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## Real Issue of Berlin

THE FIRST DAYS of the United Nations Security Council's consideration of the Berlin situation, it seems, are being taken up with legal arguments. But that will make them not less but, if anything, more important. Details may matter little. The real subject of discussion is the competence of the Council to deal with this "threat to peace." There is an attack on the authority of the Council, an attempt to restrict its sphere.

For the second time (the first occasion was that of the continued presence of Russian troops in Persia after the date fixed by Treaty for their withdrawal), the Soviet government is virtually claiming immunity from the Council's jurisdiction. Nor is it only the competence of the Council which is being attacked on legalistic grounds. The authority of the Assembly is also being questioned—on political grounds.

Suggestions have been made that if the Soviet Union, by the use of its veto, prevents the Council from making any recommendation under Article 39 or Article 40 of the Charter, the matter shall be referred to the Assembly, where no great power has a veto and any recommendation is valid if passed by a two-thirds majority.

The issue, as the note of the Three Powers points out, is no longer that of the currency and communications of Berlin. It is that the Soviet government "is attempting, by illegal and coercive measures, to secure political objectives to which it is not entitled and which it could not achieve by peaceful means." It is the use by a great power of such methods—the economic weapon of the blockade and the deliberate provocation of disorder—as "instruments of policy" which is now in question.

The continued use of such methods must inevitably destroy the whole basis of international co-operation and the whole basis of the existence of the United Nations. There is not so much "a threat to the peace" as a threat to all possibility of safeguarding the peace by methods envisaged in the Charter.

If either the Council or Assembly were to condone the use of such methods by any power in any circumstances, it would stultify itself and make all the solemn pledges of the Charter ridiculous. There cannot be two codes of conduct within the Charter, nor can exemption from its obligations be conceded to one power because of its formidable strength and its truculent manner. That would indeed be the end.

Yet if either the Council or Assembly condemns the conduct of the Soviet Union in this matter of Berlin and calls upon it to abandon its attempts to coerce its allies to accept its demands, a new danger presents itself—that of a complete and final split in the United Nations. Nor would it make much difference whether the Soviet Union and its associates were formally to withdraw or whether they retained formal membership while denying the authority of the organization.

Mr. Bevin's grave words to the Assembly are only too well justified. The issue which once faced the League of Nations is now facing the United Nations. Is it better to seek "universality" even by the sacrifice of principle, or to maintain principle even at the cost of losing "universality"? It is ironical to recall that in Geneva in the 30's, the staunchest champion of "principles" as against "universality" was the Soviet Union. The choice remains a grave and difficult one. But it is the real issue that will begin to loom behind the legalistic arguments which are occupying the first days of the Security Council's consideration of the "Berlin situation."

## THANKSGIVING INDEED

NEXT MONDAY will be Thanksgiving Day—the festival that reminds one of something he rarely takes the trouble to think about seriously. Ingratitude is enough of an offence to be looked on as a sin of which there is plenty in Canada. And in no part of this great land is there more justification to feel grateful than in British Columbia. How many hunger? To what extent is there a denial of the pleasures and privileges all of us accept in a matter of course spirit? Where is poverty, if anyone with health and strength and the will to work will exert himself?

## YOUNG ENGLISH BANKER ARRIVES

Stanley Leonard Stead, who learned his banking with the National Provincial Bank at Ludlow, Shropshire, England, arrived in Prince Rupert yesterday to join the staff of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal. It was just a week ago that Mr. Stead left London, flying across the Atlantic Ocean to Montreal. From there he came west by train and arrived in the city on the Prince George yesterday.

## AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver—T. R. Lilly, G. S. Reade, J. Keeley, H. W. Hansen, J. Sheldon, W. Sverre, G. Gerrard, S. Semple, M. Postuk, F. Conklin, M. Derhouser, Mrs. S. Foster, D. Hamilton.  
To Sandspit—Miss Ada Young, R. Lund, Mr. and Mrs. G. Young, From Vancouver — Mrs. T. Byrne and infant, V. Lewis, A. Horg, R. Martland, Mrs. Johnson, J. C. Hutchison, Mr. Morrison.  
From Sandspit—H. Jorgensen, W. R. Kennedy.

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WILL WED SOON — Edith Kermit Roosevelt, granddaughter of former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt, is shown with her fiancé, Alexander Barmine, former Russian general who is now a U.S. citizen and an author. Barmine enlisted in the U.S. army as a private in 1942. He later served with the famed cloak-and-dagger organization that bore the official designation of office of strategic services. He is considered an authority on the new Russia.

## TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Dr. Large to Represent Local Chamber at Canadian Chamber of Commerce Sessions

Dr. R. G. Large, president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, will represent the Chamber at the annual convention of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to be held in Vancouver the last week of this month. His appointment as official delegate was ratified at the monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce this week.

The local Chamber will have one resolution in its own name before the convention, this having to do with the desired removal of unnecessary barriers to international trade and traffic, particularly between the United States and Canada.

Prince Rupert will also add its voice at the Canadian Chamber meeting to the campaign seeking support for the establishment of adequate Coast-guard services on the Canadian coasts.

## Civic Centre

### Dates

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9:00—Bo Me Hi Gym Class  
P.M.  
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WEAR ANCIENT GARB — sandals almost identical with those made by the ancient Egyptians. There are desert tribes in Africa and the Near East wearing

## PRODUCTION DRIVE

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they insisted on injecting wages, profits and war into the debate. Some said production was a "class question" and asked "who gets most out of it?" without answering their own question.

These critics, regarded as an irritation to smooth agreement among the workers, present another problem in a government production drive that goes far beyond merely appealing to the rank and file.

To help modernize some of Britain's out-moded factories the government is spending £2,000,000 (\$8,000,000) on capital investment this year.

## CIRCULATE NEW IDEAS

Government publications are issued to thousands of factories suggesting new production methods and novel ideas. Joint management-workers production committees have been set up and there are frequent union groups.

Recently the government announced a United States industrial efficiency team was coming to make suggestions. This caused a ripple of resentment in some labor and management quarters but the general opinion expressed by the T.U.C. at Margate was "if they can tell us anything we'll accept it."

The government frequently re-

ports direct to the workers, as Sir Stafford Cripps, chancellor of the exchequer, did at the Margate convention. He told delegates more production was the only road out of the economic jungle, that it would keep prices down, protect the value of real wages and bring home needed dollars.

But he said he would rather see introduction of new machinery and new methods than longer hours of work. This statement was considered significant following the address of retiring T.U.C. president Miss Florence Hancock, who had declared constant exhortation of the workers to work harder and longer without consideration of other factors caused "irritation" and 100 for the

## FORMER OPTICIAN

Fred Joudry, who died late in September, owned a residence in the Maritime province after a long stay in the rank and file. Under the union drive he never lost sight of the average of 120 six months of 100 and 100 for the



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