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A Serious Situation

WE are all confident, of course, of the eventual successful outcome of the campaign in South Korea, to the liberation of which from the communist aggressors the United Nations is committed. We cannot, however, be too complacent about the seriousness of the situation there. The North Koreans are across the Kum River, which was to have been the firm line for the Americans to hold. The provision capital of Taejon has been evacuated and American expeditionary forces are threatened with being cut off. Another "Dunkerque" operation is hinted.

Of most serious significance of all is the sudden and urgent appeal of the Secretary General of the United Nations for "effective, not token," ground forces to assist the South Koreans and the hard-pressed American forces. Canada is one of the nations that is thus appealed to. Such an appeal makes it look like thigs are really bad.

If the United Nations was faced with only South Korea, it would not be so bad. Once there is proper organization, that situation could probably be cleaned up quickly enough even though the starting odds are predominantly in favor of the big and powerful organized force which moved in its own good time against an admittedly unready defence.

The more serious possibility is that Korea may only be a diversion and that more and larger thrusts, depending on the immediate results in South Korea, may develop elsewhere. That is why it is alarming that a relatively minor conflict in Korea should be requiring so much attention and so heavy fighting resources. In the light of possibilities, Korea might have been considered relatively unimportant under normal circumstances. Instead, it seems every day to be assuming proportions of immediate major seriousness.

RUSSIA'S PLAN UPSET

THE statement on Korea which M. Gromyko recently issued is a very revealing document. It is in the form of an indictment of the United States and the United Nations. But it is, in fact, an exposure of a Soviet plan which failed.

It is clear that the Soviet planned that their model was to be Spain, with technical improvements learned from Hitler. There would be a sudden Hitlerism attack. Then Russia would propose "non-intervention" in "civil war." The Western Powers would readily agree, would snatch at the opportunity of avoiding a collision. The Security Council would decide that the conflict was outside its jurisdiction. The U.S.A. had already made up its mind that South Korea would have to be abandoned. South Korea was known to be militarily weak and unprepared. The Northern Government had already been given all the equipment it would need for the operation, and could easily be given more if it were necessary.

So non-intervention and yaks would achieve in Korea what non-intervention and German planes had achieved in Spain—only far more swiftly. And the Soviet Union—at a cost of a few million roubles and a few thousand Korean lives—would have won a resounding victory which would have repercussions throughout Asia.

That was the plan. However, the Western Powers and the United Nations, instead of hesitating, acted. Everything has gone just as Moscow did not intend nor expect. Their plan has collapsed and now plans must be made for new circumstances. What those plans may be are today a matter of anxious speculation. What is reasonable to expect is a blow in another direction.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

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Acts 24: 16.

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636 Sixth Avenue West
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Rev. Lawrence G. Sieber

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Subject: On Our Faith In God.
Children's Story: The Sun and the Rain.
This is a family Service, attend as families.
Church Vacation School opens Monday morning at 9:30 in First United Church.

First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Ave. East
Minister: Rev. E. A. Wright, D.D.
Organists: Mrs. E. J. Smith and John Currie

Sunday, July 16, 1950
Morning Worship—11 o'clock. Subject, "The Greatest Menace to the Christian Church."
Evening Service—7.30. Subject, "Why I Know Jesus Christ to be the Son of God."
A cordial invitation is extended to any visitors in our city to worship with us.
"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

Sermon Without Bible Reference

A sermon entirely without scriptural reference will be delivered tomorrow night in First United Church when Rev. E. A. Wright preaches on the subject "Why I Know Jesus Christ to be the Son of God." In the morning Mr. Wright's subject will be "The Greatest Menace to the Christian Church" (indifference).

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SATURDAY SERMON

(By Fred Antrobus, First Baptist Church)
Text: Acts 11: 20—"Some of them." Read Acts 11: 19-26.

THE ANONYMOUS BUILDERS

I love to think and to read of the building of the Church of Christ in the world and its extension in the midst of unfavorable conditions and the gathering in of unbelievers to the place of trusting and obeying the Lord Jesus. But who does the greater part of the building?

Here, we read that "some of them," certain anonymous Christians travelled as far as Antioch, after the persecution which arose around Stephen in Jerusalem. There they labored in witnessing to the "Grace of God." Because of their efforts, believers were first nicknamed "Christians" in the ancient city. These were some of the many anonymous builders whose names are written only in the Lamb's Book of Life. We praise God for them. Without their faithfulness, the Church of Christ would never grow.

