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Eden's New Approach

ANTHONY EDEN, when he made his first speech to the sixth assembly of the United Nations, made a characteristically British contribution to its work. He did not announce any striking change in British policy, resulting from the change of government, nor foreshadow any shift in the policy of the Western Powers. But he made a sincere and strenuous effort to bring a fresh spirit into the assembly, or perhaps rather to bring back an old spirit—the spirit of restraint, moderation, tolerance and courtesy.

It is a curious and depressing sign of the present time that it now requires a certain courage to declare in an international assembly, as Mr. Eden did, that all men are fallible, or that in no dispute is one party completely a black villain and the other snow white. These are, of course, simple and self-evident truths in the British way of thinking. But one of the evils of totalitarian diplomacy is that it tends, or deliberately attempts, to force its own methods on its supposed adversaries. Because its own chief method is a kind of totalitarian offensive in the fields of diplomacy and propaganda, it forces its supposed adversaries in the direction of a kind of totalitarian defence which, however, unaggressive, is inevitably somewhat rigid and monolithic. There is then the danger that there may be such a hardening of the two opposing diplomatic fronts that no single international problem can be treated or solved on its own merits, but each becomes indissolubly welded into a world-wide pattern of conflict between Russia and the West. If once this stage is reached, then there will in the end be only two ways out: either world war or one single comprehensive settlement of all outstanding problems. And by that time the second alternative would be most difficult to achieve, even with the wisest of statesmanship and the most genuine good will on both sides.

Mr. Eden, however, contended that differences could be resolved step by step, by gradual and successive stages. For, in disarmament as in political problems, each step forward, even if not a great one, creates the international confidence needed for a further greater step. If the United Nations can go ahead and work its proposals out in detail, Soviet Russia may at some stage see their value and decide to co-operate in this work.

Were You Missed in 1951 Enumeration?

The Daily News check on the 1951 census, which is being challenged for its short count of 8,465, is revealing established city residents who were missed by the enumerators.

They are from all parts of the city.

People who were missed are being asked to communicate the omission with as little delay as possible so that basis may be established for the contention that there was such a serious short count.

DAILY NEWS CENSUS CHECK

A federal census taker did NOT call at my home and I have checked with each member of my family to make sure.

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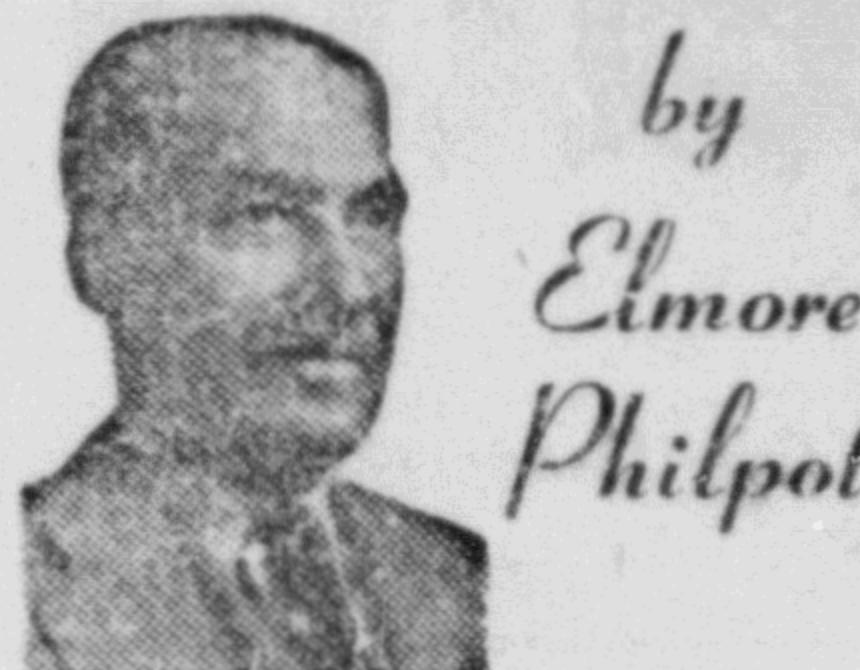
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As I See It



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Can UN Survive?

IN HIS SPEECH of November 12 Lester Pearson said right out loud what many ordinary people have increasingly feared:

That the United Nations Organization may not survive.

Trygve Lie recently hinted at the same danger. It is becoming more and more clear that the world tension is reaching the point where it must either make or break the UN.

If there is enough statesmanship on BOTH sides of the Iron Curtain to settle the gravest immediate differences, that very settlement should "make" UN in the sense that UN should then be able to work as its founders hoped it would work. But if there is not enough statesmanship and goodwill to settle the sharpest outstanding quarrels then the end of UN is only a matter of time.

THE QUESTION of who killed Cock Robin is premature when the bird is still alive.

But on one point I want to raise my voice against one of the implications by Mr. Pearson.

"The United Nations remains our last, best hope for peace," he says. "But the emphasis is shifting from BEST to LAST."

I notice that the words BEST and LAST are underlined, exactly as above, in the official release of our Canadian spokesman's speech. The obvious inference is that Mr. Pearson thinks that if the UN folds up, or splits, world war is inevitable. But is this so?

I am not at all sure that a clean break between the Communist and non-Communist parts of the world would bring on a world war.

Year after year as I have watched the UN in action—with Russian and the USA delegations facing each other like two hostile armies—I have asked myself whether there would not be a better breathing spell to organize the world if the two camps agreed to stay apart.

What UN has been in the past few years is nothing but a gigantic sounding board for the war of words. I am not at all sure that we would be as close to world war as we are if the Russian bloc had walked out, and stayed out, and the two parts of the world agreed to live entirely apart. That sometimes helps to keep the uneasy peace between bad neighbors—who are better kept apart.

Hence, even if the UN does split, I would not agree that world war becomes inevitable. The shock of the split would be severe—in fact, the split itself would be the proof of the awful gravity of the world war dangers. But if the world kept its head at that first moment of crisis—the next stage of history might be more constructive. At least the statesmen would not hurl their insults face to face.

THE ONLY sure road to world peace that I see is for the western democracies to begin to build peace "from the inside out."

Regardless of Russia's attitude, the western democracies can either form themselves into an out-and-out Atlantic Union; or, better still, they can lay the foundations of actual world government. They still legally lead at least two thirds of mankind.

But, as a great French statesman said, to build a federation you have to have a federating power. To date there is no real "federating power"—to push through federation, for instance, as the great Sir John A. Macdonald pushed through Confederation in Canada.

Not even one of the Big Three founders of the UN—U.S., Russia or Britain—has backed the UN, first, last and all the time.

Even now if the United States were to be converted to the support of "the UN, the whole UN, and nothing but the UN," the whole picture could change for the better overnight.

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