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Countering Communism

PEOPLE OF CANADA, and this applies to Prince

Rupert, do not need to have Communism, which John Hladun, reformed Communist, says is merely the name under which the Muscovite element in Russia operates to promote their "Super Race" throughout the world, if they do not want it. Neither do they need to have Fascism, C.C.F.ism, Liberalism, Conservatism or any of the 'isms if they do not want them. That is, they do not have to have them as long as democracy and freedom survive but which the totalitarians such as the Muscovite state capitalists are endeavouring to destroy just as the Nazi state capitalists hoped to do.

The real aim of the Communists in Canada, whether they fly under that name or not, has already been pretty well exposed. Denials notwithstanding, it is generally accepted where the orders come from and for whom these who advance communism, be they dupes or otherwise, are really working, knowingly or unknowingly.

If the people who thrive under democracy and our present way of living were as enthusiastic even in a small fraction as are the communists, about sustaining or appreciating the privileges they enjoy, the communists would be no menace. Our own indifference, apathy and indolence as regards matters political and economic are the greatest advantage the communists have. And if we continue indifferent, apathetic and indolent we may have to pay dearly in the end.

Exposing the Communists and fighting their fifth column in Canada should be a simple job for the most of Canadians are already aware of what is going on. The real job is to organize in support of our own way of living and its perpetuation. We do not have to worry so much about opposing the communists as about mending and building up our own fences. But we should also admit that there is a fire burning and the best time to smother the fire is before it gets too big.

CHURCHILL OR RUPERT

AN UNUSED, new and first class elevator stands in Prince Rupert's ice-free harbor while Saskatchewan's grandees raise more than wheat in an attempt to push more shipping through Port Churchill. But all the high pressure on earth never changed a climate. Which is best—save a few hazardous miles by risking Arctic cold, ice cakes and ice bergs, fogs, storms and dangerous coasts or sail sunny Pacific seas southward from Prince Rupert?

TOURIST WEEK HERE

HIS IS "Tourist Education Service Week." It commenced March 31 and will continue until April 6. It is a timely occasion too for us to consider the great importance of this industry and the value it is to us.

Possibly Prince Rupert, never having had to depend entirely upon it as a basic industry, has never realized fully how much the tourist business means in dollars and cents. Maybe we have accepted it too casually. But it might be well if we did think now about it—about the trade and commercial benefits that thousands of tourists who come here by steamer, by railway, by highway, by aircraft, by pleasure craft—bring to us each season.

And when we think of the benefits we already derive by a business which comes to our doors with little effort on our part to attract it, we might consider what we are doing to foster and maintain it.

Visitors desire and expect accommodation and service. On the degree in which we give or fail to give it depends the good or bad name we receive from our visitors. We can make this a place in which tourists may revel and enjoy themselves or we can make it a place which is boring and unattractive where time hangs heavy and from which the visitors are glad to get moving away.

The tourist business is a great industry which is ours for the taking. As a matter of fact, there is mighty little we are doing about developing it. In "Tourist Education Service Week" Prince Rupert might well take stock of itself and think about the things which might be done. They are many and constitute a good job that could be well done if properly organized if we would put ourselves in the position of the tourists and think of what we ourselves would desire and expect.

CHURCH NAMES LOCAL WOMAN

Mrs. J. R. Carr of Prince Rupert was among those elected a Presbyterian president at the twenty-second annual meeting of the British Columbia Conference branch, United Church of Canada W.M.S., in Chown Memorial Church, Vancouver. Attending were more than 25 delegates from out of town, 18 overseas missionaries and more than 50 executive members.

DEMOLISH "STRONG BOX" DURBAN, South Africa. — It took two months for a gang of 20 natives using heavy rock drills to demolish a 15 by 20 foot strong box in the floor of Tribune House, until recently used by the Admiralty. Built to resist bombing and possible sabotage, the box contained top Admiralty secrets and codes.

TAUNTON, England. — Many Somerset villages, flooded last spring, are suffering water shortage this year.

