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## COMMUNIST GOLIATH

THE Christian Science Monitor, which is consistently practical about things and is certainly no advocate of appeasement, comes up, amidst the fears and gloomy pessimism which have been so general of late, with an optimistic editorial about the international situation and warns us not to be defeated by fear itself or surrender to what might seem overwhelming forces against us in the defence against Communist aggression.

During the 40 days that Goliath defied the armies of Israel there was no tendency to underestimate his power, comments The Monitor. Saul's soldiers made full note of his six cubits and a span, as of his spear with a staff like a weaver's beam. It may be even that they helped mesmerize themselves with an exaggerated sense of his size. In any case, they "were dismayed and greatly afraid." Is it possible that the free peoples are repeating this mistake as they face the challenge of world Communism?

The constant emphasis today on the size of Chinese and Russian forces has gone to strange lengths. Of course, experience in Korea points to the folly of underestimating a foe. And those charged with mobilizing the forces of democracy naturally dwell upon the dangers. But Communism would like nothing better than to terrorize the free peoples with a Goliath of apparent power. Some recent behavior—notably proposals to surrender half the free world—indicates a large measure of success.

Reports from Tokyo have harped on the numbers of Chinese and North Koreans. The American people are under the impression that the Eighth army was routed by "overwhelming" forces, by veritable "hordes." But now we learn that only six divisions were identified on the Eighth Army front, and that quite possibly United Nations forces were equal or superior to the enemy in numbers and vastly superior in equipment and firepower. Did they flee from a Goliath greatly exaggerated in size by mesmeric fear? Such things have happened to brave men.

Predictions are freely made that UN forces cannot remain in Korea. Headlines play on a force of 1,350,000 Communists, but then it develops that only 190,000 are in position to attack. Nothing is said about the fact that UN numbers are at least equal and enjoy tremendous advantages in sea-air power, arms and transport. The bogey of numbers has been exposed many times.

We hear again and again of the Red Army's 170 divisions in Europe. We seldom are told that Russian divisions are only half the size of American divisions. Surely military calculations must take adequate account of Communist manpower. But even for military estimates more attention should be given to the manpower and other resources of free nations.

Certainly non-military folk should question the creation of a manpower Goliath. They can well give more attention to their own resources. They may well cultivate the David-sense which shattered mesmeric fear, saw through Goliath's boastful claims, and turned to spiritual power for aid in overcoming them. They can take courage from a just cause and strive to render it more just.

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"Honour all men, Love the brotherhood, Fear God, Honour the King."—1 Peter 2:17.

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As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT  
READY FOR BIG TRIP

I AM NEARLY ready to start on my big 1951 trip. Here is how it lines up at present:

January 15—leave Vancouver by Trans-Canada Airlines for London.

January 23-33—Aboard F.S.O. ship "Chusan", London to Port Said.

February 9—Calcutta to Pakistan via B.O.A.C.

March 26—Fly India to Israel, April, May, June: Visit Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany, Denmark, Britain.

NATURALLY MY TIME table is conditional. We all know that the world situation is critical, and that world war three could break out in the next few months. If that happens I may have to alter my tentative plans.

But all risks are relative. While I would not bet more than even money that world war three would not break out in 1951, my hunch says "no."

The old hunch has never been wrong yet—though I can imagine cynics remarking "There's always a first time."

GETTING READY for a big trip is by no means all fun. That is especially true when you are going out to faraway countries. Weeks ago I went and got all the necessary shots—or so I thought. My 1949 smallpox vaccination was still good. But I got inoculations for typhus, cholera, and T.A.B., whatever that is. All I am sure about is that it keeps you for a loop.

Then a nice girl who used to work in the Canadian High Commissioner's office in New Delhi warned me that I had to be "careful" for yellow fever too. But that one was clinch—no relaxation whatever.

Had I left before January 1 it would also have been necessary to be inoculated against the plague—otherwise I could not "land" in Egypt.

IN CASE anyone wonders why I am going to Egypt on the way out and Israel on the way back here is the lowdown: If you have an Israel visa on your passport they won't let you land in any Arab country. Hence I could not visit either Egypt or Syria after visiting Palestine. That is a hangover from the war of 1948.

