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## Why not Spain?

ONE of our good friends, just a little sarcastically we think, rang us up after reading the paper Wednesday wondering, since we were such defenders of the democratic way of life, what we were going to say, if anything, about the move to let Franco Spain, partially at least, into the United Nations. The suggestion was that, since Spain is a country of such rank dictatorship, it might be somewhat embarrassing for us to try to justify such admission.

Actually, we had not thought of discussing the matter at all but the challenge gave us the idea so we shall suggest that it may not be so difficult to defend the new United Nations gesture towards Spain. In fact, it might be undemocratic to suggest otherwise. We have never criticized the presence of Soviet Russia, autocratic democracy as she may be, that Communist China, whether we like her government or not, be admitted.

We may not like the dictatorships but no democratic purpose would be served that we can see by ostracizing nations that are ruled by them—be they communist, fascist, phalangist or what-not. One of the freedoms of democracy and the United Nations for that matter is freedom of a nation to govern itself as it sees fit. Interference by one nation or group of nations with the manner in which another nation governs itself is we consider violation of international relationships if not democracy.

The way Franco does things is Spain does not appeal to us any more than the way Stalin does things in Russia. Both got power and maintain it by force and coercion. But the fact remains that they are the established heads of their respective nations and, as long as they keep within their own bounds, we might as well put up with and recognize them—like it or not. We can, of course, oppose aggression by them—be it forceful or passive. Meantime, they are a reality which cannot be ignored and we must recognize and co-operate with them in a mutual effort of all the nations to make the world a place in which we can live and let live.

## GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

OLD AGE weakened the spidery legs of George Bernard Shaw and blanched his red beard but it did not sweeten the acid pen which carried him from the ranks of unknown scribblers to a revered position as the English world's oracle.

Shaw's productivity as a playwright and writer decreased with the years but in his 90s he still flung tart suggestions and criticisms. It was a lifelong habit to rail against nearly everything in John Bull's island, to which he had come as a poor Irishman at the age of 20.

His barbs lodged in tender spots and brought vilification, abuse—and fame. His plays and books became known around the world. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1925. At 88, the man who years before said he had married "a green-eyed Irish heiress" for security, complained that he was paying 20,000 pounds (\$80,000) a year in taxes.

By then the ideas which had shocked an earlier generation stimulated but no longer startled. "G.B.S." had become a sage whose slightest public utterance on the slightest topical subject was read avidly.

How long will he be remembered, this voluble, cantankerous, eccentric man who turned his back on Ireland in 1876, argued and scribbled his way to fame, and then outlasted all his luminous contemporaries? Shaw called himself "a journalist and nothing else" while his astute biographer, Frank Harris, predicted he would be remembered like Dr. Johnson and Samuel Pepys, not because of his writings but because of his personality. He was not only a playwright but a great showman—whether one liked him or not.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."—2 Timothy 3:1

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## By ELMORE PHILPOTT INDIA FORESTALLS REDS

IT IS NOW generally agreed that the great struggle of our times will be decided by the yellow, brown and black-skinned people.

In a vast arc, stretching from Korea and down through China, the Middle East and into Africa, Communism has a mighty appeal. That is because

1. Most of the peoples in that vast arc had no political democracy. They were "colonial" subjects of foreign imperialist powers.

3. There were primitive economies in all these lands. The characteristic feature was the landowner-peasant relationship. In many places the peasant who worked the land paid the landlord as much as 75 per cent of the annual production.

THE COMMUNISTS won out in Russia in 1917 by the slogan "the land for the peasants." The land question was decisive in the even more titanic victory of the Chinese Communists.

Even in the war in Korea, now coming to a close, the Communists have exploited the land reform question. As the northern armies advanced, the land was taken away from the landlords and given to the peasants on fair terms.

Conversely, no sooner had the American Marines landed at Inchon, far behind the Red Korean front lines, than the greedy landlords were right there demanding back their property.

WHEN NEHRU was in Canada last year he stressed this land-lord-peasant question as the crux of the social problem everywhere in the east.