LETTERBOX

SOCIALISM COMMUNISM

Editor, Daily News:

Has the hour arrived for a showdown between capitalism and socialism? It looks to me very much like it has. It is a clear-cut issue. Where socialism is, capitalism is not. Where capitalism is, socialism cannot be.

The trend of socialism has now reached a point where it is a direct challenge to capitalism.

Even in China you may try as you may to make a distinction between socialism and communism but, in the final analysis, they are in fact one and the same thing in effect. Prick one with a pin and you will draw blood from the other. Only too well does the capitalist realize that.

Do you suppose that the capitalist class which controls the wealth of the world and whose executive is the government is going to sit idly by and see itself dispossessed of its possessions? Not while it controls the fighting force of the country—the army, navy and air force—and all the means of production to supply every requirement.

The situation confronting us looks threatening to say the least.

The attitude and tactics of the Americans looks like a duplication of Germany in her war years of 1914 to 1919. Now they would invite Franco Spain into their holy alliance of sweat, blood and tears.

GEORGE B. CASEY

PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

April 1, 1923

At Washington, Canadian Minister of Fisheries Ernest Lapointe and American Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes, signed a convention establishing a closed season for the halibut fishery in Pacific waters from November 16 to February 15. The pact also provided for the appointment of a four-man commission to investigate the halibut industry and bring in recommendations for its preservation and development.

The Board of Trade passed a motion asking the appointment for this port of a foreign freight agent to act as freight gatherer in view of the development of foreign shipping out of this port. The matter was to be taken up with the steamship authorities.

The Swanson Bay car ferry, which went aground on Porcher Island, was refloated by the tug Bermuda. She was taken to Digby Island, prior to being placed on the dry dock pontoons.

April 1, 1913

Several good boxing bouts were held at the Eagles' smoker, the main bout being a six-round go between Ray Bronson and Ernie Gray. Bronson won by a foul. Mark Harby gave comic sketches and Gillis Couture and Harry Fletcher delighted with comic songs. Ben Self and J. Jacobson caused much amusement with their burlesque boxing bout. Other bouts were between Kimsell and Nicholson and Valpey and Kingston. Roy Barnes was referee.

A giant smokestack, 183 feet high was to be built at the dry dock by the Webber Chimney Co. of Chicago. Many sub-contracts were about to be let.

L. Bullock-Webster, secretary of the Agricultural Association, in reply to a News editorial, wrote a letter expressing his regret at tenders not being asked from McRae Bros. and the News for job work recently let by the Association.

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ANOTHER TROPHY FOR ICE QUEEN WITH MILLION DOLLAR SMILE—Ottawa's Barbara Ann Scott, 19-year old winner of world, Olympic and European skating titles, is shown in Toronto when she was presented with the Lou E. Marsh Memorial Trophy by Charles King, left. Toronto accorded the winsome blonde one of the greatest receptions in history when 60,000 people turned out to give her a royal welcome.

INDIFFERENCE SECRET OF SUCCESS

Lack of Interest by Union Members Aids Communists in Taking Over Labor Unions, Says Ex-Red

The insidious manner in which the so-called "Red" labor unions have been taken over by the Communist party by the simple method of filling executive positions was described to a public meeting here Wednesday afternoon by John Hladun, former Communist organizer and now a leading enemy of that party.

Speaking to an audience in the Civic Centre under sponsorship of the Women's Canadian Club, Mr. Hladun laid part of the blame for Communist successes within the labor movement on the indifference of the union membership toward its menace.

Mr. Hladun, who left the Communist Party in a spirit of disillusionment, told how his success in infiltrating the United Mine Workers' Union at Lethbridge in 1929 won him the coveted reward of studying at the Lenin International Institute in Moscow the following year.

It was his experience in the "beautiful state" of Russia that turned him against Marxism, causing him to leave the party and enter business for himself in Winnipeg.

