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A salute to your paper boy

Year in, year out, at The Daily News we watch the transformation of 30 or more young scamps who, we would swear at times, were destined for nothing better than correction schools or worse. We refer, of course, to our Daily News carrier - salesmen boys, who daily deliver 3,000 copies of our product and serve their apprenticeship in the Canadian free enterprize system.

Out of this mob of energetic, fighting, scrambling youngsters, emerge sensible, young businessmen who take their place in the economy of the city.

We salute our young men (and girls) for their basic willingness to work, no longer a universal trait in our society. We admire their grasp of the virtue of dependability, the quality that makes the five-day-a-week delivery of our paper so routine that you would be surprised at less. They have a lot to put up with in the way of mechanical breakdowns, late press runs, weather and a widespread city. Many times they receive abuse when the fault is not theirs. When they have criticism they take it as their just deserts and try to do better.

Our news boys, whether sellers or carriers, are not, as many people think, employees of The Daily News. They are businessmen in their own right and we look with pride on their initiative, perseverance, thrift and respect for money. These traits they learn because they are in business for themselves, buying their newspapers at wholesale, selling them at retail, developing new customers. They are rewarded with bonuses for garnering new clients.

In the end, these young men, who grow up from cheeky, apparently irresponsible boys, earn something more valuable. They gain the right to take their place in the leadership of tomorrow's Canada, because they have already competed in today's hectic business life. We are proud of them and we salute them.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Strife in Congo splitting Western allies

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Strife and bloodshed in The Congo have curiously split the Western Allies along the lines of the Suez crisis, but there the comparison ends. The split is neither as deep nor as dangerous as that which loosed a volcano of bitter trans-Atlantic emotionalism in 1956.

Canada was swept up in that sentiment with part of the country siding with the British-French invasion of Egypt and part supporting the government's move to help the United Nations get the invaders out of Egypt.

A British diplomat who was stationed in Chicago at the time recalls he met great hostility from Americans in the midwest. A typical example was the day he picked up the telephone and heard an American tell him "You British get out of this country."

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Today, the split between Britain and the United States on the Katanga situation is more apparent than real," he says. "No permanent scars will remain."

As in the 1956 crisis, Canada is siding with the U.S. in supporting UN policy while Britain, France, Belgium and some other European Allies take opposing views.

Britain wants an immediate cease-fire in Katanga. American policy-makers are opposed to such a move until they are certain UN troops are in a sufficiently strong military position to prevent a Katangan double-cross. Thus, Americans were irritated when Britain placed a hurried cease-fire call before the UN, especially when it was apparent the move would be beaten down by the Afro-Asian bloc.

But Americans said they also are aware Prime Minister Macmillan has a special political problem on Katanga within his own party and has to put up some public display of effort to end the fighting.

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Behind the diplomatic scenes Britain continues to consult with Americans and co-operate in efforts to reopen negotiations between Katanga's secessionist President Moise Tshombe and Premier Cyrille Adoula of the central Congolese government.

But American policy-makers greatly distrust Tshombe. They don't want to see the security of the UN forces in Katanga jeopardized by another temporary display of peace which turns out only to be a period of secret preparation for new fighting.

So they would like to see the UN military action continued with attempts at reconciliation carried out as a parallel move.

But unlike the Suez crisis where American policy was strongly backed by the public, there appears to be some uneasiness in the minds of Americans whether the administration is following the best course. A bipartisan split is the Kennedy administration is advancing in the making with Republicans charging that Soviet aims instead of Western interests in The Congo.

YEAR OF TRIBULATION FOR U.S.

Kennedy attitude vastly changed since election

Discussing world problems is one thing, trying to solve them another. John F. Kennedy, after making the transition from candidate to president, was not the first to discover this truism — though his lesson may have been unusually dramatic. This is the last of three articles.

