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Working toward common cure

The dove of peace came to rest this week on the turbulent B.C. labor-management negotiation tables when the provincial secretary of the Carpenters and Joiners Union said his union accepted the hold-the-line policy of management and signed a one-year contract with no wage increase.

This is not a victory for management nor does labor lose face in this action. It only means recognition that the writing is on the wall if B.C. is again torn by labor strife. Management and unions are both prudently realizing this, for if we are to recover completely from the recession equanimity must prevail on both sides of the bargaining tables.

R. K. Gervin, negotiator for the Building & Construction Industries Exchange of B.C., which represents management, said the Carpenters Union's action should be commended. He added that other unions in his negotiating scope have indicated they will follow the carpenters' lead.

Mr. Gervin, who has sat at negotiating tables for many years, said he believed trade unionists are doing their utmost to work toward a common cure for our industrial ills.

He said the average union negotiator has changed to a stateman-like person with intelligent knowledge of the general economic structure of this province.

"The union leader that sits down at the bargaining table and refuses to debate after laying down terms such as: 'more money or we strike' is fast disappearing from the labor scene," Mr. Gervin said.

We endorse Mr. Gervin's view and add that this year when a turning upward point in our province's economy is apparent — common sense should prevail. As we have urged time and time again in our editorial columns: Irresponsible actions by either management or labor will lead to nothing but grief for the entire population.

The carpenters have charted a course for the entire B.C. trade union movement to follow. Now those who are so quick to publicly criticize labor would do well to give equal public praise to a B.C. union with 7,000-membership voting to accept a no-raise contract.—Journal of Commerce Weekly.

MAY EASE TENSION

Kennedy-Khruschev meeting spurs hopes

LONDON (AP) — The world hoped today the Kennedy-Khrushchev meeting in Austria two weeks from now would ease international tension. But there was caution about expecting any momentous results.

"It's the Vienna waltz", said the London Daily Sketch over a cartoon showing the U.S. president and the Soviet premier dancing together.

India's philosopher-statesman, Vice-president Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, said the future of humanity is at stake in these cruel times.

"One of our ancient scriptures tells us that when danger is near, salvation also is near," he said in a New Delhi speech that put the moral support of his neutral nation behind the coming meeting.

He spoke at a state dinner for visiting U.S. Vice-president Johnson.

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Foreign Secretary Lord Home of Britain told reporters that to meet Kennedy "is a salutory experience for anybody . . . and we hope very much that good will come out of this meeting."

Kennedy will call at London for talks with Prime Minister Macmillan after his meeting with Khrushchev June 3 to 4.

There was no direct comment from French President Charles de Gaulle. Kennedy will meet with de Gaulle in Paris and go from these talks to see Khrushchev.

The government press bureau in Bonn said West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer welcomes the meeting and thinks Khrushchev and Kennedy should get to know one another personally.

The British press unanimously applauded the meeting. The Daily Express said editorially that the gap since an American and a Russian leader last met has been too long and unprofitable.

"This time there is the prospect that the exchange will be businesslike and informal, with a minimum of competitive appeals to the gallery", The Express said.

But The Daily Telegraph's correspondent in Washington regretted that the Vienna meeting will not include other world chiefs.

REPORT FROM CHINA

Castro regime harbinger of Red control

Harold K. Milks, chief of Associated Press Caribbean services, arrived in Miami Friday night from Havana with the first planeload of Americans repatriated from Cuba. Milks had been in asylum in an embassy in Havana since April 18, but from his many contacts in Cuba he has gathered a comprehensive picture of developments there. His report follows.

By HAROLD K. MILKS

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Fleeing Americans left Cuba Friday with the firm conviction that if Fidel Castro's Communist regime remains long in power all Latin America will be lost eventually to the Soviet bloc.

The invasion fiasco of mid-April has left Fidel Castro undisputed ruler of Cuba's 6,000,000 people. His opposition has been shattered and disheartened. And his followers are boasting openly that the Communist revolution in Cuba today will be a Communist wave over the rest of Latin America tomorrow.

Diplomats in close contact with the Castro regime since its inception said inHavana this week they believed only outside forces could possibly swerve Castro from his program of turning his once happy island into a Communist stronghold more bitterly anti-democratic than any in Central Europe.

Several said if his rule continues for as long as six months they see little hope of keeping communism from the rest of Latin America.