"I joined the Communist Party 20 years ago—in a spirit of adventure. I was taken in by the beautiful picture of a state where equality of opportunity exists and which was painted as superior to anything that capitalism can offer," he declared.

"If this was all on the level, it would not be a bad thing, but it was different, as I found out. My experiences were the same as 95 per cent of those who join the party. I too, had a picture of a beautiful state and of helping my fellow man, but it was not that way at all.

"Communism is simply an effort by the Moscow empire to penetrate other countries with unprincipled use of their nationals as its agents."

The western world does not yet know how to effectively counteract this penetration, but it must learn how to do it quickly. Mr. Hladun declared. He termed it a "bad" penetration because it has "integrated itself into the labor movement, of which, actually, it is not a part.

"It has infiltrated the labor movement because the labor movement was the only basis on which it could get to large masses of the Canadian people. Communists know how to use people's imaginations. They sell them this picture of a beautiful social order and thereby create fanatics. They know that they must 'knock out' God and they replace him with this beautiful picture.

"Communists find a response not only among the workers but among the prosperous and wealthy classes as well. Sent to Lethbridge in 1929 to 'take over' the Miners' Union, Hladun and 23 other Communists found little difficulty.

"I never was a miner in my life. My instructions were to capture the executive committee and replace all the leaders with Communists. We banked heavily on the failure of union members to attend meetings so we 'packed' the meetings and

eventually got control of the union.

"We were afraid of interference and heckling, particularly among the younger men of the union, so we passed out several dollars to these young men on the understanding that they would stay away from the meetings.

"As soon as we had captured the union, we passed resolutions which shocked the country. The miners' union had suddenly become 'Red' the people cried, yet only about 10 per cent of the miners were Communist sympathizers."

HOW HE WAS DISILLUSIONED

As a result of this coup, Hladun and Harvey Murphy were chosen to attend the International Lenin Institute for training as "super" agents in political and military leadership. It was during this time, during a visit to his ancestral Ukraine that he found out the truth about Russia's "beautiful state."

"During a holiday, I visited a communal farm of Ukrainians who had farmed in Canada and who had gone back to the Ukraine. I talked to them and started to become disillusioned. They had become rabid anti-Communists. I started to question Communism. I wanted to know whether or not it was Communism itself or the people who applied the principle that were responsible for its failure."

Among students at the Lenin University at the same time was a man named Klement Gottwald, who is now Communist premier of Czechoslovakia.

"He found that in Russia the same condition existed as in the Communist-dominated labor unions. A small minority of Reds imposed their will on a large majority whose main interests were not political but were dedicated to 'bread and butter.'

"They have not abolished inequality. Rank now is determined by party membership and party service. Those within the exclusive confines of the party have higher pay and privileges that are awarded at the expense of the masses."

Chairman of the meeting was Mrs. T. N. Youngs, president of

Steamship Movements

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Monday—ss. Princess Adelaide, 10 p.m.

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Thursday—ss. Prince Rupert, 11:15 p.m.

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Sunday—ss. Coquitlam, p.m.

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April 1 and 11—ss. Princess Norah, a.m.

April 22—ss. Princess Louise, a.m.

For Alice Arm, Stewart, Port Simpson

Sunday—ss. Coquitlam, midnight.

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Tuesday—ss. Coquitlam, a.m.

From Ocean Falls

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Friday—ss. Catala, p.m.

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April 2—ss. Cardena, a.m.

April 4—ss. Cardena, a.m.

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Reminiscences

By W.J. and Reflection

SUNSHINE IN MARCH

Prince Rupert people had little to complain about as far as the weather was concerned in March for even if a total of 6.8 inches of precipitation made itself very obvious on eighteen days, there was an aggregate of 93 hours of sunshine on twenty-two days. Only in three months during the past year had that amount of sunshine been exceeded here—March, May and July.

The weather summary for March is as follows:

Maximum temperature, 49 on March 22.

Minimum temperature, 28 on March 22.

Average temperature, 38.

Maximum barometer, 30.11 on March 6 and 7.