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — During his presidential campaign John F. Kennedy often pointed out that, while the Republicans were in control of the White House, the Iron Curtain had been rolled down in once friendly Cuba.

"If you can't stand up to Castro," Kennedy said in Johnstown, Pa., "how can you be expected to stand up to Khrushchev?"

This is repeated not as a reproof — if presidents were judged by their campaign talk they would all be failures — but as an illustration of how far Kennedy may have underestimated the difficulties in modern international relations.

Not that Kennedy, even when the campaign was hottest, ever took these problems lightly. But example after example can be cited to show that he believed that with proper diligence, answers favorable to the United States could be found.

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For a man who had hoped to control the tides of history, the Cuban fiasco must have been as bitter a blow as any president ever received in what, theoretically, was a time of peace.

It shocked and dismayed his friends.

It loaded his enemies with ready-made ammunition, although few rushed out to shoot during such a critical time for the country. One prominent Republican, who never liked the Kennedy picture of infallibility, commented recently that U.S. intervention in Cuba was immoral and blamed Kennedy for being mixed up in it.

Those who wanted action blamed him for not following up with the strength that would have made the invasion successful.

Communists — and many who weren't Communists at all — claimed this as fresh evidence that Uncle Sam is an imperialist meddler, never to be trusted.

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Out of this, one haunting question continues to arise: Hit with such a disaster so early in his term, has Kennedy been more timid, afraid of even mild risks, than he might otherwise have been?

A man close to Kennedy insists the answer is no, but that he has made sure it never happens again.

Those around Kennedy maintain the U.S. is doing much better internationally than is generally thought.

They make these points:

— If Laos and The Congo remain as dangerous as ever, at least the Communists haven't taken over.

— If Castro is still boss of Cuba, a more active interest in South America has helped to stem the spread of Castroism there.

— If Berlin remains unsolved, intricate probings for solutions continue.

— If the international situation remains critical, the U.S. military has been strengthened — two-thirds of all money added to the budget has been in the area — and a start has been made on civil defence.

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Yet even in its most favorable light, all this isn't seizing the initiative. And nearly all these explanations could have been made a year ago as well as now.

But no one can doubt the enormity or the complexity of the problems created by an implacable foe and by allies of widely-differing aims and hopes.

In a recent speech Kennedy tried to explain some of his difficulties in foreign affairs.

"We must face problems," he said, "which do not lend themselves to easy, quick or permanent solutions.