In the month following the unsuccessful invasion I saw little of Cuba beyond what was visible from the windows of two embassies in which I took asylum from Castro's intelligence agents seeking me becausethey claimed all American newspaper men were spies.

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But I talked with highly placed Cubans and many foreign diplomats. The picture they drew was terrifying from a Western viewpoint. Fidel Castro today is on a power-made rampage and there appears to be nothing in his own country which might halt him.

The bearded leader shattered the underground opposition within Cuba at the same time he smashed the April invasion. What is left is a mass of unhappy and angered Cubans, hating his Communist regime but too terrified by its armed strength to oppose it.

The end of the invasion alert in Cuba by no means halted the reign of terror in which thousands and thousands of Cubans were imprisoned for no reason other than that they did not support Castro.

Thousands of people grabbed up by secret police and herded into detention centres under inhuman conditions have been freed. But thousands more have been arrested in a campaign of repression which appears to go deeper than those of the worst days of the Communist campaign in Europe.

The Castro revolution, encouraged by its military and political successes, has reached the stage of brutal swaggering.

It appeared to me, as it did to many others, watching the Communist sweep over Cuba, that at times Fidel Castro had lost control of his own revolution.

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One of his proudest boasts has been the honesty of his regime. Yet his raiding parties in their roundup of Americans and Cubans after the invasion attempt at times seemed more interested in looting than in finding evidence of counter-revolutionary or other wrongdoing.

I know first hand of several cases in which the Castro officials searching through homes and offices ignored important papers or documents in their at times frantic search for money, jewelry, cameras, radios and other private property which had nothing to do with protecting the revolution.

Americans caught in the Castro roundup and released through intervention of the Swiss Embassy reported their homes had been pillaged. A similar wave of legal lawlessness swept over the entire island in the wake of the thwarted invasion.

Foreign diplomats in Havana found the ministry of foreign affairs powerless to interfere on behalf of foreigners picked up in the general roundup.

"It appears that the Castro G-2 intelligence is an all-powerful autonomous organization and not even Fidel or President (Osvaldo) Dorticos appears to have much authority there", one ambassador reported after a day-long struggle to release one of his nationals.

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Many diplomats with whom I talked say the time has passed for military intervention in Cuba by the United States or other American nations, unless Castro provides a reason.

It was the concensus of these observers that the best way to beat Castro today is to ridicule him.

"Make a dictator look ridiculous and you destroy him," said a spokesman in the Havana diplomatic corps.

"That's the job of the United States. I think Washington should assemble a task force — not of marines or paratroopers — but of skilled propagandists and use it to make the bearded Castro look as silly as he is."

MOTHER AND CHILD — Sadie, a Borneo orangutan, has that proud look as she shows off her three-month old baby, Ora, at the Detroit zoo. Ora weight 4½ pounds at birth. — CP Photo

LETTER BOX

Reader deplores callousness of motorist who killed cat

The Editor,
The Daily News:

Last Wednesday morning while driving in the 600 block Fifth Avenue East (corner of Ebert Street and Fifth Avenue), my husband and I noticed a very sickening sight. Lying by the walk was a dead cat with its intestines strewn about. We thought possibly proper authorities had been notified regarding its removal for a proper burial; however, on passing the same area a half hour later the same scene was there.

Having lived in that particular area for a number of years, I have often thought that at the rate of speed some of our city's drivers travel, (a hospital zone at that) it is a wonder a child has not been fatally driven down.

In concluding I wish to say, that if that driver had stopped to question himself what had happened when he felt that hard thump under his tires, (or was he travelling too fast to notice?) he surely would have done something regarding the cat's removal then and there, rather than to leave its carcass for the children playing nearby to weep over. A scene such as this definitely remains in a child's mind for a number of years, and in most cases—remains there for life.

Mrs. M. L. Knutson,
Prince Rupert.

INDIAN TAXPAYERS TOO

The Editor,
The Daily News:

Speaking of taxpayers' money, many people seem to forget that the Indians are taxpayers too. They pay income taxes and property taxes in a country that once belonged to their forefathers, for which they were never compensated.

The Treaty Indians receive an annual grant of a Hudson Bay blanket each.

I am proud that we have the greatest country in the world, and I know that we have many good citizens, who would like to see the Indians receive social justice.

I believe it can only be done by doing away with the Department of Indian Affairs and putting the Indians under the care of the trained personnel of the Department of Social Welfare.

