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Iranian Oil

IRANIAN OIL is more than a British chestnut. The entire western defense community must look with concern on any changes in Iran's laws which would make western access to that country's oil uncertain.

The lower House of the Iranian Parliament has voted unanimously in favor of nationalizing the Iranian oil industry. This move has followed closely on the assassination of a premier who was holding out against nationalization.

Much of this is reminiscent of earlier chapters in the history of raw-material-producing countries whose resources have been developed by foreign capital.

The Iranian government has not gone Communist by any means. Iran's very independence, indeed, rests on success of western measures to curb the spread of Communist violence.

Scripture Passage for Today

"This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."—Psa. 118:24.

Easter is Celebrated

Large Congregations Attend Special Services in City Churches

It was a dull, cloudy, cool Easter Sunday in Prince Rupert but city churches drew large congregations as the anniversary of the great Christian triumph of life over death was impressively observed.

In First Presbyterian Church Rev. Dr. E. A. Wright spoke in the morning of the Three Gardens—Eden, the garden of the beginnings and eventually man's downfall; Gethsemane, the garden of despair, betrayal and atonement; the Garden of Joseph of Aramethia, the garden of fulfillment, the triumph of life eternal over the darkness of death.

During the church service the children saw colored slides on Easter in the Sunday School room under Miss A. M. Stewart.

Rev. Lawrence G. Sieber also gave a special message for the children, "New Clothes for Old."

Miss Yvonne Larsen was organist during the morning when the junior and senior choir sang under J. S. Wilson, choirmaster.

Organist H. A. Plymnn accompanied the senior choir at the evening worship singing the anthem "God So Loved the World." Mr. Sieber again addressed the congregation on the text, "The Easter Faith."

With Sunday School joining the morning congregation the Regular Baptist Church (Fundamentalist) heard the message "Easter is the Hour" by Rev. L. A. Thorpe.

In the evening an evangelistic community singing sermon was enjoyed. The sermon subject was "Receiving the Conqueror."

The junior choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross," with the Sunday School putting on the preliminary exercises with the Atoning Work of Christ given by the junior boys while the senior boys read the scripture of the Resurrection.

Mrs. B. Ewald was pianist for the morning service attended by 119. Gordon Hangerud was the evening pianist.

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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

HYDERABAD STORY

HYDERABAD, India, —I came to Hyderabad because this key state, right in the heart of India, is a good example of the country as a whole.

The best brains in India say "if the Congress Party can solve the problems of Hyderabad it can solve the problems of the entire country."

For here there is not only the age-old question of all this part of the world—how to stay alive—how to eat enough to keep body and soul together—how to fight all the diseases, like malaria and plague—but also here, in violent form, is the key problem of the twentieth century.

Hyderabad is one of the two spots in India where the Communists attempted violent rebellion, waged with all the weapons of civil war. So far as I can discover, the Communist uprising has pretty well been defeated here.

The Congress Party government is in a race against time. All over Asia and, above all, here in India, the great weapon of the Communists is that they stand for the forcible seizure of the land.

"The land for the peasants" is just as powerful a cry here as it was in Russia in 1917, or in China where the Chiang Kai-Shek regime crumbled, partly from its own rottenness, but even more because of the Communist slogan: "the land for the people who till it."

I HAVE TALKED HERE with all sorts of people—some very poor and hungry, some cultured, keen.

I lunched with the chief minister of state—the Honorable M. K. Velodi whose job corresponds with a provincial premier's in Canada. He is an old-time (British trained) Indian civil service man. He is as calm, competent and realistic a statesman as I have met for a long time.

IN WHAT FOLLOWS I WISH to make it crystal clear that I am not quoting any statesman or official, but simply giving my own conclusions after a few days' stay in this political hot-test hot spot. Here is how it looks to me:

1. The Communist uprising has been temporarily overpowered. The government has been able to win back the sympathy of most of the peasants. Hence, instead of, perhaps, 3000 key Communists leading large numbers of peasants in open, violent uprising, designed to get rid of the landlords forever, there are now no more than two or three hundred.

Of course, as the whole Communist movement is illegal here, and strictly underground, it is difficult to know exactly.

2. But the process of getting rid of the landlords, under the new Constitution of India, is a slow and costly business. The Constitution says that nobody may be deprived of property without receiving compensation. Fair compensation for dispossessed landlords has been fixed at about twenty times the average annual rent of the land in question, plus an extra fifteen per cent.

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I KNOW FROM MY OWN INTERVIEW with the Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, as well as from his speeches, that he knows the reality of the above crisis. Already the Congress Party is talking of changing the Constitution in order to speed up this "land reform" business.

But though it is presumptuous for an outside well-wisher to say so, I doubt that the Congress Party as a whole is aware of the desperate nature of its own race against time. They have, as I figure it, one brief moment in history to use all the powers of democracy to end landlordism once and for all.

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U.N. Secretary-General Visits Latin America



United Nations Secretary-General Trygve Lie (above left) is welcomed by the President of Chile, Gabriel Gonzalez Videla, at the opening meeting of the U.N. Economic and Social Council, now holding its 12th session in Santiago, Chile. Looking on (center) is the President of the Council, Hernan Santa Cruz of Chile.



