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## Indo-China Next?

RUSSIA and China would undoubtedly like to keep United Nations forces bogged down in Korea. This is a rule that works both ways. Korea is important as a symbol, but Indo-China is crucial. The more Chinese MacArthur keeps bogged down in Korea the better.

A Chinese "liberation" of French Indo-China would make it difficult, if not impossible, to keep all Southeast Asia from falling into Communist hands. The fall of Indo-China would gravely menace the security of Indonesia, Siam, Malaya and the Philippines.

Indo-China is almost certainly next on Peiping's list. A few weeks ago Red China announced that Chinese in Indo-China were asking Peiping's help against French "persecution." General Wu insolently proclaimed in the UN China's intention to "liberate" Indo-China soon. And only a few days ago China denounced the alleged violation of Chinese territory by French guns and planes from Indo-China.

These charges are ominously like those that preceded Chinese intervention in Korea. These were preceded by the training of Ho Chi-minh's battalions on Chinese soil, and by a heavy increase in material supplied to Ho from China. Peiping has 200,000 Chinese troops poised in South China, 100 miles east of Indo-China. Ho's forces have Chinese artillerymen and technicians. A Russian military mission is reported at Nanking to supervise military operations of these forces.

France, with 150,000 of her best troops in Indo-China, has been clinging to a precarious hold, and incoming American supplies will not be sufficient to meet the Chinese threat.

The greatest remedy for anger is delay.

## INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS

ONE OF THE many agreements reached by Prime Minister Attlee and President Truman has evoked little comment, although it is far-reaching and to put it into effect will not be a simple matter.

The two heads of state recognized "the necessity of international action to assure that basic raw materials are distributed equitably in accordance with defense and essential civilian needs." A number of steps are necessary, however, before this can be done.

The nations of the North Atlantic Security Pact must agree on export controls so that raw materials needed in their mutual defense program will not be sold indiscriminately. Each participating nation must set up production controls so these materials will not be wasted on non-essentials.

Thus free international trade cannot go forward even on the limited scale of the postwar period. The free play of economic forces, which is normally desirable as the best means of regulating demand and supply, will be discarded. Competition for raw materials, between nations, will be controlled as will competition within a country where the need to rearm creates an inflationary situation.

Canadians would prefer to avoid international economic controls, just as they would rather not have domestic controls. But the mistakes of those who aided in building up the Russian menace have created a dangerous situation, and their effects will be far-reaching.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."—Prov. 29:18.



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By ELMORE PHILPOTT  
HORSE TRADE LOOMS

WHAT IS NOW looming up in the Korean war is a horse trade—in fact, two possible horse trades.

If things turn out for the better there will be an all-round settlement, based on compromise of the more extreme attitudes.

If things turn out for the worse, the Chinese Communists will take over all Korea and the United States will openly take over Formosa.

AS OUR OWN ace trouble-shooter, Lester Pearson, has said, peace in the Far East would have to start with a "cease fire" in Korea. There could be no agreement to cease fire unless both sides are willing to accept the 38th parallel as the dividing line.

For real peace to follow a truce in Korea both the United States and Red China would have to make concessions:

1. The U.S.A. would have to accept the British, Indian and general wish in the UN, and give China's seat in the UN to the real government. Facts are stubborn things, and the Red government is a fact.
2. Red China would have to agree to formation of an acceptable government for all Korea.
3. Both U.S.A. and China would have to agree to put the Formosa question into "cold storage" for several years.

THERE IS a fair chance that the U.S.A. and China will agree on points 1 and 2. Maybe one or both will do so with tongue in cheek. But the consequences of not agreeing would be more disagreeable than the consequences of agreement. Hence my guess is they will be accepted tentatively.

Th real tough nut to crack is Formosa. There is only one possible basis for agreement on it. That is, that it be placed under UN trusteeship for, say, five or ten years. It is quite unrealistic, in the present state of world tension, to expect the United States to accept an unconditional "hands off" Korea policy. Nobody, outside the Kremlin knows for sure whether or not the Korean attack was or was not the first move in a giant Red plan of world aggression. If such proves to be the case, world war is certain, and in such a world war Formosa, in the hands of Red China, would be a serious menace to the whole non-Communist world, including Canada.

BUT IF RED CHINA has such evil intentions she might well agree to put the Formosa question into cold storage. Of course the island would have to be demilitarized, and the ultimate destiny of Formosa decided by the free vote of the people of Formosa—not including the uninvited army of Chiang Kai-shek.

## Fishermen and Loggers Gather

VANCOUVER. — A fleet sailed and an army marched Monday toward Vancouver. Their intentions were not entirely peaceful, either.

