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Mr. K. and the 'capitalist lackeys'

six other top unionists, Mr. Khrush- place capitalism with communism. chew became so angered by their de- This is the old Marxian line but it

to suggest that Mr. Reuther is any- at subsistence level until they revolted. one's lackey.

really believes this old Marxian pitch the place. (in which case co-existence will be We believe that Mr. K. knows all harder than ever), or he doesn't believe it but still thinks it has propaganda appeal.

Mr. Khrushchev doesn't seem to realize how much water has gone him will not be as easy as he would like junder the bridge since Karl Marx laid us to believe. down his dire prophecies a century — The Vancouver Province.

TRING a private dinner with Mr. ago. He talks learnedly of historical Walter P. Reuther, president of processes in which capitalism replaced the United Automobile Workers, and feudalism and which, in time, will re-

fetice of American standards that he isn't holding up either in Russia or later branded them all "capitalist anywhere else. On this continent state intervention in the field of private en-This must afford Mr. Reuther, and terprise has steadily increased, parleaders of the automotive industry, a ticularly in the field of social welfare. certain wry amusement. The rela- Wages and standards of living have tionship between the UAW president risen to refute gloomy Marxian preand management has hardly been one dictions that workers would be kept

And in Russia the classic commun-But there is a more serious aspect ist society is being changed to accomof Mr. Khrushchev's unconscious hu- modate many capitalist incentives. mor. The man from Moscow either Marx probably wouldn't recognize.

> this. That is why his reiteration of the old communist cliches suggests that straightforward dealings with

Mr. Nehru learning the hard way

Western experience has been that, when Communist imperialism asserts itself, the only reffective reply has been a retort that force will be met by force. This policy has often been criticized by Prime Minister Nehru of India who has urged sweet reasonableness as an olternative. He has, these past few weeks, been putting his theories into practice in his quarrel with China over the Tibetan frontier—but without much luck.

Chinese troops operating from Tibet seized an Indian frontier post, claiming that it lay in Chinese territory. India charged China with aggression. China promptly replied that India was the aggressor 16 times over. In the sharp exchange of notes that followed, China gave inponly one point. Chou En-Lai said he would respect the independence of the two tiny independent states of Bhutan and Sikkam, near the disputed area. India proposed that the frontier post should be made into a no-man's lland, pending negotiation of the frontier. China

Mr. Nehru, obviously nettled, now declares 'that Chinese policy becomes steadily more rigid, just at a time when the principle of good will and co-existence should be invoked. He

asserts that Chou En-lai, in previous meetings with him, had three times accepted the Mac-Mahon line as the Sino-Indian border. He has now cast these pledges to the winds.

This is sadly familiar stuff in the West where the armed bulwark of NATO had to be built to set limits to Soviet, expansionism. I is new to ivir. Nehru, and the effect of this novel. experience must wound him deeply. He sees India being bullied, and wants no more of it. But to get what he wants, it is highly prob-

able that he will have to adopt Western tactics. In their present truculent mood, the Chinese will understand only, the language which the Russians have learned to respect in the West... Meanwhile the Soviet position vis-a-vis the Sino-Indian dispute bears watching. Moscow's statement urges caution and forebearance on both sides. The USSR, so far at least, has not taken sides. It is just possible that the Kremlin knows that some measure of China's present rough ways reflects Chinese resentment at being left out of the proposedi summit talks. Mr. Khrushchev is therefore trying to play both ends against the middle. He wants to keep his stock up both in India and the West, but he does not want to antagonize too much his ideological comrades in Peiping.

