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French Election

IT LOOKS like as unsettled a political situation as ever in France as a result of yesterday's general election. Rightist forces of General Charles De Gaulle's Rally of the French People party have scored a marked triumph and will, after the post-war years of striving become one of the largest, if not the largest, groups in Parliament. The Communists, although gaining in popular vote, lose seats in Parliament under the new system of vote counting. The parties of the coalition, which have governed France tenuously, appear to have lost strength although, combined, they have more seats than the two extremist groups.

With the one clear gain appearing to have been De Gaulle's, a coalition of some sort with a possible turning to the right will probably be the outcome. But, with a Communist party frustrated in obtaining greater parliamentary representation although it obtained more popular votes, it could be that even more troublous days between right and left lie ahead.

Supplying The Enemy

THE government of Canada finds itself in an embarrassing situation because of Canadian-flagged ships carrying supplies to Communist China while Canadian soldiers are fighting and dying in the war in Korea against the same Chinese Communists.

To say the least of it, the suggestion that the Canadian ships are plying in this trade because there is an investment of a few million dollars to project is a rather grim one.

The government, we believe, should act speedily on the demand that these ships should be seized or sunk without delay if they continue in this trade. The government should not have waited for the matter to be aired in Parliament by the Opposition. It was mighty poor politics apart from the obvious moral considerations in the matter.

Gold Policy?

OF CONCERN to all Canadians just now is the plight of gold mining. Here is an industry which formed the sheet anchor of the country's credit during a world depression and provided a billion U. S. dollars for essential purchases in World War II. The industry takes on new significance today with Canada showing some disturbing signs of an unfavorable trade balance.

Gold mining is facing acute problems: wages and other costs have moved up sharply while the price of its own product is firmly fixed and has been for years. That Ottawa is considering additional cost-aid to the industry is a situation with which few will quarrel. A large part of our north country economy has its roots in gold; many frontier communities must fold up completely were gold mining to falter.

Ottawa's monetary experts question Canada's right, if not ability, to sell gold at a free market price above \$35 an ounce because of obligations to the International Monetary Fund. Mining men on the other hand stress that IMF membership should not blind us to the fact that Canada, turning out \$168 millions of gold a year, is the world's second-largest known producer of gold and that we have special and fundamental interests as a great producer of a key commodity.—Financial Post.

Scripture Passage for Today

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Reflects and Reminisces

Mexico has, doubtless, a choice variety of delicacies. We will not attempt to enumerate them but we think a dozen fresh salmon, packed in ice and flown direct from the cool waters of British Columbia to the land a few thousand miles south, should be able to offer a little competition.

Penny Wise, Vancouver newspaper woman, has been in Korea for the past month or so and is covering the job in first-rate style. Incidentally, she has not forgotten to make it clear that Korea at the present time is a first-rate place for a woman to stay away from. Penny is experiencing plenty of risks on what is undoubtedly a memorable assignment.

There is a distinction between "hotel" and "lodging house." This explains why some local people have not yet been interviewed by the census taker. They surely will, however. They merely neglected to remember that from the standpoint of the government, a lodging house is not a hotel.

"Unspoiled" is a word that still applies to Canada. By no stretch of imagination can Canada be called over-populated. No part of Canada, no matter how newly settled, or how old, but can come within its meaning.

This part of the world has the best there is for what the Celulose Corporation needs, says Emory Cleaves. "Only in B.C. are there hemlock and spruce forests, with adjuncts for shipping facilities and good labor and governmental conditions. Perhaps in Siberia there may be another supply of this kind of wood but who wants to speak with Mr. Stalin when we can do business with Mr. Kenney?"

Sees Shortage Of College Men

SYDNEY, Australia.—Businessmen might soon have to sponsor university students if they want their services as graduates. Prof. Sir Douglas Copland, Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University, said recently.

He warned that by 1960 Australia might not have enough graduates to meet her needs in every field.

He said that by 1960 Australia would need 4,000 school teachers a year instead of the present 2,500; 1,000 medical students instead of 700 and 1,000 engineers instead of 500.

By 1956, he said, Australia might have a university population of 50,000—equal to British enrolments in 1939.

