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Quarrel Over Berlin

THE PRESENT QUARREL over Berlin is not between the two ideologies of Communism and Capitalism. Stalin, Molotov and Vishinsky are not idealists. They have proved themselves to be unscrupulous liars and schemers whose sole object is to extend their power. They have no humanitarian sympathies for the Germans or for any other of the peoples whose territory they occupy or whose governments they control. They have no respect for mutual agreements or signed pacts, and they regard themselves as being above international law. Their blockade of the British, American and French zones of Berlin was an outright act of war. If the western powers had been seeking a quarrel, they would have been justified in resisting the blockade by force of arms. In refusing to be intimidated by that overt act, they have displayed forbearance and restraint for which the whole world, including Russian people, may well be thankful.

Polonius said to his son: "Beware of entrance to a quarrel; but, being in, bear it that the opposed may beware of thee." The western allies have been following that advice. They have not been trying to appease the Soviet, but they have tried to avoid entrance into a quarrel. Having been forced into it, they are bearing the quarrel with dignity and patience, but also with a firm display of strength that the Soviet may beware of further aggression.

In the present tense world situation, Time is on the side of peace. Time, with his accomplice, Death, has recently removed two of the worst trouble-makers in the Soviet hierarchy—and even Stalin himself is mortal. Time has tired Tito of being bossed from Moscow, and Poland is growing restless. The death of Benes has stirred the people of Czechoslovakia to the depth of their national soul, and Gottwald may be due for a violent death.

The longer the Russians remain in Berlin the less they will like it, and that goes for Poland, Czechoslovakia and the "cockpit" of the Balkans. It is one thing to conquer a country by force of arms, and it is quite another to hold a civilized people in permanent subjection by the same means. Moreover, the Russian armies in Germany are as far removed from their base as were Hitler's armies at Stalingrad, and the winters will be just as bad as ever. Stalin also has enough to occupy his attention at home, for it would appear that all is not well and communistically ideal with the Politburo. Time is also working behind the Iron Curtain with the Russian people who, being human, will not endure their slave-drivers forever.

NEW STEAMER SERVICE

UNION STEAMSHIP CO. appears to have reached effective solution of the problem of providing a service for the Queen Charlotte Islands compatible with the economic aspects of maintaining a run which, owing to lack of revenue through falling off of traffic due principally to aircraft competition, has become something of a financial headache. Of course, it is quite impossible to give the Islands everything in the way of steamship service they desire and would no doubt get if the traffic was there.

However, for Prince Rupert the schedule readjustment which is being brought about is something better than we have had for some time. The Union company speeds up the service between Vancouver and Prince Rupert with a fast run both north and south by the steamer which will carry on the Island run out of here each week. For some Queen Charlotte Islands points it amounts, by virtue of the Port Clements-Queen Charlotte City road, to a weekly service with the steamer one week going to Massett Inlet points and the next to Skidegate Inlet.

The Prince Rupert business community can be expected to take the fullest advantage of the improved new service.

The Union company's two fast runs weekly between Vancouver and Prince Rupert will compensate to some extent for the Canadian Pacific scrapping the service which the Princess Adelaide has maintained for so many years. With the weekly Canadian National service, the sailings between here and Vancouver will be nicely spaced out.

SCHOOL BOOK TAX PROTEST

Application of the provincial three per cent sales tax to children's school books will be protested by the city council. The aldermen last night approved a resolution by Alderman Ralph Morin protesting the tax on school books as "unreasonable." "Children should be getting their school books free, let alone having to pay taxes on them," Alderman Morin declared. "Parents pay the tax on their children's clothes and everything else. School books certainly should be exempt."

Wm. H. Francks OPTOMETRIST OF VANCOUVER

Will be making his regular fall visit to Prince Rupert September 30 to October 6 inclusive for the purpose of Examination of the Eyes and adjustment of glasses if needed.

