

## Reds on Move Again

T WAS PRETTY CERTAIN that the Chinese civil war would break out anew so there is nothing particularly shocking about the resumption of the fighting along hundreds of miles of Yangtse River front which has for some time been the dividing ling between the Communists on the north and the disor, ranized and wavering Nationalists on the south. The recent suspension of hostilities over a period or supposed negotiation between the two sides will have given the Communists a breathing spell which was probably what they wanted anyway. No one expects anything but that the Red forces will swan m across the Yangtse in short order and capture Manking and Hankow, then sweeping on to further advances. There has been no particular indication that the Nationalists will receive any outside official support against their Red foes.

While the rest of the world looks on with what seems almost indifference, the Communists are on the march again for further power and territorial aggrandizement across the water from us. It is a situation that concervably might affect us more directly than we seem to realize or want to realize at this time.

### THE PUBLIC PAYS

A NY INCREASE in the cost of goods and ser-vices in this country must be charged back. Arming Europe vices in this country must be charged back to one group—the Canadian buying public. Unfortunately, when labor and management get together to discuss wage increases, the people who pay the shot, the buying public, are usually excluded from the conference room.

Public sympathy is almost automatically on the side of any group demanding an increase in wages. It is not common sense to say there are no justifiable demands for wage increases but it is common sense to point out that the public should understand its own stake in such disputes. The public cannot reasonably demand continuing low prices for themselves and increases in wages for others.

The public has developed a very thorough interest in many of the factors affecting the cost of living. It might take as keen an interest in wage disputes for it is a matter of simple arithmetic that there cannot be lower purchase prices and higher production costs at one and the same time.

### WOMEN 'STRONGER' SEX

\V/OMAN, if not the "stronger sex," is the more W durable, says George Lawton, psychologist, in The Readers Digest for May. Women outlasts man, either because her biochemical make-up gives her more resistance to disease or because her life is much easier than her husband's. The result is that two out of three women past 65 are living without mates.

The American male, in the middle brackets, overworks himself, while his wife finds her tasks becoming progressively fewer. Lawton holds, in an article condensed from The New York Times Magazine. "Women's 'weakness' is man's greatest invention, and women don't bother to dispel the illusion." As luxuries become necessities, under the influence of modern advertising, the American woman does less and less, lives longer and longer. Meanwhile, her husband, working hard to maintain his place in a competitive world, dies of a heart attack.

Statistics show that the average woman will be a widow for eight years of her lifetime because (1) she will live four years longer than the average man, and (2) she is four years younger than her husband. The problem of living alone is a serious one to most women and cannot be unloaded on men's shoulders, for men "don't stick around long enough."

Lawton urges that a woman consider her standard of living and the amount of pressure on her husband needed to maintain it. Then she should ask herself whether this standard of living and the size of the prospective estate are sufficient compensation for a long period of living alone.

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By George Ronald (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, ()- Opponents of the arms-for-Europe program have crashed their first wave of criticism onto the beach of public opinion.

Letters being sent to Congressmen and press releases doubt and indecision surroundpouring into newspaper offices indicate at least three main groups are against the government's plan to put some wallop into the North Atlantic Alliance.

of the opposition to the arms 1. The loosely-knit contingent-in and out of Congressdescribed by one observer as "professional e c o n o m izers." They are alarmed about the cost of the plan, estimated unofficially at more than \$1,000,000,000 a year for several years.

2. The assortment of church groups and pacifist organizaand perhaps conducive to wa to help other countries re-arm.

3. One-time isolationists who fear that American equipment might fall into Communist hands in the event of aggression against Europe's non-Communist countries.

This last pocket of opposition may spearhead the attack when Congress gets around to debating the aid program. And, as in the past, it may cause grave concern in the western European countries which have appealed for military help.

But Gen. Omar Bradley, United States Army chief of staff, has put at rest-officially-the European's fear that the United States considers them expendable.

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The most of Canada's public men have had their ups and downs and the training harmed no one. The Minister of Agri culture, for example, Mr. Gardhard way. Even to this day, he can flip hotcakes with a skill born of experience when he lived in a prairie shack. Men often do things just because they have to and become capable, thereby. It seems so in his case.

Phil Ray's bird cafe at First Avenue and Third Street does not seem so indispensable as it was during lean winter months, States," he said in a recent when the harbor front was bar-"that we cannot count ren and no such animal as a on friends in Western Europe if juicy worm was visible. The, our strategy in the event of war dictates that we shall abandon smooth and roomy surface of a stump where the pathway leads them to the enemy with a prodownhill, was a refreshment centre. It would be spread with "Unless plans for common dechunky bits of bread and scraps fence of the existing free world of meat toward which the winged wanderers flew in their hunern Europe, these people cangry hundreds, with table mannot be expected to stake their ners ignored. Gulls and crows, having superior speed and The forthcoming Senate deweight, had an undoubted adbate on the North Atlantic pact vantage over lesser contenders. may eliminate much of the Early the other evening, a sizeable feast awaited but it has ing the government's formal not been disturbed. The need linking of United States destiny has become less urgent. with that of Western Europe. That may clear away a big part

That battered and banged around old trophy, the Stanley Cup, has been won again by the Maple Leafs. And what a chunk of maimed old silver it is, any-

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