A \$1,000,000 herring fleet was inward bound from the west coast of Vancouver Island and from up-coast after a record haul, and some 36,000 loggers began to tramp out of the British Columbia forests for the Christmas and New Year break. When the fishermen and loggers hit town it will be more like Mardi Gras.

It's annual time out for fishermen in some 150 seiners, packers and other fishing vessels—the period between December 15 and January 4. When they reach port they'll bring with them the water-front's touch of Christmas color—Christmas trees perched atop their masts.

The big wooden seiners netted fish so fast last Friday that the 30,000 ton northern quota was cleaned up several hours before the season had been scheduled to end officially.

The bonanza in waters close south of Prince Rupert was so heavy that an application has been made by herring men to have the quota extended after New Years.

The B.C. Packers seiner Maple Leaf C hauled in the record single catch, 1,260 tons. The old mark was 1,165 tons.

The top "highliner" on the coast now is Capt. Mel Stauffer of Alert Bay, Indian skipper of the Maple Leaf C.

## Victoria Report

... by J. K. Nesbitt

## Not All Complicated—Christmas Season At Capital

VICTORIA. — When you ask Finance Minister Herb Anscomb to explain what it is exactly the province wants from Ottawa in the way of a better financial deal, he says, "It's so complicated, old man—so complicated."

And indeed it is. No layman could possibly understand all the facts and figures, the graphs and charts and actuarial percentages.

It adds up to this: "B.C. is growing—we have leased our income tax to Ottawa and so, to great extent, we can't raise new moneys to finance our rapidly increasing bills for social services, highways and education."

Here, however, are a few uncomplicated excerpts from British Columbia's brief asking Ottawa for more money:

Old-age Pensions—Having regard to population trends, the province will have to be in a position to finance its share of pensions for perhaps 40,000 people in five or six years and possibly 50,000 in 10 years. The freedom of inter-provincial migration which is essential to national unity has thus added to the growing financial burden of old-age pensions in B.C.

Social Assistance — Another field of welfare expenditures showing rapidly rising costs and affected by the movement of population from other provinces into British Columbia is that of social assistance, or relief for unemployables. The number of persons on social allowance has increased from 9042 in 1946 to 1,775 in 1950. Total costs of social assistance have risen from \$1,700,000 in 1946 to \$5,000,000 in 1950.

Well, just looking at those two items it's easily seen why the government wants more money from Ottawa. But it doesn't look now as if B.C. is going to get it. The international situation is going to take all Ottawa's spare cash—and when there's no longer any to spare our income taxes are going to go up once more.

Talk of the capital this Christmas season are the three receptions the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Wallace gave at Government House. Usually one Christmas reception does. But this year so many signed the Visitors' Book that they couldn't all be fitted into Government House at once, big as it is. So the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Wallace solved the problem in what to them was a simple manner—three receptions, one after the other, with 800 people at each.

And here's what those 2400 people consumed: 18 pounds of tea and 35 pounds of coffee; nine gallons of table cream; three gallons of milk; 105 loaves of white bread and 23 of brown;



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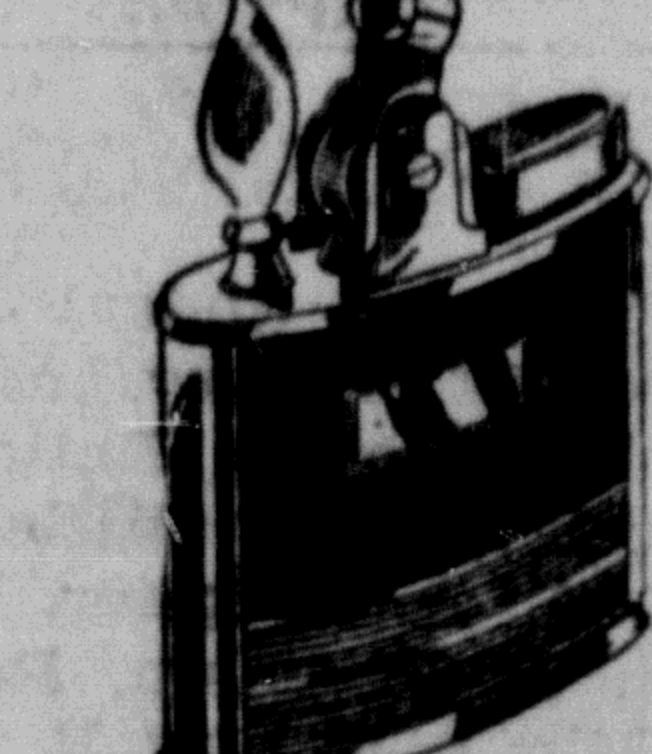
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## LETTERBOX

MR. SCADDEN THANKED

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The cost of these posters, and the rental value of the boards amounts to over \$200 this year. This is a work that is done in the interest of all the Christian Churches of the City and we should all be very grateful indeed.

