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Canada In World Affairs

THE EXPANDING world struggle against Communist imperialism, with battle-ravaged Korea in the forefront, has intensified Canada's responsibilities in the international sphere.

It has brought graver problems to the government's council tables. It has sent Canadian troops abroad for the first time since the end of the Second World War and has placed fresh demands on this country's delegation to the United Nations and on its globe-girdling diplomatic services.

Canada is deep in international efforts to save the peace, bringing a quick step-up in activity on both the home and the diplomatic fronts. Today Canada is playing a leading role in moves both to push ahead North Atlantic defence preparations and keep the Korean fight from assuming world-wide proportions.

The Dominion is assuming an importance, the significance of which we may not all appreciate and which is involving increasing responsibilities for us all.

SHOULD BE SUPPORTED

THIS is holiday time when people are usually looking for something new and different and should have the time to enjoy it, although it is also pre-Christmas and a lot of people are busy preparing for the festive season.

An outstanding feature of this holiday season in Prince Rupert is the concert at the Civic Centre tonight when two eminent artists—Desire Ligeti, bass-baritone, and Marcus Gordon, young pianist—are being presented after a successful tour of Alaska.

Here once again Prince Rupert residents are getting the opportunity—by the simple act of their patronage—to demonstrate their appreciation of entertainment of the better sort. The Civic Centre management is entitled to support in this "Alaska Music Trail" undertaking.

The program being of a popular as well as classical vein should have appeal for all tastes—young and old alike.

It is to be recommended.

CARE WITH CHRISTMAS TREE

A CHRISTMAS tree is a necessary item at this time of the year—but make certain it doesn't become a menace.

In its December bulletin the 13,000-member Canadian Association of Consumers lists several tips for Christmas-tree owners.

1. Don't bring the tree into the house until a few days before Christmas—and get it outside afterwards as soon as possible.
2. Stand the tree in water and keep it erect with supports.
3. Stand tree as far as possible from radiators and fireplaces.
4. Don't connect too many strings of lights to one circuit.
5. Don't let electric bulbs touch branches of tree.
6. Don't allow the children to play near the tree with electrical toys or with clockwork toys which spark.
7. Turn off the tree lights when you leave the room. Never leave tree lights on when you go out.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."—Revelation 14:13.



With Best Wishes for Christmas

ORMES DRUGS



By ELMORE PHILPOTT

OUR PRESS FELL DOWN

THIS SEEMS like a good time to admit that both the North American press and the British press fell down badly in this war crisis of recent months. In different ways, our press contributed to the tragic outcome in Korea.

The North American press never did inform its readers that a major crisis was developing between British Commonwealth policy and U.S. policy over Formosa. Yet for months almost the whole British press was warning that the MacArthur tie-up with Chiang Kai-shek in Formosa was heading us for trouble with the new government of China. The whole British press, from extreme left to extreme right, pointed out that the U.S. proclamation of "protection" for the Chinese island of Formosa was an extremely dangerous move not legalized by UN or other law. It was a direct intervention in the internal affairs of China—and the obvious danger was that it would encourage China to retaliate by intervening in Korea.

IT IS EASY to be wise after the event.

But the whole British press was wise before the event. Even in my own column I repeatedly warned, months before it happened, of the probable consequences of U.S. mixing-up of the situation in the CHINESE island of Formosa with the war in Korea. However, my comments (such as in "Letters to Les" addressed to the Hon. Lester B. Pearson) were mild as compared with the pungent comments then appearing in all sections of the British press.

I am convinced that, to this day, the vast majority of people in the U.S.A. look on the mix-up in Asia as all of one piece. Only a small percentage of them have any clear idea of the legal difference between Formosa and Korea. They have never had any clear and simple explanation of WHY Britain, Canada, and above all, India, opposed the U.S. proclamation of "protection" for Formosa—which is part of China.

IF THE NORTH American press fell down badly in the four or five months before the large scale intervention of the Red Chinese armies in Korea, the British press and radio fell down after it occurred.