Appointments can be made at Hotel Prince Rupert desk by asking for Mrs. Campbell or Mrs. Bryant. (230)



BEHIND CONVENTION—These men at the entrance to Parliament buildings find time to laugh at some of difficulties they are encountering in planning the Progressive Conservative national convention in Ottawa September 30-October 2. Left to right they are Donald H. Morrow, member of the Ontario Legislature for Carleton County, and secretary of conventions arrangements; Clarence V. Charters, director of public relations for the party; Gratton O'Leary, chairman of arrangements committee for Ottawa; and Richard A. Bell, national director of the party. (CP Photo)

What City Council Did

... Heard a report by Mayor Arnold and City Clerk Thain regarding their attempt to float a loan for rehabilitation of the telephone system. Absence of the Ministers of Municipalities and Finance from Victoria made a conference impossible while the two delegates were in the south but Mayor Arnold assured the meeting that they have communicated with the Superintendent of Municipalities and they will report to council as soon as they receive a reply. The report was adopted.

... Ordered filed a letter from the Petersburg, Alaska, town council asking for support in its efforts to have the Ameri-

can government complete a harbor dredging project begun several years ago. The letter was filed because the aldermen agreed that a Canadian body could have no influence with the American government on internal matters. However, a letter stating Prince Rupert's position with expressions of sympathy for Petersburg's problem will be sent to the Alaska town.

... Received and adopted the city engineer's routine report for the period September 9 to September 23.

... Decided to investigate a revision of the city's trade li-

ensing bylaw at the suggestion of Alderman T. B. Black, who told council that the present bylaw contains many inequalities and is in need of being brought up to date.

... Approved a recommendation of the board of works that city Sanitarian A. G. Boas be appointed plumbing inspector, assisting the city engineer.

... Approved the issuance of a trade license to Arthur H. Cornish for rug and chertfield cleaning, as reported by the licensing committee.

Provincial Constable Gordon Simons and Mrs. R. C. Good, as police matron, left last night by train for Prince George, having in their charge Ruby Leighton who is to serve six months at the women's jail there.

CAMPAIGN

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millionaire dollar-a-year men, squirmed before him and his associates investigating expenditures of public money.

But he never really got high-hat and he did not make important enemies. He did make a lot of friends and it has been said his committee saved the United States from a lot of expensive mistakes in wartime.

During her husband's 10 years in Washington as senator, Mrs. Truman did their own housework in a modest five-room apartment where they lived with their only child, Margaret. There was no change when he was elected vice-president in 1944. He still helped Mrs. Truman with the dishes.

President Roosevelt's death snatched them into the White House April 12, 1945, and probably no more humble and reluctant family ever took up residence in that old mansion.

HOMESPUN PRESIDENT

Except for Margaret's tentative plunge into an operative career, the family has remained humble and homespun and Truman has retained the same gusty enthusiasm for friends of the days when he was a haberdasher as for the greatest in the universe who come to him as president of the United States.

He worked a farm in his native Independence, Mo., near where he was born 64 years ago, worked as a bank clerk, did many odd jobs and lost \$20,000 in a haberdashery store partnership, after getting out of the army.

Truman married his childhood sweetheart, Bess Wallace, whom he met at Sunday school class and grade school. He is proud of his daughter, Margaret and they are great pals. It is known that he would have liked a son too.

Recently a Canadian resident

correspondent in Washington took his son, a cub reporter on a Canadian paper to a White House press conference. Afterwards he introduced the son to the president.

Truman greeted the young reporter heartily, then the smile left his face and his eyes lost their usual twinkle. Seriously he looked at the older Canadian and said: "It must be a grand feeling to have a fine son at your elbow."

Truman took office at a critical time in the world's history and crisis has piled on crisis since. He has given his work everything a sober, intelligent, God-fearing, every-day man could give. It is unlikely anyone will ever accuse him of insincerity or self-seeking.

