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Why Woo Spain?

CPAIN HAS SUDDENLY become a centre of in-I terest in the plans of the western democracies for the checking of Russia in Europe. American politicians, business men and military leaders have been seeing General Franco at the Prado Palace in Madrid and returning to urge that Spain be readmitted to polite society—and given money and munitions.

There is something sickening and morally weakening about the spectacle of Americans even suggesting that a partner should now be made of the dictator who was so recently aligned with Germany and Japan. For this is the Franco Spain which Hitler and Mussolini used as a training ground for the legions they later threw at the western democracies. This is the dictatorship whose record in persecuting political prisoners and denying genuine freedom of speech and worship parallels Russia's. This is the fascist regime which even the United Nations voted unworthy of diplomatic recognition by member nations.

Fortunately, it seems that only in the United States is such advocacy on behalf of Spain taking any hold. In Britain Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin is still most ardently urging the continued ostracizing of Franco. In France such proposals

are doubly distasteful.

In addition, the whole project would appear to be highly reckless. Its certain result would be to further wreck the United Nations by alienating the neutral nations. Even from a military standpoint it is to be questioned for who knows how unstable Spain might be herself in time of turmoil? How much could one authoritarian state be depended upon as a bulwark against another? Why should United States or any other country become the bedfellow of one form of totalitarianism in order to curb another?

HOWE CHANGES HIS MIND

1T'S A GOOD MAN who can change his mind and so we take off our hat to Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of trade and commerce, who goes so far as to admit that he has been "seized with the econamic importance" of a TransCanada Highway as a national project. This is the same Mr. Howe who not so long ago expressed the opinion that construction of a TransCanada Highway should be reserved until times got hard when work would be needed to relieve unemployment. Since making that statement, however, Mr. Howe has been gradually coming around to a different point of view until now he unreservedly admits that a TransCanada Highway is something that could well be considered. Accordingly a conference on the matter will be held in the near future. Now that Mr. Howe has seen the light we may expect some action before long since his views had for some time been considered as constituting one of the major obstacles in the campaign to induce the federal government to do something about a general national highway program.

NURSING ANNIVERSARY

THE MODERN NURSE is so skilful in helping the physician that many medical functions are now relegated to her, according to the American Nurses' Association, sponsor of this year's nationwide Diamond Jubilee, from November 14 to 20, marking the 75th anniversary of professional nursing in the United States.

"In many cases today," the ANA declares, "it is the nurse who administers anesthetics and medicines, assists at operations, washes out the stomach, gives hypodermic injections and enemas, and makes metabolism tests and cardiograms. She is the physician's colleague and aide, but her salary and status have not caught up with the importance of her present duties. Nurses are still paid only slightly more than \$35 to \$40 a week; they work 48 to 54 hours a week; and are victims of the split shift, which prevents them from leading a normal social

In connection with this year's celebration of the 75th anniversary of the profession, the ANA urges an economic security program for nurses. This calls for an 8-hour day and steps toward a 40-hour 5-day week; salary adjustments for evening, night and on-call duty; extension of forms of social insurance to include nurses' sick leave and vacation with pay; removal of restrictions on place of residence and greater recognition of professional and personal status.

It is to be noted that the above comment is applied particularly to the nurses of the United States. In British Columbia the nursing profession appears to be operating under much better conditions than in the United States having already won several of the items which the ANA is still seeking.

. Along the river.

(By W. J. R.)

Pacific Comes Back After Floods -Power Wasting At Hagwilget

points along the Skeena nearer the coast. River, during last sumdid not overlook. yard and tracks and around station and cafe. Today, however, there is nothing to remind one of this. Station lawns and ornamental shrubbery are trim and neat, affairs move along as usual and Mrs. Anderson, pioneer hotel woman, looking hale and hearty, greets all guests.

Hagwilget is an old native village standing on spacious gently sloping ground where the lofty, high level bridge links the frowning cliffs of Bulkley River canyon. Here, the water foams and roars forever and a day, incidentally wasting power on major scale. The remote ancestors of the Hagwilgets ar said to have come originally from across Behring Sea. Looking out from where they dwell natural grandeur flaunts the changing, vivid tints of October Forty miles away, along the shores of the Skeena, the silvery summits of the Seven Sisters rise sharply in the clear, cool air. Behind the gray, ramshackle village is what Nature perhaps intended to be golfing ground. But the Hagwilgets do not play.

