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An Anxious Holiday

IT WAS a grand Dominion Day holiday in Prince Rupert and the sports and outings were of happy and normal character but here, as in the rest of the western world, there was a tenseness over the international situation. People were interested in Port Day, the international baseball series, the Rotary barrel derby and other holiday activities but there were also inquiries and discussions on every hand as to the latest developments in the Korean situation where an explosive crisis continues to threaten the peace of the world. It was like the old anxious days of the war and there was something of the grimness of those times.

Possibly, the latest international crisis, will not lead to widespread conflict in which Prince Rupert might well expect to be physically involved. If it does not, it will at least have served one useful purpose. It will have brought about a closer realization of the seriousness of situation in which the world dwells, the threat that exists to democracy and our way of living. Perhaps it is the shock that has been needed to shake us out of our lethargy and complacency of easy living which might be so easily lost.

PORT DAY APPEAL

SATURDAY'S PORT DAY demonstrated again the appeal of that sort of event to the people in this essentially marine and fishing community. The crowd turned out in what appeared larger numbers than ever before on the vantage points along the waterfront. The harbor was crowded throughout the beautiful day with all manner of craft, particularly the vessels engaged in various phases of the fishing industry. Ande everyone seemed to have a good and interesting time.

Of course, there might have been room for criticism from those who do not take into consideration the many difficulties of organizing such an affair. The committees in charge learned a number of things which will be of use in planning future Port Days. Some of Saturday's defects can be eliminated by early and thorough organizations.

However, the main thing is that the 1950 Port Day marked a quite satisfactory renewal of this particularly distinctive Prince Rupert event. Chairman Douglas Frizzell and all those who assisted him, including the fishermen's organizations, the fishing companies, the native people, the energetic young men of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, are to be congratulated on the effort. They know and realize such mistakes as were made and will be in a position to rectify them in the 1951 Port Day, for the interest that was manifested in this one and the response on the part of the public which marked it suggest clearly that Port Day should be made a yearly institution from this on.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever. Psalm 111: 10.

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Rev. Fred Antrobus returned Friday on the Camosun from Vancouver and Victoria where he attended Baptist Church conventions. While in Vancouver he preached at some of the city services.

THE WINE FLOWED FREE IN BERLIN — Berliners assembled by the hundreds in front of the Schoenberg city hall when it was announced that West German wine growers had converged in the city to launch a "drink more wine" drive. All the wine they could drink was available and the merchants found no lack of willing customers. Even "Fifi" a pet pooch sampled some and found it refreshing. In the background a wine dealer tries to satisfy the crowd of thirsty citizens reaching out for refills. The wine ceremony occurred in the midst of battered buildings that can be seen in the background. The object of the wine drive was to remind the Berliners that vintage wine is a German product too and not the monopoly of other countries.

As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT

INDIA KEY TO V

INDIA HOLDS THE KEY to world victory in the great struggle now developing between the loyal supporters of the United Nations Charter and the new challengers of world law.

Hence India's decision in supporting the UN Security Council's actions to halt the aggression in Korea is the most decisive event of the whole Korean crisis to date. It suggests that India and all the other newly created democracies of southeast Asia may soon abandon their position of neutrality in the world struggle, hitherto polarized between the United States and Soviet Union.

ONLY A FEW DAYS before the Communist aggression against South Korea a person who knows United States world policy as well as anyone spoke to me in deep concern about India's attitude.

Nehru, said the speaker, was quite willing to see all south east Asia go as China had gone. I tried to show this person (as I have tried to do in this column) that there was only one way to get the positive support of the new Asian democracies like India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and Indonesia. That was to give them action, and not just promises, that they are to get real home rule, real democracy and freedom from white man's overlordship.

As between old style western imperialism and Communism the masses of Asia have increasingly shown that they will turn toward Communism I argued. But, as between Communism and genuine native democracy, based on national liberation, Asians plainly show that they prefer the genuine article.

INDIA HAS MADE it plain that she is determined to use her whole immense weight to secure for all Asians the same kind of freedom that India and Indonesia have already won.

Mr. Nehru made that crystal clear even in his speeches in Canada last year. Hence, if the western democracies want the positive support of India and Nehru, they will have to do the things which will earn that support. They will have to base their opposition to the spread of Communism in southeast Asia on positive applications of democracy, and not mere negative opposition to Moscow's Red imperialism.

ON HIS RETURN TOUR OF Indonesia, Malaya, Burma, Nehru was greeted by the same immense crowds as used to greet Gandhi in public appearances in his own country. It was made clear that the hundreds of millions of Asians, outside India, look upon Nehru as the living symbol of what they want for and in their own countries.