Some of us who heard the Indian Prime Minister asked ourselves: "Yes, but what will he do about it?"

Now we get the beginning of the answer. In the disputed area of Kashmir and in the largest of all the states, Uttar Pradesh, drastic land reform laws have been enacted. From this distance, it is impossible to judge how much reality there is about the revolutionary sounding reform in Kashmir. That state is cut in two by the battleline which divide the armies of India and Pakistan. For nearly two years there has been a "no-cease fire" between these two armies. Nevertheless, the armies are still there. Hence it remains to be seen whether the present government of Kashmir will ever get the physical power to apply the new land law in the area held by Pakistani troops.

BUT IN THE VAST state of Uttar Pradesh, 60 million people have been affected by the revolutionary law. The zamindars (rich landlords from whom the governments collected taxes on a wholesale basis) are dispossessed. They are to be compensated, but only in part, for what they lose. The peasants are to get full ownership by paying ten times a fair annual rental. No family is to be allowed to buy more than 30 or less than five acres.

SOME OF THE zamindars are threatening to turn Red in revenge. Their spokesman, Sir Jagdish Prasad, is quoted thus by the New York Times of October 22:

"With no alternative employment and their compensation unjustifiable the former zamindars might well become the sappers and miners of the army of Communism."

That sounds like bunk, from here. What India is doing by wise democracy is to rob the Communists of their main weapon. Nehru and Co. are beating the Reds to the punch.

## AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver (Wed.) — S. Youngman, L. M. Felsenthal, A. E. Davis, M. Erickson, Mrs. P. Olney, Mrs. M. Bishop, S. Daniv, W. J. Rae, R. Forgie, H. Closter, C. S. Wallis.  
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## Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Roy Brown, long-time newspaperman of Vancouver, thinks it's a pity there is no longer the intimate touch between police and the boys growing up in the city. It used to be that way, he says. Then, of course, population was less. The idea, however, is sound. A good officer can become a sort of assistant father in a blue uniform. He can win the friendship of boys instead of their chronic fear and suspicion. And that, as time wears along, can go a long way.

WRITES RIVER SAGA—Bruce Hutchinson, prominent Canadian newspaper man and author, has completed his third book. The Fraser, which is the product of three years' work, is another in the series of books of famous rivers in America. Intimately acquainted with British Columbia and the Fraser, Hutchinson says the book is the result of "going up and down the Fraser since 1920." Born in Prescott, Ont., the 49-year-old author has lived most of his life on the west coast. (CP PHOTO)

## Gloves Keynote Smart Costuming

NEW YORK — The right choice of gloves, designers say, is essential to the well-dressed look. And to be "right" the gloves must be in the tune with the costume in color, style and quality.

A number of top-flight designers have co-operated with the glove industry by selecting gloves to complement costumes of their own design. In almost every case their selections, as shown in current displays here, are marked by absolute simplicity of design.

For a black wool afternoon dress with sculptured lines, Molyneux chose simple, close-fitting gloves of yellow kid teamed with a head-hugging little yellow felt hat.

Jacques Fath designed for daytime wear a hand-sewn double-woven cotton glove with flaring, turned-back cuffs. It is featured in a rust tone in combination with a flower-pot black felt hat designed by Mr. John.

American hat-designed Walter Florell carries the hat-and-glove team into the evening picture with his dainty tricorn of white kid and elbow-length white kid gloves, used to set off a black lace evening dress.

Both texture and color contrast appear in Molyneux's choice of black antelope elbow-length gloves and huge bouquet of black velvet carnations to dramatize his chartreuse taffeta evening gown.

Furs call for luxurious gloves says fur-fashion designer Esther Dorothy. With fur coats having loose, turn-back sleeves as well as with capes and stoles she advises long, crushed-down gloves. She likes the contrast of white kid with darker fur, but notes that interesting effects can be achieved also by using monotone or blending color gloves.

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It is safe to conclude that on November 7 more Americans will be thinking of Washington than Korea. That day will determine to a considerable degree which way the general political situation in the United States is shaping and how far can the power of the Republican party be felt. There is no lack of strong feeling.

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