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Fountain a commendable project

THE proposal of the Italo-Canadian Club to build a plaza and fountain adjacent to the Federal Building as its Jubilee project to beautify Prince Rupert is a most commendable one.

The thought and extensive planning that has gone into the proposal shows that the $12,000 project is more than a mere gesture to show what those of Italian descent can accomplish. It means that the new Italian Canadians who are working side by side with Canadian-born residents in helping the city to grow and develop have an earnest desire to become true Canadians in a great country.

The fact that the fountain's design will be based on a Roman Coliseum, with pillars supporting the bowl, does not mean that they wish to retain all ties with Italy. The move to incorporate some of their old world culture into a modern setting is simply the Prince Rupert Italians' way of showing their desire to integrate into the Canadian way of life.

It is to be hoped that the praiseworthy project will not only set an example for new Canadians of other nationalities to follow but will show new arrivals that Italian new Canadians have already begun to make a valuable contribution to the country they have now adopted as their own.

VICTORY FOR COMMUNISTS

Japanese debacle blow to U.S. prestige

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Associated Press News Analyst.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States suffered a humiliating and costly defeat yesterday in the collapse of President Eisenhower's scheduled visit to Tokyo.

The Soviet-Chinese Communist bloc won a victory of menacing proportions.

It was the second time in exactly a month that a great international event has gone against the wishes of Eisenhower and along lines charted by the international Communist leadership. At Paris May 16 Nikita Khrushchev killed the Big Four summit conference in its first meeting, leaving Eisenhower and his British and French allies to survey the wreckage of their hopes for some improvement in East-West relations.

Yesterday's debacle in Tokyo is potentially more damaging to the U.S. and its allies, and in the long run poses a greater threat to the balance of American-Soviet relations — and therefore to world peace — than did the breakdown in Paris.

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The immediate problem before Eisenhower and Japanese Premier Nobusuke Kishi, in fact, is how to handle the situation to minimize the injury to U.S.-Japanese relations and to the free world's political position and defence structure throughout the Far East.

The great difference between the May 16 breakdown at Paris and the June 16 disaster in Tokyo is this:

The explosion of the summit conference, coupled with Khrushchev's violent personal attacks on Eisenhower, forced the Western Allies closer together and strengthened their resolve to resist Soviet threat and bluster. But the cancellation of Eisenhower's trip to Tokyo threatens to undermine a vital anchor point of the system of anti-Communist alliances in the Far East.

Kishi's government, being compelled to confess its inability to maintain order, appears now to have no choice except to resign.

Kishi himself, it was noted here said he would not quit or dissolve the Parliament until a pending new U.S.-Japanese security pact is ratified this weekend. The ratification process will be completed automatically as long as Parliament remains in session.

The security pact, rather than Eisenhower's visit, has been the prime target of left-wing and Communist opposition. By holding Parliament in session Kishi has the power to win the form of a victory on the issue of its ratification, but it may prove to be an empty victory unless new political forces come into play in Tokyo now that the visit has been cancelled.

In the present circumstances, opponents of the new security pact appear to have gone a long way toward undermining the U.S.-Japanese alliance and discrediting the whole military-political arrangement between Washington and Tokyo. It is not only the form of a treaty but also the broad political accord which it represents that is vitally important.

The Communists did not create the anti-treaty, anti-Eisenhower furore in Japan. That grew originally and over a period of months from the emotional attitudes created by Japan's wartime defeat and by the resolute determination of the U.S. itself during the occupation years to convince the Japanese people they should never have anything to do with war again.

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U.S. officials say they were convinced by the millions. For years they have disliked the presence of American forces in their country, and they particularly resented the formation of a new pact which could continue American bases in Japan for at least another 11 years.

U.S. authorities in Japan say there are many other elements in the extremely complex set of forces which erupted in the demonstrations and rioting. But these officials agree fully with Kishi's belief that Communists played a key role in the final event leading up to the decision to call off the president's trip.

Meanwhile, U.S. authorities claim Russia and Red China are making a desperate and well-financed drive to convert the turmoil in Japan into a cold war disaster for the U.S.

Highly placed Washington officials say they are convinced Communist money has been pouring into Japan along with anti-American propaganda. Similar views have been expressed by Japanese government officials.

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In recent months there has been a notable increase in the number of diplomatic couriers from Russia and some other Soviet-bloc countries going into Japan, ostensibly on diplomatic business. Officials say there is reason to believe that at least some of these couriers carried funds for the Japanese Communist party.

Red China has conducted a massive propaganda campaign against the security pact and Eisenhower's tour. Peking Radio called for demonstrations against the president and for the "burial" of the security pact in connection with his tour.

