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Keep Christ in Christmas...driving

EEPING the thought of Christ in fully and soberly and with due regard Christmas is the theme of the for the safety of himself and others United Church of Canada as it joins because all life is sacred." New Year holidays.

Courtesy, consideration for others, obedience to traffic laws and personal morality are the ingredients for a happier and Christian holiday.

Moderator of the United Church of Canada, the Right Rev. Angus J. Mac-Queen said in the recent statement every right has a corresponding responsibility. Nowhere, he said, is this Let us all try to do nothing that

We are a nation on wheels and the over the holidays. safety of each person depends on the consideration of others.

"The Christian should drive care- all Christian attributes.

traffic safety and other organizations . He said that the problem of high-

in urging sober, safe and Christian way safety is not a problem of horsedriving during the Christmas and power or road construction so much as it is a problem of personal morality and practical religion.

"It is, in other words, a fair test of character and faith."

It is to be hoped that the moderator's words do not go unheeded. .There is enough sadness, strife, unhappiness in the world today, even here in Prince Rupert.

seen more clearly than in our modern will cause others unhappiness or pain through our motoring carelessness

> The secret of safe driving is courtesy, consideration and common sense.

Trade effort required

Briefly summed up, 1959 has turned out to be a year of welcome if moderate business recovery at home, with a further slip in this nation's relative trading operations abroad. The one export market which widened for Canadian goods in any appreciable fashion was the United States, where already Canada has been selling a preponderant proportion of its exports. In three regions of the world Canada slipped. One was in the volume of exports sent to the European market, including the United Kingdom. In the Middle East. and also across the Pacific in Asia, Canadian trade barely held its own, where that.

There is little doubt that a combination of circumstances, some of them new, accounted for this experience. Continued strength of the Canadian dollar by reason of incoming investment and other capital operated as a brake ion sales afield. So too did the return of prices on exportable material from recession rates, at times to levels higher than they had been. By far the strongest factor, however, seems

to have been a recouped Europe which on every front had more products to offer competitively in the markets of the world. As a result exporters faced stiffer competition in many countries, including some with which traditionally Canada has had steady lines of trade.

Coinciding with these difficulties, and fairly extensive increase of plant capacities in the main exporting lines, as a member of the dollar bloc Canada faced some obstacles overseas which were beyond any means of hurdling. Something approaching a surfeit of raw materials on the world market, accompanied by the sharp fall in trading incomes of many primary producers directly affecting their buying power, contributed to a year in which it was much harder to sell outside of national borders than it had been.

Since some of these conditions may have continuing, effect a concerted trade, effort may turn out to be only a holon the part of this nation would be one desirable means of meeting the changing conditions of the times. —The Victoria Colonist.

Victoria Report by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA — It's a family Christmas in British Columbia's official residence, which is falso a private home.

It's also the first Christmas in the new \$2,000,000 Government House, opened last May. Lieut.-governor and Mrs. Frank Mackenzie Ross will have with them Mrs. Ross' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Norris of Montreal, and their year-old son, Christopher John, and everyone will be able to sing "the dear little dimpled darling, he's never seen Christmas yet," for he was born a few days after last Christmas.

The baby's uncle will be there, too-hand-"some bachelor lawyer John Turner, Mrs. Ross" son, whose name, every now and then is linked genuine happiness in the home here of the fromantically with that of Princess Margaret. There's a towering lighted tree in the gleaming ballroom, and Christmas decorations throughout the big mansion. The night after Christmas His Honor and Mrs. Ross will give a ball, and invited are what's snobbishly called the younger sets of Victoria and Vancouver. A tall redwood at the main gates of Government House is once more dressed in colored lights, and the Christmas star tops it, and its in your capital, the lights twinkle in a hyge glimmer and sheen can be seen for miles "around, even by ships far out at sea, and, on "clear nights, by our neighbors in the Washington State city of Port Angeles, 20 miles

away. The first commoner of British Columbia, Premier Bennett, is spending the Christmas-New Year seoson at his home in Kelowna, making like a country squire, holding open house, attending church, presiding at the

turkey, shaking hundreds of hands. Mrs. Bennett is there, too, the wife and mother more than the gracious official hostess, and there are two sons and a daughter and grandchildren to delight the Premier's heart and keep him