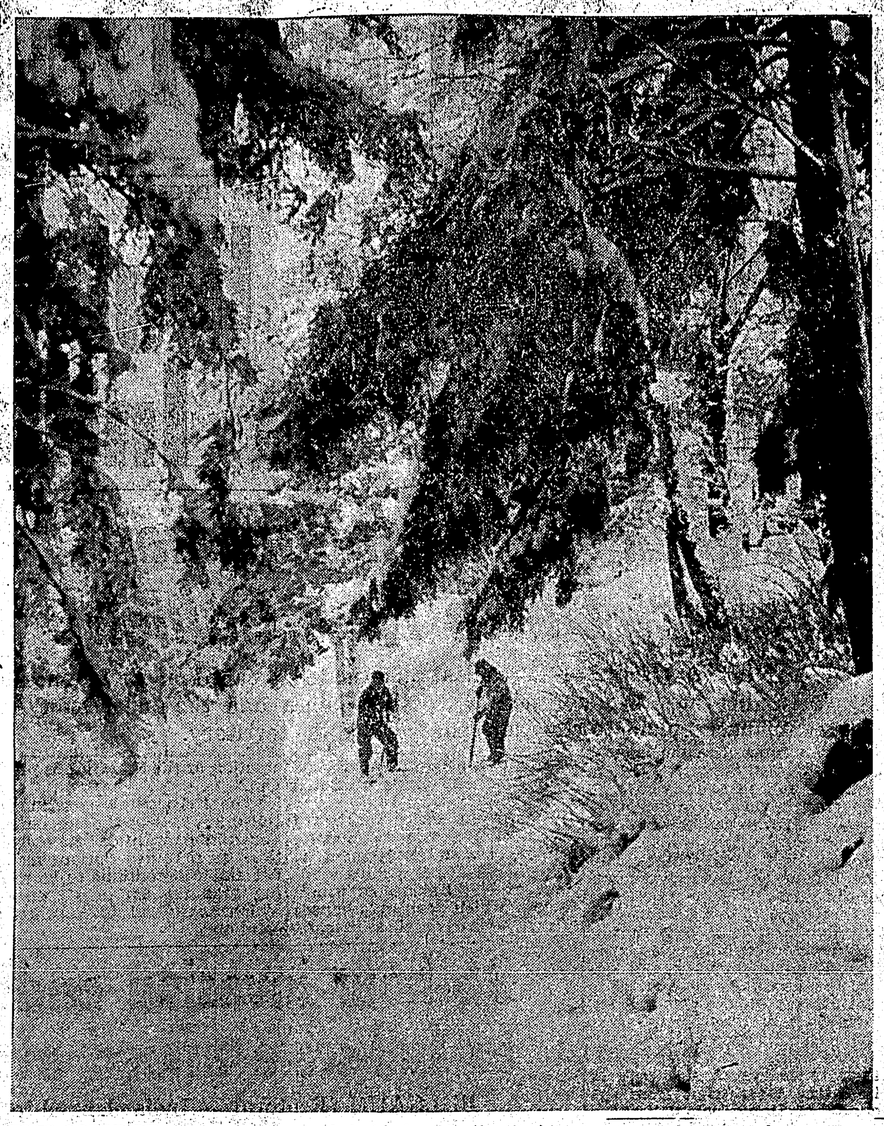
"And we must face the fact that the United States is neither omnipotent nor omniscient, that we cannot always impose our will on the other 94 per cent of mankind, that we cannot right every wrong or reverse each adversity, and that therefore there cannot be an American solution for every world problem."

This is a far different tone than he used while campaigning.

A Bible Thought for Today

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10.

The kingdom of Heaven is within us. The still small voice may be heard if we get away from the tumult of the world and listen. Ask your question.



THIS COULD BE a picture of a wooded ski slope in the Rockies, but it isn't. It shows two Prince Rupert Works Department men clearing snow from the path between Fraser Street and Fulton Street yesterday morning after the city received a record 13 inches of snow in less than 24 hours. — Staff photo by John Pain

LETTERBOX

CBC BOOSTER

The Editor,
The Daily News:

Much has been said in favor and against the programs on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio network and I would like to add my comment.

I think that on the whole the programs are very good and give a lot of enjoyment to listeners. There is only one program I can't go for. The affair is on right now (Saturday morning) or rather I've just turned it off. This is the wonderful "Cycle Program." I can't get any kick out of it at all. But I don't kick. I always turn it off. That's the easy way, so there's no kick coming.

Wiggs O'Neill,
Smithers, B.C.

NOW OR NEVER

The Editor,
The Daily News:

On reading your editorial on television in Friday's paper, I would like to say that I agree with every word. It's not often that I can say that about your editorials which I never miss reading.

As you stated in your editorial, "Where are all the supporters of the 'Come on boys, let's keep the TV ball rolling?" Well as far as I can see, it's pretty hard to sink into some people's head the idea that they are not losing $25. It will be a down payment on their television set.

You also stated that persons buying the certificates are not committed to buy their television sets from the dealer from whom they obtained their certificate. I have asked a great many people if they would buy a television set if Prince Rupert obtained TV and most of them answered "Yes" but they would not buy a certificate for $25 to get TV. As far as I can see, this is pretty stupid thinking. And no one can change their one-track minds.

I think a $25 certificate would be a nice Christmas gift for those who don't have one, because if we don't get TV, they will still get their money back.

