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Bold Fiscal Move

IT IS a bold move for the Canadian government to allow the dollar to float free on the world markets. Economic experts are finding it difficult to anticipate what the result may be but the general feeling seems to be that it will be a tendency towards a levelling out—to what extent is uncertain—with the American dollar. Because of the productive capacity and the great natural resources of this country, there can certainly be no depreciation of the Canadian dollar. Quite possibly, parity of the Canadian dollar with the American may ensue within the next few days.

There may well be a feeling of satisfaction among Canadians at the decision to go it alone in Canada's foreign exchange and to test the ability of the country to stand on its own feet in the exchange markets of the world.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, in its monthly session tonight, is, like many other bodies of its kind in Canada, renewing its activities now that fall is here. The people of Prince Rupert know well enough the good work the Chamber has done for this community through the years, the many projects and betterments it has advocated and the success it has had in many of its representations. It is difficult, of course, to estimate how much worse off the city would be if it had not been for the diligence and energy of an active Chamber of Commerce.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, in a bulletin just issued, reminds Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce that they exist to get things done. They receive public support and approval only so long as they are active in the interests of the community. They thrive on energy and enthusiasm.

"But in our travels, the story we frequently hear is that the Board is not very active and that in a small town, it is hard to get businessmen interested. Some small towns, on the other hand, are doing exceptionally fine work, and we must attribute success to the way they organize for action. From their experience we, suggest that the best way to increase interest in the Board, to make it a going concern, is to follow a program. Determine what you need most, set it down on paper so your members can have a copy, form committees to look after each phase of the plan, and then work at it throughout the year.

"A program of work must be flexible, so that new and significant projects can be picked up while they are still live issues. Some projects can be of general nature. Others can be developed in the light of local needs. Study can give us a true picture of the most important needs of the community and careful planning can set us on the way to filling those needs."

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

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By ELMORE PHILPOTT
Should Cross 38th Line

IT SEEMS TO ME that the United Nations Assembly now faces its most crucial test. What it decides to do or not to do in Korea will establish a precedent.

Should the United Nations forces be authorized to cross the 38th parallel of latitude, into the territory formerly governed by the aggressors?

My answer is "Yes." After thinking this over for several weeks; and notwithstanding letters from respected friends taking the opposite view I can come to no other conclusion than this:

The land from whence the aggressors came should be occupied by a UN police force if necessary to make sure that the aggressors do not get the chance to re-organize to start the whole business all over again.

THE DECISION that the UN Assembly faces is not easy. There is always the risk that the Chinese Communists might intervene on the side of the North Korean Communists. Moreover, the fact that the United States has already interfered in a purely internal Chinese question—that is, the fate of the island of Formosa—would give the Chinese Communist government some excuse for moving in. But whatever the legal niceties of such an action by the Chinese Communists might be—the actual result would be war between the U.S.A. and China.

To date, the new government of China has displayed hard-headed common sense. Hence, in my opinion, it is extremely improbable that Chinese armies will ever be sent into the Korean war. The government in Peking will pursue its own line—especially as President Truman has given his word of honor that U.S. intervention to protect Formosa was a purely temporary expedient made necessary by the war in Korea. The logic of this statement may be open to question. But the Chinese Communists have everything to win and nothing to lose by taking the U.S. President at his word.

Hence it seems to me a safe bet that they will not plunge into the war in Korea if the UN authorizes the occupation of the area from whence the aggression came.

THE UN POSITION in Korea was weakened at the beginning because of its previous failures to take a strong stand.

Who was the aggressor in the war in Palestine between the Jews and Arabs? Who was the

aggressor in Indonesia in the fighting between Dutch and Indonesians? Who was the aggressor in Kashmir?

We all know that in all three previous cases of war the UN contented itself with persuading the fighting armies to accept a "cease fire." The attacking armies in no case were even ordered back to their jumping off places.

In spite of the fact that Pakistan armies still occupy part of Kashmir; and in spite of the fact that the UN investigators have rather politely branded Pakistan as the aggressor, nobody suggests that the army of India should be authorized to occupy all Pakistan.

Hence the question will be asked: Why take a stronger step in Korea than was taken elsewhere?

IT SEEMS to me that the stronger step is necessary precisely because Korea was the first clear-cut case of outright aggression which the UN has faced. Besides, every organization, including UN, gains strength by facing bigger and bigger tasks. World law must be built, step by step.

The issue is crystal clear: A government which launches an invasion should know in advance that if it does it makes its own territory liable to occupation by the combined forces of the United Nations.

Ray Reflects and Reminiscs

Twenty-four cents for a quart of milk in Powell River. Just as if dollar beef could not be considered sufficient punishment.

Richmond is one of the storied cities of the United States and should it be the good fortune of Job's Daughters to visit there, as suggested by Mrs. Beatrice Ross, Supreme Guardian, the experience should be one of great value. There was a Richmond long before there was a United States and when Virginia was British colonial territory. Both state and city are steeped in history. There, or near there, were the homes of some of the new nation's founders. Richmond was where Jefferson Davis lived as president of the Confederate States, while a short distance north, in Washington, Abraham Lincoln occupied the White House.

The number of motor vehicles in British Columbia is reported to total 234,711. Sometimes when doing a bit of jay walking one is tempted to wonder if they are not all in Prince Rupert.

If the war in Korea is over, as

the United Nations command declares, it's been one of the shortest toughest and bloodiest in history. Only last June, the invasion was staged. And it's now October. The average conflict is barely under way in three months. Introduction of preliminaries have been about finished.

Black-topped streets look first class, and appear even better when no scrap paper, old bones, cigar ends, bottles, cigarette packets, fragments of correspondence and other odds and ends are allowed to gather. And the same goes for the sidewalks.

Harry Seaman, in pictures and prose, recalls in the current Cariboo Digest, the Skeena River as it looked in the days when Foley, Welen & Stewart discharged thunderous blasts, and life was cheerful, busy, rough and ready and now and then a shade wet. He tells it well, and the views of the river steamers are unrivalled. It took toil and time to reach Hazelton. But coming down stream was something else again! About all one could do was hold his hat and hang on.

It looks more like a railway from Labrador to the Gulf of St. Lawrence than a railway to link Alaska with the United States. The latter country needs iron ore in limitless quantity and Labrador has it. Washington has always looked to the Mesaba range near the Great Lakes, but there,

the supply is becoming exhausted. Alaska will have a railway some day, but the Yanks must have steel—enough and now. What about British Columbia, at that?

Mose Women Enjoy Whist

Library committee of the Women of the Moose met on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. H. Paulson and the social period was spent pleasantly in playing bridge with Miss Sylvia Johnson and Mrs. L. Halstad the prize-winners. Those present were Mrs. F. Parlette, senior regent; Mrs. H. Paulson, Mrs. L. Halstad (chairman) and Miss Sylvia Johnson.

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