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No War This Summer

ROGER W. BABSON does not think there will be a war this summer or early fall. The chief assets of Russia and her satellite nations of Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Poland, etc., are their crops, especially their wheat. Hence, Russia will not start World War III until these crops are gathered, transported, distributed and safely stored. Russia will not start World War III until the rivers of eastern Europe freeze over so her supply lines cannot be cut by airplanes bombing bridges.

The above means that there will be nothing to fear from Russia before winter comes. This coming winter, however, will be a very critical time, especially as the Russians are more accustomed to living, moving and fighting in winter than are the U.S. forces or the Europeans. It is also said that atomic bomb operations can be more effective in winter weather. Russia may start World War III this winter.

The Russians further realize that the United States and the Allies are now arming at a more rapid rate than the Russians can possibly meet. Russia can raise more men than can the Allies, but Russia cannot produce airplanes, tanks, guns and other war supplies as fast. All of this leads Babson to believe that, if the Russians do not strike early in 1952, they have decided to forget World War III for some years to come and await further political developments.

Limited Paradise

AS SOMETHING of a commentary on the blessings of Communism and of their supposed technological know-how, a small item in the New York Times tells of the departure for home of the Soviet delegates to the United Nations and also some of the Soviet embassy staff.

Included among the baggage that was to sail with them were 17 crates of television sets, mechanical refrigerators and washing machines, and numberless cartons of cigarettes.

We have constantly been asked to believe that the Soviet, under its numerous five-year plans, has developed into the greatest industrial nation in the world. We have been asked to believe that these newly-acquired skills will put it on a par with the Western nations in the development of the atomic bomb. We have been asked to believe that the Soviet way of life is superior to our own.

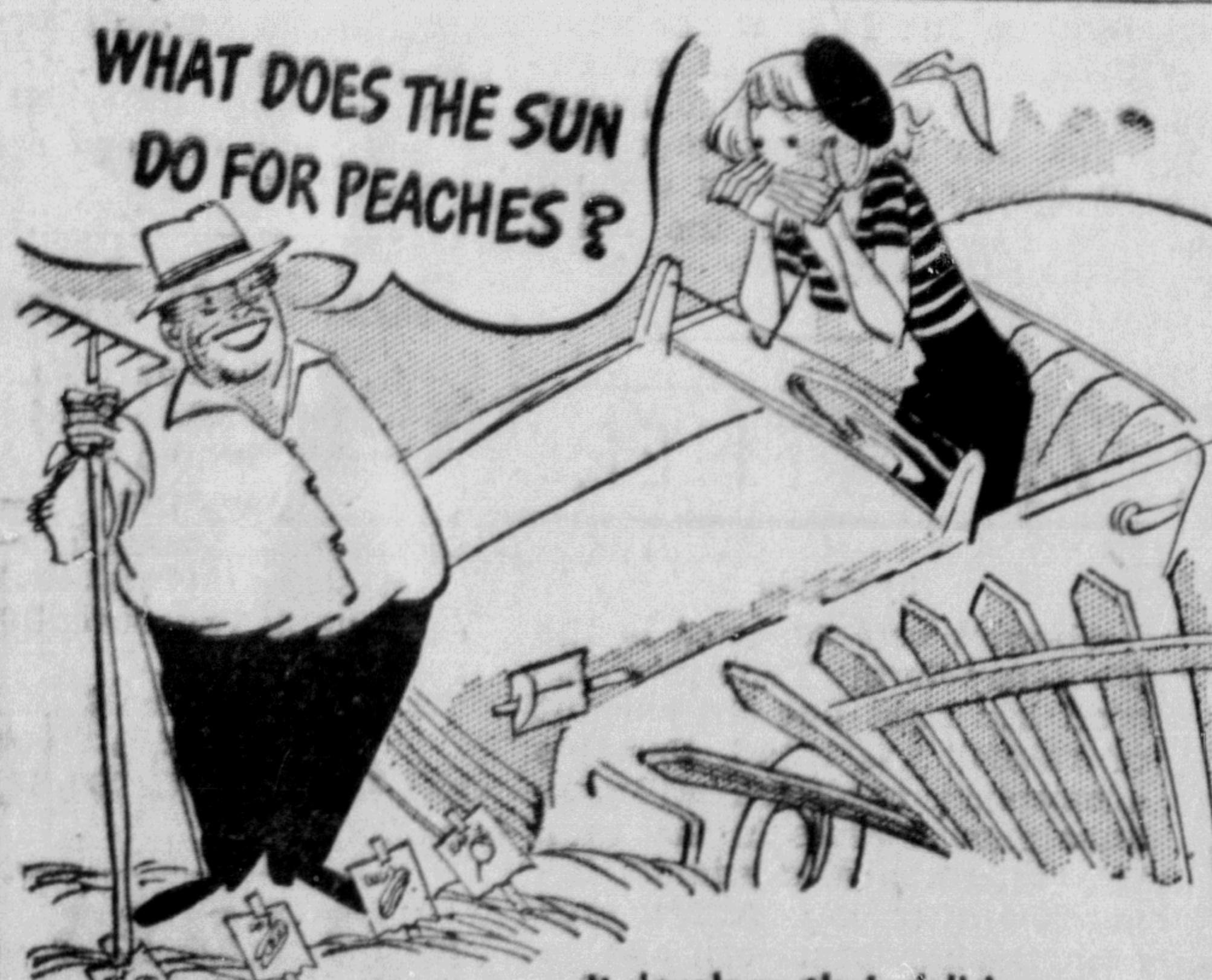
But these arguments suddenly lose a good deal of their force when we think of Soviet officials laboriously bringing home to their paradise these minor benefits of the West: television and refrigerators and washing machines and cigarettes. One wonders whether there are perhaps other things lacking in this dubious paradise.