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Salvation Army Personnel Changes Announced

Major (Mrs.) Janet Chambers, who has been the matron of the Salvation Army's Lodge for Young Women in Prince Rupert since its opening in 1948, has been transferred to Toronto and will be appointed to the Receiving Home for Women, it is announced by Staff Captain W. C. Poulton. At the Toronto establishment the Salvation Army cares for women on remand from the police and incorrigibles too young for reformatory sentences. Mrs. Chambers sailed last evening on the Coquitlam for Vancouver enroute to Toronto. First she will spend a holiday at London, Ontario.

Mrs. W. C. Poulton, wife of Staff Captain Poulton, will assume the task of matron of the Lodge for Young Women.

Captain and Mrs. George Oystrik are appointed to take charge of the Prince Rupert Corps of the Salvation Army and thus release Staff Captain Poulton for his district work which involves such scattered places as Ocean Falls to Whitehorse.

Captain Oystrik is coming to Rupert from Dauphin, Manitoba.

Captain Grace Burkett, who has taught school and officered the Canyon City Corps on the Naas River, is taking additional teacher training at Vancouver next fall and will be replaced at Canyon City by Captain E. F. McLean. The captain will have as her assistant in Canyon City work Lieutenant Geraldine Fordyce, who comes to Northern B.C. from Melville, Saskatchewan.

Lieutenant Gordon, who has been assisting at Canyon City, is appointed to Strathroy, Ontario.

Major Mrs. Chambers left on the Union steamship for Vancouver on Sunday evening, enroute to London, Ontario, on holidays prior to taking up her Toronto posting.

Report from Parliament

By E. T. APPLEWHITE, M.P.

Textiles in Central B.C.—The last issue of the Labour Gazette features the primary textile industry. It just started me wondering. Stranger things have happened than to see a textile industry in Central British Columbia. Our power resources, even with Alcan's activities, will not have been nearly

exhausted. June 12 must have demonstrated to many people the fact that we now produce at least some of the raw materials I wouldn't be at all surprised if some day (perhaps not in my tenure) the Member for Skeena should be actively concerned with such problems as wages, hours and working conditions in the textile industry.

Paper for Milk—The Smithers area in particular, but other parts of Skeena as well, will be interested in, and concerned about the difficulties arising out of the shortage of paper products for such purposes as containers of dairy products. I have been following this up rather actively and I now have some reason to hope that supplementary supplies of the required type of paper-board may be available from the United States. If all other attempts to meet the situation fail, we may be faced with the necessity for government intervention. I hope not, as this is bound to mean controls and interference in other pulp and paper products as well, with far-reaching effects which are sure to be annoying in many ways.

Mayors and M.P.'s—Some little flurry of interest was caused by a suggestion brought up in the Dominion Elections Act Committee that Mayors should be placed in the same category under the Act as M.L.A.'s and be eligible as M.P.'s. It was just a suggestion casually discussed in the Committee and the Member who brought it up made it clear he would not suggest that it affect the present members until the

next general election. But J. S. Sinnott, M.P., who is reeve of Springfield, Manitoba, brought it up in the House as "a matter of public importance and a question of personal privilege." He needn't have got so worried—our Committee had taken no action, and in any event he couldn't be unseated before another election.

Acoustics—A special committee has been set up to work with the Speaker to consider the question of a proposed amplification system for the House of Commons, where the acoustics are very poor. Angus MacInnis, O.C.F. Member for Vancouver East, will be the British Columbia Member on this Committee.

St. Laurent Agrees—Mr. St. Laurent has often showed his willingness to join with the opposition whenever the opposition had a proposal which seemed to him to have merit. For instance, when Mr. Drew, leader of the opposition, introduced his resolution to have a committee appointed to consider improvements in House of Commons' procedure, with a view to obtaining greater efficiency, Mr. St. Laurent was quickly to his feet to agree that the government and most members, if not

all members of the House, would welcome at least the substance of Mr. Drew's proposal. The Committee perhaps may not have its report ready for the opening days of the next session, but perhaps during the next session, because of the fact it will be a session in which the government will ask the House to give priority to government business so that we may clean up the arrears and start with a fresh slate in 1952, we could resolve to adopt as an experiment some of the committee's suggestions for the duration of the session. I think it would be better if we started sittings at 2 o'clock instead of three and had less evening sessions. There is also room for improvement in the procedure of handling estimates, just to give two examples. This whole matter, of course affects us individually and may not seem of great interest to you; but if we can handle YOUR business more efficiently, everyone benefits.

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