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"Partners Against Attack"

Complete integration of the armed forces of the United States and Canada to meet the new menace of atom bomb attacks is advised in an article in this week's Saturday Evening Post.

High military leaders are agreed that "in the event of another war happening within the next half century, North America will be its cockpit," Leslie Roberts, noted Canadian journalist, writes in "Partners Against Attack."

The industrial centres of the United States are bound to be the target of any further aggressor, the article sets forth. And an attack on them would come over the top of the world, no matter where it originates.

Referring to the hastily improvised Canadian-American defence measures set in motion in the war just ended, the article reports that "variants in equipment and in calibers of arms required double supply systems, double stockpiling and precluded mutual use of key material. Thus delivery failures might have completely immobilized one part of the force while the other had ammunitions and weapons to spare. A defence policy which is not completely integrated is bound to produce such bottlenecks."

Complete integration would involve the use of similar weapons, ammunition, materials and military tactics, the article asserts, adding: "Such a move would mean that henceforth Canadians would train and fight according to United States standards rather than British . . ."

"Canada — and therefore the United States, because the dominion is Uncle Sam's main northern line of defence — has lagged far behind its arctic neighbor, the Soviet Union, in sub-zero military know-how," the article continues. "The defence team to which the job was always entrusted, geography and climate, was relegated to the second division by the long-range airplane. Now it has been knocking through the cellar and out of the league by the rocket and atomic fission. What North America faces is the necessity of creating a compelely new concept and technique of defence."

Reorientation of Canada's defence programs would extend to industry, the article states. It points out that the dominion's peacetime industrial structure is geared to that of the United States, but that in time of war it is called upon to produce British-type weapons.

That Canada's chiefs of staff for navy, army and air recognize that such a system is not in the best interests of continental defence is shown by this quoted policy memorandum: "In peace Canada and the United States are closely linked in design and production practice, and it is unfortunate and uneconomic to alter this relationship between Canadian and United States industry in wartime by adopting British production methods."

The crux of the problem of integration so far as Canada is concerned, is political, states Mr. Roberts, who in the early years of the war served as executive assistant to the Minister of Defence. However, he adds that his survey showed most Canadians, particularly war veterans, in favor of a full military partnership between Canada and the United States.

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Parliamentary Pay Increases

Storms blow themselves out, so do passions. There was a mild discussion in the press on the pay of the Members of Parliament. All was quiet along the Parliamentary front, not a word about it. Here and there members of provincial legislatures, taking their queues from the Federal House, "are upping their own." The public may make a protest about salary increases but it will not change a thousand votes at the next federal election — perhaps not a hundred.

The House of Commons is not perfect. It lacks the fundamental approach. It does not see things whole but only in part. This is a national weakness — we all have it. Parliament is much criticized but ask the critics what should be done about it, they will be mum as twin oysters. In the end they may wind up with this startling bromide: "It talks too darned much."

Getting the House of Commons to try anything new is a slow process. If reform comes, it will be from within. Parliament feels naturally that much wisdom lies within its halls—the members are the chosen of the people! Established conventions change slowly and yet the "House" is sensitive to outside pressure, it will change when it feels that the constituents want a change —the voters though absent are not forgotten.

UNIONS BEGIN NATION-WIDE WAGE PROGRAM

Labor unions across Canada have begun a nation-wide drive for wage increases of 25 cents an hour coupled with demands for maintenance of government price controls to assure net gains in the workers' "take-home" pay. Its effect in British Columbia will be felt largely in the lumber, mining and shipbuilding industries.

The four-point program, coordinated by the Canadian Congress of Labor, was outlined to a meeting in the Metropole Hall last night by Malcolm McLeod of Vancouver, president of the Shipyard General Workers' Federation and member of the national council of the C.C.L.

He said that the program also included demands for a 40-hour week and elimination of the government's wartime wage freezing orders, the latter to permit a "return to free, collective bargaining." It is subscribed to by seven major Canadian unions, including some from the American Federation of Labor.