R. J. Morrison, in the employ of elton. the public works department, New Hazelton, has been in Prince Rupert. A former resident this city, where he will be remembered by many old timers his interest in the coast centre remains keen and he had many questions to ask about local pro- has been located at Woodcock gress and people.

ter and mountain climber, who sold for air force purposes. thinks nothing of scaling the dizzy crest of Rocher de Boule (peak of the rolling stone), is dicates there's wood higher up.

Pacific was one of the now located at Copper River.

Gust Christianson, New Hazmer that rising waters elton hotel man, has recovered The from the effects of severe burns and Alderman McKay. flood spread over the that last December made it nec- DEPENDS ON REFUND essary to receive months of rest and special treatment. His son, present contract should be con-Carl, is now personally manag- tingent on us getting a refund ing the hotel. The establish on the Co-op road contract, ment has been modernized, the Alderman Black declared. "The improvements including hot and cold water in the bedrooms.

> J. H. Willan recently bought the business of W. J. Larkworthy, stipulated that if Highway Conpioneer merchant at New Hazel- struction Co. obtained work for ton. It is here the post office its machinery within six months is located. It will be recalled after completing the road, the that Mrs. Larkworthy died some city would be refunded the \$2,time ago, being survived by her 500 cost of transporting the husband and young daughter.

People find reason for deep interest indeed, in the recent confirmation of a report that uranium ore had been found at Rocher de Boule, the spectacular looking peak that once seen, is not so easily forgotten. All agree that, if the strike is something genuine, it can have farreaching results.

Poles, poles, poles—thousands and thousands of them, fresh from the wilderness and now awaiting shipment to various destinations, from railway points of assembly such as Terrace, had expired two weeks before are descending stairs? It's more than five years since Kitwanga, Nash and New Haz-

Rancher Bill Little of Woodcock had not harvested his apples up to last week. From the railway station, it did not appear that the orchard trees had been disturbed. Mr. Little for a good many years, and developed a fine property. During Albert Mercer, handy as hun- the war some of the land was

A chip on the shoulder in-

City Counters Request For Gravel

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future deliveries but still balked ferred to the time lapse at allowing Mr. Hankey an ex- "technicality." Alderman Casey had similar

Alderman T. B. Black made views, charging that the city reference to the refund clause had lost out at every turn of in the city's original contract the road in its dealings with the with Highway Construction Co. company. for construction of the Fair- "Because they could not deview Bay road more than a year liver the gravel, we have missed ago and his suggestion was the best summer we've had in

company would not be asking

for it if it were not to their ad-

The refund clause referred to.

Prince Rupert on a pro-rata

amount of work on future con-

tracts-let within six months of

the completion of the original

contract-must equal the origin-

\$200 back on the cemetery ditch-

al contract price-\$34,000.

It's th e

vantage.'

caught up by Alderman Casey 40 years," he asserted. "It might be another 40 years before we get another like it." "I think that extension of the

Alderman Casey said that he would be willing to move an extension be granted providing Highway Construction would grant a refund.

When the motion was put, the aldermen supported it unanimously. The company's response was expected to be learned to-

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. If the hostess is still busy equipment from Vancouver to receiving guests and a guest leaving, should he interrupt the hostess to tell her goodby? The clause specified that the

Under these circumstances it is not necessary, but if possible, the guest should wait for a short time until the desired opportunity presents it-

The city already has received Q. Please give some suggestions of suitable gifts for ing job last winter. Pro-rata re- bride?

fund on the current \$30,000 A. Articles of silver, cutgravel contract would be about glass, jewelry, paintings, rugs, table linen, chairs, tables, mir-The aldermen chose to disre- rors, clocks, and lamps.

gard the fact that the six-month Q. Should the woman go time limit on the refund clause first when a man and a woman

the present contract was signed A. Yes, and also in ascendlast May. Alderman McKay re ing stairs.

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