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Will It Succeed?

IT IS VERY DIFFICULT to assess the chances of success of the coming Foreign Ministers' meeting in Paris. For there is one factor which may well be decisive: and it is entirely unknown. It is the attitude of the Soviet government towards its Allies.

If Mr. Vyshinsky comes to the Council Table in the mood in which he and Mr. Molotov came to it in the two 1947 sessions, then the meeting will be short and futile. For the western ministers have no intention of repeating the experience of London and Moscow. They will not again, in vain hope of reaching some measure of agreement about something, sit patiently for weeks listening to intemperate attacks on themselves, their governments and their countries. If the Russians' intention is to use the council again as an instrument of propaganda and "psychological warfare" against their Allies, it will be frustrated.

But it may be that this time Stalin really wants to come to an agreement. It may be that this is why the inflexible Molotov left the Moscow Foreign Office. It may be that this is why the Berlin blockade was unconditionally lifted. On the other hand, M. Grymyko in Lake Success still speaks in tones of rasping hostility. Nor do the manners of the Soviet press show any sign of improvement.

But the changes of Soviet policy when they come are apt to come suddenly without any sign that they are about to happen or any explanation of why they have happened. That is true not only of a major volto facto like the 1939 conversion of hostility towards Nazi Germany into effusive friendship. In 1945 Molotov's vehement objection to French participation in the making of Balkan treaties nearly wrecked the Council of Foreign Ministers. A few months later, without a word of explanation, he insisted that, of course, France must play her part. And there have been many similar instances—over the French annexation of Tonda and Brigé, over the future of the Italian colonies. It seems not only a gauche but in the long run a foolish method. But it is Stalin's way. And a sudden reversal of policy and attitude in Germany is perfectly possible.

Sunday newspapers got their start during the Civil War, due to the public's desire for up-to-the-minute news from the war fronts.

FIRM WITH COMMUNISTS

THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY, which happens to be running the government of the Old Country at the present time, makes a pretty drastic move for a political group that is supposed to cherish so greatly the principles of democracy when it tells 5,000,000 party workers that there is to be no fellow-travelling with Communists. The Congress of Industrial Organization in the United States is even harsher in the ultimatum to its members that the organization is to be completely purged of Communists. All of this is getting pretty close to interference with the freedom of choice.

There would probably be a great hue and cry from the labor organizations in Canada if a Liberal government should go so far as the laborites in Britain and the United States themselves propose in dealing with the Communists. On the other hand, it might be that a Labor government in Canada might not be as patient with the Communists as the present government has been. At that, there are many in this country who feel that more firm action might be appropriate in dealing with our extreme Left Wing elements. Apparently, the laborites in Britain and the United States view them as a more serious menace or threat than we do here. Possibly, we are trifling too much with them.

Ray Reflects . . .
. . . and Reminisces

Four wild geese, flying unusually low, were noticed over Prince Rupert late on Wednesday. Perhaps like so many others but who wear feathers only in the hat, they were looking for some place to stay.

It comes high for a fisherman to be a non-resident of Alaska and do business there as well. The crew of the Tatoosh, well known in Rupert, are finding that out. The tax collector demands $50 a man, and they decline to pay. An injunction to restrain has been filed. The halibut trade is reported pretty fair, and it had better be.

Jay-walkers, caught in Toronto, are fined a dollar. Why not call a taxi and save half the money?

It can hardly be said that, when a man does not take a live interest in a good, smart dog fight, that he's beginning to feel old. It's more like the opposite. On Third Avenue yesterday as we approached a couple of evenly matched looking pair of pooches it was clear that hostilities had not even been declared. Rover and Prince, each heartily cursing, were deep in combat and doing fine. Each kept chewing some of the other fellow's hair. We had an unobstructed view, and felt younger every minute. But there is always something to take the joy out of life. Two citizens, with United Nations affiliations, managed to seize each pup by the collar and drag them apart. Why not let Nature take its course? No wonder only ten thousand population in forty years!

