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No Pretty Picture

IT IS A GRIM WARNING that is issued by Secretary of State Dean Acheson of the United States that the United States is the Kremlin's chief target in a drive for "Dominion over the entire world" and that, not only the United States, but the whole civilization in which we live is threatened.

Events in the cold war appear to bear out Mr. Acheson's statement and, certainly, developments of the last short while have not been very favorable for our side. In fact another offensive seems to be on. Yesterday high United States officials expressed belief that the Russians will try again next month to drive the western occupation powers out of Berlin by means of an actual invasion which it is said will be resisted to the limit.

Meantime, from the other side of the world comes news of the surrender of strategic Hainan Island by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek to the Chinese Communists. Now the Nationalists have their backs to the wall in the final stronghold of Formosa.

Not a very rosy picture for the West in the cold war to be sure.

Nevertheless, Warren Johnson, chief delegate of the United States to the United Nations, on the sixth anniversary of the San Francisco Conference, says that the United States will not allow hot war to occur. It is to be hoped that we will not lose too much in the cold war in preventing the shooting war.

NOT SO BAD AT THAT

WE KNOW OF LANDS where hunger and fear and compulsion and uncertainty, or some of these, are the whole of life's background. Much of the world is troubled, much of it uncertain. Yet we, who have no special deserts, do not know what hunger is, and the only fear in our lives is the fear that hangs over all mankind.

We are pretty fortunate, in our ways, and in the system under which we live. Nobody has a dog collar on us. Nobody tells us where to work, or what to work at. Nobody says: "that's your niche in life, make the best of it." Perhaps we are a laborer and we want to be an industrialist, a big-shot. Well, what's stopping us? Nothing but ourselves, our unwillingness to work hard and long hours, to deny ourselves in the present in the hope of a future.

It doesn't matter much what we call this system. Looking at it any way, it offers the best terms of life to be found anywhere. Not perfect, but still the best. It isn't dominance by the few, not a levelling down of the many. Just a fair chance to go where we want to. We fought a couple of wars because of liked this way of life better than any other. Look around again. See if anything better is offering. If not, don't let anybody cheat us out of it now.

RUSSIA AND CHINA

THIRTY YEARS, if not longer ago, China felt the influence of Russia, but Communism was not recognized or understood as it is today. Backed by the Soviet, Chinese are moving from one victory to another in the struggle against their fellow countrymen, now culminating in the latest advances on the islands of Formosa and Hainan.

It might be asked if all this is the scoring of more triumphs for Soviet Russia and part of China together with Communism, or suggests eventually the reuniting of China. Students of the latter country agree that Chinese history has never accepted the dominion of any other nation, no matter the severity and scope of quarrels, or friendliness of neighbors.

It is clear that Soviet Russia, out for conversion to Communism of nothing less than the world, would embrace every foot of China.

More Income Tax Advice

Ald. T. B. Black, at a city council meeting last night, moved that E. T. Appleyhite M. P. should be contacted so that representation can be made here by the Income Tax branch for more assistance in establishing

a temporary office here. Ald. Black said that, while the two officials of the branch were here from Vancouver for a few days, many fishermen, property owners, vessel owners, etc. were not able to approach them and he felt that a lengthier service should be given.

Ald. H. F. Glassey did not think the matter was city council's problem but added that he would like to see steps taken.

What City Council Did

Adopted a utilities committee recommendation for the purchase of copper wire for rehabilitation of the fire alarm system at an approximate cost of \$175. The telephone superintendent was allowed 25 gallons of gasoline per month for operation of his private car on city business.

Approved a health, social assistance, police and licensing committee recommendation for the issuance of trade licenses to: G. D. Ronson, oil burner sales; H. Haudenschild, cafe; W. Demchuk, building contractor.

Adopted a finance committee recommendation that the motion of the council requiring the advertising of vacant property in Section One be rescinded and that lots 4 and 5, block 11, section 1 be sold to John Roach for \$1050.