God bless Mr. Scadden. Thank you Mr. Editor for this space here granted!

W. CHAS. FOULTON,  
S/Captain  
The Salvation Army.

## HIGH PRICE

The highest bid for a picture sold at Christie's in London was \$164,000 for Romney's portrait of the Beckford children.

the housekeeper know each day exactly how many there'd be to luncheon and dinner.

It's that way at Government House now, except for formal affairs. Entertaining has increased to such an extent that a hurry-up call was sent to the civil service to please rush up a permanent stenographer from the Parliament Buildings to help out the near-exhausted private secretary and his assistant.

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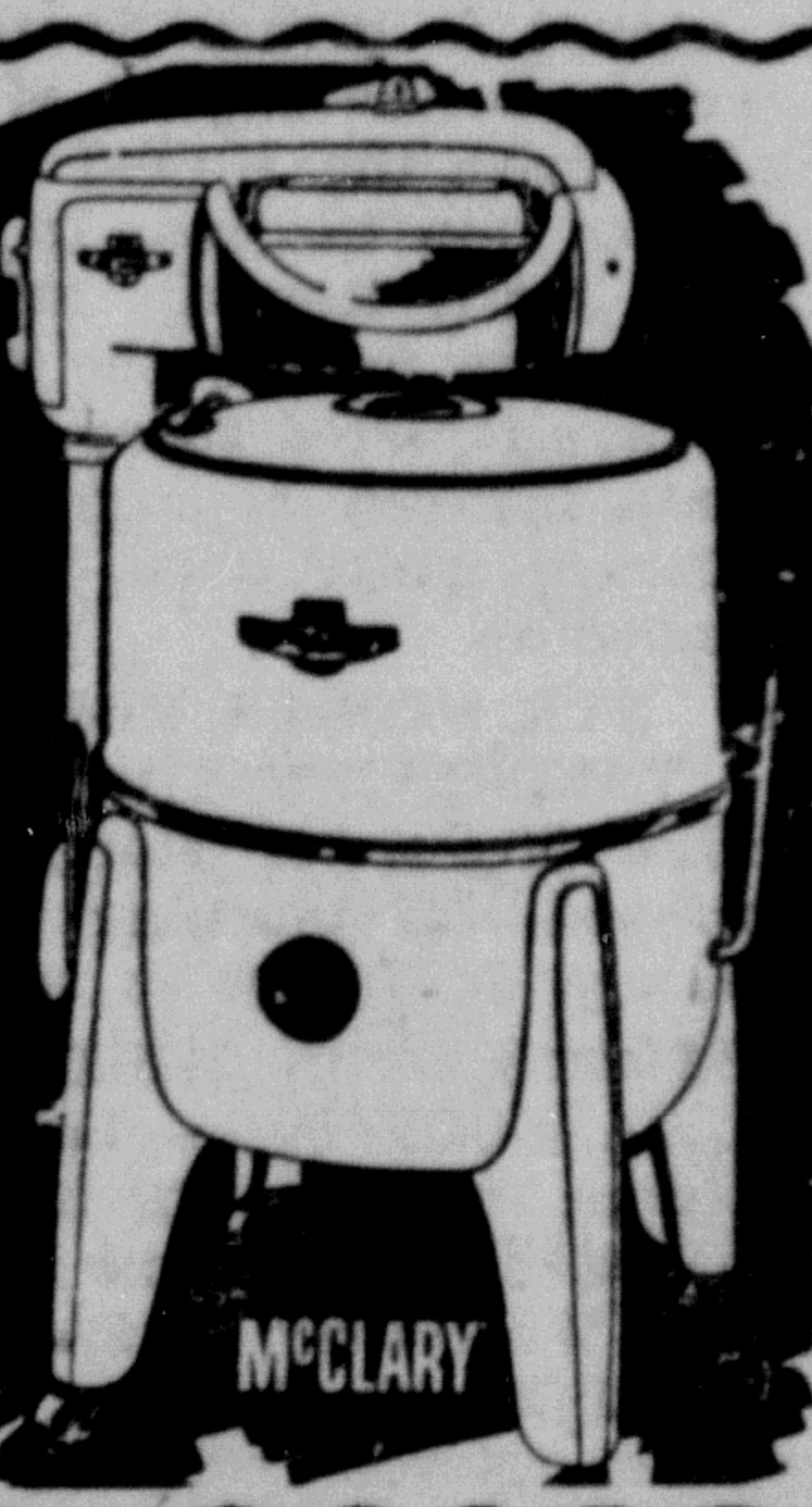
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