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Give Russians Peace

AS RUSSIA makes one conciliatory gesture after another and the cold war shows signs of melting, Josef Stalin takes on a blacker aspect of villainy in death than in life.

An outsider who had no illusions about the sinister personal influence of the Soviet leader was Marshal Tito. In his book "My Break With Stalin," Tito describes experiences which left no doubt about how the dictator's mind worked.

This was the high order of statesmanship that governed one of the world's mightiest powers. Never before in history has a man of criminal instinct attained such heights, Hitler notwithstanding.

While more substantial evidence is still needed, there is reason to hope that his successors are better endowed with normal human qualities.

Without belittling whatever good intentions Malenkov may have, it is likely that the real force behind the altered policy comes from deeper in the heart of Russia.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Lo, the winter is past."—Song of Solomon 2:11.

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

Parliament returned from its brief Easter recess to discover a minor disturbance on its own labor front. Because it proposed to sit mornings as well as afternoons and nights, its Hansard amanuenses were demanding more pay.

The Hansard amanuenses are not by any means as important people as their high-sounding title might indicate. They are the typists who transcribe the dictaphone recordings of House proceedings made by the Hansard reporters.

Prison Riot Choked Off

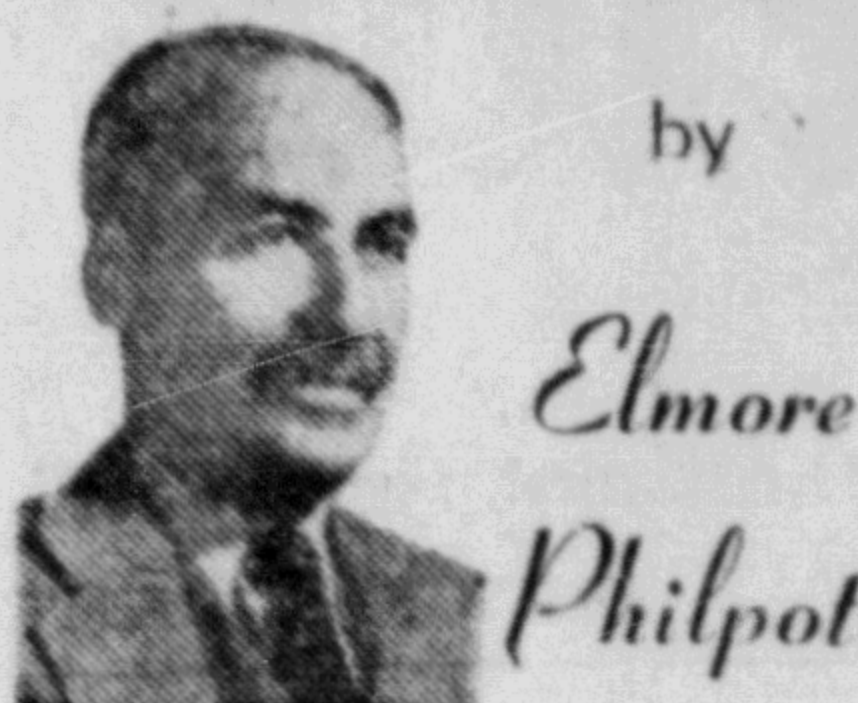
PUSAN, Korea (CP)—United Nations officials today said two Red prisoners-of-war were shot to death and one wounded, another was found slain, and a threatened uprising was choked off last Friday in three incidents at camps on and near Koje Island.

that their extra living expenses accrue every day they are away from home. Actually, they are all recruited from Ottawa. They are typically middle-aged married ex-stenographers and night clerks.

Their jobs don't interfere seriously with their domestic life. Normally, making allowance for its Wednesday half-holiday, Parliament works four and one-half days per week.

What the MP's don't stop to consider in situations such as this one is that the Parliamentary hired help is just taking a leaf out of their own book. The House employees are close to the process by which tax money is appropriated lavishly for purposes that often are of dubious necessity even when not outrightly political in their purpose.

As I See It



Bennett Milk Bomb

PREMIER BENNETT forgets that he heads a defeated government, and has no moral right or even constitutional authority to make laws by decree in B.C.

If his party won a clear majority in B.C. on June 9 he could later apply the Rolston formula on school grants. He could also apply the proposed Soerds plan for a milk price scramble.

But if Mr. Bennett arbitrarily abuses his position as temporary caretaker premier, by issuing milk decrees meanwhile, he will plunge the province of B.C. into a nasty constitutional crisis.