It is so easy and thrilling to call the roll of the "ilustrious," like Peter, James, John, Paul, and we certainly need good leaders. But we also need good 'followers.' We talk about the 'great preachers' of days gone by but it takes 'good hearers' to make great preachers. It was not Nehemiah who built the walls of Jerusalem. His leadership was necessary but it was the people who had a mind to work who did the job.

The anonymous Christians of Acts preached the word and showed the 'Grace of God' in their words and living, ie., in faith and love. And we read that "much people was added unto the Lord." This comes first and then they should be added to the local church. Later on, Barnabas and Paul came. They consolidated the work which others had done.

Many Christians covet to be among the 'illustrious' but it is a poor ambition. The Lord is not looking for such folk. He often passes by the wealthy-be-great and uses the humble worker. In the city of Lashai, they said: "An unknown Parsee came and told us."

When Spurgeon told how he was saved, he said that into the the church that cold winter morning there came a 'tall thin man,' an officer of the church, who took the minister's place. He spoke the words which to me meant life. Bunyan, in telling of the days before his conversion, speaks of going down the street in his town one afternoon and hearing several women talking about God. He said they did so with such sweetness of Scriptural language that I said to myself: "They live in another world altogether." This had a great deal to do with bringing Bunyan to Christ himself.

My Christian friends, let us covet to be faithful witnesses like some of these and, as Thomas a Kempis said, "Be content to be unknown." We belong to a select company when we are among the "anonymous builders" of the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

To Repair And Repaint Church

Eby & Sons have been awarded the contract for structural repairs, inside and outside, to First Presbyterian Church. William MacKenzie, who has just completed the painting of the Manse, will also paint the church. The repair work on the church will include the renewing of the entrance.

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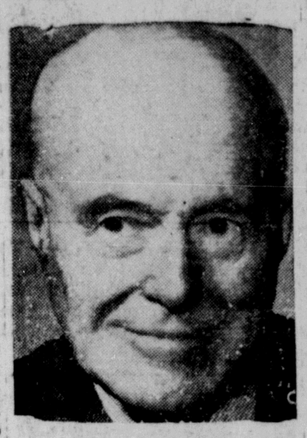

JAMES EWEN MATTHEWS — James Ewen Matthews, 80, oldest member of the House of Commons, now sits in the Commons as Liberal member for the Manitoba constituency of Brandon. He was born Aug. 17, 1869. He defeated John Bracken, former Progressive Conservative leader, in the 1949 federal election. (CP Photo)

As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT

REPLY TO L.P.P.

THE MOST FURIOUS attacks made by the Moscow press in recent days are not on the old targets—Wall Street warmongers, etc., etc., etc. They are on Trygve Lie, the secretary general of the UN.

I am not surprised therefore, to note that the most furious criticisms in the Canadian Communist press are on myself. The Pacific Tribune for July 7, 1950 devotes two full columns to an attack on me for calling on Canada to stand firm aganist the flagrant aggression by the Communist armies of North Korea.

"To earn his thirty pieces of silver, this British Columbia counterpart of Dorothy Thompson has deliberately obscured or distorted a number of very important factors relating to the Yankee intervention in South Korea."

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I HAVE BEEN WRITING FOR Canadian newspapers now for almost thirty years I have spent studying Russian moves, good and bad. Hence I was too old a hand to be taken in by the recent Communist world line of no up a phoney clamor for "peace" while in fact preparing actual aggressions, such as the one lately launched against South Korea—and another one soon coming against Yugoslavia.

For one must have been blind not to see that another change (for the worse) was coming in the Moscow line.

I warned in 1938—the year before it happened—that Stalin would do what he did do a year later, make a deal with Hitler. The Canadian Communists were as furious with me then as they are now. How could THAT happen? they roared. Were not Communism and Fascism mortal enemies?

Yet when it did happen those same Canadain Communists meekly toed the new Moscow line. Until August, 1939, they were the main organizers of the anti-Fascist fronts, just as they have been recently of the "peace" fronts. Yet the minute the Stalin-Hitler deal was made, and the world was plunged into war the Communists somersaulted.

They did everything they possibly could to sabotage our war effort, until Hitler shot Russia into the war in June, 1941.

IN 1946 THE U.S. SENATE Department invited the three leading Russian journalists to tour North America. Our own government later invited the trio, Ilya Erhenburg, Konstantin Simonov and Major General Galatkinov to visit Canada.

A great honor was given to me. Because I had stood through thick and thin for an honorable peace and friend ship with Russia, I was asked to speak with the three Russian visitors at great mass meetings in Toronto and Montreal. For days I racked my brains to decide exactly what to say to the three visitors which the people of Canada would want them to repeat to the Russian people.