A wage increase of 25 cents an hour, Mr. McLeod said, would do no more than balance the rising cost of living, which has jumped more than 20 per cent since 1939.

"Food alone," he said, "has gone up 30 per cent in cost. But we are receiving 1939 wages and paying wartime taxes as well. The 25 cent increase is coming to us in order to equalize the wage rate with what it was before the war."

The 40-hour week, he asserted, would put more men to work at a time when thousands are seeking jobs in the larger centres.

Control of prices to prevent inflation is necessary, he declared, to assure that manufacturers do not hoist prices to offset wage increases.

Urge for Profit Inflation Cause

"Wages have nothing to do with inflation," he declared. "It is the urge for profit by management that inspires inflation. Wages always lag behind prices But to ask for wage increases without controlling prices is to see the effect of the increase destroyed by inflation.

The return of free, collective bargaining with the abolition of wage freezing orders would assure free, democratic settlement of wage rates between employers and workers," he said.

Colin Cameron, Labor representative on the provincial labor conciliation board, which is sitting here to consider contract negotiations between the union and Prince Rupert dry dock warned that labor should make sure that their wage increases "came out of the boses' share of profits. "If you permit the boss to take the same share of profits that he has done in the past, you will be fooled," Mr. Cameron said. "In the automobile industry in the United States it was proved that wages could be raised without increasing the price of the product."

Chairman of the meeting was Howard Hill. There were about 20 present.

THIS AND THAT

"Mind playing a lullaby?"

Steamship Sailings

For Vancouver--

Monday—ss Princess Adelaide, 10 p.m.

Tuesday—ss Catala, 1:30 p.m.

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Friday—ss Cardena, 10:00 p.m.

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Sunday—ss Catala, 4 p.m.

Monday—ss Princess Adelaide.

Wednesday—ss Prince Rupert 10:00 a.m.

COMMITTEES OF GYRO CLUB

Standing committees of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club for the year have been appointed as follows by President W. D. Lambie:

Convention—Dr. R. G. Large, Arnold Flaten, Frank Skinner, David Allen, Don Forward, Orme Stuart, William Cruickshank, W. F. Stone, Dr. Jens Munthe, G. L. Rorie and J. H. Bulger.

Playgrounds— James Parker, C. A. Kellett, W. F. Stone, Don Forward and Maurice Brydges.

Program—G. A. Hunter, Allen Landals, Frank Dibb and Lloyd Morris.

Sports and Inter-Club—Allan Sheardown and Allan Landals.

Civic Centre—Dr. R. G. Large and W. F. Stone.

Recreational Council—Maurice Brydges and David Allen.

Civic Centre Carnival—Lloyd Morris.

Extension—W. F. Stone, W. J. Scott, Dr. Jens Munthe, William Cruickshank, David Allen and Arnold Flaten.

Entertainment and Ways and Means — A. J. Dominato, Jack Lindsay, W. J. Scott, C. P. Balagno and Lloyd Morris.

Bulletin—Orme Stuart, Dr. R G. Large and Frank Dibb.

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THURSDAY—P.M.

4:00—Jack Allison Show
4:15—Miniatures by Green
4:30—Stock Quotations
4:43—Weather Forecast
4:45—Top Bands
5:00—MacMillan Club Quiz
5:30—Modern Composers
5:45—People Ask
6:00—All the World Sings
6:15—Fashions in Music
6:30—Geoffrey Waddington Show
7:00—CBC News
7:15—CBC News Roundup
7:30—Julius Caesar
8:00—Winnipeg Drama
8:30—Story of Music
9:00—Gregory Clark
9:15—Serenade in Rhythm
9:30—Casino Garden Orch.
9:55—Interlude
10:00—CBC News
10:10—B.C. News
10:15—The Frasers
10:30—Buddy Rich's Orch.
11:00—This Week's Composer
11:55—CBC News and Interlude
12:00—Silent

FRIDAY—A.M

7:30—Musical Clock
8:00—CBC News
8:15—Waring's Pennsylvanians
8:30—Music for Moderns
8:45—Little Concert
9:00—BBC News and

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