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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott



ARCHBISHOP VACHON — Archbishop Alexandre Vachon, head of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Ottawa, a native of St. Raymond de Portneuf, Que., was born Aug. 16, 1885. Ordained to the priesthood May 22, 1910, he was appointed Archbishop Dec. 11, 1939 and was consecrated Feb. 2, 1940. (CP PHOTO)

Whose Fault?

IF THE PUBLIC doesn't always get all the facts it should on labor issues, management must accept a large share of the blame.

A recent issue of Business Week presents a detailed survey of how United States newspapers cover labor news. It finds that, contrary to popular belief, "there is really a considerable amount of honest, impartial coverage of labor news in the American press." In many cases, however, the news-men are handicapped in their efforts to give a fair and balanced account.

The survey mentions one hazard familiar to all reporters on the labor beat: In a controversial situation they usually have no trouble in getting the story from the union. But when they approach the employer, all they get is "no comment." Then, when the story appears, the employer makes a heated report about it being "all from the union's viewpoint."

Reporters in Canada—even in Prince Rupert—have often had this same experience.

A Cincinnati newsman is quoted as estimating that "80 per cent of labor is willing to give you 70 per cent of the total information you need for a story; 60 per cent of management will give you about 40 per cent."

Public opinion is much too important a factor to be ignored in these matters. An informed public opinion is as vital to management's interests as it is to labor's.

Every reporter covering the labor scene welcomes a statement from the employer involved in any story he may be writing. If he doesn't get it, the employer has no one to blame but himself for a one-sided report with a "slant" he doesn't like.

Who Does Typing?

SOME business men and executives consider it either a waste of time or beneath their dignity to do their own typing. Others, when they find work to be done in the way they want, get at the job and do it themselves, being primarily interested in getting the work done right.

Consider the case of Hon. T. C. (Tommy) Davis, Canadian ambassador to Germany:

The affable gentleman from Saskatchewan, who has been a lawyer, judge, legislator, provincial cabinet minister and diplomat, is a typist too.

He's been proving it in Bonn, capital of West Germany. He's had to.

He says he learned to type in those distant days when he was a young lawyer in Prince Albert, and recent circumstances have revived the talent and put it to work.

The ambassador has been pressed into duty as a makeshift stenographer for two reasons.

One is that the embassy, with only himself and two other Canadians of diplomatic rank on its staff, has had its work sharply increased due to the negotiations and discussions arising from the arrival of the 27th Brigade in Germany.

The other is a temporary shortage of stenographers. Because of holidays, sickness and other reasons, the number of stenographers available at one time was nil and someone had to do the typing. In a number of cases, it was Hon. T. C. Davis.

Churchill and Hugo

IN THE last few years Winston Churchill has spoken strongly in favor of outright European union. He did so even in his election manifesto.

But now the election is over. Mr. Churchill is Prime Minister again. He has sharply backed away from the very thing he so enthusiastically supported.

This changed attitude is not an example of bad faith. It is rather a new proof of this old fact:

When in opposition, politicians talk as private citizens talk—that is they advocate things which they consider desirable theoretically. But when those same politicians take over the job of running a country or a province, they find themselves bound by a hundred-and-one facts of life which, as private citizens, they could ignore.

That is why you see socialists elected to abolish capitalism or imperialism, but make very little headway at that task when they get in power. That is why you see even the Communists come into power in Russia, determined to reverse the whole trend of Czarist Russian imperialism—yet 30-odd years later they are pushing the very same expansionist causes as the Czars pushed.

IN HIS election manifesto, Mr. Churchill said: "We should all continue to labor for a United Europe, including in the course of time those unhappy countries still behind the Iron Curtain." But now, after the election, Mr. Churchill tells France and the U.S.A. that Britain cannot actually join such a European federation herself. She can only work in closest association with it.

But the Scandinavians won't join unless Britain joins. So it goes. Meanwhile in Germany the U.S. commissioner, John J. McCloy, has issued what sounds like an ultimatum to the nations of western Europe:

Unite within six months—or else!

The "or else" is like snaking the U.S. club.

IT HAS always seemed to me that the "U.S. of Europe" idea was bound to be tried—and equally bound to fail.

Take the dilemma of Britain. Britain cannot become a part of an actual union of Europe without inviting the break-up of the British Commonwealth. Indeed I have often suspected that the strange enthusiasm of some Americans for the U.S. of Europe idea was because they KNEW that such a development would mean the break-up of the British Commonwealth. We recently had a noted U.S. figure tell Canada that we were "crazy" not to join the U.S.A.

THE WEAKNESS of the U.S. position is that she is trying to force Europe to do what she is not willing to do herself.

Suppose instead of saying "You Europeans ought to unite," Uncle Sam said "Let all us

CANADIANS

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to keep in close touch with Ottawa. And George Davidson, Canada's representative to the Economic and Social Council, was being mentioned as possible president of the council at its next session.