On Mother's Day, this month, in Vera Cruz, Mexico, no less than a hundred unmarried parents were united in enduring bonds. About three hundred of their children were present. One couple admitted having lived together for 43 years. Oh well, what's the rush?

Sponsored by the Oregon Journal of Portland, a sourdough cruise to Aaska aboard the s.s. Prince George will be on the cards shortly. Sailing date, from Portland, will be tomorrow. Space sold rapidly. The stampede this time, will be different. In '98, no one was bothered with rheumatism ,and bacon and beans tasted far better than the spotless menu of '49.

AIR PASSENGERS

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To Vancouver (today)—A. L. Rogers, Miss F. Partridge, H. Clark, R. Rindal, F. T. Small, J. Wilkinson, W. M. Wright.

To Sandspit (today)—F. La Sette, S. Bakks.

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You Saw It In The News!

URGE PASTORS FOR VILLAGES

New Anglican Clergyman Lack Missionary Spirit

Delegates to the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Caledonia Thursday heard native lay readers and chiefs plead—with little hope of immediate satisfaction —to be supplied with resident pastors at Indian villages.

Bishop J. B. Gibson, chairman of the Synod, admitted to Lay Leaders Solomon Doolan of Kincolith, Nathan Shaw and William Ridley of iKtkatla, ePter Hill of Masset and Chief Albert Douse of Kitwancool there were no additional clergy in prospcet for this diocese.

Bishop Gibson said that he had combed Canadian theological colleges an dhad even sought men in England, but no young men seemed to want to come to the diocese of Caledonia. They seemed to lack the msisionary spirit of the pioneers, he said.

After hearing from the native delegates, the Synod received a report from C. W. Seaman of Smithers on the work of supplying 1,400 isolated children in the diocese with Sunday School lessons by post. He appealed to the celrgy to make periodic visits to these isolated children.

Reports also were given by Capt. Ray Taylor of the Church Army in charge of the Sunset Prairie parish in the Peace River block, Rev. Hugh Mortimer of Fort St. John and Rev. S Kinley of Aiyansh. Each described the circumstances peculiar to his work.

The financial statement of the diocese for 1948 was presented by Acting Treasurer R. E. Gladding an dshowed a deficit of $7,624, incurred chiefly by the need for major repairs for the mission boats Northern Cross and eWstern Hope, and because of a reduction of one-third in the annual grant from the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

The congregation of the diocese was asked to contribute $4,560 extra in 1949, by which means it is hoped to balance this year's budget.

The Synod referred to the executive committee a problem raised by the reduction in income from the Episcopal Endowment Fund which has largely invested in English railway stocks and which has dropped since nationalization of the British railways.

Three amendments to Canon Law were passed unanimously. One gives lay delegates the right to vote individually in episcopal elections, rather than allowing them only one vote for each parish. Individual voting will be allowed irrespctive of the size of the parish.

Another makes it possible for church wardens to give Christmas Day collections to the parish clergyman if all obligations have been met.

The third amendment allows the provincial House of Bishops equal nominating rights with the diocesan Synod at the election of Bishops for Caledonia.

It was agreed in future to invite the diocesan President of the Women's Auxiliary to report to the Synod on W.A. activities.

The resignation of G. P. Tinker, diocesan secretary-treasurer, was accepted with regret and R. E. Gladding was selected to fill the post. Appreciation was expressed for Mr. Tinker's services.

The following were elected to fill various offices:

Delegates to the General Synod at Halifax in September —Rev. A. W. Atkinson, Burns Lake; F. E. Anfield, Prince Rupert.

Delegates to the Provincial Synod at Victoria in the summer of 1950—Canon C. A. Hinchcliffe, Smithers; Canon Basil S. Prockter, Prince Rupert; Rev. S. Kinley, Aiyansh; Rev. M. A. W. Champion, G. Dawes, Paul Stephens, Ocean Falls and R. Mercer, R. Taylor.

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