State department experts say many of the broadcasts can be read as virtual orders to Red agents in Japan to keep Tokyo in turmoil until the treaty is defeated or thoroughly discredited.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

India given new reason to doubt U.S.

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

A Congressional committee has given India and Pakistan fresh reason to question the good faith of the United States. It also demonstrates how a committee, working from purely selfish motives, can threaten to erase progress in strengthening democracy's bulwark in Asia.

For some eight years World Bank chairman Eugene R. Black had cherished the hope of reducing the dangerous dispute between India and Pakistan through various means, including joint co-operation in developing the Indus River basin for power and irrigation.

It was to be a tremendous project, costing about $1,000,000,000. Canada agreed to help. So did Britain, West Germany, Australia and New Zealand. The United States tentatively agreed to put up the bulk of the funds, about $515,000,000 over a 10-year period in loans and grants.

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Now the House of Representatives appropriations committee has stepped in to freeze United States action on the project.

Though Canada has shown how great irrigation projects can be built in India and Pakistan through Colombo Plan contributions, the committee expressed doubts about the Indus basin proposal. It demanded that no U.S. funds be spent until the state department convinces the committee of the project's merits.

One member, Congressman Silvio Conte, Massachusetts Republican, said his colleagues "didn't really know what they were doing." He predicted the House and Senate would reverse the committee decision forming part of mutual aid legislation and pledged to move a motion himself if this was not done first by others who would have priority in House debate.

The appropriations committee holds great power in Congress. A committee official said the committee's decision was taken because the state department was hazy about the project and did not make out a clear-cut case for expenditures.

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Among U.S. diplomats, the argument was offered that the committee had so acted because one of the committee's leaders, a southerner, harbored strong prejudices against Asiatics and Negroes. They said that is why the committee also eliminated much of proposed aid for South Africa.

Another reason offered was that the state department wanted to eliminate any stipulation that at least one-half of the items required for the project must be carried in U.S. ships.

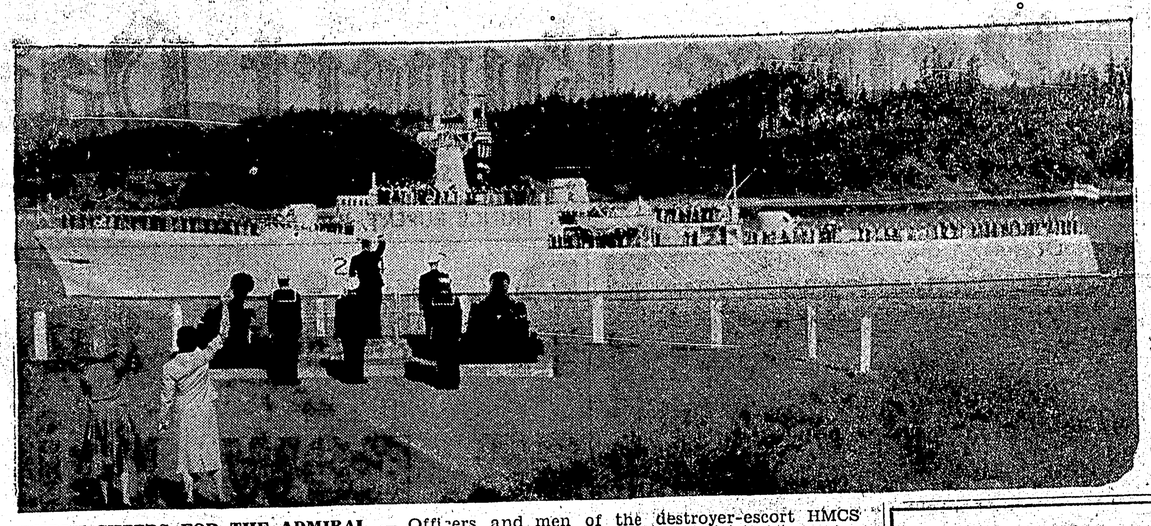
Whatever the reasons, it appeared the committee in one mighty sweep tried to undo all the progress achieved in years of World Bank effort. Comparable to this might be the 1956 action of the late John Foster Dulles who cancelled U.S. plans to help build the Aswan dam in Egypt.

Now Russia is doing the job.

A Bible Thought for Today

Jehovah will guide thee continually. Isa. 58:11.

Spasmodic prayers in a time of peril are well enough, but we need guidance moment by moment. We have made great mistakes by not asking for guidance.



THREE CHEERS FOR THE ADMIRAL — Officers and men of the destroyer-escort HMCS Assiniboine "cheer ship" in honor of Rear-Admiral H. S. Rayner, Flag Officer Pacific Coast, as the ship leaves Esquimalt harbor for a one-month training cruise to the Hawaiian Islands. With the Assiniboine are sister-ships HMCS Saguenay and Ottawa — all carrying a number of ROTP (Regular Officer Training Plan) naval officer cadets undergoing summer-time training. The three ships will return to Esquimalt July 4, by which time Rear-Admiral Rayner will have left the Pacific Command for Naval Headquarters in Ottawa to become Chief of the Naval Staff — top post in the Royal Canadian Navy.
—National Defence photo.

