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The Impasse

IT IS A VERY hopeful person who can see further chance of agreement being reached between the Western Powers and Soviet Russia on any of the major matters now at issue such as the Berlin blockade, disarmament and atomic control. It seems but realistic and fact-finding to admit that an impasse has been reached which even the United Nations may feel itself unable to resolve.

About everything that could be done in the way of conciliation and mediation appears to have been done. We, on our side, have been patient to the point of weakness. The "neutral" nations, fearful of being caught in an embroglio of war, are making a final effort to bring about a compromise but do not seem to have much hope of success.

What could be accomplished by a United Nations protest or demand on Russia, even if it could be secured, is difficult to see. It would certainly have to be backed by force. Failing that the United Nations must surely founder on the same reef on which the League of Nations was lost. In fact, the pattern of Post World War II events is following much the same weave as the sequel of World War I.

Quite possibly Russia is still gambling that the Western Powers will appease her rather than go to war. It has been suggested that a well placed atom bomb is the only thing that can put a stop to Soviet aggression and infiltration. But who is going to make the decision and assume the responsibility? There's the rub.

DANGER APPARENT

THE SHOWDOWN with Communism in Canada is really on. The two great trades union organizations—Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and Canadian Congress of Labor—are striving desperately and as diplomatically as possible to rid themselves of the boring saboteurs within their ranks who care not for the workers but whose effort it is to create the confusion and chaos in which to sow the seeds of a totalitarian order. If it was not before, the danger must now be apparent to all.

Maybe the leaders of both T.L.C. and C.C.L. have already been much too patient with their communistic leeches. They have left it late to see the danger but it may not be too late. If the purge receives the support of the rank and file it can still be effective and trades unionism will be saved. But if the rank and file continue to be docile dupes for Red strategists and harangues, they may soon find themselves slaves to a ruthless tyranny even worse than capitalism pictured at its worst.

When heads of the great trades unions are so emphatic in their recognition of the Red menace, it is difficult to see how Communist preachings and blandishments can longer be effective in deluding intelligent Canadian workmen.

PRO-GRUENING—NOT DEMOCRAT

IF GOVERNOR GRUENING did say that "As Alaska Goes, So Goes the Nation," it must have been only wishful thinking. Our interpretation of the Democratic complexion of the Alaska election results can entertain no such suggestion.

As a matter of fact, if there was any line of political demarcation in Alaska in this election year, it was more a matter of Gruening vs. Anti-Gruening rather than Republican vs. Democrat. That would account for why Alaska swung into the Democratic column since Governor Gruening himself is a Democrat (a New Dealer at that) and is also a popular gentleman, clever politician and, by general consensus, really has the rights of Alaska at heart, even to the point of valiantly fighting the big interests which so many years have had the territory in their clutches.

Alaskans, we would say, voted Democrat not that they loved the Republicans less, but that they regarded Gruening more.

Incidentally, Governor Gruening, in his independence of attitude, has always been a good friend of Prince Rupert because he frankly saw where we could be of practical use in the development of Alaska from an economic standpoint.

Even in the overwhelming expression of opinion against the fish traps might be seen the desire of independent Alaskans to throw off the yoke of Seattle and the powerful industrial interests there which have so long exploited and dominated the territory.

Police Head Flies Through North B.C.

After a trip through northern sections of the province, including Tumbler Ridge, Telegraph Creek, Athol and the Peace River Block, Inspector F. B. Woods-Johnson, provincial police, returned to the city by train last night. He had flown into Tumbler Ridge and Telegraph Creek and, at the latter point, the plane had a mishap and a wheel was taken to Whitehorse and thence to Fort St. John. Accompanying Inspector Woods-Johnson was Inspector W. A. H. Gill of the British Columbia game department who proceeded back to Victoria from Prince George.

CENTRE IS INVALUABLE POSSESSION

Visitor Tells About University Extension

How the University of British Columbia has "stepped off its pedestal" to be of day-to-day service to thousands of people in western Canada was explained to the Prince Rupert Rotary Club by Robert Boroughs, assistant director of the university's extension department.

Speaking at the club's weekly luncheon meeting, Mr. Boroughs said the university realizes its obligations to the people of British Columbia and is "trying to do something for people who cannot or do not want to attend" the institution. Prime intention of the extension department, he said, is adult education and this is carried by catering to hobbies and vocational needs.

"A good citizen is a thinking citizen," he declared. "That is why one of our activities is the encouragement of group discussions. It develops the habit of thinking."