Granted that the whole western world shuddered with horror when President Truman let drop his offhand comment about possible use of the atom bomb. Granted, too, that such had a very different meaning for the peoples of western Europe, who would have to withstand the full weight of World War Three, than for us here in North America. Yet some of the British comments made in the next few hours seemed to me most damaging and irresponsible.

We heard in press and radio that the British were for peace at almost any price with Red China.

Those foolish statements (unofficial though they were) played right into the hands of the "tough" war party in Peking. No doubt there are two or more groups within the ruling group. One might favor a cautious policy, based on acceptance of the UN peace proposals. Another might favor a grab-all-you-can-while-you-can policy. This latter group might say, "We now see that the British won't declare war on us, no matter what we do."

That, of course, is not true. A deliberate extension of the present military operation by the armies of Red China would certainly compel a declaration that a state of war exists with Red China.

Chrysler Price Is Increasing

WINDSOR—Chrysler Motor Corporation yesterday announced an increase in the price of 1951 models ranging from 5 to 6 1/2 percent. A similar increase in prices has already been announced by Ford.



Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Winston Churchill is 76, and when he takes a vacation, his choice of holiday territory does not suggest repose or near seclusion. He's gone to Marraksh in French Morocco. It's known as the Paris of the Sahara in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains. Churchill once wrote of Marraksh as follows: "Caravans from Central Africa feel the gay life of the city. This includes fortune-tellers, snake charmers, masses of food and drink and, on the whole, the largest and most elaborately organized brothels in the African continent."

The Princess Patricia Regiment in Korea will defy the cold as well as the enemy. Each man has three blankets and a sleeping bag. There are some bedrooms in Canada where it might be a more trying job to try and sleep comfortably.

Page Rideout of Peace River has for many a year been urging greater use of the port of Prince Rupert. There was another letter in The News a few days ago on the subject of wheat shipping. Mr. Rideout, to say the least is consistent. How many, living a long way from this port or close at hand can be said to be doing the same? It is persistence in the face of what appears to be discouragement in season and out of season that sometimes bring results.

When General Eisenhower left Europe for home in 1945, after the downfall of Hitler and collapse of Germany, he little thought that five years later he would return, to head another immense army and face problems perhaps more perplexing than ever. Indeed we do live in unhappy, if interesting, times.

New Brunswick experienced a twelve-inch snowfall early this week. It's in the maritimes people sympathize with the residents of the Northern B.C. coast where, being so close to Alaska, the winter climate must be so severe. That's what they think. Too bad to keep so far away from the truth.

California gave Jack Scott, the Sun columnist, returning from his continent-wide observation tour, a shabby welcome. He had hardly crossed the border when pneumonia made its dismal and for about ten days Scott struggled for recovery. But then, he'd had a strenuous enough summer handling a trailer with wife and family, for about 10,000 miles, feeling scores of different climates, and writing the daily columns "can take it out of one."



Potterton Promoted

In Charge of Northwest B.C. for RCMP—Cpl. Wales To Be City Chief

Sgt. L. A. N. Potterton, RCMP, received work this morning of his promotion to patrol sergeant in charge of the northwest section of the province. His territory will include Prince Rupert city, Masset, Queen Charlotte City, Terrace, Stewart, Atlin, Telegraph Creek and Port Edward. The appointment is effective immediately.

Patrol Sergeant Potterton has left on the noon plane for Vancouver most of his career as a police officer on the coast, chief in Prince Rupert, Stewart and

Ocean Falls. He was stationed in Vernon for a short time during the war and at Prince George for more than two years. He has served with Prince Rupert city police, B.C. Provincial Police and with the RCMP since the absorption of the provincial force into the national body. He recently completed an indoctrination course at the RCMP training depot at Regina. He will be succeeded in command of Prince Rupert detachment by Cpl. E. A. Wales, who returned Tuesday from a course at the Regina training depot of the RCMP.

Miss Margaret Steeves, P.H.N., left on the noon plane for Vancouver enroute to Vernon, where she will spend Christmas. She will return early next week.

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