Scripture Passage for Today

"If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man."—James 3:2.

More than 480,000 visitors passed through the east gate of Alberta's Banff National Park in 1950.

Longueuil on the south shore of the St. Lawrence is one of the oldest parishes in Quebec, settled by Charles Lemoyne in 1657.



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As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

OTTAWA AGAIN

OTTAWA.—Canadians could learn something from what some of us foolishly used to call "the slow old British." When west-bound ships land at Quebec, it takes several hours to clear through the customs and make your getaway, by train, for points west.

As a rough guess, I should say that it takes twice as long for Canadian Customs to handle an incoming ship as it does for British Customs to handle one landing in Britain.

I hasten to add that the only place where one sees almost as much lack of efficient organization is at the similar shed in New York.

RIDING WEST ON THE CPR, we say to ourselves how good it feels to be on a Canadian train again.

True, the prices in the dining car seem a bit steep, by comparison with those of the good old days, but when we detrain at Montreal we quickly learn that all restaurant prices have skyrocketed during our absence.

HERE IN OTTAWA IT ALSO feels good to be on home soil again. For it is surely like old times to see the weather change from boiling hot to really cool almost before you can say Jack Robinson.

Come to think of it, that professor may have something. I mean the one who has the theory that people act like the climate makes him act.

Take Ottawa, the capital of Canada.

We all know the story how Queen Victoria picked the place: She shut her eyes, stuck a pin in the map—opened them—so we got stuck with Ottawa.

Now see what Ottawa climate does to our government.

For most of the year the climate is sub-Arctic, and the MP's move at snail's pace. Then suddenly summer bursts on Ottawa and the MP's put on a frantic rush to get home—to get anywhere except Ottawa. So they work morning, noon and night and madly rush through work which should have been spread evenly over the whole session.

SPEAKING SERIOUSLY, FOR a change, Canada's parliamentary procedures are decades out of date—in fact, I doubt if they ever were efficient, even for horse and buggy days.

For one thing strikes you like a hot blast when you compare our Parliament in action with the British House of Commons. That is, in the Canadian Parliament, what is really carried on is an inter-party debate, not a serious discussion confined to the issues really before the country for immediate solution.

I doubt if you would ever see in a British Parliament what you see time after time here: That is, some back bench MP making a speech to which not more than three or four other members are even pretending to listen. It is all about some local matter, and as the MP will get extra copies of Hansard and send them to his constituents they may be gullible enough to believe that he is down at Ottawa fighting like a lion for them. Of course nobody at Ottawa is fooled—but it is all accepted as part of the game.

COMPARISONS ARE ODIUS—but the plain fact is that Canada's mid-century parliamentary practices are far less efficient than those of many other countries.

The main difference that strikes me is that Canada's Parliament makes no serious attempt to budget its own time.

Commonsense would suggest that Parliament itself should agree to work according to a time table, allowing so much time for each item of business. It need not be as rigid a time table as they use in some continental countries. But the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Canada's Parliament has indigestion right now.

RIGHT NOW OUR PARLIAMENT is postponing the main job it was expected to do at this session; that it enact a better Old Age Pension law.

Now they say they will start (Continued on page 6)



VICTORIA REPORT

by J. K. Nesbitt

Likes Prince Rupert—Cannot Understand Why No New Hotels—Example of Industrial Expansion

VICTORIA.—The enormous new industrial development that is sweeping this province, particularly the coast, has to be seen to be really believed. I had often heard of the new \$27,000,000 pulp plant of the Columbia Cellulose Company near Prince Rupert. But until I saw it and walked through it I could not quite grasp its significance.