It' a real old-fashioned family party of

This column wishes all its Daily News readers a happy Christmas season and wishes to thank all thoe who have written their opinions during

column. Lately someone has The Packsack of Gregory Clark

A good many of us had our suspicions about disc jockeys long before the question o payola exploded. My own explanation of the behavior of disc jockeys in presenting such an endless succession of incredibly noisy, thumping,

yowling records was that the poor guys, after a couple of years of jockeying, had lost all sense of pickle tasters in factories lose their sense of taste. And after

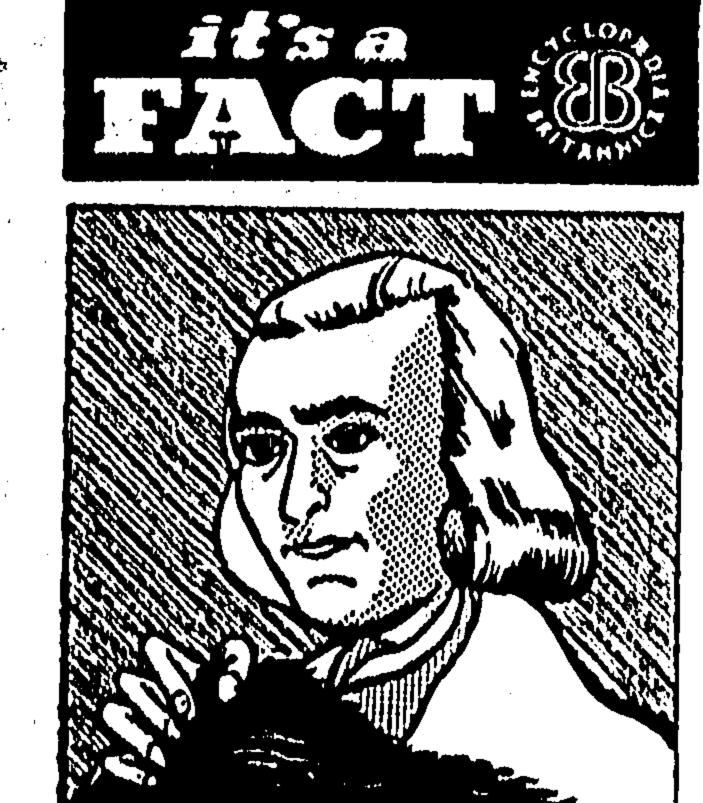
day-in and dayout having to sit in a booth playing pop music, the poor fellows had to make it louder, noisier and more rowdy as time went by, in order to hear it at all. I supposed their cars had become gradually stunned.

The payola business, however, has started me thinking. If disc jockeys can be bribed to popularize pop music records, however bad, how about art editors and art critics? Is possible that these characters are getting what might be called modola for popularizing

Once the word gets around that all you have to do is write a goofy piece of music and then pay a disc jockey to popularize it, what is to prevent some poor starving artist from

getting the idea that all he has to do is paint a goofy picture and then pay some art critic to

boom it? Maybe there is a furnola that all these funny furniture dealers have been getting. Where are our suspicions to



In 1783 John Jacob Astor, a poor German emigrant, sailed for America to seek his fortune. On the advice of his shipmates, he decided to enter the fur trade. By trading directly with the Indians, whom ho often persuaded, to exchange their datire season's catch for a few trinkets or a blankot, and by hard work and being thrifty, he nequired \$200,000 in six yours.

HOLIDAY CIVIC CENTRE SCHEDULE

Civic Centre CLOSED

Dec. 24, all day Dec. 25, all day Dec. 26, all day Doc. 31, after 5 p.m.

Jan. 1, all day

Swimming Pool CLOSED Dec. 24, after 5 p.m. Doc. 25, all day

Doc. 31, after 5 p.m. Jan. T, all day

lower incomes From Le Matin of Montreal

The four-day week will mean a lower income for the workers. Even if they succeed in getting for four 'days' work the wages given for five days -which will send up pricesthey must not forget that everyone's expenses will increase because of this extra leisure time.

A week end of pleasure generally costs more than a full week spent at work.

Is the purpose of this measure to supply jobs for more people? Then what about those who will have two jobs. and even three, because they do not want to waste their new

The new system will put up the cost of living, demand will be less and production will decline, to the detriment of the labor supply.

And what will be the reaction of the mother of the family working seven days a week, day and night, when her husband starts taking it easy, not one day or two days a week, but three days?

The passing of the five-day week will give rise to complaints and protests. We have to expect radical changes in the life of the individual, but it would be wrong to rush full speed into a dangerous venture such as the four-day week. "You earn your bread with the sweat of your brow" —that's what the Bible says. The future will belong to those who have less fear of work.

