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No Loyalty Among Thieves

JAMES DUNCAN, president of the Massey-Harris company, recently heard about a Ukrainian employed in his firm who had written a little book to get a few things off his chest and, perhaps, out of his mind.

The employee was Nicholas Prychodko, a former university professor, who some years before had been imprisoned by the NKVD political police in Russia and had later escaped from a forced labor camp in Siberia.

"To the memory of my father and those ill-fated Ukrainians who lie in countless obscure graves in Siberia."

Learning of Prychodko's harrowing story, Mr. Duncan arranged to give the book wider distribution. It was a wise move, for if any Canadian has an idea that Communism is the great cure for the ills of this world, he should first take a look at the publication.

To quote Prychodko, the following is an example of how the cure is effected:

"In damp cellars of about forty square yards in area, two hundred and fifty prisoners were incarcerated, with standing room only, in the stench of their own sweating bodies, and with hardly any water to eat or drink.

"Near these cells the torture chambers worked day and night, and the cries of tortured victims kept on incessantly. Their feet were seared with hot irons, air was pumped into their stomachs with motorcycle pumps, needles were forced under their fingernails, and they were beaten over the most delicate parts of their body with an oak ruler.

"This in the Twentieth Century, in the 'most happy country in the world'! Several corpses were carried from the cells every day, and in the dead of night many more were taken away to the Darnitsky forest to eternal peace..."

These sentences reveal as clearly as anything else the surgical treatment applied by Stalin and his crew to remedy all ills. Stalin should know the technique well, for it was over the bodies of adversaries so operated upon that he climbed to power.

Those who are willing to betray their country for the Communist cause might, if the U.S.S.R. took over the government of free countries, be spared some of these discomforts. But they should not count on it. Even the best Communists have a way of disappearing from time to time.

There is, after all, no loyalty among thieves.

A Small Concession

THE city has approved, through its representatives, the council, an increase in fares for the local transit system. Every other transit system in the country likely has been granted increases in fares long before this. It is only natural that this should be in view of the cost increase in the last few years.

At present, the transit system comes under a good deal of criticism from various quarters, including city council. While criticism is easily offered and is tendered often to the most efficient type of service, in this case it may well be warranted at times.

In any type of service, the public usually expects a great deal more than it will get or perhaps deserves. Yet, while the bus lines here stand a good chance of getting its increase approved by the Public Utilities Commission and thereby finalized, it might be good public relations and policy to make some move to show the public an improved service.

This may often be done at little added cost, and good will of the public means a lot in favor of any operating service.

Perhaps, one gesture which could be made, is running a scheduled service to the new housing sites once tenants move in. At least two of these sites are removed further from city centre than can be conveniently covered on foot, especially in adverse weather conditions. Without transit service, these residents will be more or less isolated; with it they will benefit from a concession.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil." —Isa. 5:20.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Secretds Sound SOS

FIELD, B.C.—One of the biggest political smiles of this century is shaping up here in these Rocky Mountains.

The temporary Social Credit government of B.C. has realized that it has set for itself what could well turn out to be a disastrous booby trap. The plain truth is that the imported Social Credit candidate from Vancouver is in real danger of being beaten by an unassuming, able, Liberal food merchant who has long lived in Golden. The SOS call has gone out for Social Credit reinforcements. So many cabinet ministers are rushing to these parts that somebody joked it is the capital of B.C.—till next Monday.

THE THREAT to Social Credit is obvious. They expected a walk-over and so have everything to lose and nothing to gain even if the people do choose the young ex-Tory lawyer from Vancouver.

A victory for Social Credit would strengthen them only for the few remaining months before Premier Bennett brings on the election which he has promised. But a Social Credit defeat would end with a single shattering blow the whole Social Credit scheme to sweep B.C. and to carry the momentum of that provincial victory over into the federal election of next year.

THE Liberal candidate, George Keenlyside, is concentrating his campaign on such things as the in-again-out-again-off-again-on-again policy of the Social Credit government on hospital insurance. First they announced from the house that compulsion was to end. Nobody was to be prosecuted, they said, for not paying back premiums, though some people, who could well afford to pay, owe up to \$100. Then they announced that it was compulsory after all—though nobody seemed very sure of anything, except the new co-insurance tax of one dollar per day unlimited.

HERE in Field last night we had what we were told was the biggest political meeting ever held in this CPR town. Actually there was only a smallish crowd in the YMCA—but as big as many crowds I addressed when I helped elect C. D. Howe in northern Ontario.

I stressed Social Credit's abuse of the Bible and planned exploitation of religion for political-party purposes. I cited several glaring examples of how—hard on the heels of Mr. Manning with his fine fervent Sunday sermons—come the hard-faced hatchet men Monday morning who break even the Ten Commandments about bearing "false witness." I asked the women in the audience how many of them ever sold their votes for nylon stockings, as Social Credit leader Low insinuated they had done in B.C. under the Liberals—how many men in the room had taken bribes of the rye whisky also mentioned by Mr. Low. I said that kind of talk did not fit in with Mr. Manning's sermons.