What it has done to Prince Rupert is astonishing—it has boomed that bustling city situated amid some of the province's most glorious coastal scenery. It has given work to more than 1200 people, with an annual payroll of \$3,000,000.

For some strange reason, a lot of people insist they don't like Prince Rupert. For my part, I do. I like its location—looking out over sea waters to distant islands and mountains. And what if it does rain—as long as you're dressed for it?

Prince Rupert, like most small B.C. cities, is shabby in spots. But so are Victoria and Vancouver for that matter. In small cities it's more difficult to hide the shabbiness.

And Prince Rupert, like most of the small cities, is desperately short of hotel accommodation. I was talking to a high government official in Rupert the other day. Even he could not find a hotel room and had to sleep on a government boat in the harbor.

With the tremendous industrial boom going on, it seems more than passing strange that new hotels aren't going up. Most of our small-town hotels and restaurants are not any too good. I would apply this criticism of restaurants to most eating places in Victoria and Vancouver, too. No, our B.C. restaurants are not good.

But to get back to Prince Rupert—I shall not soon forget the breathtaking views from the windows of the ultra-smart Canadian Legion Club, nor the

even higher-up views from the picture windows in the home of Prince Rupert MLA Jack McRae and his pretty, vivacious wife.

Yes, Prince Rupert has compensations for the rain. When it's really smartened up with some paint on shabby old buildings and when new homes are built, it's going to be one of B.C.'s most attractive cities—as long as you don't let the rain fuss you.

It was a nice tribute Lands and Forests Minister E. T. Kennedy paid to the pioneers the day he opened the cellulose plant. It applies to pioneers all over the province in this age of expansion. Mr. Kennedy said: "I never forget that the spark of faith has never died out in the minds and heads of the pioneers. I do not forget the trials and tribulations, the surges of hope and the defeats and disappointments—it is no wonder that as they reviewed the string of unfulfilled dreams that have been dangled before them through the years, these mature citizens became somewhat embittered and decidedly cynical in the course of time."

Something of the tremendous importance of the pulp and paper industry to this province was given at the cellulose plant opening by Paul Cooper, president of Canadian Pulp and Paper Association.

With the new cellulose plant, he said, the total investment of the pulp and paper industry in B.C., in plant alone, is \$225,000,000.

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World Crying for Bibles

Prince Rupert Gives Support

People all over the world "are crying for the Bible more than ever before," Rev. J. A. R. Tingley, provincial secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, last night told an audience which filled First United Church Hall.

"There is a desperate call for the word of God. There was never a time in history when so many doors were open where we can place the Bible."

He said there was a great demand for Bibles. From the Bible House in Vancouver, the society had distributed more than 40,000 Bibles last year, printed in 34 different languages.

"This is the largest circulation there has ever been," he said. After being introduced by Rev. Fred Antrobus, Mr. Tingley thanked the people of Prince Rupert for their support of the society.

This was his third visit to Prince Rupert. When first he came here, in 1947, Prince Rupert did not contribute anything to the society. The following year, \$85 was received from this city. Contributions had greatly increased thereafter and last year Prince Rupert contributed \$500 in support of the society's work.

"So many people still do not know what is the work of our society. Wherever there is a mission work done, the society plays a part," Mr. Tingley said that, since the inception of the organization in London, England, in the Eighteenth Century, the Bible had been printed in 800 different languages. With the help of other Bible distributors, the Book now was available in 1100 languages. Nearly 600,000,000 copies of the Scriptures have been circulated.

URGENT DEMAND

Because of the "urgency in the demand for Bibles across the world," a five-year program was launched by the B.C. auxiliary in preparation for the society's third jubilee in 1954.

Objectives of the five-year plan are:

1. Encouraging prayer and Bible reading.
2. Publicizing the purpose and program of the society.
3. Enlisting 1000 new members annually.
4. Securing 40 life members each year.
5. Organizing five new branches each year.
6. Promoting wider circulation of Scriptures and Christian literature.
7. By increasing contributions \$2100 each year, reach an objective of \$32,000 by 1954.

Mr. Tingley said the Bible House in Vancouver was the finest in Canada and placed fourth in circulation of 180 Bible distributors across the continent. A film of the Vancouver Bible House was shown, as well as films showing the history of the Bible and of mission work in India, in which the Bible, printed in many different dialects of the country, played so great a part.

The rally was attended by people from all of the churches of the city and was conducted by Rev. L. G. Sieber, minister of the entertaining church. The president of the local branch, P. H. Linzey, spoke briefly, thanking the speaker and the people of Prince Rupert for their increasing support. The benediction was pronounced by Canon Basil S. Proskter. It was announced that a canvass for

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