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The International Scene

GUESSING about wars is as risky as guessing about politics but it could be that the war in Korea will peter out inside of the next few weeks without official cessation but with a sort of armed quiet. Conceivably, the Communists may withdraw strategically to a point in North Korea beyond which it would be impolitic for the United Nations forces to pursue them further, particularly since there is no longer any General MacArthur to contend with. By June 25, the anniversary of the war's starting, the fighting may be over in Korea, resolving into a restless, unsatisfactory situation capable of continuing that way for years and with nothing actually settled. It would still be a potential battleground with military forces being held there against the possibility of another explosion.

Meanwhile, as an abatement of the storm in Korea appears looming, there are other danger spots and the most imminent of these today seems to be Iran. The government of that troubled state insists on the full nationalization of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. in violation of a 60-year agreement with Great Britain. One need not be a very discerning observer of the world scene to realize that there is a squeeze on that distressed government which is causing it to insist obstinately on its nationalization scheme. Whence the squeeze comes is apparent. It is pretty safe to speculate that Russia is about to move in there preferably in a passive but, if necessary, a forcible aggression. Poor Iran is actually on the horns of a dilemma and finds it difficult to know which way to turn. One of two possible developments are likely to arise out of Iran: either the Russians will get in control there or there will be war. Unfortunately, in view of all that we hear about the unreadiness of the western world to go to war, it may be that it will turn out to be the Russians for it in Iran.

Meanwhile, Iran bids fair to be the centre of international attention during the next year as Korea was during the last year. Thus the restless old world goes on from one crisis to another—ever on the precipice of a nervous peace at the brink of cataclysmic war.

Such are the days in which we live.

Tourists and Stores

THE TOURIST season is beginning again for the B.C. Coast and once more the question comes up of Prince Rupert business people being able to serve the visitors with their goods and, incidentally, make a little welcome profit in the deal.

Merchants complain about the failure of the steamship companies to always time the visits of their vessels to the hours of Prince Rupert stores. No doubt, the steamship companies realize that shopping is one of the things—just like sightseeing—that tourists like to do at every place they visit and endeavour to arrange their schedules so as to provide them with that pleasure to the fullest possible extent.

As for the merchants, they must also be prepared to time themselves to provide service and to win the benefit of additional business even if it does involve some change or relaxation in the present hours of business.

We have said it often before and repeat it now that Prince Rupert could be doing much more than it is to exploit the tourist industry which is one of the largest and most lucrative business potentials of this province of British Columbia and is becoming more important year by year even here in Prince Rupert.

Scripture Passage for Today

"If they are again entangled and overcome, the latter end is worse than the beginning."—2 Peter 2:20.

Hotel Arrivals

(Prince Rupert)
K. Smith, Montreal; R. Forgie, D. F. Miller, G. C. Naylor, P. D. Bannerman, R. Watson, W. H. Holmes, Miss Jack, C. Corbett, J. J. Faries, W. E. Drew, C. Lyall and W. J. Brown, Vancouver; Joe Evans, city; N. W. Greensmith, Kamloops; A. G. Bolton, Ottawa; C. W. Wilson, Lulu Island; J. McLellan, New Westminster; G. A. Beare, Edmonton.
Jack Rieber, Y. Silverman, L. Taggadel, A. Bingham, J. W. Dennison, A. T. Eastwood and W.

Gutkin, Vancouver; J. C. Berto and H. B. Thompson, Prince George; E. Allan, New York; A. Arvid, Edmonton; R. Parsons, Skeena River; Mr. and Mrs. J. Braine, Port Edward; Frank Clark, Prince George; A. L. Rogers, Portland, Ore.; T. Jolly, Porcher Island; Mr. and Mrs. E. Bolton, Port Essington; L. Howard, New Westminster; J. R. Jorgensen, Watson Island; A. J. Branstrom, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lloyd, Juskatla; N. W. Greensmith, Kamloops; Dr. John Gibson, R. J. Adams and C. B. Ewart, Penticton.

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As I See It



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SECOND NAZI PARTY?

HANOVER, Germany —We hastened to Hanover because we wanted a look-see at the most significant election which has taken place in all Germany since the fall of Hitler.