THE MONEY is also a nuisance—and I don't mean getting the damned stuff—though Lord knows it doesn't grow on trees. I mean all the nuisance about how you are going to carry it, and not to get caught with what you need in the different countries.

My wife, who is not going to go with me on this trip (though she says she will catch up with me somehow or other, some place or other), says I'm an awful fool to go alone as I'm always losing things.

ALREADY I HAVE a goodly stock of remedies to take in case I get dysentery or the many other things they say you are likely to get out there.

As an old fatalist, I figure you never die before your time anyway.

THERE MAY BE little gaps in my column, while I am jumping from place to place. But I will do my best to keep the stuff coming through.

Just a tip: Remember that in certain countries there is iron-clad censorship. So if I have anything too tough to say about things there, wait till I get into the next country. Otherwise the blasted censors might just lose my press copy.

## Prayer Week Is Concluded

Final Week of Prayer meeting at the Salvation Army Citadel Saturday night heard Canon Basil S. Procter as speaker. Capt. W. C. Poulton was chairman and Clara Pierce pianist. Using as his title "Marching Orders," Canon Procter spoke on a forward look with regard to the year now being entered into. Christian people, he said, have no grounds for optimism but must learn what the New Testament means by hope—hope in the present world and hope in eternity.

Turnout for the meeting was good. It was a happy group and one that proved there was a common bond between churches of different denominations and that it is possible to have a common place of meeting.

## RAY... Reflects and Reminisces

Fifty thousand dollars worth of paper was destroyed by flames in the basement of the Vancouver Province office. With newspaper what it is, the Province would seem to have money to burn.

Some folks are saying today what they kept repeating early in 1950—that money in about a year would be next thing to useless. Wonder what luck they have had borrowing.

Promptness in organizing a search party when anyone, particularly a juvenile, is reported missing is being emphasized in the Vancouver press. The body of an 11-year-old boy was found in the woods in Vancouver suburbs last week. He died, it is assumed, from exhaustion and exposure and he was barely a mile from aid. There is a lesson here for Prince Rupert. It is true this city is on an island yet here is a forest large and wild enough for a weakened and frightened child to become lost in. It could happen.

It is planned to spend \$300,000 in Pentlton on hotel construction. This should relieve the travelling public having business in the Okanagan from haunting thoughts of sketchy accommodation. For verily this is not unknown and not necessarily only in the Okanagan.

The Spanish morning paper started in New York in 1948 continues a healthy growth. Circulation is 13,000. El Diario de Nueva York has a longish name but, as half a million Spaniards dwell in Gotham, there's room for it. And speaking internationally, nowadays nobody "remembers the Maine."

