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Controls Or Not

THERE is no use blinking the sobering fact that, sooner or later, our free world must try conclusions with Communism. Whether that will be by open war, or whether it will remain a conflict of ideologies short of war, we cannot yet know. All we know is that conflict of some sort is inevitable and that we must either prepare or submit.

It is easy, under the stimulus of such a threat, to encourage ourselves toward sacrifices that in better days and under different conditions we would not have endured. The results of these sacrifices we are beginning to feel. Even with our too slow preparation for the worst we have taken millions of man-hours and uncounted tons of materials from production for peace to production for war. So the things we need have been getting more scarce.

The tendency of many people faced with this problem is to turn back to the cure-alls of the last war; to restrictions and controls and regulated prices. But then, we were at war. Today we are only dreading it. Today we have to prepare for the worst, but we have also to try to keep our world as nearly as possible on an even keel. To achieve that, inflation must be controlled.

The question now is—can inflation be controlled by voluntary and personal initiative or are controls to be applied?

Interest In Politics

PUBLIC interest in political issues has declined tremendously in the last few years, writes R. J. Deachman. If you doubt it, try talking politics to a lad of 18. He won't have the slightest idea what you are talking about. And that goes for more than the young people too. Very few of us are interested in politics any more. We go out and vote for the government which provides the most social services and naturally expect others to vote for them! It is indeed a new age.

The voters are lazy—many of them don't vote, that is, unless they are carried to the polls. It has been suggested that it might be a good idea to begin our new pension system with a regulation providing that only those who voted at the last election and could tell why they voted as they did should be entitled to receive a pension!

Communist China

DESPITE unrest and defection, the Communist government is effectively in control of China today. The best evidence indicates that it is more widely accepted by the Chinese people than the Chiang regime was for some years before its exile to Formosa.

Except in the event of a general atomic war that would turn the world upside down, it is likely that we will have to go on living in the same world with a Communist China. However, it must be shown that aggression cannot win prizes for Moscow or its satellites. And that is the purpose of the Korean endeavour.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Behold, we count them happy which endure."—James 5:11

"Obscene" Neckties

By LOUIS L. LECK

Canadian Press Correspondent

SYDNEY, Australia (CP)—"Bodgies," that section of the younger male population who favor long drape coats, ankle-tight trousers and flamboyant ties, are making headlines in Australia.

It's the ties that are causing most of the trouble. The neck-tie—wearing of which is not confined to Bodgies—has long offended the taste of more sober-minded Australians.

The conservatives won a point recently when Magistrate Burchill of Brisbane cracked down on a firm and its manager in that city for selling offensive ties. Fines totalling £20, with \$5 costs, were imposed on W. J. Healy Pty. Ltd., and John Healy, manager and director of the firm.

The firm and Healy were each charged under the vagrants, gaming and other offences acts with having exhibited obscene publications: 1. An obscene representation on a necktie of a

female with black hair and nude, apart from scanty reddish draping, resting on a white pillar; 2. A headless female, nude, apart from a transparent skirt.

Police who laid the charges said in evidence that a tie display in Healy's window on July 6 last year had attracted a crowd of teen-agers, including girls in school uniforms.

In a reserved judgment, Mr. Burchill said the meaning of obscene publication under the act included an obscene publication emphasizing sex.

The defence had claimed that at the present time a broader meaning was to be given to the definition under the act, and there was no doubt that modern standards were now not so strict.

"However," said Mr. Burchill, "I am of the opinion that the designs were not in conformity with modern standards, and I find that both designs are matters emphasizing sex and are obscene publications."

OLDEST INHABITANT

Isabella Shepherd who died at St. Asaph in Flintshire in 1948 was believed 115 years old, oldest inhabitant of the United Kingdom.



NEW WEAPON FOR 25th—The 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade in Korea is replacing the powerful but cumbersome 17-pounder anti-tank gun with the 160-pound 75mm. recoilless rifles. The small unorthodox weapon was developed by the U.S. Army to give infantrymen a portable gun capable of engaging and defeating armored vehicles. Here members of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, try out the new weapon.

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Reflects and Reminisces

Twenty years ago, if not later, for anyone over seventy to be given, literally, \$40 each and every month for the rest of his days and with no questions asked might have appeared like the coming of Eden.

WHAT? THIS FOR ME!

In 1931, few indeed were prepared to admit that no matter which way the turn of events might take, benevolence such as this could be taken seriously. Forty scads meant money. You worked for it. And plenty found it just as well to study with care how much or how little any of the total should be spent.

EXISTENCE WAS FLAT

Of course, folks "got by" more or less, following the stock market crash, and advent of the dismal thirties. One could make the best of relief. He could also solicit rides on trains, try to borrow and make up his mind not to accept what looked like the fact of a permanent shortage. All in all there was nothing to feel particularly cheerful about.

