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Canada To Play Part

PEOPLE of Canada must be gratified to learn from the Prime Minister that definite and extensive steps are being taken with a view to organizing the Dominion's fighting and industrial forces against the grim possibilities of the deteriorating international situation. The feeling had been developing that Canada was not moving quickly enough in that direction, was, indeed, not keeping pace with other parts of the Commonwealth, particularly the Motherland, Australia and New Zealand, in rising to the possible requirements of the United Nations and the North Atlantic Pact nations. The Prime Minister's statement should dispel to considerable extent dissatisfaction that there may have been along that line.

Meantime, Parliament is put on the stand-by order with the probability that a special session will be called six or seven weeks hence after various phases of the accelerated defence and mutual aid program have been perfected—or sooner if the emergency becomes suddenly more intensified. Then, when the session does come, Parliament will have the program and the facts before it and will be able to pass its certain approval with a minimum of delay.

Raising of the manpower, the Prime Minister indicated, is to be on the volunteer basis. There had not been a few who had hoped Mr. St. Laurent might have suggested the possibility of some sort of compulsory military training scheme. However, there is still time for that but it is to be hoped it will not be too long deferred on this occasion.

STALIN CHUCKLES

YAKOV MALIK'S actions at the Security Council table at Lake Success, to which he has returned as chairman, provide a perfect example of the dual character of present-day Soviet diplomacy. It is a mixture of subtlety and crudeness, of cunning and violence.

Of course, Malik works to orders and behaves the way that Stalin wants him to behave. Stalin admires cunning and he also admires violence. When Malik manoeuvres adroitly, it is because Stalin wishes that. When he becomes hectoring and insulting that also is, doubtless, Stalin's wish. When the two are mingled confusingly, the confusion is Stalin's. It is characteristic and it is dangerous. One of the principles of Stalin's diplomatic strategy is to seek to divide and confuse the free world and at the same time consolidate the Communist world under his own absolute command.

The obvious way, of course, to disrupt western unity in the Security Council is to divert it from the Korean issue, on which the Council is virtually united, to the question of Communist Chinese representation, on which the Council has been evenly divided for six months. The effort of Pandit Nehru, no doubt with the best intentions, to link the Chinese question with the Korean question, presented Stalin with an opportunity. Then there is the added advantage of having Malik as chairman of the Council during this month of August.

One cannot restrain the thought that Stalin, in his Kremlin, is chuckling with approval. Things are going these days the way the dictators like.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth. Psalm 8: 9.

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As I See It

By **ELMORE PHILPOTT**
HE'S SAFE NOW?
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are some snatches of conversation overheard in the hot-water, open air pool at this Rocky Mountain resort.

American business man, lean and keen looking, about 45:

"Yeah, I bought her the minute the trouble started. She's by far the best we ever had. It cost me \$100 extra for puncture-proof inner tubes. . . . We made 80 coming across the Mojave desert—felt safe as a church. I figure we're okay even if we get a ten year stretch of war."

Alberta farm wife, grey haired, hard of hearing, sixtyish, with bright blue eyes:

"Thank God THEY are in first, this time. Before this is over they'll be on their knees begging us for help, you'll see."

IF WE GET THAT TEN YEAR stretch of war it will take a lot more than puncture proof inner tubes to keep that business man's car on the road. And, dear farmer's wife, a lot of others besides our neighbors will be on their knees begging for help.

LAST YEAR WHEN I WAS here I wrote a diast against the fool rule which forbade farmers hereabouts from trucking their cattle through the National Park to the markets in Calgary. Glad to report that the ban has been lifted.

THE PEOPLE IN THIS UPPER Columbia Valley are all singing the praises of their new electric

power system. It works from a diesel oil plant and the rates are about 12 cents per kilowatt hour. This is about half the previous cost.

There is a plan afoot to develop a really large scale water power scheme. Cheap power would revolutionize living and farming conditions here.

JUST BEFORE I LEFT VAN-couver I read a long brief from the milk producers complaining against the drop in milk consumption. They set forth rather alarming facts and figures to show how the average family was cutting down on milk consumption, because of the difficulty in making ends meet.