The extension department, he observed, tries to operate through organized groups in the community and Prince Rupert is ideal in this connection because of its Civic Centre.

"In Prince Rupert, you have the finest Civic Centre in B.C.," he declared. "Frankly, it is amazing for a stranger to spend a day at the Civic Centre—to see the tiny tots and mothers, every section of the community putting it to use—that is adult education."

Mr. Boroughs paid tribute to Don Forward, Civic Centre man-

aging director, as an outstanding community leader and one which Prince Rupert is fortunate to possess.

The aid which the Civic Centre can offer the extension department in its adult education program was exemplified in the current group discussion lectures, Mr. Boroughs said. By making contact through the Civic Centre, the department was able to draw four different organizations, whereas, without the central agency, individual contacts would have to be made.

The broad scope of extension activities was outlined by Mr. Boroughs. These include dramatics, library service, a film library, home economics service, handicrafts, child guidance service and a travelling art exhibit. Many of these services have already been used by Prince Rupert groups.

The department annually receives hundreds of requests for information on practically every conceivable subject. Research results in the questions being answered to the advantage of those seeking the information.

Mr. Boroughs was thanked for his address by club President D. C. Stevenson. Another guest at the meeting was Art Chapman, of Vancouver.



MARSHALL LEAVES FOR U.N. SESSION IN PARIS—Secretary of State George C. Marshall is shown with his wife at Washington's National airport, as they boarded a plane for Paris, where Marshall is heading the U.S. delegation to the United Nations general assembly.

Constable and Mrs. P. Gurr, AMHERST, N.S. —The Amherst Board of Trade is conducting a survey to determine the amount of warehouse space available in the Maritimes.

NEW ATTACK ON PARALYSIS

Polio Carried In Dust and Cleanliness Is Best Safeguard

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—A New Zealand physician thinks he has found a new line of attack on infantile paralysis.

He believes poliomyelitis virus may be carried in dust and that personal cleanliness may be the best safeguard.

Dr. A. W. Thompson, Auckland city's medical officer of health, presented his findings in a report to parliament. He based them on studies made in the first nine months of a polio epidemic in the North Island of New Zealand.

Dr. Thompson said in his report:

"That the threadworm itself might be intimately concerned in the life history of the infantile paralysis virus may seem a fantastic suggestion, but it cannot be excluded on the grounds of speculation."

The doctor says that if his theory is correct, then:

Mode of life and personal habits may be more important in preventing infection than immunity gained in a previous epidemic; day schools and children's parties may be much more dangerous than casual contact in street cars, shops or streets.

Thompson says: "Without disputing the importance of other modes of transfer, it is possible that indoor dust, in schools in particular, may be the type best suited to touching off an epidemic in a population ripe for it, by causing a more rapid and wider circulation of the virus. Infections acquired in this manner might generally be light, and neglected personal hygiene might be necessary in most cases to boost them to clinical level."

Dr. Thompson added this opinion:

"One could not help being impressed with the emphasis which the findings throw on the role of the school child in spreading infection and introducing it into the home—particularly the older schoolboy; on the likelihood of faecal organisms, rather than droplet infection, playing the major part in propagating the disease; and on the supreme importance of personal hygiene over all possible general methods of attack."

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If you have not yet registered, you should immediately obtain a registration form from your local B.C. Hospital Insurance Service Office, complete and return it as soon as possible.

EVERYONE MUST BE REGISTERED

CHOOSING U.S. PRESIDENT

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hold those offices. Never again are they confident to rubber-stamp the choice of the people.

It will take a constitutional amendment to get rid of that part of the United States electoral machinery.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

In this year's election, each party, in each state that it is legally on ballot, offers its slate of Electoral College candidates. In some states, those are the only names on the ballot. In others, the Electoral College names do not appear, but the candidates' names are used and a vote for the candidate is a vote for the slate of electors of joint session of his party. Some states use both the candidates' and electors' names.

When the results are known, the electors of the party which wins the majority of votes in any state cast all the Electoral College votes for that state.

There is strong agitation for a change by which the votes in the Electoral College would be

... according to the total vote of the party candidate. In 1876 Samuel Rutherford B. Hayes was elected president because of big states and not in the Electoral College. In 1940 Wendell Willkie won the total vote but lost the Electoral College. After an election in each state the electors of the party which wins the majority of votes in any state cast all the Electoral College votes for that state. There is strong agitation for a change by which the votes in the Electoral College would be for another four

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