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Peace In Korea?

UNLESS Russia provides much more aid, it would appear that the day for ending the war in Korea is fast approaching. The conflict there is almost a year old now and the Chinese Communists are continuing to fall back. Perception of the folly of continuing to play catspaw for the Soviet together with the accumulated weight of their losses should soon induce Peiping to make peace.

The United Nations is, no doubt, readying for that day. What terms will be acceptable? Is any move toward a cease fire going to be greeted with cries of "appeasement"? Can the terms be limited to Korea? The UN originally sought to repel invasion and restore peace "in the area." But there must be firm, realistic guarantees against resumption of Red aggression.

Obviously words will not furnish any real guarantee. Withdrawal of Chinese and UN forces alike would not be satisfactory. There could be a considerable withdrawal of American forces - provided the Chinese got out of Korea. But the UN will have to have effective supervision in Korea until the free Koreans can be developed to take sure charge of their country.

Preferably the country should be united, but the UN is not pledged to that course. If a buffer along their border would relieve Chinese fears, such a temporary arrangement could be made, but UN control should extend to the Pyongyang-Wonsan line at the "waist." This is militarily, economically and morally sounder than the 38th parallel as a border.

Scripture Passage for Today

"There will I meet with thee, and I will commune with thee."—Ex. 25:22.

Jubilee of Lethbridge

LETHBRIDGE — This southern Alberta city of 23,000 population—built on coal but burning natural gas now—is celebrating its 60th birthday.

One of Canada's fastest-growing cities, Lethbridge's population only 10 years ago was 14,612. In the last four years it increased 27 per cent, compared with 21 per cent for oil-booming Edmonton.

Coal, irrigation, farming, ranching and the North West Mounted Police have been the Lethbridge district's chief claims to fame in the 60 years since the city was incorporated in 1891.

Oil and natural gas development, spreading rapidly in the south, may bring more riches and fame. The big wet gas field at Pincher Creek, with the greatest known reserves in Canada, is only 60 miles west and not yet tapped by pipeline.

Lethbridge's growth from a small mining camp known first as Coal Banks, is traced in a diamond jubilee edition of the Lethbridge Herald, published by Senator W. A. Buchanan.

Irrigation has been a key factor in the city's development in recent years. Nearly half of Alberta's 536,000 irrigated acres are within the Lethbridge orbit.

This year the \$30,000,000 St. Mary dam—biggest earthen dam in Canada—and St. Mary-Milk rivers irrigation development will carry water to another 300,000 acres east and south of Lethbridge. And a considerable portion of the 200,000 acre Bow River irrigation project, just started, will be in the Lethbridge tract zone.

Irrigation, which got its first real start in Canada near Lethbridge in 1899, ushered in multi-

million-dollar industries like sugar beet refining and vegetable canning.

The Mounties from nearby Macleod brought stability to the lawless region in the frontier days, paving the way first for large-scale ranching and then farming. Much of Alberta's No. 1 hard wheat is produced in the area. Crop failures are few.

But coal—400,000 tons is produced annually by Lethbridge mines—has been the city's backbone down through the years. Nick Sheran, American gold seeker, found it in outcroppings along the Belly River some 80 years ago. It was developed with English capital by a company organized by Sir Alexander Galt, one of the Fathers of Confederation.

In the early days, three river steamers shipped the coal out to the CPR railroad at Medicine Hat. They were later replaced by a 109-mile railway of three-foot gauge, which brought settlers back in empty coal cars, most of them Nova Scotia miners.

Biz-Profs Raffle-Picnic is Planned

The Prince Rupert Business and Professional Women's Club last night, at their regular meeting, conducted a raffle in which a picnic hamper and a grocery hamper were won. Lucky ticket holders were Mrs. Betty Stewart, Miller Bay, ticket number 550 and "G.B.S." ticket number 354. It was decided that next Tuesday a picnic would be held at Salt Lakes, weather permitting. If it rains, however, members will be guests of Mrs. Nora Arnold.

APSLEY, England — Bed-sheets manufactured in 1838 were sold at an auction in this Hertfordshire town for £22 a pair.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

SENATOR AGNES?

OTTAWA—The urbane old gentlemen in the Senate do not often get hot and bothered about anything. But some of them are mad as hops these days because a radio commentator (not me) said that only about a dozen of them turned up for an average day's work, and that some of the dozen slept on the job.

Some of the irate Senators wanted Chairman Duntton of the CBC to cancel private stations' licenses for allowing such a "slandrous, libellous attack" to go out on the air.

THE SUBJECT OF SENATE reform is a hardy perennial. The parties out of power have been talking about Senate reform ever since the Upper Chamber was set up at the time of Confederation. But once the criticizing parties came into power they lost all their zeal for reform.

They appointed their own party stalwarts to vacant seats. Even the master-technician, the late Mackenzie King, was not ashamed to be cynical about dropping the "Senate Reform" pledge in his pre-election platform.

"Providence has reformed the Senate in a remarkable way," he used to say, in referring to the rapid replacement of Tories by Grits, or the death of the former.

BUT NOW THE MAJORITY of the Liberals in the Senate is so overwhelming—and the number of long-unfilled vacancies so large—that there really is talk of Senate reform once again.

Incidentally, it is incorrect to call what is proposed "Senate Reform." For the idea is that the government really should appoint others than their own party supporters to some of the vacancies. That, of course, was the original idea behind the institution of the Senate. It was supposed to be a chamber where the wisest, sanest, most experienced "elder statesmen" would provide for sober "second thoughts" on legislation passed by the elected House of Commons. Imagine the public reaction even now, if the Constitution of Canada described the Senate as it actually is—about as follows:

"The Senate shall be composed of 96 members, who shall be appointed for life, on the basis of their loyalty to or hold over the party in power."