This may be our last chance to get television in Prince Rupert for a good many years, unless we support the Skeena Broadcasters. We still have until January 15, but why wait until the last day. Do it now!

I don't think you'll be sorry. I'm glad to say that I have had my $25 certificate for some time now.

This is my last letter on TV. It's now or never.

First TV Fan,
Prince Rupert.

The lighter side

It was a grey day in late fall and the golfer, despite a protracted search, had to abandon his ball as lost.

"Well," he said to his opponent, "It's your mtch. It's too late in the season to buy another ball."

gems of thought

Home is where the heart is.
—Pliny the Elder.

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Many a man who thinks to found a home discovers that he has merely opened a tavern for his friends.
—Norman Douglas

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He dwells nowhere that dwells everywhere. —Martial

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Home is the dearest spot on earth, and it should be the centre, though not the boundary, of the affections.
—Mary Baker Eddy.

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Every bird likes its own nest best. —Randle Cotgrave.

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The fellow that owns his own home is always just coming out of a hardware store.
—Kin Hubbard.

Quote and unquote

Claude Jodoin, Canadian Labor Congress president:

"I say to these people who are inclined to love that system (the Soviet system) that I am ready to start a collection for funds to send them on their way there so they can enjoy it to the fullest extent."

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Norman Hartnell, British dress designer:

"I have always felt that the most truly elegant person of all is the married woman of about 35. But there is no age when women are not wonderful."

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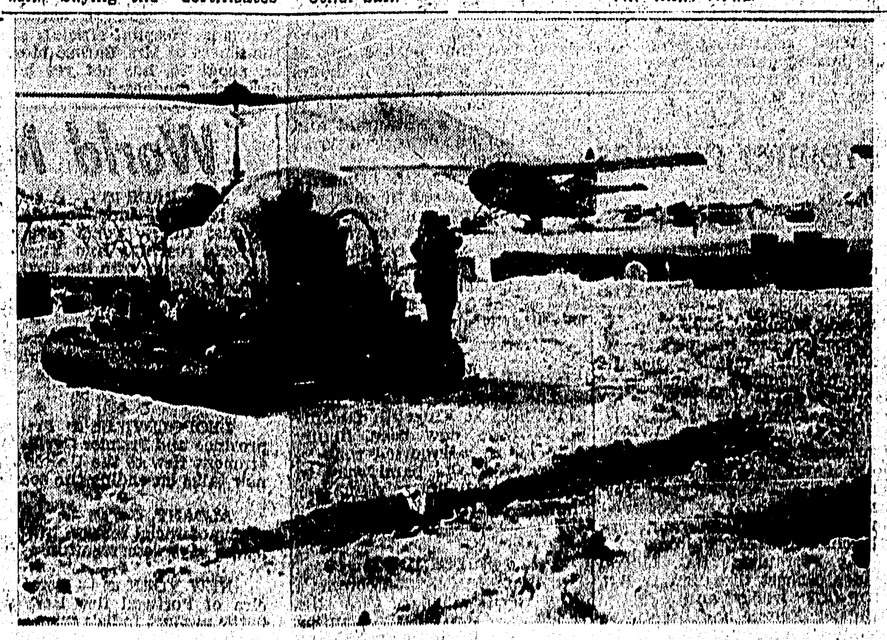

ARCTIC AIRLIFT — A scientist stands beside one of three helicopters ferrying supplies and equipment to scientific teams charting Canada's Arctic islands and the polar continental shelf. This is a view of the airstrip at Isachsen on Ellef Ringnes Island, base camp for the scientists. In background is Otter aircraft used to transport parties of scientists to continental shelf outposts. — CP Photo

Prophecies for 1962

Ye Profesies of ye Ancient & Venerable Phangus McPhurtal of Farevue. Being Ye Annual Prognostications & Ye Wilde Guesses of a Reclusive Nutte.