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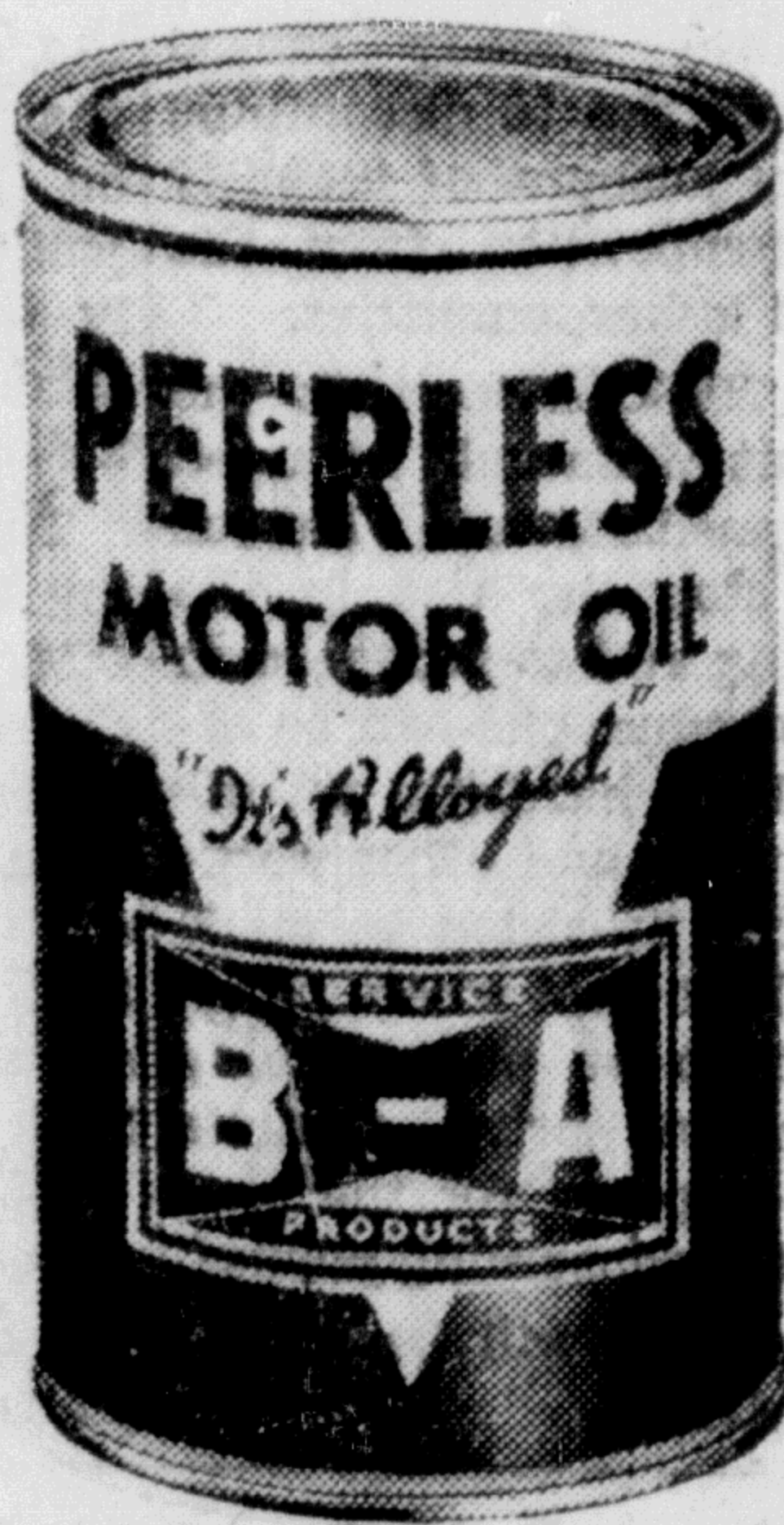
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