Up here there is a near-jam-line in fresh milk. You just can't get it. The explanation is that the market is purely summertime. Thousands of people are hereabouts for a few weeks each year — and all demand fresh milk in one form or another.

But the wintertime market is small. For all that it seems strange to me that our boasted private enterprise system cannot get the milk to the places the people want it.

THIS UPPER COLUMBIA and Kootenay Valley is one of the worst radio blind spots that I have yet come across in Canada. It is not quite so poorly served as the Yukon—which is by far the worst I have seen in Canada. Still, the service is very bad.

There is a weak CBC repeater station at Cranbrook, which reaches part of the valley by fits and starts. The average set cannot get Calgary regularly.

The result is that far fewer people here listen to radio than in most parts of Canada.

YOU HEAR FAINT ECHOES here of the U.S. election campaign just over the border. Senator Glen Taylor, who ran with Henry Wallace last time, is putting up a whale of a fight for the Democratic re-nomination in Idaho.

Naturally all the big money in the U.S.A. is pouring in against him. He went to Washington as "the singing cowboy" but is

Victoria Report

by J. K. Nesbitt

Government Holidaying—Bright Future Obscured by International Situation

VICTORIA—Government in this capital city is in its summer doldrums. Many civil servants are holidaying and cabinet ministers are trying to clean off their desks and get away for a little relaxation and sunshine. A steady stream of American tourists wanders through the corridors of the Legislative Buildings and, as always, ask thousands of questions.

Hundreds more through the Causeway along Victoria's beautiful harbor, snapping pictures of the Buildings, gardens and the ivy-covered Empress Hotel.

The constant topic of conversation is the Korean war and all it may mean for the future. A few weeks ago government leaders were full of their big program for developing British Columbia. Now, plans that appeared to stretch ahead into a bright future for this Province, seem not quite so definite. A big "IF" comes into every plan—and it

means unmistakably, "if we are not going to have another world war."

Next week the civil defence committee appointed by Premier Byron Johnson and headed by R. A. Pennington, deputy provincial secretary, will start on the big job of blue-printing a civil defence organization for B.C.

The large number of tourists visiting this city makes Victoria sensitive to American opinion. The visitors frequently say they don't understand why we are not more excited about the Korean war, that we don't seem to realize American troops are dying in Korea. They are always very polite, of course, but also a little critical because Canada has no ground troops in action.

"I made a fine speech about world government in the Senate," he says, "and nobody paid any attention. But when I sang a song on the front steps of the Capitol all the newspapers put that on page one."

Guess who's nuts?

Miss Isobel McCrimmon left on last night's train on her return to her home in Minneapolis after a two week's visit here.

Tom Taylor, columnist for the Victoria Colonist, called such remarks "a little hard to take, if you know anything about history."

"Human nature being what it is," he said, "the first thing that leaps to mind when a U.S. visitor finds fault is that the kettle is calling the pot black—a decade after."

Then he goes on, reflecting what many people in this capital seem to think:

"Nevertheless it's not comforting for Canadians to be sitting on the sidelines catching brickbats. This country has usually been in the vanguard, without waiting to see which way the cat was going to jump.

"It's humiliating, too. Particularly when you learn ground troops are being readied in New Zealand and Australia and may form part of a Commonwealth force.

"Fancy a Commonwealth force without the senior Dominion of them all

"Leaving America out of the argument," writes Mr. Taylor, "the real point is that this country pledged its word to the United Nations to bear its share of U.N. burdens. Now at the first call to action Canada stumbles.

"Not the people. They are away ahead of the government, and, I think, secretly ashamed of its timidity."

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2. Haul lighter loads. Some trucks using the road are highly overloaded, also buses and trucks used in transporting men.
3. Drive all over the road instead of in one rut.
4. Stop where equipment is working and wait to be signalled past.

We would refer you to an article in the Vancouver Province, dated July 28, 1950, in which it is stated Contractors block the road for 8 and 9 hour periods in the construction of the Fraser Canyon Highway. The longest we have held up traffic is 1 hour and 55 minutes. This happened once. Usually the hold-up time is a matter of minutes.

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