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### FORGET PARTY LINES - UNITE TO HELP WIN THE WAR - CAPTAIN GEO. BLACK URGES

**YUKON'S VETERAN MEMBER and EX-SOLDIER  
DECLARES NOW IS LOGICAL TIME TO FORM  
NATIONAL GOV'T. TO CARRY ON WAR EFFORT**

Captain George Black, Yukon's Sourdough, ex-soldier member of parliament for 14 successive years, came back to Mayo this week feeling fit as a fiddle and with the glint of a new election campaign in his eye.

His candidature assured by the acclaim of scores of supporters and friends throughout the Yukon, the genial pioneer barrister is enthusiastic at the opportunity of again contesting the Yukon seat in the forthcoming Dominion election on March 26th.

He sounded off the keynote of his campaign this week in these terse, characteristic remarks:

"If elected I will support the Hon. Dr. Robert Manion in his policy of forming a National Government composed of the ablest men and brains in Canada - regardless of party politics - whose one aim will be to win the war."

With Canada engaged in a gigantic war effort, standing shoulder to shoulder with the Mother Country, there has never been a period in the Dominion's history when a National Government has been more essential and necessary, Mr. Black pointed out.

"This is no time to bargain and bicker over party politics," he declared. "Now is the logical time to form a Union Government comprised of leaders who are willing and anxious to forget their party affiliations and stand shoulder to shoulder, with all true and loyal Canadians in a united effort to help the Allies win the war against tyranny, dictatorships and oppression."

With this policy foremost in mind, Captain Black, veteran of many a hectic political campaign in the Yukon, is asking Yukoners once again for their support and confidence in this election.

There is not much doubt that the former Speaker of the House will be accorded that support.

To date no opposition candidate has been named.

"Naturally," Mr. Black said, "I would appreciate the honour if Yukoners elected me by acclamation. But, candidly speaking, I will also be disappointed if there is no contest. (Cont'd. on Page 5)

#### LATE RADIO NEWS

**BRITISH SEAMEN RESCUED**, London, Feb. 19 -

A British destroyer, entering neutral waters, attacked the Nazi prison ship Altmark in a Norwegian fjord, killed five of its crew and rescued 326 British merchant seamen whom they found battened down under its decks and living in a regular "Hell's hole."

Norway protested to Britain over the attack but the Admiralty retaliated by accusing Norway of mishandling the whole affair. The incident aroused widespread indignation and protest in Germany and it was feared that trouble between Norway and Germany might arise out of the affair. Germany was reported to be planning retaliation with a new submarine and air attack against British and neutral shipping. Britain has announced that all ships will now be armed for their own protection.

**B. C. GETS BIG ORDER**, Feb. 23 - Vanc. B.C.

Britain has placed orders for 14 mine sweepers to cost 9 million dollars with B.C. firms. This is in addition to last weeks order for ships to cost 6 million dollars.

**2 MORE SUBS SUNK**, London, Feb. 22 - Two more German submarines were sunk in the North Sea last night the Admiralty announced to-day.

**FINNS BEAT BACK INVADERS**, Helsingfors, Feb. 19 - An attempt by the Red army to break through the Mannerheim line in a new offensive this week, resulted in the annihilation of a whole division of 17,000 Russian troops, according to reports from the High Command. A large amount of equipment and supplies were reported taken.

**ARMY FLIER CRASHES, ALASKA**, Anchorage, Feb. 17 - The amphibian plane piloted by Captain Benton Davis of the U. S. Army crashed half an hour after Davis had taken off from Anchorage for Cordova. Ten Alaskan fliers joined in the search for the missing ship which was finally spotted by Kenneth Neese, Anchorage pilot, and Wild Life Agent Collins. The rescue fliers stated they saw Davis waving his arms at them although he was caught in the wreckage. Rescue parties were sent hurrying to the scene of the crash.