Lower insurance costs for careful drivers

The principle of basing motor car insurance premiums on the driving record of the policyholder makes sense. The accident-free motorist should pay less. The accident-prone bender of fenders should pay more. This is the plan to be offered in Missouri by companies affiliated with the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters and the National Automobile Underwriters association. The Travelers Insurance company, now an independent, has announced

a similar plan of its own. The bureau-association plan will work this way: A household that has gone three years without a chargeable accident and without a conviction for a moving traffic violation can get a 20 per cent discount on the basic policy. rate, If there is only one moving violation on the record, a 10 per cent discount would be allowed. A chargeable accident or two moving

violations would continue the regular rate. A bad record—several accidents, moving violations, or a serious conviction such as for

drunk driving-moves the percentages to the other side of the ledger. Based on a point system, the careless driver would pay from 20 to 100 per cent above the basic rate. The Travelers plan would allow discounts up to 30 per

cent based on a 5-year record. Some independent insurance companies have comparatively low rates already because they can be more selective in their choice of policyholders. Some mutuals operate in that manner and others are considering a comprehensive system similar to the plans adopted by the bureau companies and Travelers.

We can't predict the effect on revenue but the method offers an added incentive for careful driving. The cost of insurance is based on the average of accident experience. But the carelessness of some drivers contributes heavily to th generally high rates that all must pay. Individual schedules of rates that reward the good driver and penalize the careless could contribute to safety. Certainly the public can see the fairness of the plan. -- Kansas City Star.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

unchanged but War

By DAVID ROWNTREE Canadian Press Staff Writer

You can pick out two clear results of Khrushchev's visit to America:

1. He and Eisenhower agreed to go on talking—rather than fighting—about Berlin and "all outstanding international questions." 2. Both men came to believe that one is just as afraid of a nuclear war as the other.

On the second point, we have Khrushchev's word for it that the president is sincere in his desire for peace. American officials are reported to have come to the belief that the Russian dictator is similarly sincere.

This is quite a step forward. Only a few months ago, such admissions from either side would have been almost unbelievable.

And the only reason they now appear believable is because until this summer hardly anyone would have thought it possible for a Communist despot to get himself invited for a circus-like whirl through the United States. a dinner at the White House and a cosy teten-toto with the president at a weekend lodge. But there is another side to the Khrush-

chev visit. Khrushchev's performance in a highly publicity-conscious country—in which he made t hopear that he was not entirely the villain he had been depicted—overshadowed the fact that many Soviet policies have not changed

a group of labor leaders in San Francisco, he was asked why the Russians interfered in Hungary in 1056. Khrushchov's reply:

"There was no interference. There was a counter-revolution. Thugs, and hooligans who received arms from outlised took power in Budapest. And the government asked us for aid and we gave it, and we're proud of it. We are proud of it as a feat. There would be fascism here if we had not."

Only the day after his talk on disarmament to the UN. Khrushchev lost his temper-one of several outbursts that some observers say may have been planned—and told the audience: "If you want to go on with the arms raco.".

very well. We accept the challenge. As ter-the output of rockets—well, they are on the as-

To have been invited to the U.S. while he still held a throat against West Berlin, while he continued to refuse to allow free elections in East Gormany, and after he had forced the Wüstern foreign ministrs in Geneva to have the officially-unrecognized East German government in attendance—all these were importdut tactical vicorios for Khrushchov.

The smell of success must have been even sweeter when the state department passed the word to American officials he was meeting not to needle the tubby dictator too much about

Parents, teachers must realize true roles to make PTAs vital

The Editor,

The Daily News: -Reading over the various accusations in your editorial of PTA, it seems to me that you last Thursday concerning the are confusing the work of the PTA with that of the school. If the parent wants to know now little Johnny or Mary is doing in school, the proper place to ask is at the schoolnot the PTA. The parent is free to phone at any time and make an appointment with the teacher to discuss any problem concerning the child's schoolwork. The teacher then has an opportunity to get out

perhaps discuss the child with the principal, or do whatever else is necessary to hold a proper interview with the parent. The PTA long ago realized how important it was to have these interviews, and it is through its efforts that the teacher - parent conferences came into being. We have them now in all the elementary schools in Prince Rupert. Suppose a parent did ask a teacher at a PTA meeting "And how is little Johnny doing?" The answer would prob ably be "Oh-fine" said in varying tones of voice, depending on the teacher and the