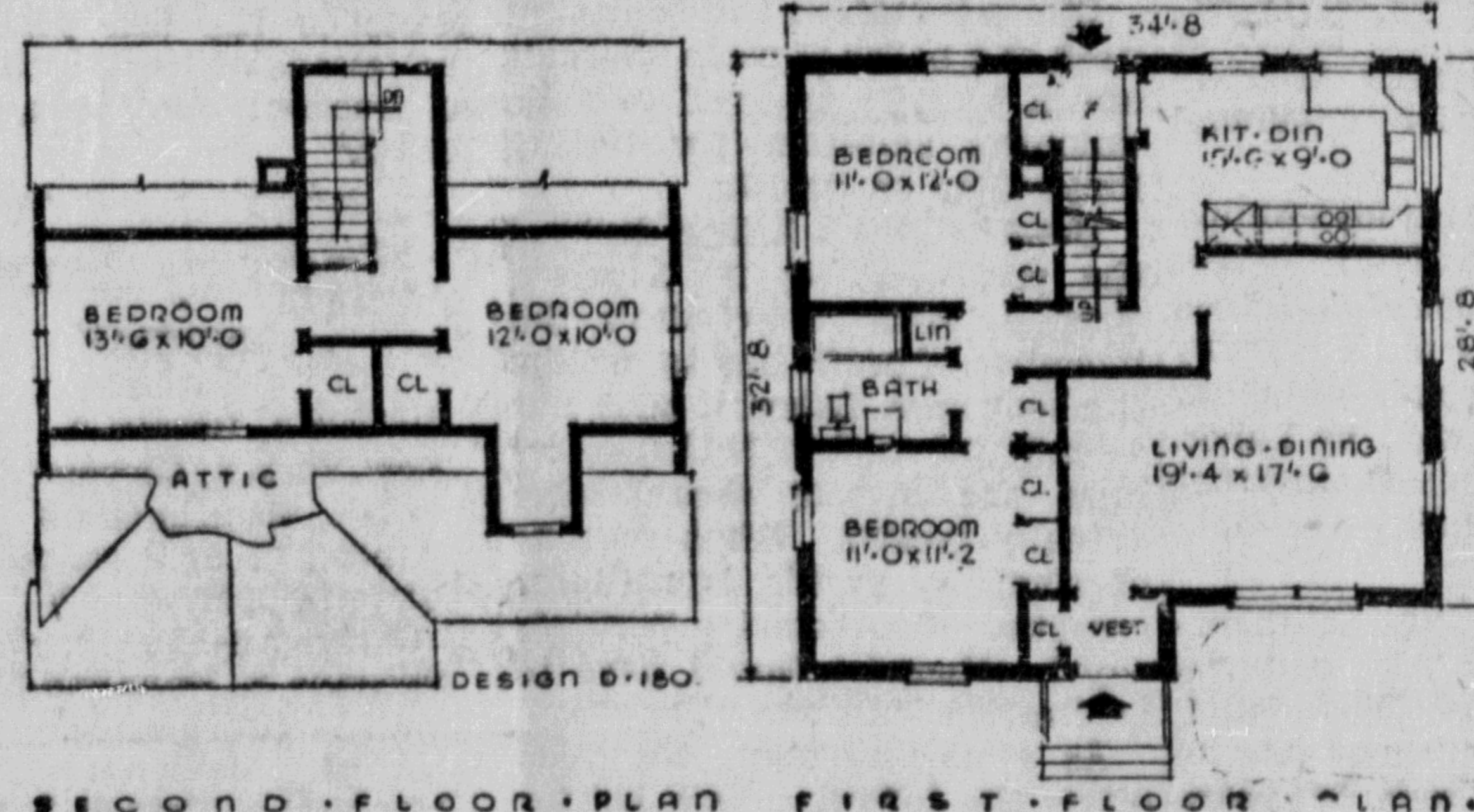
Captain Satoru Kadohira, whose ship is now loading wheat in Vancouver, says he's glad to be back on the coast. He feels it a fine thing to realize that Japan and Canada cannot go on for ever being enemies and there is no better time than now to work toward restoration of friendship if all the nations had this idea the great problems of the day might and no doubt would be simplified. The skipper is a skilled flute player. It is hoped the instrument will be heard at Prince Rupert before long.

## London Features Taft Statement

LONDON (C)—British and continental newspapers displayed prominently the speech of Senator Robert Taft of United States criticizing President Truman on his policy toward aid to Europe and participation in the Korean war. However, no editorial comment has yet been made.

## Daily Health Hint

Watch the ventilation in home, office and factory—impure air and sudden changes of temperature lower resistance to such infections as colds.



THE DUDLEY permits two future bedrooms to be finished on the second floor in addition to the two bedrooms and bath on the first. Storage space includes wardrobes in the first floor bedrooms, walk-in closets on the second floor, coat closets at front and rear entrances and a closet and linen closet in bedroom hall. Dining space is provided in one end of the L-shaped living room and in the kitchen. Refrigerator and range are on the inside kitchen wall, sink under side window and work counter under rear window. The exterior walls are brick up to the eaves, with the gable ends and dormers of shakes or wide siding. Dimensions are 34 feet 8 inches by 32 feet 8 inches. Floor area is 1,030 square feet and cubage is 22,832 cubic feet.



"You know, I think we got on the wrong train!"

## 25 YEARS AGO

JANUARY 7, 1926

Ex-Ald. McMorris' mayoralty campaign opened with an enthusiastic organization meeting in the committee rooms at the corner of Second Avenue and Fourth Street last night.

Information received by H. F. Pullen on the recent trip to Vancouver indicates that Prince Rupert will be able to ship grain to the United Kingdom by sea at the same rates as other Pacific ports.