It is worth contrasting Nehru's fervent welcome in Singapore with that accorded a few days earlier to the British cabinet Minister John Strachey. The latter is greeted only by white officials. Nehru is also greeted by the officials. But he is also greeted by a vast throng 50,000 cheering Asians.

"Besieged by a surging crowd" says the news report, "Pandit Nehru acted as his own policeman. Protesting good naturedly he made a path for himself and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald."

AFTER THE Communist aggression in Korea, and the deliberate repudiation of UN's fundamental charter by the Moscow government, all loyal members of UN have drawn together to hold a world line for mutual protection. That may require military measures which we shall share.

But we cannot hold that line by physical force alone—it will break unless we call in Nehru to help "write the ticket" of democracy for all the doubtful area of south east Asia.

Victoria Report

. . . by J. K. Nesbitt

Jockeying Doukhobor Question—What About Coalition?

VICTORIA—The Doukhobor question is being tossed back and forth between Victoria and Ottawa once more.

Attorney-General Wismer went on the air the other night and told Ottawa the Doukhobors, in their burnings and nude parades, could well be Communist-inspired. If that's so, they're a menace to the security of the state.

As near as we can learn here Ottawa authorities just said "hah, hah—what nonsense—that's just Wismer trying to pass the buck to us."

"It's civil insurrection," cried Mr. Wismer, but Ottawa's not paying any attention.

Rank-and-filer Liberals and Conservatives want Coalition to end—and soon. Liberal and Conservative members of the House aren't so sure. They feel they were elected as Coalitionists and should remain Coalitionists until the next election anyway.

At a Conservative meeting the other day Col. Cecil Merritt, who was defeated for the House of Commons a year ago, said the Conservatives should get out of Coalition right away and become the official opposition, replacing the C.C.F.

A. R. MacDougall, Conservative member for Vancouver-Point Grey, was against Col. Merritt. He said: "The people elected us as Coalition candidates and they expect us to remain coalition for the length of the Coalition assembly at least."

Meanwhile the party leaders, Premier Byron Johnson and Finance Minister Anscomb, are mending their political fences and keeping quiet. They are touring the province, talking to the people at grassroots level to see exactly what they think of Coalition.

B. C.'s Indian history is going to be studied in more detail than ever. A trained anthropologist, Wilson Duff of Vancouver, University of British Columbia graduate and also University of Washington, has joined the Provincial museum staff and will concentrate on Indians.

"We've had to neglect Indians, because we haven't had the trained personnel," says Museum director Dr. Clifford Carl. "Mr. Duff is now investigating old village sites in the Fraser Valley, in the Yale-Chilliwack area. Later he will cover the entire province. He questions natives about what they remember long ago and studies the markings of the old villages, when he finds depressions in the soil, often in farmyards"

B.C. will now concentrate on Indian history and folklore, seeking to preserve every totem, every scrap of information.

Dr. Carl says: "We have in B.C. one of the richest Indian areas of the entire continent. We have had greater diversity of tribes, with a unique art and culture."

Dr. Carl and a group of scientists have returned to Victoria from the isolated Scott islands, off the northwest tip of Vancouver Island. They went there on a mouse-catching expedition and brought back to the Museum 70 specimens, which they've stuffed. Dr. Carl would like to know how the mice got to those islands in the first place. They could have gone there over the ice, in the ice age of 10,000 to 15,000 years ago. Or they might have got there on logs that drifted over from the mainland. The mice on Triangle Island are so big at first the scientists thought they were rats. They are seven inches long. There are two varieties—the white-foot, and the giant meadow. Another thing that puzzles Dr. Carl is that the mice on each island are different, and different from mice along other parts of the coast. The skulls of the islands' mice have been removed and they are being studied, so that in time Dr. Carl hopes to say to which mouse race the mice of the Scott Islands belong.

"I bet my husband will get a big bang out of my surprise visit!"

Heavy Rain Helps Crop

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WINNIPEG — Beneficial rains occurred over the major part of the three prairie provinces during the past week with the exception of south-eastern Saskatchewan and the Peace River area of northern Alberta where rains are still required. Only scattered showers occurred in the Edmonton district and the area north-west of Edmonton, according to the weekly crop report of the department of agriculture of the Canadian National Railways.

Crop prospects south-east of Calgary and west of Saskatoon have greatly improved as a result of last week's heavy rains. Grasshopper damage has been moderate, with five per cent reported south-east of Calgary and up to fifty per cent between Regina and central Butte in southern Saskatchewan.

In the Okanagan Valley lettuce, cabbage and beets are now moving out in vegetable carlots. Weather during the past week has remained hot and dry. Latest estimates of B.C. tree fruits indicate that the cherry crop this year from Naramata, Penticton and Summerland will be twenty per cent of last year's crop, and that the peach crop will be five per cent or ten per cent of last year's. Production of apples is expected to be about seventy-five per cent of last year's crop.

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