In the presence of 7,000 people in Toronto and about 12,000 in Montreal I told the Russians that this was the truth which they could take back to their own people:

1. The people of Canada would never take part in, nor condone nor permit an attack on Russia, but

2. The people of Canada would certainly resist with all their power an attack by Russia, or her allies, on others.

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THE RUSSIANS LIKED what I said then—maybe because of its implication re an atomic attack by U.S.A.

But I meant exactly what I said, on both points, in 1946—and I still do in 1950.

LETTERBOX

THANKS PHILPOTT

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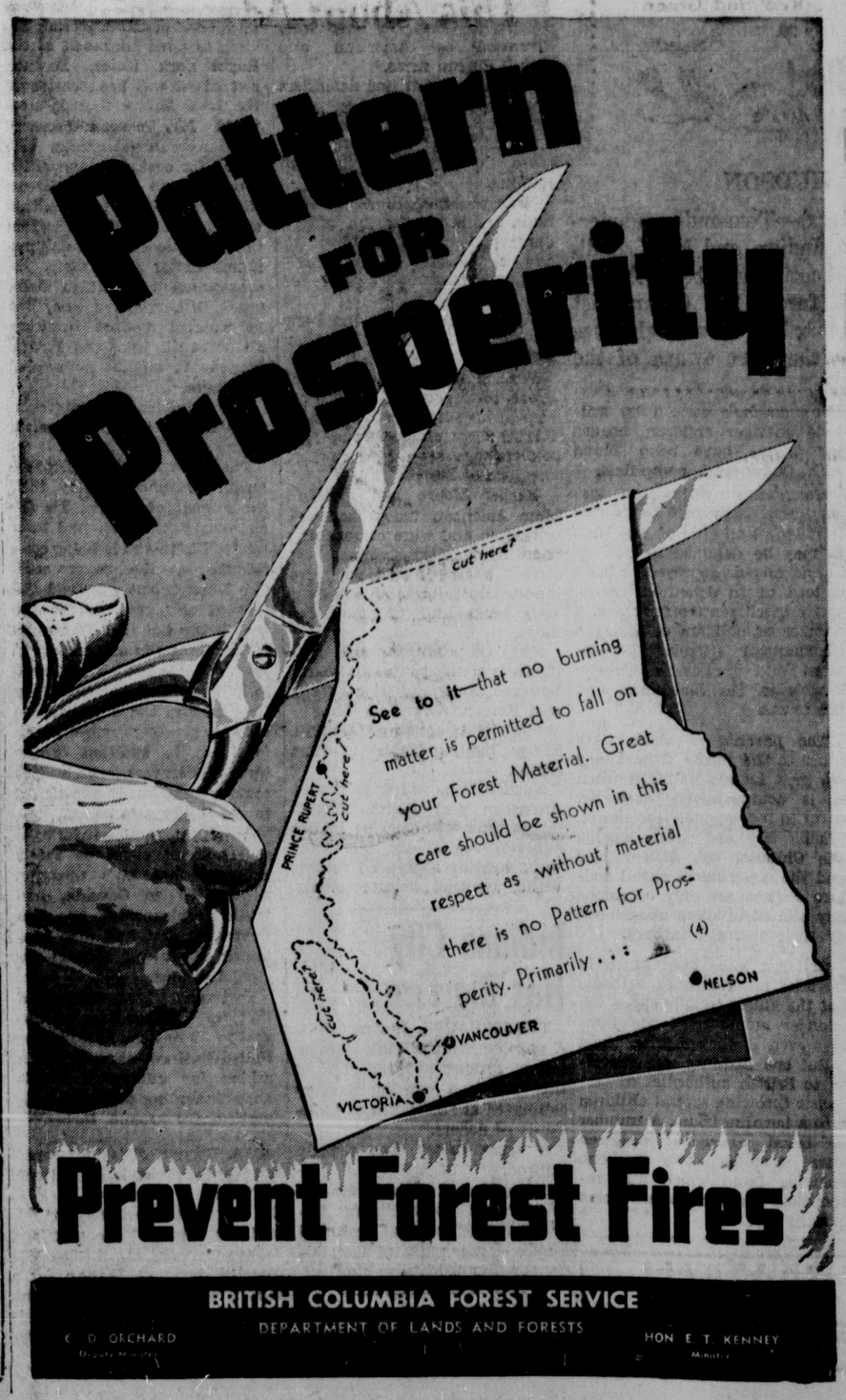

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