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An Editorial Experience

WE had a unique editorial experience one day this week. We wrote an editorial on a very contentious subject and were complimented on our fairness by persons on both sides of a current discussion.

We do not claim to be experts in compromise or diplomacy but it was satisfactory to hear that our presentation of a case had been considered fair.

Of course, this sort of thing could go to extremes. Any one who tries to please everybody is not going to do anything very constructive. Progress is not attained by being merely agreeable. Those who really do things cannot always have their ear to the ground.

In the editorial sphere there are two general classes of writers—those who carefully try to guard against illwill and those who are reckless of what they say and who it hits. The former may tend to lack lustre and interest. The latter provoke interest if not goodwill.

There must be constructive criticism if there is going to be progress and achievement.

There is a question of which is the more useful editor—the one who draws bouquets or the one who gets the brickbats. The latter, in the end, probably commands more attention and gets more done.

OUTLAWING LEGAL STRIKES

AFTER having been bold, or shall we say indiscreet, enough to suggest, as it impended, that a railway strike in Canada was unlikely, we might be expected to hesitate about making any further predictions on the subject.

However, it has been suggested that the government might propose to the forthcoming special session of Parliament legislation that would have the effect of outlawing strikes on the railways or in other essential services.

While we do not, of course, know what is going to be proposed, we can be very sure that any proposal of such outlawing would not be accepted by Parliament without a fight even in the face of the serious emergency that now exists.

Outlawing of the strike weapon, especially when it is legally exercised, and the Prime Minister himself emphasized the fact that this strike is a legal one, would not be such an easy matter.

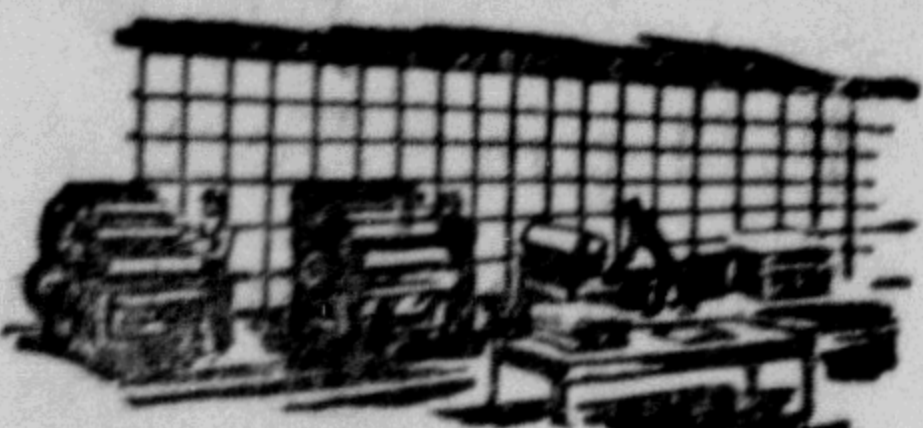
In the totalitarian countries, strikes can be outlawed and the worker can be told when and how he is going to work. In a democratic country it is different.

Limiting of the workers' right of action, even if some people might not agree with its employment, would seem very much like conflicting with the principles of democracy which we have cherished so much.

In this case, it is unfortunate that a situation should have been allowed to arise where such a proposal as is now discussed could even have to be suggested, much less entertained.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"But what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8: 36.



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As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT  
 LETTER TO LES.

(This is the second of two open letters to Hon. Lester B. Pearson from his boyhood school chum and team-mate.)

IN MY former letter, Les, I urged you fellows in the cabinet not "to send a boy to do a man's job." If you are going to send troops to help reverse the aggression in Korea, for the love of Mike, send enough.

Send a division, to match the ten which the United States will need, from the look of things. But don't send a single Canadian, Les, unless you get this Korea-Formosa contradiction cleared up in advance.

PAPERS ALL over the world are warning against the glaring contradiction of U.S. policies in the Far East.

In Korea the U.S. is on solid moral and legal ground. The aggression against the lawful government of South Korea was a clear-cut violation of world law. For even the primitive and crude law written in the UN Charter leaves no room for doubt about rights and wrongs there.

But in proclaiming properly and promptly the intention to resist by force the aggression against South Korea, the American government simultaneously proclaimed an utterly illegal and unwise action. It said that American sea and air forces would protect the Chinese island of Formosa against attack from the Chinese mainland; in other words it announced its intention of taking direct part in a Chinese civil war which has been going on for over twenty-five years.

To give this amazing action some basis of justification the U.S. government declared that it was asking Chiang Kai-Shek's armed forces in Formosa to refrain from further attacks on the mainland.

As you know, Les, Chiang's forces have not complied with

this request. His planes are again attacking Chinese mainland targets.

SO LES, what happens if and when the Chinese mainland Red armies carry out their long planned invasion of Formosa?

Suppose the U.S. fleet defeats this invasion (as I feel sure it could) would not the result be war between China and the U.S.A.?

How in the name of heaven could our men be fighting under MacArthur's command in Korea and not fight against Chinese armies if these then cross the Korean border?

HERE IS WHAT The New Statesman and Nation of London says on the front page of its August 12, 1950, issue:

"If the war begins between China and the United States on the issue of Formosa, the aggressor will not be the Communists. Such a war, which could scarcely be confined to Asia, would be the doing of General MacArthur, who is apparently making something like a private alliance with Chiang Kai-Shek and the group of racketeers who surround him."

TWICE BEFORE Canada has sent armed forces to intervene in Asia—and both times the expeditions ended in fiasco or disaster. It is our duty to send troops again.

But it would be a crime to send soldiers unless you statesmen IN ADVANCE tell Uncle Sam that he can choose between help from Canada and help from Chiang Kai-Shek.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gladding and child, who have been on a three weeks holiday visit to Vancouver, Seattle and Naramata, returned home on yesterday afternoon's plane.

LETTERBOX

WHY THE SECRET?

Editor, Daily News:

This morning's announcement over station CFR that "owing to circumstances beyond our control we are unable to bring you the news" just about "burnt me up." Why can't we be told what the nature of the circumstances is? Is it of such a secret character that the explanation would endanger our national safety? Surely we might be told if the interruption is due to a mechanical breakdown or to unfavorable atmospheric conditions; or to the lines being damaged, or the result of the railway strike. Such information could do no harm but could give the radio listeners some consideration.

Of course I have another grievance against the CBC. Why is it that those on the trans-Canada network do not get the same service as those on the Dominion network? We all pay the same licence fee. I cannot conceive of any business firm treating its customers in the way that the CBC does. Where customers pay the same amount they get the same goods, the same quality and the same amount. Why don't all radio licence holders get equal treatment?

And in an emergency such as exists at present we should get all possible news. A democratic people expect and deserve all consideration.

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