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Man The Unknown

EARL RIVER is a quiet little place, about 20 miles west of New York. A young fellow was valking along there the other day shooting at crows. One of his bullets went astray: instead of hitting the crow it was aimed at, it hit a fireworks lactory. The whole place went up with a blast and a cloud of smoke that led people all around to think an atomic bomb had been dropped.

What did they do? A listener to lectures, a peruser of pamphlets, might suppose that they all ran away from the explosion. The fact-of the matter—as any real student of human nature, especially North American human nature, might have guessed -is that they did just the opposite. They ran, drove and propelled their wheelchairs toward it. Every highway leading to the plant was jammed.

Civil defense officials might well study this incident. They are making their plans on the assumption that when Megalopolis gets bombs, thousands will flock out, looking for safety. They should also consider the possibility that when Megalopolis gets bombed, thousands will flock in, looking for excitement. The traffic jams may well be caused by people entering, not leaving, the doomed city.

Man is made of flesh and blood, sure enough. But in with the flesh and blood is mixed a good bit of rubber. Knock him down, and he bounces right up again: abolish him, and he comes shambling back. Threaten him with nameless horrors, and he expresses a lively interest, and asks how much it will cost to get it, and is it all right to bring the family. The kind of people now facing atomic demolition are, after all, the kind who pay out good money for automobiles which they drive at 75 miles per hour on roads fit for half that speed:

Let us not too readily assume that when the thing happens, an invisible hand will be seen writing, "Mene, mene, tekel upharsin." What is as likely is that an all too visible hand will be seen collecting admission fees, and an all too audible voice heard crying, "Popcorn, peanuts, soft drinks . . ."-Toronto Globe and Mail.

The Better Buy

AS APRIL and income tax month comes up, it may be interesting to reflect on the inner feelings of the taxpayers whose patience is becoming tried with many annoyances such as the constantly rising cost of living, the hospital insurance premiums, failure to get things done and a general sense of frustration to say nothing of the other and even larger anxieties which fill the air these uncertain days.

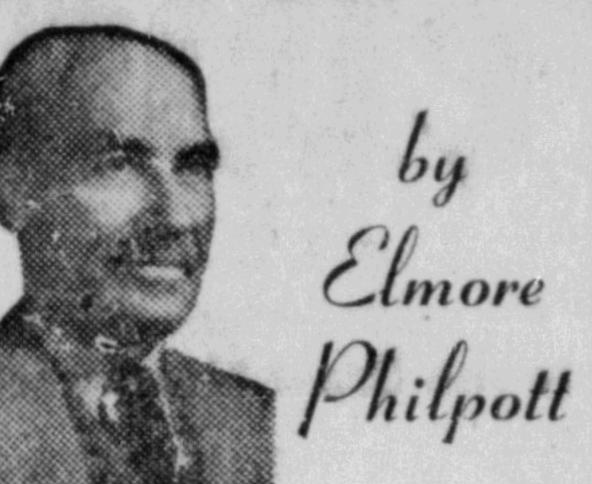
Even if there may be jolting increases in the income taxes, such as we all expect, there is still freedom, prosperity, justice and opportunity for the most of people. Looking around the world, the most of folk would still probably jump at the chance to pay the taxes which are or will be exacted in Canada in order to get the privileges which Canadians still enjoy. And, after all, much of our taxes are going for defence to protect ourselves from outlaws at home or conquerors from abroad who would take away from us the priceless privileges which we as people of a democratic nation possess.

A lot of our taxes this year will go towards the general effort of organizing a common defence against the threat of totalitarian aggression. It is no guarantee of peace but, if it succeeds, millions of people will be saved both from the creeping inundation of tyranny and from the sudden scourge of war. It may only buy us a truce and a chance to prove by peaceful means the superiority of free speech and free enterprise. Meantime, if we don't have the defences, for which we all must pay, how can we ourselves enjoy higher standards and carry those standards to more backward peoples?