Ivan Adams,
Prince Rupert.

APPRECIATION

The Editor,
The Daily News:

On behalf of the Parent-Teacher Council I wish to thank all the people who helped with the preparation for the Holiday Theatre performances, especially the committee in charge, Mrs. Vernon Ciccone, Mrs. Michael Jackson and Mrs. Helmut Rempel.

Mrs. Gladys Bussanich,
president PT Council.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Communism gets helping hand from those who fear it most

By ALAN HARVEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Events in the trouble spots of the world suggest that international Communism sometimes gets a helping hand from those who fear it most.

In Laos, American reference for an anti-Communist regime killed a neutralist government that, just possibly, might have reached an understanding with the dissident Pathet Lao.

In Cuba, what may have been an over simplification of the Communist danger resulted in U.S. indentification with a botched counter-revolutionary attempt by a mixed bag of European settlers continue their war-within-a-war against the French government, convicted against all evidence that their struggle is a holy crusade to keep "the Bolsheviks" out of North Africa.

PERIL IS REAL

In the first two cases, the Communist peril is real. The question some observers ask is whether the West tends occasionally to overestimate the menace, attributing to the enemy a strength it does not always possess.

One of the astounding developments of recent times is the tenacity, virulence — and some say — blindness with which European diehards in Algeria resist a "decolonization" approved by the overwhelming majority of mainland Frenchman who are sick and tired of 6½ years of war.

Maurice Couve de Murville, French foreign minister, may have had Algeria in mind when he warned the NATO meeting in Oslo that the West should look with clear eyes upon the Communist threat rather than attribute a sinister character to every national independence movement.

A powerful factor in Britain's decision to attack Egypt in 1956 was the belief that if dictator Nasser remained in power, Egypt would go wholehog Communist and the other Middle East states would topple one by one into the Red orbit. Five years later Nasser is still top man, and the Middle East is not yet in thrall to Moscow.

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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Our dramatists of stage, screen and the electronics bring their villains to too sudden an end. Bang goes the gat in the hand of the hero, two minutes before the end of the show. And flat in the dust lies the villain.

Flat in the dust after hours, days, weeks, years of villainy. It is too easy an end to villainy. Villains should get hit in the foot and die of gangrene six months later, after a long, lingering illness.

As a matter of fact, that is the way most villains die in real life for several reasons. One reason is that heroes, being men of high character with little practice at pistol shooting owing to their work on the school board and taking up the collection at church are not very good shots. They usually hit villains in the foot, not in the midriff.

But villains usually get arrested by a policeman, without any shooting. The policeman walks up to them and says: "Hey, aren't we looking for you?"

And he takes them by the scruff of the neck and telephones for the wagon.

A villain usually has a long time to feel cheap, remembering all the people who must be laughing about him, caked there in an iron pen, or dying slowly of gangrene in the foot.

Short sermons

The man who insists on being taken seriously is often taken, seriously.

Talk is cheap? Not since the family discovered long distance direct dialing.

Nothing makes a house-guest more welcome than clear plans for departure, stated in advance.

An hour lost will ne'er return, but a dollar lost may be a perfectly good tax deduction.

A conference is a meeting at which people talk about things they should be doing.

During courtship man yearns for a woman. After marriage the "y" is silent.

NAMED TO COUNCIL — Mrs. Ginette P. Trepanier, wife of a Quebec City magistrate, has been appointed to the Canada Council, one of five persons named to three-year terms by Prime Minister Diefenbaker, May 18. She is president of the Quebec Association of University Women. — CP Photo

With the classics

To whom do lions cast their
gentle looks?
Not to the beast that would
usurp their den.
Whose hand is that the forest
bear doth lick?
Not his that spoils her young
before her face.
Who escapes the lurking serpent's mortal sting?
Not he that sets his foot upon
her back.
The smallest worm will turn
being trodden on,
And doves will peck in safeguard of their brood.

—Shakespeare.

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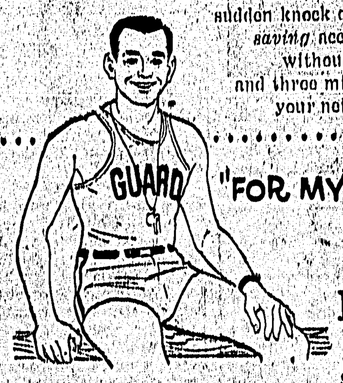

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