the child's workbooks, gather

together any records available;

pupil concerned. So, the parent has an answer, but I won'der if he would be satisfied. What can a teacher say at a meeting with dozens of others present, no records to refresh his memroy, no forethought given to the answer? NOT FAIR The trouble comes, of course,

when the question becomes an accusation, such as "Why did you give my Johnny a "U" in Arithmetic?" This places the teacher in the position of having to justify her actions, since it is obvious the parent thinks her Johnny has been judged unfairly, It is not fair to put the tea-

cher on the defensive at a PTA meeting. Neither is it fair to put the parent on the spot, and I could be just as unhappy if a teacher asked a parent "And why is it that you can't get Johnny to school on time?" A friendly atmosphere most important, and this is why the PTA has a rule that

personal problems are not aired at PTA meetings. On the other hand, parents and teal chers are encouraged to meet privately and iron out their difficulties. Problems are dealt with at the PTA—but on a general basis, not a personal

SCHOOL AFFAIR The other points you mentioned about report cards, why child's book has not been marked, why a correct explanation wasn't given, and so on, are all questions for the school to answer, probably through the principal. Parents are certainly entitled to the answers. and would not be accused of "probing" if the attitude of the parents is fair and co-op-

However, I am not going to find fault with your editorial entirely, since I agree wholeheartedly with some of your statements.

In fact, there would be very few who would not agree that the ideals of the PTA are very praiseworthy, and you would also find general agreement with your statement that a more effective approach to reach these ideals is necessary. think most PTAs realize this, and are trying to do something about it. However, they are faced with a vicious circle —they will never be really effective until they have the support and help of most of the parents and teachers, and they will not be able to interest most of the parents and teachers until they are effective. It might appear on the surface to be hopeless, but the founders of the PTA didn't think so, and they started the movement which has grown until, as you mentioned, 53,000 parents and teachers in B.C. think it is worthwhile enough to join. There is no doubt that even with the interest and support of just a few that over the years the PTA has become more efective, and with incroasing numbers and interest, will accomplish more and more as time goes on. EASY TO CRITICIZE

If all the people who believe in the ideals of the PTA, even "-"Wholigh they klon't agree with the present approach, would come and help the PTA change this approach, the PTAs would reach their goal that much sooner. Italia willich ensier to stand aside and criticize, but the worthwhile person who helieves in the nime and objects of an association isn't authorized by saying "They aren't going about it the way they should—so I'll have nothing to do with it." but takes the more constructive attitude of joining the group and helping it become more effective by

constructive criticism and active participation.

There are lots of reasons why the attendance at PTA meetings is low, and I don't intend to mention them all. However, I do think that perhaps one of the basic reasons is that it has never been proved to some: parents and teachers that PTA is worthwhile and is worth working for. This is part of the vicious circle I mentioned and the situation is gradually im-

TRUE MEANING Besides this is the fact that few people seem to realize what PTA membership really means. To prove my point, I would like to quote from an article written by Dr. S. R. Laycock, past national president of the Canadian Home and' School and Parent-Teacher Federation:

"The PTA is a group for study and discussion in which the teacher as a professional educator must be prepared to give a good deal of leadership and guidance. Parents must be willing to give of their time, energy and thought in organzing the association and in seeing that it promotes the growth and development children."

This statement of what is expected of PTA members might come as a shock to some parents and teachers who were under the impression that attending the meetings was enough. Fortunately we have been lucky that some parents have been willing to give their "time, energy and thought" and some teachers have given their "leadership and guid-

HAVE RESPONSIBILITY You have suggested that

most teachers are not in favor of PTA, and this is probably true, and would come as no shock to the Parent-Teacher Federation, since it is one of the problems we are trying to solve. The teachers are making an all-out effort to become a truly professional body. they come nearer and nearer this goal, so will they realize that as professional people it is part of their job as teachers to help the parents learn more

about the school and what it teaches, and to co-operate with these parents for the good of the children. Too often now, the teachers think of the "PTA as the parents organization, and forget that they are included not only in the name of the association, but also in the participation and leadership needed for it to reach its

zoals successfully. When more parents and more teachers realize their true roles in the PTA, then the PTA will really be the vital organization it is meant to be.