Looking at things this way, Canadians may be a little less impatient with the increased taxes, providing always that they are fair and equitable and that the money realized is efficiently and effectively used, realizing that they may be instrumental some day in bringing better things if not for ourselves for those who come after us.

Scripture Passage for Joday

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."-Rev. 2:10.



MORE ON LANDLORDS

HYDERBAD, India. -In an earlier article showed the desperate nament's race against time.

Food is the main problem in India now, as it has been for centuries past. Directly connected with that is farmland owner-

The Communists say: "Shoot the landlords, burn their property, drive them out, kill them if you can."

The government says: "We intend to put through a land reform program. The farmer who works the lands will have no landlord over him. He will pay a fair percentage of his crop to the government, and he can retain his farm for his whole lifetime, so long as he works it well.

But the government's program is, to date, so hedged in and held back by difficulties and complications that it just has not done the job. It just has not convinced the tenant-peasant that he is going to get the land at a fair small population.

For the present rate of compensation-20 times the annual rent on the rarm in question, plus a bonus to the landlord of 15 percent—is just too much.

However, many of the provincial treasuries cannot readily raise the amount of money needed to complete the transfer

HERE IN HYDERABAD THEY will show you spots on the map where landlords had as much as 10,000 acres. Other authorities will show you the Communist hot-spots. You are immediately struck by the fact that where landlordism has reached highest peaks, the strife and turmoil is

Wise statesmen will tell you that they envy Sheik Abdullah his position in Kashmir. Because Sheik Abdullah's government is not yet bound by the Constitution of India, he can proceed with land distribution on a common-sense basis. He is re-distributing the land by taking away from those with vast holdings and giving it on most liberal terms to those with too little or none at all.

The re-distribution process takes place BEFORE the argument over details of compensa-

The exact opposite is the truth in India proper. And the delay is the key to much of the remaining crisis here.

HERE IN HYDERABAD THE luck progress that has been made since union with India is remarkable. In almost every field of government and social welfare they have made great visible strides. Outside the city, for instance, stands one vast empty health camp, whither the people used to flee when the plague

In nearby Osmania University, onable request." delightfully cool inside its granite walls, you find one of the most advanced universities in the

Hyderabad citizens ride more bikes than any other citizens in "WEAK" BACK? the world (except in Shanghai) Yet the people are desperately poor here-and many may literally starve before autumn.

On this background, completion of land reform is surely an urgent, vital necessity.

If I had to sum up my impression of Hyderabad's crisis in one sentence, it would be: The only way to beat the Communists, for good and all, is to "beat them to it." Democracy in Asia and India seems to me to have only one real choice:

Either give the land to the tillers now, or wait for the Communists to come along and organize them to take it by force.

Land reform is much more truly a democratic than a Marxian device. For as the peasants long since found to their cost in Russia — the Communists only "give" them the land in the first place in order to take it away again later in the enforced col-



Board or by the Government of British Columbia.

... by J. K. Nesbitt

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art gallery on this corner. The

parking lot is bound to be an eye-

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Civil Servants Enraged—Old Landmarks Disappearing

By JIM NESBITT

VICTORIA. - The rank and file of the civil service is seething with anger because the govern- small creek. In winter when the ment has given more money to some deputy ministers and to the judges, at the same time ignoring those in the lower brackets.

No one doubts the importance being torn down to make way for of the deputies and the work they a parking lot for government emdo; no one doubts that the hard- ployees. These are the old homes working justices of the Court of of David Spencer, his son Chris the city's front door. Tree lovers ture of the Nehru govern- Appeal and the Supreme Court should receive more money 11

The extra pay for the deputie and the justices, of course, mere drop in the bucket-on about \$30,000 a year. On the oth hand, a 15-percent increase the 8,000 civil servants would co \$2,000,000 a year.