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# AROUND THE TOWN BY NIGHT AND DAY

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SATURDAY, FEB. 24, 1940

## CAPTAIN & MRS. BLACK VISITING MAYO

Captain George Black, who is again a candidate for the Yukon seat in the coming election next month, arrived here by plane Monday from Whitehorse, accompanied by Mrs. Black, who returned North last week from the coast.

On Wednesday they made a trip to Galena where Mrs. Black was the guest of Mrs. Nick Sutilovich while Captain Black hiked over to Keno.

They returned to town Thursday night and plan on remaining here until Sunday or Monday when they will continue on to their home in Dawson.

While in Mayo Captain and Mrs. Black are staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steeves.

In connection with his candidacy in the forthcoming election, Captain Black has outlined his stand on matters affecting Canada as a whole and Yukon in particular in a circular "Between Yukoners" which has been widely distributed in this district.

If elected, Captain Black promises to back his leader the Hon. Dr. Mahion in supporting a National government composed of the ablest, most outstanding men of all parties, whose one aim will be to win the war.

## DANCE AT CALUMET PRAISED BY ALL

"One of the best dances I've ever attended up the hill," was the popular verdict of Mayoites who took in the dance held in the Mess House at the Calumet last Saturday night.

Dancing got under way at an early hour and continued for many hours to the captivating music of Miss Dorothy Durie, Bob Sheridan and Chuck Caddy. Delicious refreshments were served by the members of the committee.

Five carloads of Mayoites went up the hill to take in the affair. Nearly everyone from the Elsa and Calumet was present.

"They certainly did things up in style," one young lady informed the Miner. "They even had cigarettes, chocolates and punch placed in the ladies' dressing room which was pretty nice and very thoughtful."

Another nifty touch was the appearance of the Calumet hosts at the dance dressed in their attractive "Calumet Bombers" sweaters.

Among those taking carloads up from Mayo were: Bud Fisher, George Palmer, Bill Jeffrey, Jr., Alex McCarter and Dick Steeves.

The committee in charge left nothing undone to insure the success of the Calumet dance and they sure made a swell job of it.

The past week has proved a busy one in Mayo, socially speaking.

Another interesting discussion group meeting was held in the Rectory on Monday night. The meeting was addressed by Mr. G. R. Homer who gave an interesting talk on co-operative systems in business. The discourse proved very interesting to all present.

**IODE TEA:** On Tuesday afternoon the IODE, Mayo Chapter, held an afternoon tea in honour of Mrs. George Black, honorary President. There was a large attendance. Mrs. Black, in her usual chatty, informative style, gave an interesting talk on the Daughters' war work. The affair was arranged by Mrs. F. A. Whitney. Mrs. Black is responsible for starting the various IODE Chapters in the Yukon and she has always taken an enthusiastic and leading part in the activities of the Yukon chapters.

**DRAMATIC BRIDGE:** Wednesday night found the bridge and pan faithfuls gathered in the IODE House to continue the Dramatic Club's exciting card tournament. After the scores were totalled up it was found that Gordon McIntyre, Club President, is leading the tourney to date in the men's section with Club Secretary Gordon Lee running a close second. The latter didn't play bridge on Wednesday night, confining his activities to the pan table where he came out with high score. R. S. Steeves is still ahead in the pan race.

The ladies' contest is growing keener every month. Mrs. C. E. Fisher is still leading the tourney but is only 240 points ahead of Mrs. F. A. Whitney. Mrs. Steeves is close on their heels with 240 points less than Mrs. Whitney.

One more session for all the participants will be held in March while in April the winners will "play off" for the prizes.

**BADMINTON DANCE:** Pioneer Hall was the scene of an enjoyable card party and dance on Thursday night sponsored by the Mayo Badminton Club. Prize winners at the card games were as follows: Men's Bridge: Norman Hartnell. Ladies' Bridge: Mrs. Irwin Ray. Pan: Bob Westman. Fine prizes were awarded to all the winners.

Music for the dance was provided by Miss Dorothy Durie and Chuck Caddy. There was a good attendance of hand and dancing lasted until 2 a. m.