Minimum barometer, 28.89 on March 21.

Precipitation, 6.8 inches on 18 days, including 4.9 inches of snow on five days.

Bright sunshine, 93 hours on 22 days.

Maximum wind velocity, 42 miles from southeast on March 3 and 20.

Better English

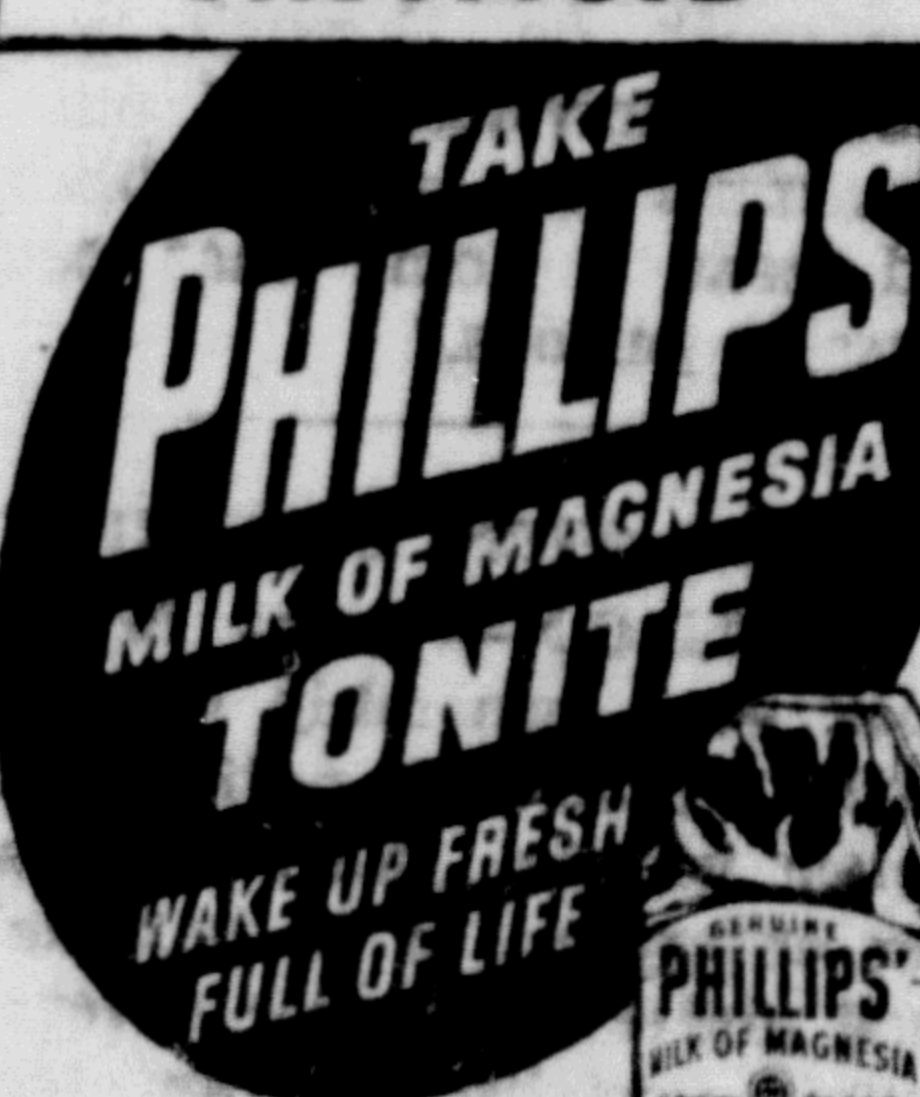
By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "She was wearing an old-fashion coat."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "intrigue"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Proprietary, propagate, propitiate.
4. What does the word "clarity" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with 'a' that means "an empty space"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "an old-fashioned coat."
2. Pronounce in-treg, e as in tree, accent last syllable.
3. Propagate.
4. To make clear. (Pronounce the 'a' as in at). "To clarify the proposition, he went over the details carefully."
5. Vacuity.