The Lieutenant-Governor of B.C. has admirably steered the good ship B.C. past some dangerous rocks in the past year. Mr. Bennett should not place the representative of the Crown in a position where the Crown's representative will be constitutionally compelled to veto a move a caretaker administration has no moral right to try.

THE SOERDS propose to introduce the worst half of the system of milk price de-control that was tried in Winnipeg.

The farmer would be guaranteed a floor price for milk sold in the fluid market. But above that level, there would be no control. The big chain stores would be free to sell at any price, and in any type of container.

But there is one vital difference between the system actually applied in Winnipeg and that proposed by the B.C. Soerds:

In Winnipeg there was a ceiling price for consumers as well as a floor price for farmers. In B.C. the Soerds propose only a floor, but no ceiling.

LAST JANUARY the dairy industry of B.C. sent to Manitoba the best trusted and reliable expert they could find. His job was to make an absolutely impartial factual report on exactly what happened when Winnipeg adopted the new system.

I have that expert's report before me. It is contained in six pages of single spaced typewritten text. It literally shrieks to B.C.: "Whoa—whoo—go slow!"

HERE are the main facts: 1. Safeway stores greatly increased their milk sales by selling 2 cents below wagon delivery price. They were selling 1.9 per cent of all fluid milk before the new system went in. They were selling around 8 per cent as of January 15, 1953.

2. But to offset the fact that some 8 per cent of the people got cash-and-carry milk 2 cents per quart cheaper, the remaining 92 per cent lost out—in some cases lost their delivery service altogether. Small shops were hardest hit.

3. A mad scramble developed among the distributors to put in cardboard carton machines. But as not enough of these are available for all, chaos temporarily ensued. One dairy even used small American size quarts in the emergency.

4. The smaller dairies which were hardest hit either had to go out of business altogether, or lay off employees, and cut out routes which could not pay under the new system.

5. The per capita milk consumption in Winnipeg declined. Total consumption shrank. Hence many hundreds of farmer milk shippers had to be cut off from the well paying fluid milk market altogether.

6. A check shows that only well-to-do women who drive their own cars bought the cheaper milk in cash-and-carry stores. Even these families bought less. Young mothers with children, pensioners in outlying suburbs, and the poor people who live far from supermarkets were hardest hit—as were farmers.

ADENAUER THANKS U.S. FOR HELP AND KINDNESS

NEW YORK (AP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany arrived Monday for a round of conferences with President Eisenhower and other U.S. government officials, to be followed by a visit to Ottawa.

Adenauer will make a one-day visit to Ottawa for talks with Canadian government officials April 18. He will fly from Ottawa to Europe.

Expressing gratitude for U.S. "help and kindness" to Germany, he said: "Very rarely in past history has a victorious people stretched out a helpful hand towards the vanquished, as you have done."



AFTER THE ANNOINTING CEREMONY during the Coronation service, the Queen is invested with the Royal Robe, which sheathes her in gold as a symbol of sovereignty, and with other vestments. In this artist's drawing of the scene to be enacted next June in Westminster Abbey, the golden robe is about to be presented to the Queen.

VICTORIA REPORT

by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA.—As a relief from the excitement of the session and to rest a little before the excitement of the election, I went browsing the other day in the Provincial Archives.

For some reason I can't explain, I found myself interested in the beginnings of our great lumber industry. The story of lumber is quite as romantic as the story of ships and sailormen, but so far it hasn't been glamorized.

I think I found the start of B.C.'s rich export trade in lumber in the following three notes in the Victoria Gazette of the summer of 1859:

"Gone—The ship Thames City, Glover, master, has gone to Sooke, about 20 miles to the southwest from here, to load spars for England."

"For England—The British bark Euphrates has cleared for Sooke to load with spars for England."

"For Australia—The ship Alice Thorndike, Thorndike, master, has cleared for Melbourne, Australia, with 11 passengers for that port and a cargo of lumber valued at \$7,930."

In an 1869 edition of the Victoria Colonist I found the following intriguing note, showing one of the popular pastimes of the day:

"Rattling March—At 'Round the Corner' Saloon last evening Shippers' Joe was occupied for one minute and 10 seconds in killing eight rats, while Edna's Jack did the same service for the community in 55 seconds. Jack is therefore the champion of the heavyweights."