BANTING MEMORIAL—This bust of Sir Frederick Banting, discoverer of insulin, was unveiled in Simcoe Hall, University of Toronto, recently on the 10th anniversary of Sir Frederick's death in a plane crash in Newfoundland. Admiring the bust, made by Frances Loring, are Mr. Charles H. Best, co-discoverer of insulin, left, and Dr. Sidney Smith, president of the university.

Evangelism For Easter

A special Easter evangelistic service was held by the Prince Rupert Ministerial Association in the First United Church Wednesday night, conducted by Rev. L. G. Sieber of First United Church.

The joint service of city churches was featured by a stirring address by Rev. E. A. Wright, D.D., whose strong sermon was based on the words "It is Finished" which the Lord uttered from the Cross.

Dr. Wright stressed that the words were spoken under intense physical, mental and spiritual anguish.

The crown of thorns had been placed on His head, the nails had pierced His hands and feet. He had been betrayed, denied and deserted.

God appeared to have deserted Him.

Yet He uttered the words: "If it be possible, let this cup pass from Me. Nevertheless, not My will but Thine be Done."

Further, the speaker continued, what was finished? First, His earthly life, second, His work on earth, third, the salvation of mankind.

The ransom price for man's salvation was paid. Now was the time for man's redemption. The reconciliation between God and Man was now complete and all that man had to do was to accept the finished work of Christ for his eternal salvation.

A composite choir from the churches sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," and "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

Henry Plum was organist. The congregation joined in a responsive reading of the 19th psalm.

The Good Friday message was contained in a solo sung by John Davey.

M. M. Stephens sailed last night on the Camosun for Stewart to pay an official visit to-night to Enoch Masonic Lodge there in his capacity as district deputy grand master. He is being accompanied by John Thomson and Dr. G. E. H. Montgomery. They will return to the city tomorrow morning.

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Reflects and Reminisces

For those in this country who never could understand why a Canadian cruiser should bear the name "Uganda" it might be explained the vessel originally came from its Royal Navy, and, after being laid away in moth balls for a spell, is now being put in up-to-date shape, with a new name. It will be HMCS "Quebec." That's better.

IT CAN OCCUR

A weekly, published in Hawaii, will please not do it again! Anyway, it should know better than make the claim that Whitehorse is in Alaska. It should be assumed, of course, that the Hawaiian publisher has heard of the Yukon. Yet, these little blunders will persist in happening. Next time we visit Honolulu, let's see how publicly will be played down.

NOT TONIGHT

The Department of Agriculture, in few and simple words, explains the butter situation. It says there is not enough to go around. How perfectly understandable. It reminds one of what was sometimes heard at suppers when little Willie said he was entitled to one helping—and no more.

It is an odd commentary on the strange times that the only "imperialism" left in the world is being practised by Communism, a political system which is supposed to glorify the common man.—The Ottawa Journal

STILL SEARCHING

About four centuries ago, Sir Francis Drake buried treasure on Juan Fernandez Island off the coast of Chile and now another attempt to find it is on the cards. Scores of previous expeditions, all failures, are on record. This time, a Chilean navy transport is making ready. There must be a powerful fascination about the British sea dog's plunder. Yarns are still told concerning Captain Kidd and where he is supposed to have hidden his sea loot somewhere along the New England and Bay of Fundy shores. But nothing was ever found, though the hunts were many. Reckon it's a little too much to expect.

Dictatorship must not control the press. Democracy must have press freedom. The latter has departed in Argentina. So has its publisher. La Prensa, founded in 1869 and regarded as the London Times of the nation, ever outspoken and courageous, has been seized to become the virtual property of Argentine's rulers who could not accept

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ONLY ONE LEFT W. Bleasdel Cameron, last survivor of the Frog Lake massacre, died recently in Saskatchewan. Nine white men were killed by Cree Indians April 2, 1885. It was the commencement of the Northwest Rebellion. Young Cameron, in grave danger, spent weeks as a prisoner of Big Bear. But for protection from other Crees to whom he had been kind he, too, would have been slain.

ALWAYS A FRIEND In the many long years since '85, Cameron kept in touch with Regulation Loads and Speed on the Northern Trans-Provincial Highway GALLOWAY RAPIDS to TYLL. The Undersigned, being a person authorized by the Minister of Works in writing, to exercise the powers vested in the Minister of the "Highway Act," and being of the opinion that certain Northern Trans-Provincial Highway from Galloway Rapids to ... Regulation pursuant to Section 35 of the Highway Act. The following load and speed limitations are imposed on highway until further notice:— No person shall operate a vehicle over the Northern Trans-Provincial Highway from Galloway Rapids to Tyee having a gross weight or loading in excess of fifty per cent of that of the Regulations made pursuant to Section 36 of the Highway Act, R.S.B.C. 1948. The speed limit of vehicles with pneumatic tires on twenty miles per hour. Vehicles with solid tires are limited to using this Highway during such times as this regulation is in force. DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 21st day of March, 1951. L. E. SMITH, Enforcement Officer, Department of Highways.

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