The Canadian delegation suffered a great loss in March with the death of R. G. Riddell head of the permanent Canadian delegation at UN headquarters in New York. Herbert Norman became acting head of the delegation and D. H. Johnson, formerly Canada's minister to Pakistan, was appointed to head the permanent delegation.

Canada's recognition of responsibilities far afield was shown in a number of aid contributions. For Korean reconstruction work, the Canadian government set aside \$7,250,000; for the International Children's Fund, \$500,000. These were among other material grants to ease suffering in various countries around the world.

democracies unite. Let us set up one vast federation of free peoples—with one parliament to govern defence and foreign affairs for the whole group.

Not only all western Europe but the whole British Commonwealth could join such a larger federation.

HOWEVER, the world learns by trial and error. Sometimes unsound things have to be tried out before mankind sees just where they are weak and wrong.

I figure that's how the U.S. of Europe idea will work. Anyway, great prophets have seen it coming. In the room where he ended his days in France the immortal Victor Hugo wrote on the wall: "I represent a party which does not yet exist: the party of revolution, civilization. This party will make the Twentieth Century. There will issue from it first

"The United States of Europe, then

"The United States of the world."

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Reflects and Reminisces

It's just as well to put more than half the address on the envelope, when addressing that Christmas letter or card. Finish the job. Last year, no fewer than 445,000 communications in Vancouver were undeliverable, streets were not indicated.

OUT AT LAST!

Farewell to the word "Dominion." After being in use since the beginning of Confederation, the Bill has passed the House of Commons, after a heated debate. In future, the word, or name "Dominion," will not be found in Federal legislation. But it will not disappear. There are too many too well accustomed to seeing it, writing it and speaking it.

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The decision to increase the price, taken reluctantly by the management is the direct result of continually rising production costs.

Wages, newsprint prices and other operating expenses have gone up tremendously in recent years.

The need for higher subscription rates is being felt all across the continent. Many papers have moved their daily price from five to seven cents, and some to 10 cents.

The scheduled increase applies to all carrier delivery prices. The carrier boys themselves, who also face the problems of inflation, will get increased remuneration for their work.

Street sale and store sale price of the Daily News will remain at five cents but the Saturday edition, with the comic supplement, will be 10 cents.

Boxing Day was not always recognized in Canada. It's the day after Christmas, and a holiday as well. Bless it! The wonder is, why did it take so long to appear, in most of this land!

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Million Dollars Wenatchee Fire

WENATCHEE, Washington — Unexplained fire roared out of control for six hours Thursday night in an apple warehouse, destroying almost 100,000 boxes of fruit and causing damage estimated at nearly \$1,000,000.

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General Statement

30th November, 1951

ASSETS

Notes of and deposits with Bank of Canada	\$ 208,266,423.28
Other cash and bank balances	141,504,966.56
Notes of and cheques on other banks	138,286,049.43
Government and other public securities, not exceeding market value	966,599,447.51
Other bonds and stocks, not exceeding market value	112,814,278.72
Call and short loans, fully secured	57,127,893.68
Total quick assets	\$1,624,599,059.18
Other loans and discounts, after full provision for bad and doubtful debts	790,892,934.40
Bank premises	19,508,884.13
Liabilities of customers under acceptances and letters of credit	73,925,750.72
Other assets	6,718,580.25
	\$2,515,645,208.68

LIABILITIES

Notes in circulation	\$ 155,987.46
Deposits	2,350,314,347.75
Acceptances and letters of credit outstanding	73,925,750.72
Other liabilities	1,615,751.06
Total liabilities to the public	\$2,426,011,836.99
Capital	35,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	52,000,000.00
Dividends payable	1,607,217.79
Balance of Profit and Loss Account	1,026,153.90
	\$2,515,645,208.68

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Profits for the year ended 30th November, 1951, after making appropriations to Contingency Reserves, out of which Reserves full provision for bad and doubtful debts has been made	\$12,983,064.61
Provision for Dominion and provincial government taxes	\$5,276,000.00
Provision for depreciation of bank premises	1,400,949.75
	\$6,306,114.86
Dividends at the rate of \$1.00 per share	\$3,500,000.00
Extra distribution at the rate of 20¢ per share	700,000.00
Amount carried forward	\$2,106,114.86
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1950	920,039.04
	\$3,026,153.90
Transferred to Reserve Fund	2,000,000.00
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1951	\$1,026,153.90

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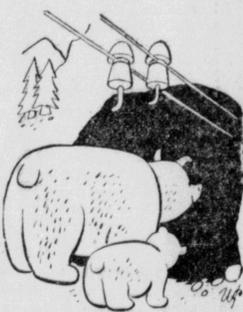
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