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

CHRISTMAS IN BRITAIN—Village of Chilham, near Canterbury, in Kent, provides picturesque

illustration of Christmas time in Britain. Spirit of "Merric England" is preserved in Christmas

There is something to be said for book-burning. It's honest. Nobody can misunderstand what a book-burner is

customs which attract many Canadian tourists.

A more subtle menace than the book - burner is the bookchanger, who leaves the covers and titles of books intact but rewrites the insides into a new

This parasite has been busy, in recent years, chewing up the vigorous narrative of books like "Huckleberry Finn" and "Alice in Wonderland" and disgorging it as a tasteless

Such rewriting of children's classics is supposed to make them cleaner and easier to

The copy of "Treasure Island" 'that a man buys for his son as a Christmas present low shell. A rewriter, like a grub, has got into the book and eaten away all the meat and bones.

I have complained about the book-changers before in this

written a piece for the Saturmed to a fraction of its origday Evening Post on the subinal size, mixed up with "Alice Through the Looking Glass" - "Must They Spoil Children's and decorated with several new

the Post. On the cover of a book handed to junior high school pupils by New York City Board of Education, Mr. Furnas read the words: "David Copperfield, by Charles Dickens."

Books?" asks J. C. Furnas in

"But the text inside was not what Dickens wrote under that title. I found instead shook-up remains of heavy cutting and rewriting. Someone had substituted watery words wherever Dickens . . .

had said something pungent. . "To give (children) at this formative stage a text robbed of the gingerbread and gurgle that make Dickens worth reading (is) like exposing them to Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata with every other note played a quarter tone flat . ."

Furnas is right. I have some of these distorted books in my own house. Among them is a Walt Disney version of "Alice in Wonderland," which is trim-

necessarily reflect the views of The Daily News. incidents and fancies which are purely the invention of

Disney ad his me. Should the publishers try to bring "great stories" within the reach of the slowest reader, by simplifying the stories and telling them in kindergarten language?

-British Travel Association photo.

It doesn't work. Children need to find some tough, strange words among the ordinary words, to make their minds grow. And the plots of the classics ore ordinary.

"What makes (the books) special is the author's emotional drive or imaginative character work or subtly skilled pacing or juicy talk—the very things that meddling ruins."

But the book-changers are on the retreat. The trend is back to the full-blooded, original



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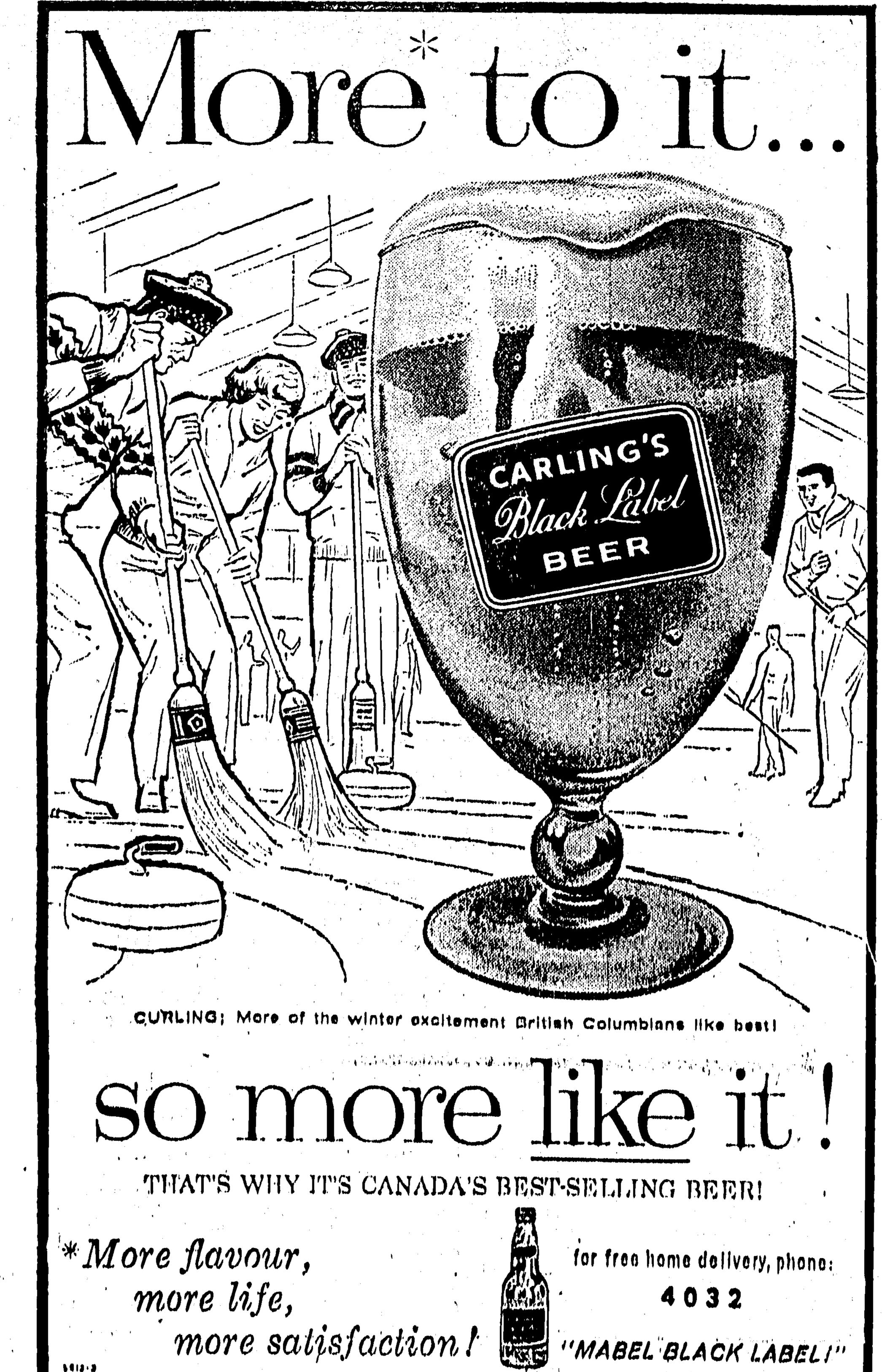
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Behind the apparently solid Western agreement to invite Russia to a summit meeting remains—perhaps as insolubly as before—the Jundamental element of an old disagreement, The difference is that West Germany, probably with French support, still opposes any aconcessions on Berlin.