**EMBASSY CLUB:** The "Embassy Club" has been the setting this week for many happy morning and afternoon gatherings. Things are quite lively around the "Embassy Club" these days with Captain George Black, candidate in the coming election, among the prominent "dropper-inners." Of course, as you all know, Ed. J. MacKenzie, the versatile dispenser of sagacious advice and good cheer, is the major-domo at the Embassy. About the only personage of note missing around the Embassy these days is Dick Major of Elsa fame. Dick's too busy these days holding down the fort up in Shellygoland.

**PIX POPULAR:** St. Mary's Church sponsored another of its popular moving picture shows in Pioneer Hall last Saturday night. With so many Mayoites out of town that evening the attendance wasn't as good as in former weeks.

**OLD TIMER ILL:** Arthur Wallace, old timer of the Keno district, who has lived these past several years at Chrystal Creek, was brought to the hospital last week for medical attention.

# PLANES & PILOTS

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GORDON STEWART, Miller Creek Mining operator, plans on returning North soon. Gord's father will be returning later in the season.

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## WHITE PASS PLANES BRING 20 SACKS MAIL FRIDAY

Bringing 13 sacks of mail from the American Boat which got in Wednesday, the White Pass Bellanca "BLT," with Pilot Oakes at the wheel, landed here Friday; having come here by way of Dawson. Pilot Oakes continued south. There was one passenger - Jack Donald - aboard the White Pass ship for the through flight from the Gold City.

Northbound with the White Pass Travelair, Pilot Ernie Kubicek landed here at 3 p. m. Friday from Whitehorse with an additional 7 sacks of mail, including airmail. The YSAT airmail plane reached Whitehorse Friday morning.

Pilot Kubicek will be returning south to-day, taking the outgoing airmail.

## CAPTAIN & MRS. GEORGE BLACK IN BY PLANE MONDAY

Captain and Mrs. George Black were incoming passengers for Mayo on the White Pass Fairchild "XJ" on Monday. Leaving Whitehorse, the plane made stops at Selkirk and Carmacks en route.

From Mayo Pilot Kubicek went on to Dawson and flew south direct on Tuesday. Outgoing passengers from Mayo for Dawson on Monday were Mrs. Rennie Burian, Miss Amanda Burian and Alex Esperance.

## CHARLEY TAYLOR, GEOFF BIDLAKE MAKE FLYING TRIP KENO

Charley Taylor and Geoff Bidlake made a trip to Keno on Tuesday, returning late Wednesday night. From Mayo they went as far as the Calumet in Charley's car, hiking from there to Keno and back. It was Geoff's first trip to Keno City.

## LEAVE FOR THE 26-MILE

Dan Van Bibber and Bob Sheridan left on Monday with the former's dog team for Rennie Burian's place at the 26-mile where they will help in the attempt to raise the sunken "cat" of the late Alf. Burian.

Van Bibber came up river last Sunday bringing Mrs. Rennie Burian and Miss Amanda Burian to Mayo.

WE HEAR THAT: J. D. Gallagher, Gov't. Agent Mayo, now on a holiday in Vancouver, is still carrying his arm in a sling. Jack received further injuries to his his arm in the train accident near Skagway.

# MANION URGES NATIONAL GOV'T., CANADA

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### QUEEN SUBSCRIPTION NOW UNDER WAY

Owing to the fact that the Dawson Discovery Day Association is without funds, a public subscription has been started in Dawson to finance sending Miss Helen Goulter, - "Miss Yukon of 1939" - to the Fairbanks Ice Carnival. Two hundred dollars have been guaranteed in Dawson for this purpose. Three hundred dollars will be required and on Tuesday of this week the Miner received a wire from James F. MacDonald, Dawson, asking if Mayo would assist.

Will those wishing to subscribe to this fund to help send "Miss Yukon" to the Fairbanks carnival, please get in touch direct with Mr. MacDonald at Dawson.