It's a small matter in itselfgiving certain people more mone -but it leads to endless troubl Erre's the government saying it worried about inflation-yet the same time encouraging There's no doubt of that. It's too bad there isn't a bigger Oppos tion which could go through the \$118,000,000 budget and pick ou the government's extravagances They're all small items-but they add up. Take travelling expenses -\$1.300,000 a year, and growing each year—a colossal sum for a province with a comparatively

It's these sort of things that enrage the civil servants when, at the same time, they can't get more money. The government is now considering their case. But the civil servants are sore. delegation from the B.C. Government Employees' Association saw the cabinet the other day and used some tough language. They said the government had broken faith in the matter of cost-of-

living bonus. A brief read to the government said: "It would appear the employees are the victims of their own good faith. It is the mutual desire of the government and the association to maintain the government service at near optimum operating efficiency. We both recognize that the citizens of the province are entitled to the best in government administration. However, the Association fails to see how this can be accomplished in the face of the continued exodus from the service on the part of young men who find it impossible to refuse to take advantage of the greater opportunities and remuneration to be received in private industry. Unless something is done for these employees, the government will continue to serve as a mere training ground for said employees before they leave

of good material." Then there's the case of the retired civil servants. They've been after the government for a long time for a cost-of-living bonus but so far have had no

the service. The Association

maintains this to be a poor use

A delegation of retired employees saw the government the other day and said this: "When you consider that the superannuant's dollar today buys only about one half, or less than half, what it did when they contributed their portion to the superannuation fund, we think you must agree that this is a moderate and reas-

