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Tibet

TIBET looks like the next sphere of Communist aggression. Even the friendly gestures of Prime Minister Nehru towards Soviet Russia and his outspoken views in favor of Communist China in respect to the United Nations have not headed off the invasion of Tibet which is a move of deep concern and import to India.

Tibet is a strange, mysterious and little-known country which, due to its remoteness and inaccessibility, few white men have seen. In fact, up to relatively a few years ago, white men were refused entry. In the present Asiatic situation, it is a place of strategic if difficult position.

Highest country in the world, its tablelands average about 16,000 feet above the sea and its great mountain peaks reach 24,600 feet skyward.

It is bounded on the north by Sinkiang, on the northeast by the Chinese province of Chinghai, on the east by the Chinese province of Sikang, on the west by Kashmir and Ladakh, and on the south by India, Nepal and Bhutan.

The border with Chinghai and Sikang has long stood indefinite and the limits between Tibet and Sinkiang have been in doubt.

Tibet, with a population estimated at 3,000,000, has long been known as a treasure house of gold which factor may also have some significance in current developments. The almost universal distribution of gold through Tibet is indeed a remarkable economic feature. Its gold digging was referred to in mythical terms as far back as Herodotus. Every river which rises in Tibet including the feeders of Brahmaputra, Ganges and Indus wash down sands impregnated with gold.

Indian and Chinese influence have alternated for many years in this land which also has had its eras of independence. The Russians have also had their influence there. Nevertheless, Tibet has been able to maintain a position of practical isolated independence for many years—an independence which is now threatened as it has often been over the years, and it is in the dangerous position of being another of the world's buffer areas in the conflict between Communism and democracy. Last year the regent of Tibet made approaches to United States for protection against Chinese Communism and the situation has since been tense.

WIDE OPEN TO ATTACK?

EVER since the first atom bomb was exploded over five years ago there has been much talk in this country about civil defense. But judging by the speech of General Worthington in Montreal recently, talking is about all we have done, observes Financial Post.

Only two cities in Canada, Vancouver and Sault Ste. Marie, said the federal co-ordinator of civil defense, have any real organization for dealing with this problem.

To say the least, that is a highly disturbing situation and calls for prompt action by municipal, provincial and federal authorities. No one is expecting miracles or anything like 100 per cent protection. But certain commonsense steps could be taken now that would give some measure of safety at reasonable cost. General Worthington and others who have made special studies of what happened in large-scale civilian bombing in Europe and Japan assure us that casualties can be reduced as much as 75 per cent with a well-organized civil defense system.

Of primary importance is a definite plan in important centres to produce full and instant co-operation between fire, police, hospital, ambulance and other services. Responsible heads in these various groups should know in advance exactly what is expected of them and what they can expect from the other services. The public should have some general knowledge of what precautions are to be taken, what mass impulses to be avoided.

We are taking enormous and totally unnecessary risks if we leave all these preparations until after the sirens sound.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY
"Harden not your hearts."—Hebrews 3:8

HOW TO BUILD A GOOD CREDIT RECORD

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Fifth Candidate For City Council

Michael Krueger, manager of the fish oil department of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative, who ran unsuccessfully last year, announced at the week-end that he would again be a candidate for alderman at

the December civic election. Mr. Krueger has been a resident of Prince Rupert for five years and is a chemist by profession, being a graduate of University of Alberta. In addition to his executive duties, he has taken a keen interest in municipal affairs. Mr. Krueger makes the fifth candidate definitely in the field for five council vacancies. The

Mary Ascension Dogma Approved

VATICAN CITY (C)—More than five hundred cardinals and bishops are Harold Whalen, T. Norton Youngs, Darrow Gomez and D. W. Griffiths.

ops approved today Pope Pius' decision to proclaim the bodily assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven as a dogma of the Roman Catholic Church. The Pope told an assemblage that proclamation on Wednesday of the dogma will "fill the whole Catholic world with unspeakable joy."

Puerto Rico Has Uprising

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (C)—Nationalists clashed with police today at three towns in a sudden outbreak which authorities said appeared to be part of an organized uprising in Puerto Rico. Early reports said that persons were killed and property rounded. Nationalists in Puerto Rico demand the same thing as Communists and demand independence from the United States.

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