### FORMER MAYO NURSE GOING OVERSEAS

According to word received here recently, Miss Alma Jones, formerly matron at Mayo General Hospital, plans on leaving for overseas within the next two months as a war nurse. Miss Jones has been attached to one of the military hospitals in Ontario since the outbreak of the war.

### TWO MENTIONED TO SUCCEED LORD TWEEDSMUIR

LONDON - The Duke of Devonshire and Lord Elgin are mentioned as possible successors to Lord Tweedsmuir, as Governor General of Canada. The Duke of Windsor had been mentioned previously.

### DR. MANION SOUNDS KEY NOTE OF HIS CAMPAIGN

BRANDON, Feb. 19 - An earnest appeal to Canadians to forget peace time differences - political and otherwise in united prosecution of the war through a national government, was sounded by Hon. Dr. Manion in his first speech of a western tour.

"No one party, be it Liberal or Conservative, can satisfy Canadian people by giving their united enthusiastic wholehearted effort that is needed," he declared.

### McGEER TO CONTEST BURRARD RIDING

VANCOUVER, Feb. 19 - G. G. McGeer, former Mayor of this city, was the unanimous choice of Liberal nomination of Vancouver-Burrard riding for the forthcoming election. Sidney Smith, Liberal, and Thos. Alsbury, CCF, have been nominated for South Vancouver seat now held by Howard Green, Conservative.

### HOWLING GALE TAKES HEAVY TOLL

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 - At least 65 persons perished as a result of a howling northeaster that left a wide section of the U. S. from Maine to Ohio struggling to restore snowbound transportation on land, sea and air. New England received the full blast of the storm.

### RELIEF ROLLS SHOW A DECREASE

OTTAWA, Feb. 19 - The persons on urban and agricultural relief during December totalled 625,000, a decrease of 30% from December, 1938, the Labor Dep't. has announced.

### ELECTION IN ALBERTA MARCH 21ST.

EDMONTON, Feb. 19 - Albertans will go to the polls on March 21st. to elect their 9th. government, Premier Aberhart has announced. So far opposition parties to the Social Creditors have 63 candidates in the field for 57 seats.

### CRISIS NEAR ON FINNISH ISTHMUS

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 19 - The great battle of the Karelian Isthmus, in its 18th. day, continues unabated. The high command announced Saturday the defenders had withdrawn to new positions. The crisis in Finland appears near at hand as military observers ask how long can the Finns endure and how long can the Russians keep it up.

### GERMAN BUSINESSMEN SEEKING ARMISTICE

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 16 - German bankers and business men now visiting Holland are conducting extensive propaganda for peace. They also hint that Berlin will take full advantage of Summer Welles visit to carry a peace drive to Washington. The assistant Secretary of State for the United States was sent to Europe recently by President Roosevelt to "see what could be done" to restore peace.

# NEW SILVER BILL PROPOSED BY U S SOLON

## GEORGE BLACK, FIT AND EAGER TO SERVE YUKON AGAIN IF ELECTED (Cont'd. from Page 1)

"Being a candidate again," Mr. Black continued, "brings back all the excitement and stirring memories of former election campaigns in the Yukon. I am just as ready and just as willing to fight for election this time as I have always been in the past. I don't think many of you will say that I ever let you down then. I'm certainly not going to let you down now. Not by a long shot."

The pioneer Yukoner is greatly encouraged and heartened by the reception accorded to both him and his wife during their recent visit to all parts of Mayo district and in Southern Yukon.

"Both my wife and I have received a wonderful reception everywhere in this district," he said, "and the assurance of support for myself in the coming election, from old supporters and a flattering number of new ones, has been most gratifying. "I can tell you right now that it does my heart good to know that so many Yukoners feel as my leader, Dr. Manion and his supporters and I do, that a National Government is essential and logical if we are to carry through this united war effort to the bitter end."