It sounds a horrible pastime, doesn't it? But the mystery is this: who were Shippers' Joe and Edna's Jack? Could they have been assistants to bartenders called Shippers and Edna? We'll never know.

To get away from politics, I said? Is that why I went to the Archives? I saw the name George Peakes in the 50's. To me there is only one George Peakes—the dynamic general turned MP for Nanaimo. I was so astonished I looked into the life of that early George Peakes to find he was a leading lawyer of Victoria in the early days. The Colonist, writing his obituary, said: "Death comes to all—that ceaseless drum, who waits on all, yet waits for none."

As far as is known, George Peakes, lawyer, was no relation to George Peakes, politician.

At this point I was right back into politics, and so I gave up. The Archives will have to wait until after the election.

I started counting up our premiers since B.C. joined Confederation in 1871. Before that we had Royal Governors, responsible to London. I found that W. A. C. Bennett is the 25th premier. I also learned that in the 32 years, from 1871 to 1903, there were 15 premiers, but, in the 50 years since 1903, there have been but 10 premiers. Party politics came in 1903, so that proves that party politics, de-

spite what some people say, does add stability to government. Last year's election, of course, did upset the applecart, but perhaps on June 9 the situation may be sorted out.

Yes, I was into politics, but at least I was looking back into history. So, while I was about it, I looked back once more into a political career that never ceases to amaze me—the 11-year-old political career of W. A. C. Bennett.

Perhaps you know it and perhaps you don't—but it's fascinating. I'm sure you'll agree. Here goes:

Bennett—Once a very pillar of the Conservative party, there are those who insist he helped to scuttle that party. He was first elected to the Legislature as a Conservative, in 1941, only to find that the Coalition government had to be formed because neither Liberals nor Conservatives had enough seats to form a safe government. He ran again in 1945, again as a Coalitionist. He showed his driving ambition and determination in 1948 when he contested the Conservative leadership with Herbert Ansecomb. Mr. Ansecomb won.

Feeling throttled in B.C., Bennett resigned his B.C. seat in 1948 and contested the Yale federal by-election. The Conservative prime ministership of Canada appealed to him. But he lost that by-election to Owen Jones of the CCF.

He was, at that point, entirely out; he had nothing. He was not downhearted. In 1949 he was again elected as a Coalitionist to the B.C. House, late that year became so open a threat to Ansecomb that a Conservative convention was called. Ansecomb resigned and ran for the leadership again, against Bennett. Ansecomb won, but he did not beat down Bennett's determination and ambition.

Bennett then proceeded to embarrass Ansecomb every chance he got. In 1951 he brought Coalition, crossing the floor of the House to sit as an independent. He watched his chances, with that uncanny political sense of his, and just before the 1952 election he went Social Credit, though, to be fair, he didn't know it was going to be a bandwagon. But that's what it turned out, and that's what it's going to stay for a while yet.

Future of Central Africa Federation Rests With Voters of Southern Rhodesia

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (Reuters)—Nearly 50,000 Southern Rhodesians will give their verdict on the proposed Central African federation of Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland when they get to the polls in a referendum tomorrow.

Federation, on terms worked out at a London conference in January, would give the self-governing colony of Southern Rhodesia and the two British protectorates a virtually autonomous federal parliament and prospects of ultimate dominion status in the British Commonwealth.

Two African representatives from each territory would sit in the parliament. Only where an African affairs board, as a standing committee of the federal parliament, felt that legislation was detrimental to native interests would royal assent be required.

Controversy over the federation proposals contained in a White Paper issued at the end of the London conference have left doubt about what the decision of Southern Rhodesia's 49,032 registered voters will be.

Sir Godfrey Huggins, Southern Rhodesia's prime minister, and Roy Welensky, leader of the unofficial members in Northern Rhodesia's legislative council, have campaigned vigorously for federation. Substantial European opinion still opposes it, mainly because it lacks essential native support. But Huggins has assured the voters of Southern Rhodesia that if they accept the plan it will be passed by the House of Commons.

The legislative councils of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland will debate the proposals after the referendum has been held in Southern Rhodesia.

INCOME TAX QUIZ

- Q. If, on completing my 1952 income tax return, I find I owe a balance of tax, when do I have to pay? A. The due date is April 30th, 1953, which is also the deadline for filing returns.

U.S. May Request Russia To Release Dr. Walter Linse

BONN (AP)—United States authorities here are reported contemplating testing the Russians' new conciliatory attitude by asking them once again to free Dr. Walter Linse, Berlin anti-Communist leader who was kidnapped last July and dragged into the Soviet zone.