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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It is becoming more and more difficult to preserve an open mind. The forces at work in the world trying to close our minds are rising in power and increasing in skill. In the past, religion and politics were the two greatest forces striving to persuade us that we need seek no farther, and could now close our minds and be content.

But science, no longer satisfied with addressing itself to scientists, is busy interpreting its esoteric language into the common tongue. Professions, like the medical, the entertainment and the publishing, are posing us problems that all of us have to face and weigh. We are assailed from every side with new strong winds and currents intent upon closing our minds to all but the facts or the truth they bear us on their crests.

What should we do? A house, a room, with doors shut, is perhaps cosier and more comfortable, more private and secure. Is a mind more at rest when closed? Millions all over the map appear to have been so persuaded.

LETTER BOX

Mother who knows score on boys answers query on where's Dad?

The Editor,
The Daily News:

Lately there have been several write-ups in Vancouver newspapers, and elsewhere, asking "where's Dad" and deploring parents' apathy regarding boys' organizations throughout the province. This sounds very serious, indeed, but let us have a look at the whole picture.

Some Dads work shifts, others work long hours, and some cannot even find work. Many jobs take fathers miles away from their homes. Some Dads have large families, but regardless of size all Dads are morally responsible for providing them with food, clothing and the comforts of home, not to mention insurances and Junior's allowance. But Dad's financial obligations do not end there.

He is called upon to support his church and its various activities, some of which are clubs and craft projects for his children; the Parent-Teacher Association, for that directly concerns Junior; Scouts; Cubs; Guides and Brownies, for if his family is one of the larger ones he may have someone in each of these organizations; and the Civic Centre where the entire family may benefit in worthwhile activities.

Aside from these there are the tag days, Red Cross drives, Cancer drives, Polio Campaigns Heart fund, and a multitude of other very worthy causes. There are his own clubs and activities to support as well as those his wife may enjoy. These same men are called on to back their political party, union and any number of community projects.

Unless sponsored by someone else who has the means, or by an organization, Dad must buy uniforms, baseball shoes and gloves, and pay the registration dues. Then there are transportation costs.

A family with three children can find themselves caught up in an unbelievable tangle of engagements. Each one of the children may belong to two or three organizations which he or she is expected to attend at least once during the week. While mother bakes and sews for bazaars and teas (and the essentials come out of Father's pay), or attends executive meetings, Dad in turn must go forth to bolster his son's activities. If there are younger children in the family a babysitter must be engaged, another drain on the take-home dollars.

Each September, school opening sees a major financial crisis in the big family bracket. Junior's clothes must be replenished after the wear and tear of holidays and another spurt in growth. Topping that are the various school dues such as book rentals, Student Council fees, Industrial Arts fees, new running shoes for the gym, scribblers, pencils, erasers, etc., that directly contribute to Junior's education, and of course, another photo to grace the family album.

Extra curricular activities, such as badminton, basketball and other sports; music lessons, swimming instruction, etc., each take their share, great or small, from Father's pocket.

Parents are generally 100 per cent in favor of education for each of their children and will support it to their last dollar, but where does the financial merry-go-round end?

And what of those endless chores around the home? When asked to help out, Junior will most certainly reply that his Little League team is playing against last year's winning team and he just has to go to practice. But he hopes Dad will be in the bleachers to support him in the next game.

Once a team had to ascertain just when most of its members might be free from home chores or other commitments, in order to arrange practice time. In fact belonging on a team might well have been the reward for chores properly done at home. And a game was for fun and good sportsmanship. Its only trophies were bent fingers and bruised knees accompanied by a happy heart for a game well played. And Dad? He wasn't expected to be there. In fact there weren't even any bleachers.

Many parents feel that their children should contribute more towards their home. It may not be the best one on the street, but it is the best Dad can provide, and it represents Junior's security against a changing, remorseless world. Children do not resent the chores they are asked to do if they know that all the other kids along the street are putting in their stint, for it is then just another part in the task of growing up.

It is gratifying to see Dads out in full support of their son's home runs, but if Dad was free of some of the financial fog that continually engulfs him, or those needling, never-ending chores at home were done with the help of a good pal like Junior, one might have considerable difficulty keeping him away from the game.

Some fathers have the money, time and inclination, but a good many have none of these resources. Parents apathy and indifference may be heart-breaking to Junior, but conversely we might well consider what these demands are doing to Dad.

"Jane,"
Port Edward.