"It will be my main purpose if elected, to support the formation of a National Government such as we had in Canada during the last war. It worked then and it will work again. And, if you Yukoners back me up on this, and elect me again, I'll promise you that I'll give all my energy and experience to the grave task at hand; happy to be able to serve you; happy to be able to serve Canada and happy to be able to serve the glorious traditions of the British Empire."

## GOLD RUSH PIONEER FEATURE OF "I WAS THERE" PROGRAM OVER KNX

On the "I Was There" program from KNX last Sunday night, an old timer of the Gold Rush to the Klondike recounted his stirring experiences of the long trek, with his wife and family, over the Chilkoot Trail, into Dawson. It was an exciting episode. We believe the Sourdough's name was ~~Wm.~~ Newman or at least that's what it sounded like. If it wasn't Newman, senior, it was one of his sons relating the story.

Perhaps there are a number of Pioneers who heard the broadcast and recognized the speaker.

## NEW BILL TO PROHIBIT U. S. BUYING SILVER

It has been reported over the radio that a U. S. Senator is trying to put through a new bill which would prevent the purchase of foreign silver by the United States. The question is: Is Canadian silver included as foreign purchases?"

Silverites are eagerly awaiting further particulars re this proposed new legislation.

THE WEATHER has been colder in Mayo the latter part of this week with the spirits below the 20-degree below zero mark to-day. Clear, cloudless skies prevail at a late hour this afternoon.

## PILOT KUBICEK IN TO-DAY FROM DAWSON. TAKES AIR MAIL SOUTH

Pilot Ernie Kubicek returned to Mayo to-day from Dawson with the White Pass Travelair "BPV" and went south with the outgoing air mail. Dr. A. Kells of Dawson was a passenger on the White Pass plane for Whitehorse. The plane brought a sack of air mail for Mayo from Dawson.

## WHITEHORSE DOCTOR BREAKS LEG, SKIING

Doctor Woodsworth, pinch hitting at Whitehorse for Dr. Stewart, now outside, broke his leg Thursday while out skiing and is now in hospital receiving treatment for the fractured limb.

Dr. Kells, assistant to Dr. Duncan, in Dawson, flew to Whitehorse with Pilot Kubicek to-day to take over Dr. Woodsworth's duties meanwhile.

An expert skier, the Whitehorse physician was out skiing with one of the nurses of the Whitehorse General staff, when the accident occurred. The young lady also fell and it was thought at first, broke her arm, but it turned out to be a severe sprain.

Dr. Woodsworth is the son of the well-known leader of the CCF party in Canada. He had only been in Whitehorse since last fall.

## OVERLAND STAGE MAKES FAST TIME

Two caterpillars and cabooses and extra sleighs formed the overland caravan of the T. C. Richards Transportation Company stage which arrived here at 8 o'clock Friday night after a 4½ day run from Whitehorse. The stages brought freight for J. H. Mervyn and a load of meats, hams, bacon and eggs for Burns & Co. Ltd. The drivers were: Bud Harbottle, Cecil Richards, Don Murray and Albert Pelland.

## MARRIED IN WHITEHORSE

Don Murray, well-known young Whitehorse man, who reached Mayo last night as driver of one of the overland "cats" was married in Whitehorse Sunday night in the Church of England, according to word sent to the Miner at a late hour this afternoon. The young lady was Miss Walker, popular Whitehorse girl, and the ceremony took place at the close of the regular Sunday evening service. Don left on the overland stage for Mayo Monday morning. We hope to have further details for next week's paper.

## DIESEL PLANT HERE BLOWS OFF THE DUST

Mayoites sitting quietly at home reading last night or indulging in other evening pursuits, were given a jolt at 9.30 when the local Diesel started to go into convulsions; making noises similar to those made by a giant firecracker popping off. That's just what the Diesel was doing...or at least what Emil Forrest, operator, was causing it to do. You see they were blowing the smoke and dust and oil outta the exhaust. And, minus the exhaust, well the noise was something like Orson Welles might well conceive.

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