Rockies Called Unfriendly by British Author

LONDON (CP)—A new book by British author George Woodcock, entitled "Ravens and Prophets," describes a visit to British Columbia, Alberta and southern Alaska in unflattering terms. Woodcock writes disparagingly of the food he had to eat in Calgary, of the alleged dearth of well-read men in Canada outside of university circles and says the Rocky Mountains were "less friendly than I expected."

In a review of the book (published by Alan Wingate) a critic in the Sunday Observer says Woodcock's approach savors of "disappointment and frustration," reminding one of some uprooted intellectual from the Montparnasse district of Paris. "This," says the Observer critic, "is ill-adapted to the subject, a land of natural glory and of unknown wealth..."

GLASGOW, Scotland (CP)—A man who left his bare footprints on a Glasgow firm's safe was sentenced to jail, after testimony that toe-prints are as conclusive as fingerprints. The judge commented: "Perhaps the jury and I are making history."



MUST PAY ATTENTION—Members of Parliament, attending the sessions opening Nov. 20, must listen to what their colleagues are saying, or leave the chamber. Receivers installed on each of the 262 desks, as part of the new voice-amplifying system, leave them no other choice. The receivers, wired to 23 microphones in different parts of the chamber, cannot be turned off. Leon Raymond (right) clerk of the Commons, and T. R. Montgomery, assistant clerk, examine one of the desk receivers. Others have been placed in the galleries. (CP PHOTO)

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Terrace-Kitimat Rail Link Major Construction Project

TERRACE, B.C., (CP)—Early this month the Pacific Great Eastern Railway completed its 82-mile link from Quesnel to Prince George.

But railroad building in British Columbia hasn't stopped there.

Two hundred men now are at work clearing a right-of-way through a wilderness of trees and rock for Canadian National Railways' new line from Terrace to Kitimat, site of Aluminum Company of Canada's \$550,000,000 project.

The 46-mile railway from this logging town 90 miles east of Prince Rupert will cost \$14,000,000.

Terrace is on the CNR's main line from Prince Rupert to Edmonton.

The railroad job may be finished next year but it is a certainty for August, 1954, when Alcan's smelter plant is scheduled to go into operation.

Crews will be busy, until the snow gets too deep, clearing the right-of-way from both the Terrace and Kitimat ends of the line. The right-of-way will be logged, bridges built and cutting and filling started over the route for B.C.'s newest hand of steel.

First objective is to clear the first six miles out of Kitimat and prepare a bridge site. This will give access to an area where full crews can work as soon as spring arrives. Jobs will be ready for 550 men in the spring.

About a dozen bridges will have to be built, including spans over the Adena and Little Adena near Kitimat.

With a direct rail link with the east, Kitimat might become a fishing centre as well as an aluminum city.

CLOSE CO-ORDINATION

BIGGIN HILL, England (CP)—The main runway at the Royal Air Force station in this Kent county district points directly at a highway, and jet fighters taking off cross at low altitude. The road traffic lights now are operated directly from the airfield control tower as a safety measure.

FOREIGN STUDENTS

STOCKHOLM (CP)—The Seventh International Students' Course at the University of Stockholm is being attended by about 40 students from several countries, including Britain, Australia, Germany and the United States. In the early years only American students enrolled.

DISCOVERED PASSAGE

The Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen in 1903-06 was first to sail from Atlantic to Pacific by the north-west passage.

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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Strange as it seems, Su Yu is a Chinese General, and not a prosecuting attorney.

I'd like to live in the past. For one thing it would be much cheaper then, observes Ed Gardner.

LOCAL KICK

The Royal Canadian Navy drinks Canadian rum instead of traditional British grog, without knowing the difference. It's manufactured in Canada from raw material from the West Indies. And then, Canadian firms enjoy a bit of a lift, and there are other advantages. Taking it by and large, there's more than one kind of a shot.

"Do you know what becomes of your money," asks an insurance company in an advertisement. Some of it we spend before we get it, and the rest of it right afterwards. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

CHARM FROM SKY

Here are folks who decline to accept spot cash for their homes. They live in the St. John River Valley where Ottawa plans to locate Canada's largest military training camp. The situation, it seems, is like this: They wouldn't mind selling a farm, but a home is different. It's been that way for about a century and a half, some humble and some not. Yet, unlike anywhere else.

Late hours, according to a doctor are never good for one. Swell for two, though—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

As coronation time approaches the greater the need for secret service men and all round watchfulness. Within the last three weeks in London there have been

EDINBURGH, Scotland (CP)—A 300-year-old four-storey mansion, Saughton Hall, was burned recently by firemen because the interior woodwork was riddled with dry rot.



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