Germany's political big guns are sounding off here these days. True, it is only a provincial election in Lower Saxony. But all the national party leaders have been here, or are about to arrive—Schumacher, Adenauer, and so on down the line. They, like the Allied control officers, are all waiting for the answer to the \$64 question here.

THIS IS: IS GERMANY TO have a would-be Hitler Number Two?

Can the new SRP, or Sozialistische Reichspartei, win more than 10 percent on the votes in the Lower Saxony election?

If it does win ten percent, every intelligent observer will know that there is grave danger of a serious and powerful-backed Nazi Number two attempt.

If it wins 20 percent of the votes, the danger will be considered anything but faraway and merely theoretical.

THE STRONGEST PARTY IN Lower Saxony today is the SPD—that is, the Social Democratic Party. Its national head is the rugged Kurt Schumacher, who is one of the strongest political characters in the whole world today.

The SPD is about the same type of party as the Labor Party in Britain but with this significant difference: It has come through the fierce fire of the Hitler regime. The steel has been forged in the awful heat of tragic experience. Schumacher himself came out of the concentration camps, like a flaming spirit, burning through a broken body.

A high British officer here told me of how this then walking skeleton entered his office in early 1945 and asked for the necessary permission to commence reorganization of the shattered SPD. Few doctors then gave Schumacher a chance to survive. Some advocated the amputation of one bad leg. Others thought the operation would kill him.

Schumacher decided on the amputation—and almost from that moment of decision commenced to grow stronger. Today his health is not too bad—and his spirit as vital as ever.

HAD THE POWERFUL Western Allies had the horse sense to back the SPD with all their influence and power, the story is Western Germany might have been less uncertain.

Actually the Americans had the dominant voice in Western policies and they chose to give their main support to the Catholic Centre parties. These have stood faithfully for the democratic principle. But, unlike the Social Democrats, they tend to split internally on the most important questions facing Germany today.

ON THE QUESTION OF the East-versus-West power struggle, the Social Democrats are crystal-clear.

Schumacher declared here the other day in his keynote election speech:

"Point One — We stand with the West."
Point Two was to the effect: (Continued on page 3)

SECRET AMazes FRIENDS!



"Out of the blue..."

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Report from Parliament

By E. T. APPLEWHITE, M.P.

CREDIT REGULATIONS — Of particular interest to various dealers in Prince Rupert, and in fact all of Northern and Central B.C., will be the attitude of the government towards the application of the new credit regulations on automobiles and other goods purchased on the instalment plan. The difference in

freight cost between East and West has been referred to several times and representations have been made to the government that such differences would justify the permitting of special credit terms in British Columbia.

The suggestion has been an extended credit period on a graduated basis according to the freight differential. Of course, this is in effect a suggestion that such regulations be based on price, and in the case of automobiles at least, it would result in regulations based on the make of car; because, for instance, British cars, shipped by water to Vancouver, can be sold cheaper in B.C. than in Central Canada. But such a modification of credit regulations would have to apply to all goods or none.

There has also been advanced the argument that to some purchasers certain instalment-bought goods are necessities. We should remember that the Consumer Credit Regulations do not differ in any way as between luxury goods and essentials.

Owen Jones, CCF, Yale, who was in full sympathy with the bill and supported it wholeheartedly, brought the subject up in the House and it was very ably and fully dealt with by Jimmy Sinclair, (himself a British Columbian), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance.

Jimmy, of course, could not pass up the opportunity to express his particular pleasure in having the member for Yale speak so well of the consumer

credit regulations generally, because he (Mr. Jones) has an extensive knowledge of their workings in his own retail business. After pointing out the almost insuperable difficulties in zoning for credit regulations, Jimmy pointed out that this time our regulations are even simpler than those in effect during the last war when we had a variety of rates for different commodities.

Another point raised by Mr. Jones is already covered by the regulations: farmers, fishermen, etc., whose annual income is de-

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Mrs. L. Amadio left for the south today aboard the Camosun on her way to Oakland to visit her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Michael De Fabis. She expects to be away a month.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Olafson and two children were passengers on the Camosun today for Vancouver where they will reside.



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