Editor's Note: Madam, we couldn't agree with you more. You've struck a noteworthy blow for freedom, Dad's freedom. Junior has it all now.

Cold's the wind, and wet's the rain,
Saint Hugh be our good speed!
Ill is the weather than bringeth no gain,
Nor helps good hearts in need.

Troll the bowl, the jolly nut-brown bowl,
And here, kind mate, to thee!
Let's sing a dirge for Saint Hugh's soul,
And down it merrily.
—Thomas Dekker.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Signed articles, and editorials credited to other newspapers do not necessarily reflect the views of The Daily News.

With the classics

What were the wise man's plan?—
Through this sharp, toil-set life,
To fight as best he can,
And win what's won by strife.
But we an easier way to cheat
our pains have found.
Scratched by a fall, with moans
As children of weak age
Lend life to the dumb stones
Whereon to vent their rage,
And bend their little fists, and rate the senseless ground;
So, loath to suffer mute,
We, peopling the void air;
Make Gods to whom to impute
The ills we ought to bear;
With God and Fate to rail at, suffering easily.
—Matthew Arnold.

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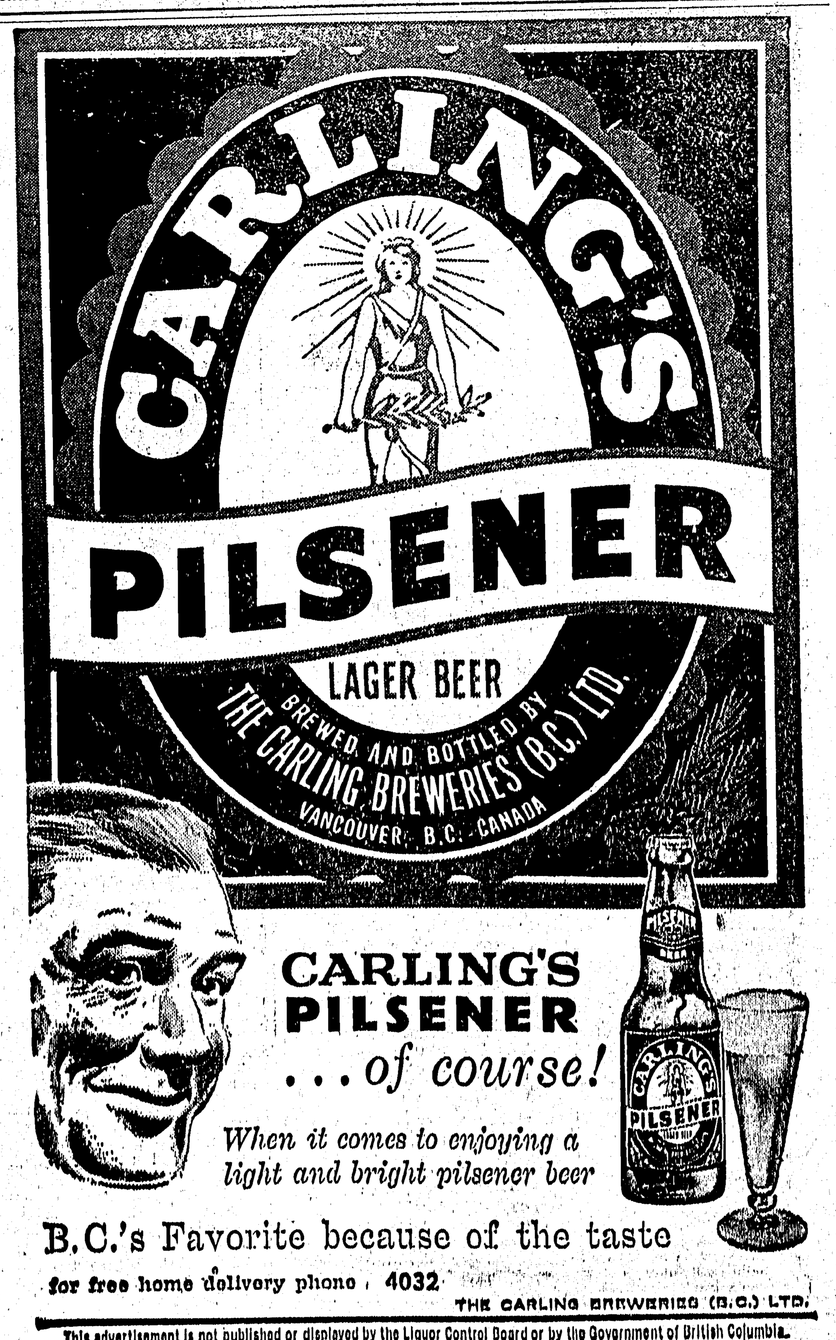

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