(ED's Note: It has not been our custom in the past to carry Phangus' forecasts, but this year, having nothing to will this space we decided to give the pestiferous old blighter room to sound off.)

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A conference will be held to decide whether or not to hold a conference to formulate the structure for a conference on whether or not a conference should to be held to hold a conference on the Congo. . . . Jacqui Kennedy will change her hairdo and 500,000,000 husbands and fathers will get a similar bill. . . . Her Most Gracious Majestie Queene Elizabeth will not add further Princes or Princesses to Ye Royal Knidergarten. . . . Neither will a vast number of couples over 50 years. . . . A new American dance craze will sweep the world in which no one moves at all to music that isn't played and has no sound. . . . Man, that's way out!

France will produce a new sex cat, in preference to the kitten, which is a sign of immaturity and lack of virility . . . Marilyn Monroe will throw further tantrums to prove she is an actress and to reply to the French. . . . The Americans will take this as a sign of their continued superiority. . . . Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour will decide that their latest "Road" picture is their last (perhaps) . . . Ye United Nations will not be moved and the colored colonies will not vote against Russia. . . . The Italians will continue to exhort us all to "Come Back to Sorrento" . . . A new car will be developed which has the compact largeness of the sports limousine . . . This will be in answer to the Antipodean threat of a car which has the largeness of a compact with the sportiness of limousine.

JFK will make a lone sortie into the troubled wildernesses of Etcetera accompanied only by 10,000 security guards. . . . The Etceterians, a race without the benefits of North American education, will think nothing of it. . . . And rightly . . . Sir Winston Churchill will splutter on a brandy (No soda, thank you) and make headlines. . . . Teetotalling Lord Attlee will die. . . . Australians will continue to treat the rat race of life with the laughter it deserves.

Craze for fallout shelters similar to collecting wreaths for hobby

By WESLEY HICKS
In The Toronto Telegram

The sudden craze for fallout shelters is somewhat like collecting wreaths for a hobby.

I suppose, like a tombstone, a fallout shelter is ultimately necessary, but it's very likely you won't be around to enjoy the investment.

It's not a waste of money, exactly, but, if you had a choice, you'd prefer not to have one.

It won't be long until builders of houses won't be boasting about the wall-to-wall broadloom and the floor-to-ceiling drapes. They'll be advertising that their homes have foundation-to-foundation fallout shelters.

A new industry is growing out of the present scare. We'll soon have fallout shelter experts. A typical ad will read something like this:

"Let us build your fallout shelter. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back."

A zippier ad could read like this: "Don't worry about A-bombs. Buy one of our fallout shelters and let us worry. Our staff will be on 24-hour-a-day duty during A-bomb raids, ready to listen to complaints."

One theory is that you should borrow all the money you can from the banks. If the banks have enough money out on loan, they just won't let a bomb fall, that's all.

Banks have a lot of influence, you know.

Real estate salesmen will soon stop touting the houses with four bathrooms and front door bells that play full symphonies when the buttons are pushed. They'll concentrate on fallout shelters for everyone in the family.

One of their ads could read: "Don't be crowded during an A-bomb raid. Our model home for 1961 has an air-raid shelter for each member of the family. Will decorate to the buyer's taste."

Or an ad might go like this: "Why buy a house? You can live in one of our underground fall-out shelters for no more than it would cost to rent a three-bedroom apartment. No running about when the alert sounds. You're there."

Or: "When the siren sounds will you run helter-skelter, or lie snug abed in our fallout shelter?"

Or: "We don't build homes. We build fallout shelters. Don't be under-proof. Be bomb-proof."

It's a gay future when you think of it. At least, when you're living underground in your snug fallout shelter, you'll have no place to look but up.

Maybe we're smart to take the pessimistic view, at that. Anything that doesn't happen is an improvement.

There'll be complaints, mind you. There will always be the guy who builds an expensive fallout shelter and then no bombs will fall. He'll complain.