Mrs. A. L. Bell, Regional Representative, Region 13, Northwest, B.C. Parent-Teacher Federation.

Choosing husbands

From The Miami Herald A woman should be allowed to choose her own husband. She shouldn't be forced to accept a husband picked by her

"That was the platform of a woman candidate in the elections held this week in the United Arab Republic.

We don't know whether this candidate won or lost. It makes no difference to the point, which is: In the UAR, most women marry men chosen by their families, and their right to pick their own husbands was a campaign issue.

Americans, male and female, may find this humorous. But. It's no laughing matter. It is a clue to the viewpoint of the electorate in a land with little experience in the use of demo-

cratic processes: We think it underscores the rightness of our mation's pollcy, which is to encourage other countries to work out their problems in accordance with their own character and traditions: A veiled Arab, woman, unschooled and content with hor lot, isn't likely to vote for the same reasons as an American housewife or bustness woman.

You can't escapo aponability of tomorrow by evading it today Abraham Lincoln.

It will be a shock to mon when they ronline that thoughts that word enough for today are not fast, enough for tomorrow. Christophor Morley.

worramed to binrin ton ma I. for I have soon yesterday and love today. - William Allen

the future are really they are today.—Stowe.



GOVERNOR-GENERAL Major General George P. Vanier DSO, MC, CD, right, accompanied by Brig. P. A. S. Todd, CBE, DSO, ED, CD, honorary colonel commandant of the Royal. Regiment of Canadian Artillery, passes the artillery memorial unveiled by him in Ottawa's Major's Hill Park as his first official act in office. The memorial is a marble feature 11 feet high and 31 feet long whose in cription pays tribute to officers and men of the Royal, Regiment of Canadian Artelery who gave their lives in the service of Canada. -National Defence photo.

Christmas this year is on a Friday, which means one of those special long weekend Christmases: and it is time you made your reservations on

plane, train and hotel. Crazy? Who's crazy? you that both the CNR and CPR and TCA have already got a large number of reservations booked for Christmas. Some of the hotels are more

than half booked for the Christmas weekend. It is only three month's until Christmas, that means 90 brief

days, here today and gone tomorrow, and among us are any number of people with enough remembrance times past to recollect the frenzy of the last two weeks of December when reservations



Alchemists were forever seeking a magic substance called the "philosopher's stone" that would turn lesser metals into silver and gold. Legend held alchemy was Arst taught by the fallen angels. Another story was that an alchemist actually succeeded i making gold: He caught the devil peering through his window, ripped off the Satanic tail—and found that this item when thrown. into his pot turned the trick.