At least seven times the Americans have asked Gen. Vassily I. Chulikov, Soviet commander in East Germany, or his subordinates for Linse's release—but always in vain. The Russians have either ignored the requests or claimed ignorance of Linse's whereabouts—and this despite the presentation of documented evidence that he was slugged and hustled out of West Berlin by Communist-paid thugs.

When the former U.S. high commissioner, Walter J. Donnelly, sent a Christmas package for Linse last December, it was returned marked "misaddressed." Donnelly then pledged that U.S. authorities would never stop pressing for his release. Linse, an outspoken foe of communism who was given to documenting his charges with hard proof, was a thorn in the Russian side.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

WELL WORTH IT

Newspaper circulation all over this continent has never been higher than what it is today, and that's because of the people's demand. The people want the news. They want the news of the world, international news, all kinds of news; they want to know about the neighbors, the man next door, community affairs. It's the daily picture that makes the daily paper. The reader buys and pays for it because he realizes its worth the money.

American soldiers and British girls are getting married at the rate of five per day. In spite of dialect or twang, they do speak a common language—and looks count, too.

MATTER OF DISTANCE

Man argues women may not be trusted too far; woman feels man cannot be trusted too near.—Henri Browne.

They may have attended service last Sunday also, yet it's a fact that many hundreds drove out the highway, and returned to brag about the weather, once they got safely outside of Prince Rupert. It has always been like that, no matter if deserved or unjustified.

With the aid of modern equipment, the maple sugar industry in Quebec has become big business. The largest producing area is in Beauce county where more than 2,500,000 trees are tapped annually. This must help explain how Quebec also managed to produce a song like "Alouette."

The good ship Memory which late last year cleared from England on a world cruise quit at Monte Carlo. The 72-foot ketch

MILESTONES

From the Files of The Daily News

40 Years Ago Today

Alderman Bullock-Webster resigned as chairman of the Health Board when amendments to the health by-law were made without his knowledge.

Tenders will be called for the excavation of 1000 feet of rock in the vicinity of the city hall.

30 Years Ago Today

A wage offer by the city council was unanimously rejected at a meeting of the Civic Employees Union and they decided a conciliation board was necessary.

As the result of a drive by the Chamber of Commerce headed by D. Thomson, 41 new members have been enrolled.

20 Years Ago Today

The belief has been expressed at the city hall that no move will be made by the city council to oppose proceedings which have been instituted in the Supreme Court of British Columbia with a view to having a commissioner appointed by the Provincial Government to take over the affairs of the city.

10 Years Ago Today

War-time Housing has agreed to install a dietician to supervise the preparation and serving of meals, thereby forestalling a threatened strike by local shipyard workers.

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Mandy commemorated their 10th wedding anniversary with a re-consecration ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mah Ton Lee.

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was suitable enough with crew of seven but they not live together in the compartment of a boat that told there were thirteen including the cook and band. Well, the explanation understandable.

Women are not much better than men, but they are the best of the sex we know.—Don Herod.

CAN BE OF USE!

"This came over the radio today! Bluff old sailor, unbereaved, to widow, to steer you down what is the voyage of life."

Widow: "No skipper, could be my second mate."

A slip of a wife roasts her hand, stout-hearted woman may be, without a fire, and him over to premature of—Ex.

From a want ad in the Citizen: "Capable typist for office position, steady work and good working conditions."

Mental Illness 'Most Difficult' Health Problem

"Mental illness is the largest and most difficult problem in Canada," Dr. J. Griffin, general director of Canadian Mental Health Association, told the 32nd meeting of the Health League.

"About 60,000 mental patients occupy hospital beds as far as can be determined, but not yet been reported that about 50 per cent of them comprising the physician's practice and some form of mental illness."

There is "substantial effort to support the state's poor mental health after significant way the lives of 10 per cent of the population."

He reported that an increasing proportion of general practitioners are acquiring in psychotherapy, and practical psychotherapy, "we can expect to see a 'bottle of pink' and the hopeful put on the 'gradually disappear'."

Dr. Griffin said Canada desperately short of psychiatric hospital facilities, despite the best efforts of provincial departments, the lack of additional economic for mental patients need to keep pace with the need.

He felt the trend in psychiatric facilities in hospitals is "encouraging the national mental grants to aid in the new facilities and the new mental workers and social workers and will continue to be factors in 'our successful' against mental illness."

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