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EDITORIAL

THE FAR EAST SITUATION . . .

With the end of the European war, the great question of Russia's policies in the Far East will become acute. An agreement on international security problems (Dumbarton Oaks), on the continuation of lend-lease supplies to Russia, perhaps even on the distribution of German reparations, can only be achieved when Russian policies in the Far East are clarified. This problem was not on the agenda at Teheran. A new inter-Allied conference in which Stalin will participate will probably take place only when Stalin is ready to agree on Russia's participation in the Far Eastern war.

From the military viewpoint, it is possible for the American-British forces to continue successfully the offensive against Japan without Russian participation. But American bases in Alaska and the Aleutians can be used effectively for direct attacks against Japan only if Russian bases are available. With Russian bases, the war could be brought to an end within a few months.

We may expect that Russia's Far Eastern policies will be influenced by her traditional interests in the Far East. Czarist Russia used to have "spheres of influence" in Mongolia and Manchuria and, to some extent, in Korea. It is precisely these areas that Japan must fight for unless she is to give up her position as a "great power." Russian policies will try to avoid great land battles against Japanese armies in Manchuria, even though Russian armies would be aided by American arms and air power. Russia will also want to keep complete control of its Far Eastern bases. She will time her participation in the war against Japan with deterioration of the Japanese position in Manchuria.

Chiang Kai-Shek will pass through the most difficult period of his political career in the next few months. Many of his political supporters inside China are doubtful about his political future. This refers in particular to some influential local war leaders and also to many intellectuals. Pessimism regarding Chiang's future is based on the belief that Japan will be defeated before there is a major drive of land armies from the West against Japan's positions in eastern and northeastern China.

If Japan's empire collapses mainly as the result of combined naval and air borne actions, China will be liberated but Chiang Kai-Shek will be left in a difficult internal position. The most important strategic areas of China are the coastal regions, which are now under the complete control of Japan. At the moment of Japan's collapse new local leaders may arise in these areas; Wang Chin-Wei, Japan's puppet, might even retain some importance. In either case, Chiang Kai-Shek would be left in a strategically unimportant area, far away from big towns and coastal regions.

Another strategic area of China is Manchuria. But the Red Army is nearer Manchuria than Chiang Kai-Shek's forces. Thus it is theoretically possible that the Red Army would be able to enter Manchuria first during a downfall of the Japanese empire, accepting unofficial protection from Russia. Such a move would complete the isolation of Chiang Kai-Shek, a possibility that is much feared by many members of the Kuomintang. Stronger material support for Chiang Kai-Shek will become possible only next year, when new supply routes from India to Chungking will be available.

LETTERBOX

ENJOY DANCING CLUB
Editor, Daily News:
Numerous students of Booth Memorial High School for the last three weeks have been receiving great enjoyment through our modern dancing club sponsored by the Wartime Housing at Conrad School. We have at last solved the problem of recreation.

This club has been organized through Principal Wahl of Conrad School and Mr. Beggs the community councillor.

This letter is to show our very great appreciation to the sponsors and the instructors. So far we are getting more and more members. The object of this club

is to teach your children to dance and to have some place to spend their evenings, instead of roaming the streets.

The club is opened each Friday night with a meeting of the students to discuss the business of the club. After the meeting the dances are taught. Up to date the members have learned many dances such as the waltz, fox trot and schottische.

This club has proved to be successful and we members would like to show our appreciation to the sponsors and the Prince Rupert School Board for the use of the Conrad School basement. Thanking you for the space.

**TWO MEMBERS
OF THE CLUB.**

Buy War Savings Stamps.

CANOL HELPS NORTH GROW

Richard Finnie Winds Up Two Years Work on Project with U. S. Army

OTTAWA, Oct. 16 (C)—"In conjunction with the Alaska Highway, the Canol project was the biggest single construction job in the world's history, in respect to extent of area affected, time of accomplishment, and sheer pioneering," declared Richard Finnie, Canadian Arctic explorer and writer, who has just returned to his home at Carp, Ont., after more than two years in northern Alberta, the Mackenzie River district, the Yukon, and Alaska as consultant and his-

torian to the Northwest Service Command, United States Army. With headquarters in Edmonton, where he was assisted by Mrs. Finnie, he spent about 50 percent of his time in the field, travelling by train, boat, dog team, airplane, truck, jeep and tractor, covering tens of thousands of miles inspecting all phases of northern construction activities in the preparation of confidential reports and the making of a complete documentary film record.

For the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, and the civilian constructors of Canol and the Alaska Highway, Mr. Finnie had high praise. "I have been back and forth over the Alaska Highway repeatedly, all the way from Dawson Creek to Fairbanks, and had the good fortune

to be present at the closing of the last gap in it as an all-weather artery. It is a wonderful road."

"Canol is a war project whose value is enduring," said Mr. Finnie. "It has hastened the development of our Far Northwest by many years besides serving its immediate purpose of supplying local fuel for military needs in the Yukon and Alaska. In its benefits both Canada and the United States will share."

Winding up their service with the United States Army, Mr. and Mrs. Finnie produced two official war department films in sound and color on the Alaska Highway and the Canol project, with the co-operation of the Signal Corps at the Photographic Centre, Long Island City, N. Y. The photography and the orig-

Local Girl Is Sorority Officer

WASHINGTON STATE
LEGE, Wash., Oct. 14—
Tohn, Prince Rupert, B.C.,
elected vice-president of the
ma Kappa sorority party
of which she is a member.
entering her freshman year
Washington State College.

Advertise in the Daily

inal scripts for both films
done by Mr. Finnie, and
his wife were in full color
production under direct
the U. S. Army Service
The two are now working
book on the Canol project
have just come from San
cisco, where they made
great deal of the material



"Oh Lord God, when Thou givest to Thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same until it be thoroughly finished which yieldeth the true glory."

This prayer, commended by Field Marshal Montgomery to his men on the battlefields, is as fitting for us on the homefront.

Victory is in the *persevering*. In five years of war, Canada's accomplishments have been magnificent—but so much remains to be done.

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