cured the sickness of his soul when He said: "thy sins are forgiven thee," and the sickness of his body when he said: "Arise, take up thy bed and go into thy house."

There were two groups of people present while this double miracle was being performed: some scribes, and the other, larger group which the evangelist calls "the multitude." The scribes were, as a group, intelligent and

learned in the sacred writings and traditions of their people. The multitude as composed of the general run of men and women, as a group less learned and less quick to perceive, but also, therefore, less inclined to be critical, and more ready to accept what they saw, with faith.

Notice how differently these two groups of people reacted. The scribes saw more clearly what was implied in our Lord's words and actions. They knew that the forgiving of sins was an action which belonged to God, and they concluded immediately that He was implicitly claiming to be God. Their thoughts, as interpreted by St. Mark, were some thing like this: "...he blasphemeth. Who can forgive sins, but God only?"

### FEARED, GLORIFIED GOD

The multitudes, on the other

hand, saw far less in our Lord's words and actions. According to St. Matthew, they "feared, and glorified God that gave such power to men." They did not know of the passages in their Scriptures in which God proclaimed Himself to be the forgiver of sins. They knew simply that our Lord was claiming a great power, a power which He undoubtedly possessed, for He showed that He had the equally incredible power from God to cure man's palsy.

This incident is a good illustration of the maxim that more shall be expected of him to whom more has been given. The multitude saw no more than that our Lord was claiming to be a great man for some reason granted extraordinary favors by God. And they were ready to accept His claim.

The scribes saw more. They recognized that He was claiming to be God Himself. And they were not willing to accept His claim. The more one understands, the more difficult and meritorious it is to make an act of faith.

Let us not be too ready to credit the multitudes with far greater

virtue than that possessed by the scribes. So far they were doing well. But what would happen when our Lord would make it clearer to them all that they must believe if they were to be His followers? He was leading them along gently, according to their capacities, but there would come a time when the power of their belief would be given a stern test.

### STERNE TEST

Such a test came perhaps a year or so later. At any rate it was almost exactly a year before Christ would be crucified at Jerusalem. The same crowds from Capernaum followed Him out into the country-side far from their towns to listen to His teachings. He prepared them for their test by performing another of His miracles of mercy, multiplying five barley loaves and two fishes so that His thousands of listeners might eat.

That might He left them. The next morning, when they saw that He had gone, they searched for Him and finally found Him at Capernaum. Then he said: "...you seek Me, not because you

have seen miracles, but because you did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labor not for the meat that perisheth, but for that endureth unto life everlasting, which the Son of man will give you."

Then, a little later, He said: "He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath everlasting life: and I will raise him up in the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed; and My blood is drink indeed."

This time it required no great perspicacity on their part to recognize that their faith in His words must be very great. Here was a mystery that even their minds could recognize as being truly incomprehensible.

**MYSTERY INESCAPABLE**

"And after this, many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with him." And so, many of the multitude were little better than the scribes. When they came to see how incomprehensible, how filled with mystery, are the doctrines of Christ, many refused belief.

For a believer, mystery is inescapable. Indeed, if there were no mystery, belief would not be necessary. A person must believe in many of the things God has revealed about Himself and His works, because God is infinitely greater than anything we can encompass within our finite minds.

Therefore, when Christ revealed His doctrines, He did not attempt to make them clear and understandable to His listeners. He simply performed miracles, as He did on the two occasions we have been considering as evid-

ence that His teachings were indeed the teachings of God.

Let no man ever hope, than, to exhaust then intelligibility of God's revealed doctrines and then to judge of their truth or falsity. Let him rather accept the evidence which Christ has given for their truth, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, use his reason to penetrate even deeper into them. As St. Augustine puts it so well: "I believe in order that I may understand."

## PISQUID EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Woodridge, were visitors in Millbrook, N.S., on Wednesday, the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Fraser and Mr. Fraser.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hughes and family, Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. Walter White and family, Donagh, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bradley and family St. Theresa, were all at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kelly on Wednesday night. It being Mr. and Mrs. Kelly's 46th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie MacDonald, Charlottetown, were visitors at the home of Mrs. MacDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jay, Wednesday.

The close relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Jay gathered at their home Saturday night, September 27, to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Lunch was served and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle MacDonald, Lorne Valley, were guests of Mrs. MacDonald's parents,

## BOYCOTT CELEBRATION

**BELGRADE (Reuters) —** The Yugoslav government boycotted national day celebrations at the Communist Chinese Embassy Wednesday night informed sources said Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jay, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jay, with sons Merlin and Irwin, were visitors in Covehead Road, Sunday. They were guests at the home of Mrs. Jay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg. MacNevin, Charlottetown, spent the weekend with Mrs. MacNevin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leard were visitors in Charlottetown, Monday.

Messrs. Frank Phelan, and Elliot Hendricks arrived home during the week from Marathon, Ontario, where they were employed during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hessel Corney

## BOYCOTT CELEBRATION

and son George, were visitors in Pisquid East, Sunday. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jay.

Mr. George Jay spent Monday in Lorne Valley with his daughter Mrs. Earle MacDonald, and Mr. MacDonald.

Mr. Alton Jay was in Charlottetown on business Monday. B.A.

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