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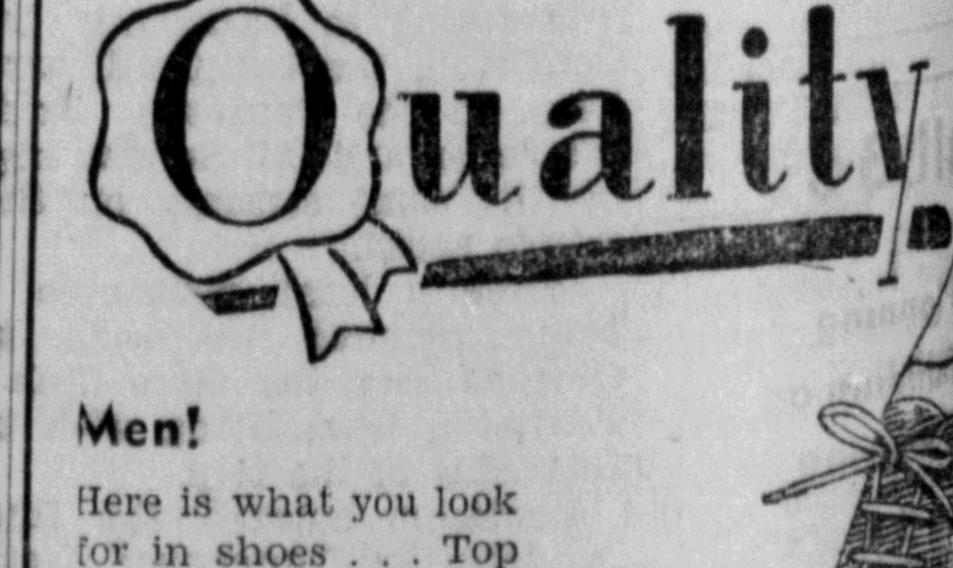
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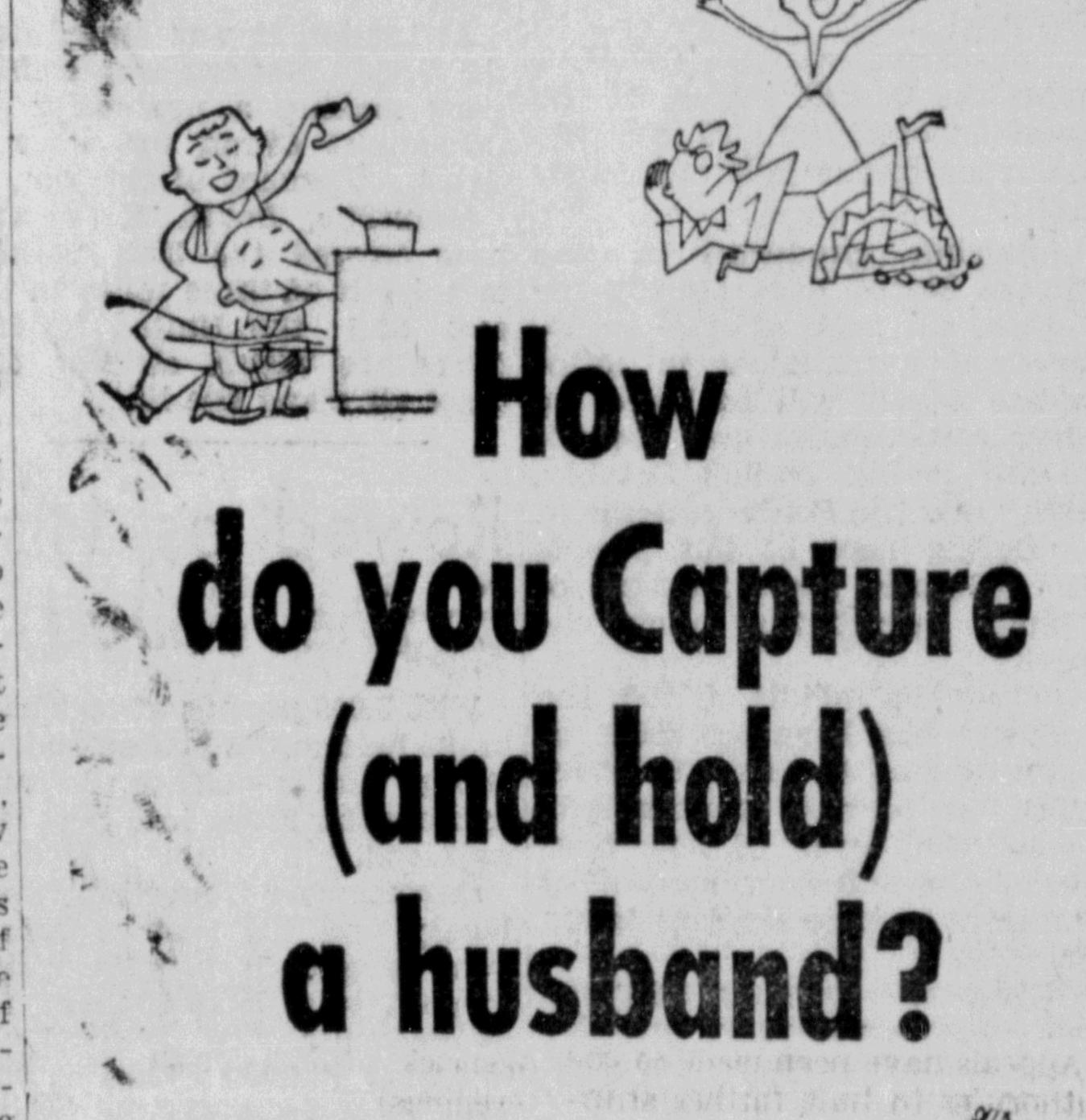
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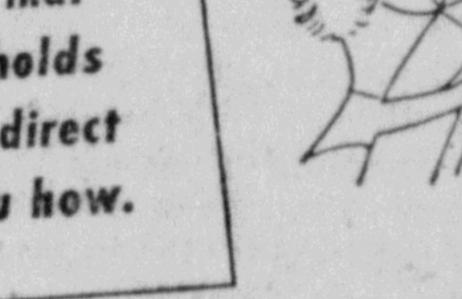
Talking about sidewalks, just where are the citizens supposed to walk? Some parts of the city have no sign of sidewalks whatever, for instance Second Avenue from Lindsay's garage to Eleventh Street. In the spring water runs down there like a snow grader goes up the road it piles the snow on the side of the road, covering up the faint trail which is supposed to be a

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