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A Hellish Blunder

It must be hell for an army to be strafed by the allies upon whom it had called, to come to its assistance in the thick of combat—but that is what happened at the end of the week to a British regiment fighting in the hills of Korea.

Veterans know, of course, that such things have occurred in previous wars. They did not become so instantly and commonly known what with security and censorship and the fact that the correspondents, in those days, did not follow the battles so intimately and did not have the communication facilities so immediately available as today.

Nevertheless, such blunders as this cannot be so easily explained away or forgotten and it will be a long time before this very tragic one will be lived down. No matter how unintended or accidental it may have been, no matter what apologies may be made and regrets expressed, there is also the factor of morale destruction. There must also be the remorse of those whose mistake caused the tragedy.

OUTLAWING COMMUNISTS

VERRIDING by United States Congress of President Truman's veto of a bill calling for the registration of Communists in the United States focusses attention on the question of whether or not the Communist Party (Labor-Progressive in Canada) should be outlawed. With the fight between communism and democracy moving swiftly from cold war to hot, it is not an easy question to answer.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, in its news letter, discusses a remark of President Truman that "we cannot get rid of communism just by passing a law." This is a very wise remark, says the bulletin, but one which must be considered carefully.

You cannot eliminate murder by passing a law but you can take action against murderers. You cannot get rid of Communist thinking by passing a law, but what you can do by legislative means is move against Communism as a potential criminal gang—not Communists as philosophers or politicians. This is an important difference.

Opponents of outlawing the Communist Party say that we may drive them underground. This is certainly a weighty reason for tolerating the Communists. They are perhaps less dangerous as they are now—crackpots, malcontents—than they would be as martyrs, driven into hiding by the state. On the other hand, how do we know they have not a considerable underground network now? Periodic arrests of Communists on espionage charges suggest that they are methodically running an underground intelligence system, for the benefit of the U.S.S.R.

Another comment on the "underground" question is this: "Do we worry about driving murderers, thieves underground? If we drive the Communists underground by outlawing them, are we up against any tougher problem than in dealing with dope peddlers and other enemies of society?" Because Communists are self-declared enemies of the Democratic society.

A strong argument in favor of outlawing the Communist Party is that such an action will drive many dupes away from the movement. The R.C.M.P. undoubtedly know who most of the Communists are. But perhaps the most dangerous Communist agents in the country, from the point of view of undermining public morale at a time that Canada, in concert with the other United Nations, are the fellow travellers. And the one way of convincing them that the Communist Party is a bad thing is to outlaw it.

We are not here recommending or urging the immediate outlawing of the party but we do believe that it is a matter which should be studied carefully at this time of world crisis. The cardinal principle which must be kept in mind when discussing this question is the fact that we must protect our political freedom above all things. This is easier said than done. There may well be a time when we shall call a halt to the activities of certain groups, simply to save ourselves. But we must be careful in doing so we do not damage the very thing we are fighting to protect. To draw up legislation outlawing the Communist Party without damaging our Canadian heritage of freedom would be a difficult problem. Nevertheless, ways and means of dealing with this problem should be examined now.



By ELMORE PHILPOTT
U.S. \$ SLUMPS

THE FINANCIAL wizards are again issuing ponderous explanations of the slump in the U.S. dollar. Those explanations are pretty hard for the layman to understand. But if we look back at what has happened in the world in the past fifteen years we see this:

Whenever the big financial interests begin to get rid of the money of a certain country—to exchange that money for gold or some other country's money—then the country from which the "flight" of capital occurs is due for some economic bumps. That was true of country after country in the 1930's and it was true of Britain and 30 other countries at the time of the devaluation of the pound sterling last year.

THE OFFICIAL YEAR BOOKS tell us that "United States monetary stocks increased by \$17,800,000,000 from 1934 to 1949, inclusive. During the same period, the total known new production of gold was worth \$15,300,000,000.

In other words all the new gold production, or its equivalent, found its way to the caves at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In addition, two and a half billions were sucked out of vaults in other countries and attracted into Uncle Sam's coffers.

IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT the U.S. was a net loser of gold during 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945. That is just another way of saying that her total payments to the outside world were greater than her total receipts from the outside world—and she had to close the gap by hard cash—namely, gold.

The real explanation of the slump in the value of the U.S. dollar is that the U.S.A. is again paying out more than she is taking in. She is compelled to close the gap by actual gold shipments.

THE MONEY EXPERTS WILL say that this means that the U.S. dollar is not in fact worth what it is theoretically worth; that is that one ounce of gold is worth more than \$35 in Uncle Sam's paper money.

They may also predict that Uncle Sam will soon have to pay more than \$35 for an ounce of gold.

If so, that won't make us mad up here in Canada. Who wouldn't take \$40 or \$50 an ounce rather than \$35?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE money exchange racket, and I'm not sure that many other people do either. Those who do know don't or won't tell. But I do know that it has been going on a long time. Moreover, it is very difficult to interfere with its goings-on. It seems to me profoundly significant that for 34 years Jesus Christ lived and taught in peace in Palestine and nearby countries. But within four days of the time He interfered with the international money exchange racket He was put to death.

The money standard I would like to see would be based on

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Jack Scott and Brown Eyes have motored all the way from Hastings Street to the Maritimes and it cannot be said they do not know their Canada. Just recently they tarried in the north of New Brunswick where it would appear the French-Canadians have the edge on things. In that part of the province it takes observant visitors to dig up what's doing. It did not seem that way years ago. Or have a few Dionne couples been moving over the border?

The harbor of Prince Rupert, when it mirrors the mountains, arouse fond remarks. Usually its like that. Fogs bring a mournful dullness. Stinging rains lash, gales roar, and waves sweep breakers and beach. But most of us, who dwell within sight or sound of salt water, take it all in the daily stride. To be anywhere else would be to miss something.

Winner of the Nobel peace prize, this year, is Dr. Ralph Bunche, grandson of a slave. He was mediator in Palestine when war between Jews and Arabs ceased. Such a great honor will be welcomed. So will the \$23,000 cash.

British Columbia is expected to believe a Sun editorial to the effect that the constables of the city are to provide cakes to boys as a bribe to avoid Halloween hoodlumism. It's hard to credit. Yet, after all, what seems nonsense sometimes turns out to be true. Any time a boy, to his utter amazement, discovers a policeman fears him he immediately becomes a young bum and the officer's job ten times more troublesome.

An American army lieutenant in Korea has been sentenced to death. He had refused to obey orders—a grave enough offence, even in peacetime. He has refused, he said, because obedience would have meant the death of himself and twelve men. His wife is appealing to President Truman. It was expected that he would hear the appeal. But it does not invariably follow that there will be any interference.

A couple of eight hundred pound elk have been shot on the Queen Charlotte Islands. Had this been forty years ago the bag would probably have been exposed for sale. That long ago, no elk were ever seen on the Prince Rupert market, but other species of game were, and first class feeding it made. But today, it's different. We shoot each other instead.

Ontario Cities Keep Fast Time

TORONTO — Toronto, Hamilton, Oshawa and other Ontario cities, as a power conservation measure, are remaining on daylight saving although the rest of the country reverted to standard time Saturday night.

human necessities like wheat, butter, wool, cotton, or lumber. I would like to see a dollar always worth say ten loaves of bread, or two pounds of butter or half a bushel of wheat, or a fraction of all those combined. But so long as we do have the gold standard it seems to me it ought to be the honest and not the phoney gold standard. That is we simply ought to sell and circulate gold by weight measure—and let it find its own price like everything else.

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SHARPSHOOTER — It was a bull's eye for smiling David Ralph of Antigua, British West Indies, a member of Canada's Special Service Force now in training at Chilliwack. Ralph volunteered for service with the engineers attached to the special force. (CP Photo)



Is Committed For Reckless Driving

Lorne Anderson was Friday committed in magistrate's court to trial by a higher court at its next sitting. The charge of reckless driving was laid against Anderson as the result of an accident in which the car was in collision with Swan Peterson, a pedestrian, at the junction of First and Second Avenues. Peterson sustained serious injuries.

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