of any kind are impossible to

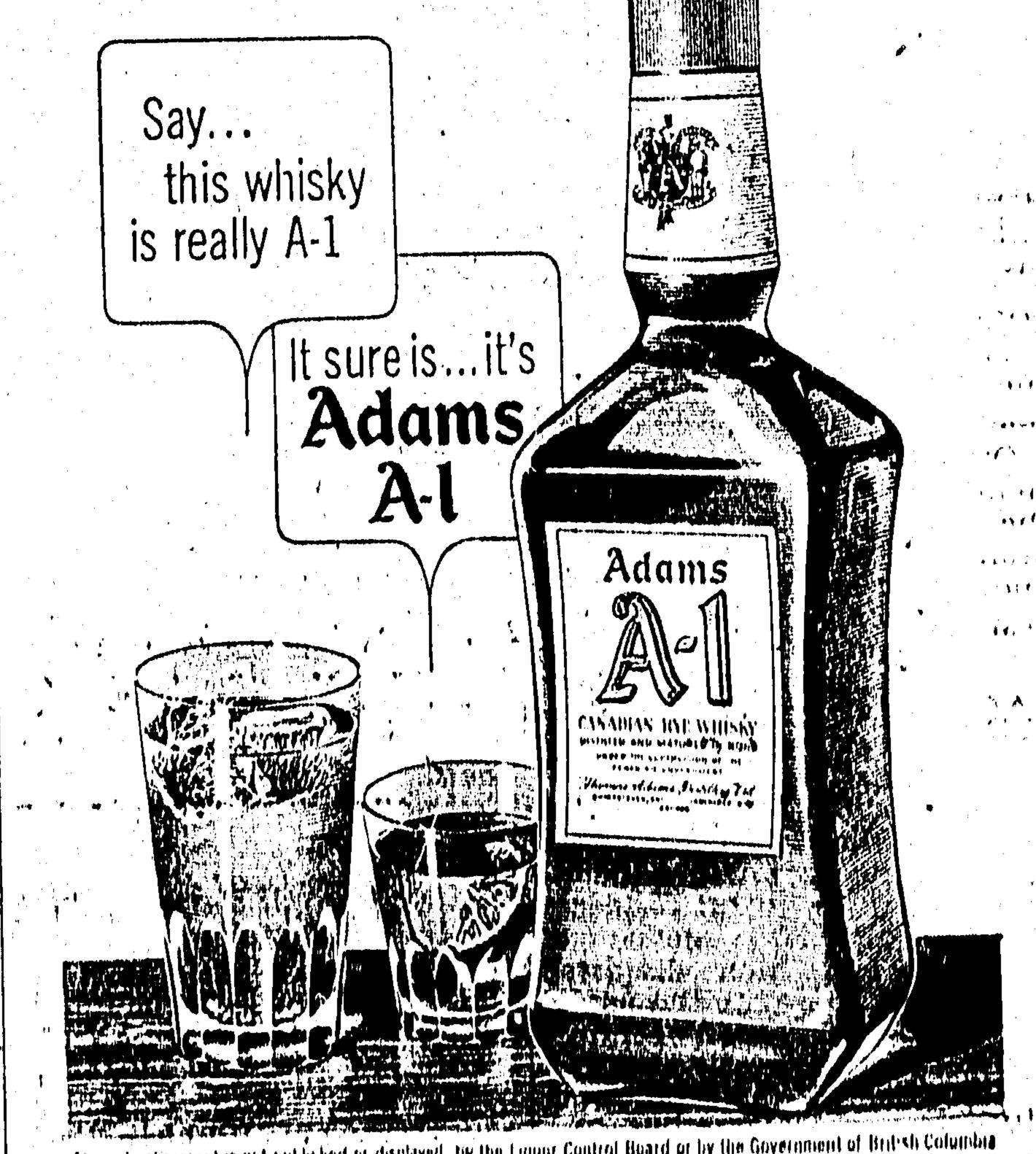
Who are these forehanded people? One thing I have noticed in a long life of much travel in sundry places of the earth, and that is that when am lucky enough to get an upper berth by standing in line at the wicket fifteen minutes before train time, who is it that I see, as I disrobe high in the air, calmly opening the dor of the spacious deluxe drawing rom at the end of the sleping car?

It is some withered-up, sly, crafty-looking old coot in a blue serge suit and a starched collar who probably made his reservation last April.

Keep grand jury Halisax Chronicle-Herald

We hope that Nova Scotia will never follow the example, of those provinces which have abolished the grand jury! There has been an increase. rather than a decrease, in the need for the services of such. a body in the wider sphere which seems to have been originally intended for it—to in-. vestigate and report on any suspected wrongdoings, rather than merely those directed to t by a judge for consideration.

An irate guest at a small" town inn grabbed the telerhone and hollered into it; "Are you the confounded desk clerk in this dilapidated joint?" The nettled clerk and swered, "Yes, I am. What's eating you?" "That," said the guest coldly, "is what I'd like to know.":



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