Heard a finance committee report of the following property sales:

- Lot 5, block 23, section 7 to Olaf Rudsick for \$100. Lot 123, block 34, section 8 to Edith Tattersall for \$15. Lot 14, and East 1/2 of lot 15, block 19, section 8 to Leroy Younghusband for \$55. Lot 14, block 9, section 2 to R. E. Montador Ltd. on behalf of Jean Macfie Stevens for \$315. Lot 18, block 7, section 7 to Albert Dalzell for \$100. Lot 1, block 1, section 2 to Lemmie Herring for \$650. Lot 5 and the Easterly 1/2 of lot 6, block 5, section 2 to Arthur Murray for \$450; the latter two subject to ex-servicemen's rebate.

Accepted a conciliation board report regarding the dispute between the city and the local union of the International Fire-fighters' Association.

LETTERBOX

THE TWO LIZARDS

Two lizards lived behind two frames on a whitewashed wall in a house in India. During the day they slept but at night they ventured forth to make their evening meal off the insects which swarmed into the house.

It appeared that they lived, each quite in ignorance of the presence of the other, and, until the incident took place which opened their eyes, they thought the whole wall was their particular "field of labor."

One evening a juicy bug arrived on the wall about half way between the two pictures and was spied by the two lizards at about the same time. Each started out from his respective lair with his eye on the bug. Slowly they crept up on the unsuspecting insect, licking their chops as they travelled. Both intent on the bug it was some time before they saw each other. When they saw each other they stopped, glared, and their eyes grew big with animosity.

Recovering from their mutual astonishment one could almost hear the argument which ensued.

Said No. 1: "Where did you come from?"

Said No. 2: "I've been here for a long time—longer than you."

Said No. 1: "This is my territory—you get back."

Said No. 2: "Indeed, I reserve the right to go where I please."

This was too much for No. 1 who took advantage of an off-guard moment and pounced on No. 2. In the death struggle which followed they both rolled off the wall and landed onto the floor.

Meanwhile the little fat bug aroused by the commotion, spread its wings and took flight to a safe place, where I think perhaps it burst a button off its jacket in laughter at the silly lizards which, by this time were rubbing their bruises and calculating the shortest course to their hiding places.

I have told this story with variations and apologies to the gracious visiting missionary who told it to a congregation of boys and girls. The application was good, that boys and girls should love each other and not be quarrelling over supposed rights. I submit it with my own variations because I saw in it a lesson for grown up boys and girls who seem to be missing "Big things" because they are so intent on "small and petty jealousies."

Margaret Fraser, Northern Light Book Room

Agreed to purchase the former U.S. Army 12-inch wood stove water pipe installation from Acropolis Hill to the waterfront for \$50. The city engineer will make use of fittings from the line. The purchase will be made from Crown Assets Disposal Corporation.

Passed a Land Sale Bylaw, presented by Ald. T. B. Black.

Tabled a request of the Northern B. C. Museum board for a grant. The matter will be dealt with when estimates are brought down.

Authorized the presence of City Clerk H. D. Thain at a Municipal Officers' Convention in Victoria June 1 and 2.

Answers Made On Garbage Disposal

In answer to Ald. H. F. Glassey's request at a council meeting early this month, City Clerk H. D. Thain last night produced garbage disposal costs for certain months. From June to August last year, disposal costs were \$6,246.12 and the average was \$2,082.04. From September to December of 1949, costs were \$7,501.44 and the average 1,875.36. Costs of disposal for the latter two months, said the city clerk, was less by \$207.

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"Gift" But No Title

City council last night could not understand the meaning of a letter from the School Board read to members by City Clerk H. D. Thain. The board requested a reason for the city not granting the title to the Conrac Street playground, recently acquired from the city by the board. The city clerk explained that in the initial letter to the board, it was explained that the board was being given the lots and that any alterations required would be satisfactory as far as the city is concerned.

Dr. R. G. Large, chairman of the School Board, was present at the meeting and said the School Board is faced with expenditures to the lots if they are to be used for playground purposes. He explained that the board has no assurance that councils in the future may change the policy. "We feel we are not legally

able to spend money if we ever have to give them up again." City Clerk Thain told Dr. Large that the city was not able to "give" the lots to the board because the city "paid cash" for them. He added that, if the board favored buying the lots, council would not object. He reminded Dr. Large that a private owner would not give away lots. Ald. H. F. Glassey moved that the board be notified stating the reason for council not being able to grant the title to the lots.

AIR PASSENGERS. For Masset (Monday)—M. Choquette and Mr. Duffus. From Masset—J. Jeffries, G. Kelly, Mrs. A. J. Gray.

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