The unusually mild weather continues in the interior of British Columbia. Reports reaching here today show that at no point is freezing while at Anso the thermometer registers 39.

## 10 YEARS AGO

JANUARY 7, 1941

The opening week of the Universal Week of Prayer observance was held at First Presbyterian Church last night. Rev. H. G. Funston, pastor of the church, officiating.

McClummond Park defeated Fraser Street by a score of 29 to 23 last night in the deciding game of a best of three series to decide half honors in the Junior Basketball League.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stone are sailing Thursday night on the Prince Rupert for a vacation trip to Vancouver.

Mrs. David Bennett arrived from Stewart this morning on the Catala for a visit here with friends.

## Scotland Drinks Danish Whisky

LONDON — Danish whisky is being imported by Great Britain while the Scotch whisky is shipped to Canada and the United States. The imported liquor goes chiefly to Scotland where it sells for \$5.30 a bottle. The Scottish consumers somewhat sadly admit that whisky from Denmark is better than none.

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## Pioneer Claims Youth Now Soft

COOKSON, Sask. (C)— Jack Beads, born and bred in the pioneer days of northern Saskatchewan, says that if the present generation had to go through what the pioneers did "it would kill them if they didn't quit first."

Beads was born at Prince Albert 74 years ago and still cuts his own firewood. He claims the majority of youngsters nowadays "don't seem to have what it takes. They're too soft, living with all modern conveniences and relying on the push-button system."

His mother died when he was four, and he was 16 when his father died. So he took up freighting, first with oxen, then with horses.

Freighting supplies through the north to Hudson Bay posts

brought narrow escapes when wagons plunged through lake ice. The teams carried heavy loads of groceries, drygoods and trapping supplies.

He said the route he took often was through Big River, Pelican Narrows and Ile a la Crosse. The 400-mile return trip took a month or longer, with no shelter coming or going.

David Ritchie and sons, Alfie and Jack, sailed on the Clatsop Sunday night for a business trip to Vancouver.

Passengers arriving in the city from Vancouver on the steamship Camosun yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. H. Stewart, Mrs. MacDonald and Ted Hesse.

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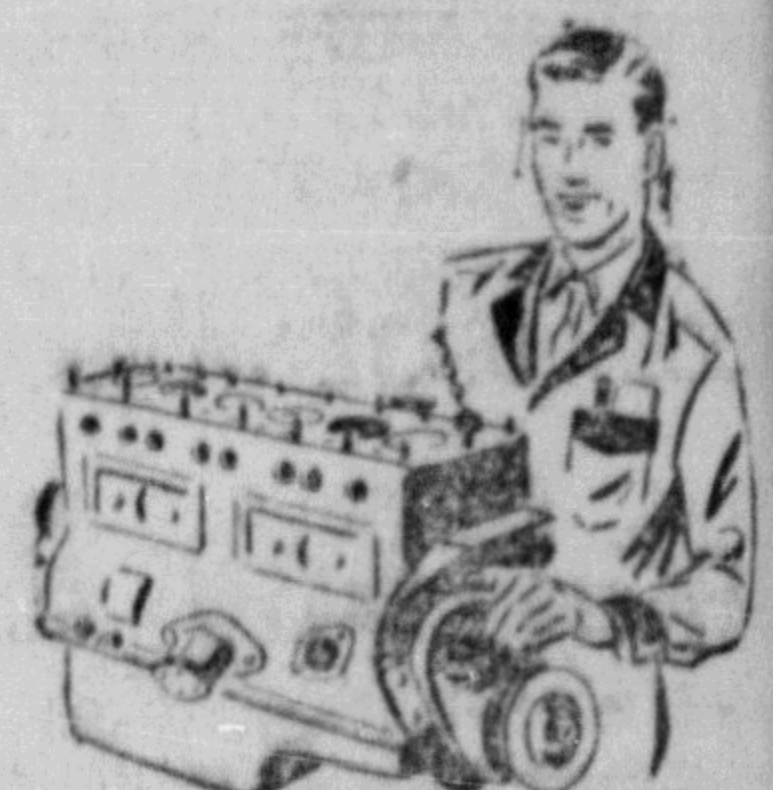
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