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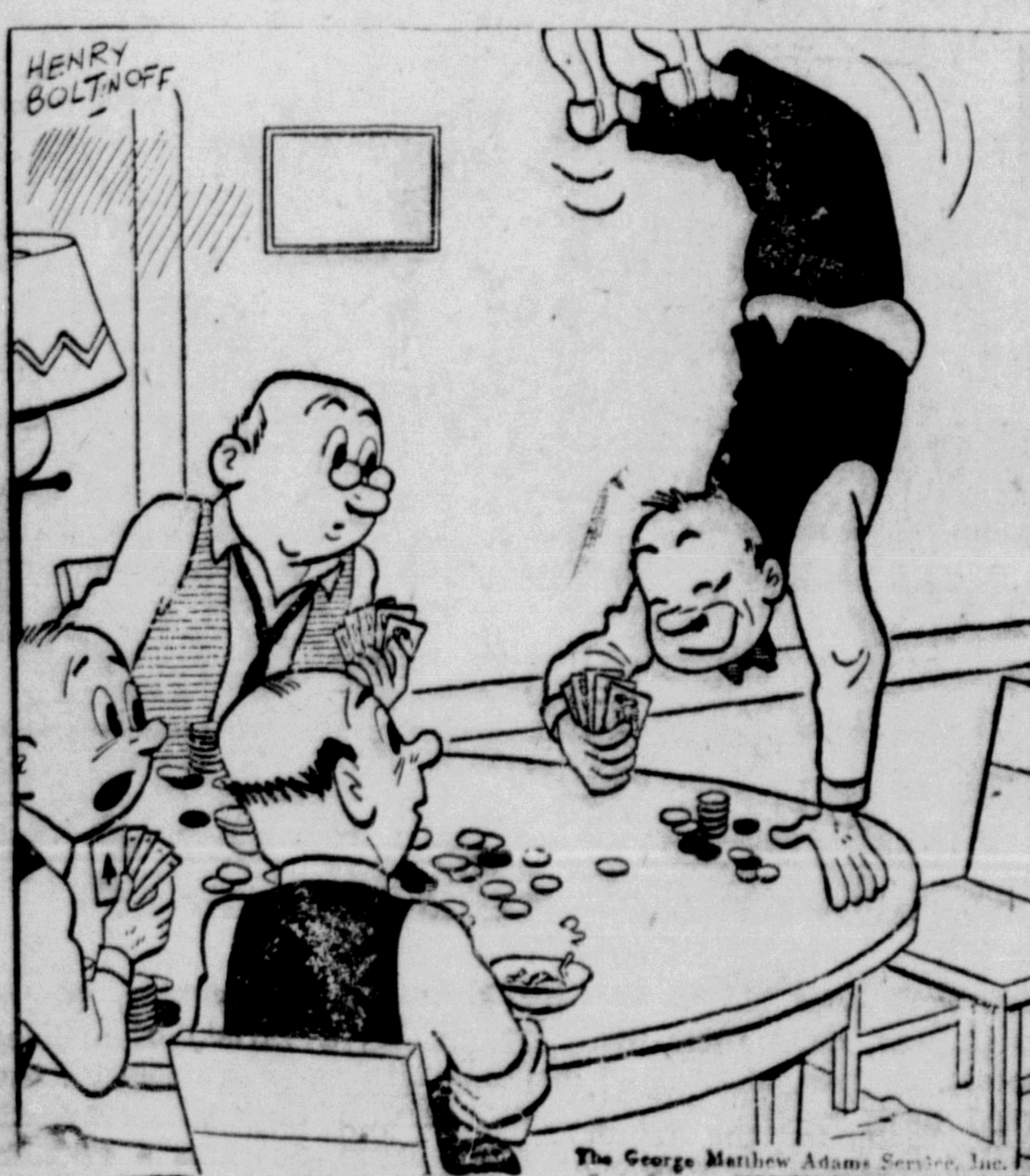
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