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Crisis of Western World

NOTWITHSTANDING the almost universal desire among all the Western Nations for peace, the dark clouds of war hover dangerously near. So low indeed that we are constantly engaged in the so-called cold war.

Fear, not of the enemy or of ultimate victory, but fear of war itself with all its horrible consequences to victor and vanquished is the nightmare of statesmen and people everywhere.

We are fortunate that the statesmen in the nations of the Western World exercise restraint and patience in the hope that ultimately the United Nations Organization will unlock the door to peace.

The most thorough preparations for defence are essential to guard against any sudden attack upon any of the Western Democracies. This is elementary common sense.

But there is, an equally important defence necessary against the insidious spread of Communist Totalitarianism. That is the strengthening of the economic power of every nation in the Western World, to the end that the peoples therein shall be so enriched by their increased production and by their trade and commerce, that the highest standard of living in the world shall be ensured.

The possibilities of economic development in the vast continental area controlled by Imperialistic Soviet Russia are immense. One needs only to look at a globe and see the tremendous area, potentially as rich and probably richer than North America, all of which can be actually producing wealth once technical knowledge and spare investment capital are available by the Soviet Union.

For that reason, we believe Soviet Russia will avoid actual war, but will continue and extend her efforts to maintain a nervous situation among the Western Nations hoping to create divisions, and hoping that economic paralysis may occur in any or all of these nations so that domestic situations will enhance the strength of the communists therein.

And what do we see in the Western Nations? Britain deflating its sterling in order to get dollars to buy food and raw materials, taxing herself to the breaking point and facing a bankrupt state were it not for the Marshall Aid which has helped with one hand to balance the budget, while the other hand of the dollar countries has maintained tariffs to stop or curtail imports of British goods.

Hence we find Britain unable to maintain her purchases of American cotton, tobacco and meat. Unable to maintain her purchase of Canadian meat, fish, fruit and lumber. What dollars she gets will first be used for wheat. By force of circumstances Britain must buy all she can procure from sterling countries.

This has already, or surely will soon bring on a bad situation in Canada. Unemployment is even now in some cities casting its dreadful shadow across. In the United States unemployment runs around 4 millions.

Boost in Wages OK'd by Council

A new wage schedule for city employees, prepared by the wage committee, was read at a meeting of city council Monday night.

A stipulation in the recommendation, approved by members, was that "these be the final offers affecting unions having bargaining agreements with the city and that they be subject to acceptance not later than May 15 and that they be withdrawn in the event of non-acceptance."

Salary of the Fire Chief was hiked to \$270 per month plus living quarters and to \$265 for the assistant Fire Chief. The City Hall janitor was given an increase to 220 per month. Salaries of the city clerk, treasurer, engineer and telephone superintendent, were increased by \$25 per month.

The telephone operator supervisor was granted \$171.50 per month and the night supervisor, \$152.50.

Both inside and outside employees were granted substantial increases.



SANDBAGGING HOSPITAL—Soldiers of the Winnipeg area took over dyking operations when civilian workmen became exhausted, and kept flood waters from forcing seriously-ill patients and expectant mothers from the hospital at Morris, Man. By Monday morning, the soldiers had strengthened the dyke and increased its height above the level of the flood waters. (CP Photo)

Ray Reflects . . . and Reminisces

Prince Rupert was in the thoughts of many as the first flush of the gold fields fever in the north began to fade. The Pacific terminus of the second transcontinental was a new kind of deal. Yes, it did not beckon without response. Prince Rupert spelled more newness, rapid growth and substance.

One of the first to hear the call was Mr. Thomas Dufferin Pattullo, who served the embryonic city as alderman, mayor, legislative member, and who finally became British Columbia's premier. It was typical of Dawson's sordidness that they should call him Duff. Somehow, this fitted.

Peter Black also transferred his activities to the developing

northern centre a few hundred miles down the coast. Pete was a son of Scotland, and his line was in hotels. Early in local history, he built The Central, at First Avenue and 7th Street. It was one of the largest frame structures anywhere in town. Flames destroyed The Central late one night a few years ago.

Olier Besner was a seasoned northerner when he decided to locate in Prince Rupert. This was his home city for many a year. He hailed originally from Quebec. Like many another he made money, but unlike some, he didn't mind putting it back in Rupert, constructing business blocks at 3rd Avenue and 3rd Street, and at 3rd Avenue junction.

Two Tours Stopping Here During Month

Next week the s.s. Prince Rupert will be replaced by the Prince George in order to accommodate the Vancouver Board of Trade on the first leg of their journey through the northern interior. The ship sails May 15 from Vancouver and is due here the morning of May 17.

The week following the Prince George will be chartered by the Portland, Ore., journalists' tour to Alaska. They will be in Prince Rupert from about 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. daylight saving time, May 22, and continue to Skagway, Alaska, and way points. They will also call in here on their return trip May 27.

Max Heilbroner and the late Mrs. Heilbroner rank among the pioneers to settle here, travelling down from Dawson. They were through the height of the boom and had many interesting recollections and anecdotes of strenuous and picturesque times.

Customs responsibilities in Yukon when the great boom was on were not light, for anyone in the service. Jarvis H. McLeod, who first saw Dawson in '39 is well aware of that fact, having been on duty there for at least seven or eight years before moving down to Prince Rupert to take over the office of Collector. Here, he continued to fill the post until but recently when retirement became effective. His memories of the north are clear, and when he feels like it can regale his friends with many a tale.

Artist, designer and dealer in curios of the Arctic shores, Monte Craig, after several years of absorbing the atmosphere of Yukon and Alaska concluded he'd settled down in Prince Rupert. And here he stayed for many years. His studio was next to the corner of 3rd Avenue and Fourth Street. Mr. Craig delighted to chat with the numerous tourists, which put them in a purchasing mood, and incidentally helped spread the fame of the north. Not so long before he passed away, he made a tour of the Mediterranean.

You saw it in the News!

Wants CIO, AFL To Have Affiliation

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, said yesterday the AFL is willing to meet with the C.I.O. in an effort to form a united American organization of all forces and groupings of organized labor. Green, in a letter to Philip Murray, C.I.O. president, said he was replying to Murray's request for "unity of action among several groups of organized labor."



VANCOUVER—VICTORIA Sunday, 9 p.m., Camosun Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. Coquitlam

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