For a longish time, it was not so much the size of the pay envelope as the question of a job at all. Deeply discouraging was it to make the same old rounds. And to attempt a move somewhere else was only another gamble perhaps more chancy. Cost of living comparisons today and twenty years back need hardly be mentioned for most of us are not unfamiliar with both.

TWILIGHT TIME

Anybody, as well as any age, welcomes funds but the greeting should be extra hearty when one feels the touch of three score and ten. There are still a good many thousands of that age in Canada, and for that matter well beyond it. Prices are higher and the trend is ever climbing. The general living standard is much the same. Wages are on the up and up. It could be worse, yet people will complain.

And now, the pension with the means test eliminated, comes in amended guise. "Some of us think of the pension as a sum that should be larger. But perhaps the main source of satisfaction has been the disposal of the test. With that out of the road, life after seventy might not be smoother but it would feel that way.

YOUTHFUL TOPER

WELLAND, Ont. (CP)—Police found a 12-year-old boy had consumed a bottle of wine on a fishing trip and sent the lad to hospital. He was fishing in the Welland River when he found the bottle.

HISTORIC SPOT

The oldest Norman building in Britain is the church at Waltham Abbey, near London, consecrated in 1066.

Much Ore In Hazelton Mine

Western Uranium Cobalt Mines Ltd., in the opinion of A. L. Clark, consulting engineer, is faced with a mine whose potential output will greatly exceed the initial mill capacity.

He says the Rocher de Boule copper-gold-cobalt claims have 200,000 tons of proven ore on No. 2 vein alone capable of earning net profit of \$24 to \$28 per ton.

In reporting the ore position and profit which may be expected, Mr. Clark says that the 200,000 tons assured ore warranting this estimate include only the ore found in No. 2 vein which may be regarded as virgin ground so far as work by previous operators is concerned. All the ore shipped prior to 1920 was from the No. 4 vein system.

Mr. Clark's appraisal puts Western Uranium Cobalt Mines near Hazelton in the top rank of B.C.'s potential mines with long life indicated. The ore potential of the No. 4 vein system is still to be determined and he outlines several further ore possibilities scheduled for study.

Embodied in Mr. Clark's report is the following paragraph: "Results to date confined exclusively to the No. 2 vein system assure the mill of about four years' supply. If and when No. 4 vein shows equal results (and this vein was the principal producer in the last part of operation of the mine), the mill will be literally drowned with ore. As of today, the mine enjoys the happy and almost unique position of being well ahead of mill demands, and for a new property I can assure you this is most happy and most unusual."

This month will witness examination of No. 4, and Mr. Clark is of the opinion that geological conditions warrant the expectation that results similar to those experienced in No. 2 may be looked for.

The excellent ore conditions in No. 2 vein came to light recently when a winze, on being de-watered, turned out to be 122 feet deep instead of the 30 feet indicated on the map. At the bottom of this winze a drift was found that had been driven 78 feet to the west. Mr. Clark reports that not only is all of this work in excellent ore, but that the mineralization has now been

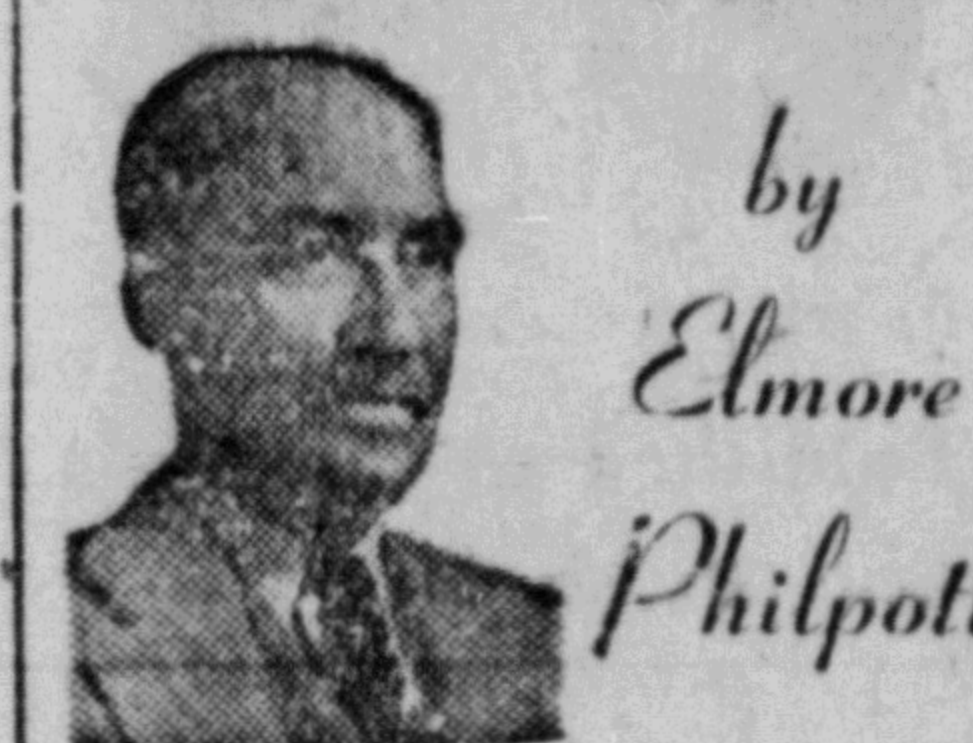
shown to penetrate into the footwall, both below the 1200 level, on the 1000 level, and in the 1202 west raises, to the extent that the average minable width of ore has been increased from 22 inches to from 4 1/2 feet to 6 feet, resulting in a present existing assured ore on No. 2 vein alone of 200,000 tons grading 4.1 per cent copper, 0.2 oz. gold and 4 oz. silver. Of this tonnage, approximately one-third will contain 0.4 cobalt or about six pounds per ton of recovered metal. Both scheelite and lead are present in the winze in as yet sub-ore quantities.