AS IT HAPPENS, CANADIANS have a good test of the present government's sincerity in regard to the Senate set-up.

For years past Miss Agnes MacPhail's name has been mentioned as an obvious first choice for appointment by a government willing to make even a beginning of Senate improvement.

As everybody knows, Miss MacPhail sat continuously in the House of Commons from 1921 to 1940. She was not only Canada's first and foremost woman MP, but actually one of the most useful of all MP's who ever sat in Canada's Parliament. At present, Miss MacPhail represents East York in the Provincial Legislature of Ontario and, incidentally, has more people in her riding than there are in the whole of Prince Edward Island.

Despite two serious heart attacks (thrombosis) which have made it impossible for Agnes to continue on the public stump with that fire, zeal and faculty-for-fun which made her loved from coast to coast, Miss MacPhail qualifies beyond all others as the "elder statesman par excellence."

HERE IS A LITTLE INSIDE

Ottawa story: Away back before Hitler's war, a famous European sculptor came to Canada to do a bust of Mackenzie King and others of his choice. He did one of Agnes MacPhail which he bequeathed to become the property of Canada on the death of Canada's first woman MP.

Now let us think a minute what this means. It means that, after Canada's first woman MP passes along, a bronze likeness of her head will very properly grace our parliamentary Hall of Fame. But what a commentary on the littleness, even meanness, of the game of party politics in Canada that Canada's first woman MP has not long since been made a Senator!

We are a strange people—we Canadians. We pay great tribute to our trail blazers and pioneers and our William Lyon Mackenzies, Papineaus, Woodsworths and Agnes MacPhails, but up till now, only after they are in the stone statue stage!



A ROSE AMONG THORNS

Woman is Editor Fact Finding Of Encyclopaedia Big Business

By HAL BOYLE

LONDON (CP)—In the middle of the flying-bomb attacks on London in 1944 a woman began to edit a new edition of Chambers' Encyclopaedia.

Mrs. Margaret Dorothy Law is the first woman to undertake a work of this kind on such a vast scale, for she will be responsible for the publishing of 14,500,000 words in 15 volumes.

Mrs. Law, herself, prepared one quarter of the enormous index, although she had a staff of 100 to help her, and 52 advisory editors. She read 50 per cent of the page proofs and there were few days when she did not work at her office until late at night.

Tall, well-dressed, handsome, Mrs. Law refused to worry about her task. "You can't fuss over a job like that," she said.

Members of her staff said she would settle some knotty point after a heated discussion and then, picking up her string bag full of groceries, calmly leave to catch the train to her home outside London, where she lives with her husband and grown-up children.

Not Relaxing Restrictions

OTTAWA — The government is not planning any immediate relaxation in consumer credit restrictions, Minister of Finance Douglas Abbott told the House of Commons Wednesday.

Mr. Abbott made the statement in reply to questions as to whether action would be taken to speed automobile sales, decline in which has led to lay-offs in the automobile industry.

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Fact Finding Big Business

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Life has become so complicated that answering questions can be big business. Lots of people would rather pay some one to find out the facts than wear themselves out trying to dig up the information, whatever it may be.

This fact led Pierre Marquis to start an organization known as Facts, Inc., which now answers 400,000 to 500,000 questions a year for about \$500,000 a year.

Who are his customers? Well, people like Gypsy Rose Lee and Faye Emerson—and institutions like General Electric and the International Business Machines Company.

Marquis, a slender 29-year-old lawyer who was wounded during the Second World War, started his unique enterprise a couple of years ago from scratch—about \$1500 in scratch.

"There are a lot of things people want to know," Marquis said happily. And individuals pay \$35 a year and business firms up to \$2500 to get his answers.

His biggest current job is to find a pretty gal relative of Bathsheba, the Biblical siren. This commission came from a film studio which poured out \$3,000,000 on a movie called "David and Bathsheba." It is looking for a glamorous female descendant of Bathsheba to help publicize its venture.

"There are at least several hundred thousand descendants of Bathsheba alive today," Marquis said.

One query he got was "How many toes does a tiger have?" A prominent museum told him a tiger usually had five toes on each of its front feet and four on each of its hind feet. Dissatisfied, he checked further and found the nearest live tigers had five toes on each paw. He notified the museum. They rechecked their stuffed tigers and said, "Sorry. You're right. Five is correct."

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Executives Labor Need

LONDON (CP)—Fred Lee, parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Labor, has called on the British trade union movement to build up its own reserve of executive talent to meet the demands of nationalized industries.

In his challenge, addressed to the General Federation of Trade Unions, Mr. Lee suggested labor leaders and educational authorities should get together without delay and draw up an industrial training scheme, as a starter.

Under the plan, workers showing above-average ability and executive promise at summer schools or other classes could be selected for more advanced training in universities and technical colleges.

He contended it was the duty of those entrusted with the appointment of men to positions of responsibility in nationalized industries to create a pool of able, efficient candidates.

"At present," he said, "the Trade Union Congress has no list of qualified persons they can nominate for such positions. I believe that until the trade union movement remedies this basic defect any conception of the workers enjoying greater control of industry will remain a mere dream of the future."

He added that the ministries of labor and education stood ready to place their experience and assistance at the disposal of the trade unions in organizing a workable scheme.

Richard Hedstrom was fined \$15 and costs of \$5.50 in city police court yesterday for speeding in city limits.

Fish Strike By July 1?

VANCOUVER — British Columbia fishermen said they will go on strike July 1 unless operators meet their demands.

George North of the United Fishermen's and Allied Workers Union said three thousand fishermen will stay ashore until the salmon canners' operating committee agrees to make at least a compromise settlement.

North said that prices for salmon offered by the operators have been turned down by a percent vote. However, negotiations are continuing, he added.

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