Britain, on the other hand, is prepared to make some sacrifices for the sake of improving East-West understanding and keeping negotiations in motion while the United States. Is taking a pragmatic position.

State department officers indicate that the Berlin situation—still the central problem of The cold war—will be given another "thoroughgoing analysis," presumably in the hope of reaching an agreed Western approach before the East-West summit meetings start.

The Western conflict, if it can be called ithat, is seen at its sharpest in the British and German position. British officials say the govpromont has not gone back on the concession. including reduction in allied troop strongth -offered at the Geneva talks last summer,

The Germans dony any progress was made nt Geneva. They say the position is as it was

off politics, for a few hours, anyway.

As John Turner is one of Montreal's most elegible bachelors, the Premier's elder son, turned 30 now, is certainly one of the most eligible bachelors in all the Okanagan, but; so far, he seems more interested in running his father's hardware business than in what's called domestic bliss.

noise and confusion, and good feeling and Attorney-general and Mrs. Robert Bonner, There are four grandparents here from Vancouver—the AG's mother and father and Mrs. Bonner's mother and father, and with three lively Bonner youngsters it'll be quite a day. There are comparatively few children who can have the joy of two grandmothers and two grandfathers all at the same time.

And so we come to another Christmas. Here, tree in Parliament Square, and in the holly trees outside the Empress Hotel, and the politicians are wishing each other well, though a month from now they'll be tearing each other apart as the 1959 session of your Legislature gets going,

the last year.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

French, Germans oppose Berlin concessions By ALAN HARVEY

Canadian Press Staff Writer a year ago when the NATO council issued a declaration saying they would stand firm on their rights in Borlin.

Possibly this difference should not be exaggerated. Each of the Western powers has gained something from the Paris talks, If Britain has given in temperarily to Chanceller Adenauer's no-change view, she can be counted upon to keep pressing, in subsequent negotiations, for a flexible stand.

What does seem clear is that for the time being Adonauer and French President de Gaulle seemed to have prevailed on many issues. It mny not be far-fatched to view Adennuer as using do Gaulle as a kind of substitute for the late John Poster Dulles, whose stonowall policies on Russia helped Adenauer maintain the European status que, possibly to the detriment of an international dentente.

Do Gaulle for his part continues to win points by a policy the French call "une suspoctabilito payanto"—a sonsitivity that pays off. And his crowded travel program for early next year, which may include a one-day visit to Canada in April, will perforce strengthen his position as one of the key negotiators on the Western side.