Of importance as a guide to future exploration of the property is the fact that the discovery of better widths and grade of ore confirmed Mr. Clark's previous conclusions that the best ore could be expected in proximity to the contact. The result on No. 2 makes him doubly confident that No. 4 also will disclose its best widths and grades with increases in content of gold, copper and cobalt in the region of the contact.

The consultant's profit estimate is based on present metal prices and operating conditions. He says gross value of the ore in place will exceed \$47 per ton. From this he allows \$9.50 for mining and milling as a conservative figure. He adds that the sales contract for concentrates is in course of negotiation and that, until it is finished, the precise estimate for profit per ton cannot be made. He would say, however, that it will not run below \$24 to \$28 per short ton in place.

In the same area Western Uranium Cobalt Mines Ltd. is preparing the Red Rose tungsten property for production. This summer also work will resume on the Victoria claims where three parallel veins show possibilities for the commercial production of gold, cobalt and uranium.

As I See It



EDINBURGH RE-VISITED

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND.—We are visiting Scotland with a busload of Lancashire folks and have just made a sorrowful discovery.

All these regional peoples are losing their distinctive ways of speech! Or maybe my ears are duller than they were when I visited Scotland and Northern England before. But I don't think so.

It seems to me that the radio and movies are standardizing our speech. It is harder to tell a Scot or a Lancashire lad, or a man from "Zomerset" by his accent than it was 30 years ago. For now almost the whole population of the English-speaking world speaks—not the King's English, but the language of the new royalty, which is Hollywood.

MAYBE THE SCOTS ARE just better managers than the English. Maybe they wangle more of the total national intake of food. Whatever the reason, the hotel food is definitely better in Scotland than in England. However, even the English are not bad now, and much better than it was in 1949.

SCOTLAND IS JUST AS LOVABLE a place as it always was. The place literally abounds with what one might call "characters." Take the retired barber of Callander. Whenever he is in the mood, which rarely overtakes him till he is down at least three rums, he entertains all and sundry to his version of English-Scots history. All this "for free," too. Who said the Scots were ungenerous?

His masterpiece is the explanation of how the Scots won the Battle of Bannockburn. Seems that the battle was going none too well for the Scots till curiosity got the better of the huge army of Scottish camp followers. These swarmed up on a hill to witness the fight. The English mistook them for a huge army of Scottish reinforcements, panicked, and fled, with results we all know.

THE FIGURES IN THE FAMOUS old song would not have relished meeting again on the Bonnie Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond the day we toured the Trossach country. The wind blew cruel and cold, as it does off Lake Superior in winter. I took cover below decks on the little lake ship on Loch Katrine—and re-read Scott's Lady of the Lake, which is set in that region.

ON THE SHORES OF LOVELY Loch Katrine is a prominent

official sign warning the public that there is to be no Bathing, No Paddling, No Picnics, No Stopping by the Roadside, No Litter.

But, now as always past, the rather dour and reserved exterior of the Scot is just the outer shell which covers the rich kindness within.

MAYBE I AM MORE POLITICALLY conscious on this visit to Scotland than I was when I was here 33 years ago, as a young Canuck in uniform.

But on this visit the thing that struck me most was Scotland's empty parliament hall. There it stands, as it has stood ever since 1707—fully equipped and ready at a moment's notice to become again the legislative hall of this proud and ancient people.

Don't let anybody tell you that Scottish nationalism is not a reality. It gave me a little laugh to see how the non-Scottish newspaper lords are catering to that. The Scottish editions of the Beaverbrook papers now carry the Saint Andrew's flag as a souvenir.

But in the most North can accent, at the same visit, he had outraged the old guide by asking, "How's chances to buy those old shawls or hosiery a souvenir?"

in blue and white on the Page One.

THE WAR MEMORIAL now sets off the famous burgh Castle is one of the places in all Europe that lives up to advance the finest war memorials the world—but had thought, so what? For such things are not even monstrosities. But the one in Edinburgh is really a classic.

GOING THROUGH burgh Castle today in the flash back some ten years when I visited it was with another younger, who was wearing the uniform of the Cape Highlanders.

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