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## Red China's Presence Needed

THERE is more emotion than logic behind the protests against inviting Red China to the coming Geneva peace conference.

Even if it is granted that the invitation is a conciliatory gesture to Russia, the fact remains that little could be accomplished towards settlement of Asiatic affairs without inclusion of one of the greatest Asiatic powers. Whether the free world likes it or not, Communist China shows every likelihood of being with us for a long time to come. There may be much internal unrest, as indicated by the attitude of thousands of war prisoners in Korea who refused to be repatriated. But short of an open assault by another power, which almost certainly would spark World War III, there appears little chance for the unrest to become organized sufficiently to overthrow the present government.

In these circumstances, the western world cannot pretend to go about its business as if Red China did not exist. To fight it in Korea and then ignore it is ridiculous. Regardless of what bitterness prevails, it is still possible to face an enemy across the table without sacrificing any honor.

The argument that such a meeting is in defiance of the United Nations is difficult to understand because, even without Red China, the major powers seems to have stepped beyond the jurisdiction of the UN in any case. Whether this is wise or not is another question, but the minute they decided to hold their own conference in Berlin they were already turning their backs on the UN as an instrument of settlement.

It will be unfortunate if, through practices such as this, the UN is eventually left in the position of deciding minor issues only. Its dissolution would follow in quick order. At the same time, if the great powers are determined to hold their own meetings, they should do their best to make them successful. Otherwise, they will accomplish nothing but harm.

Without Red China present, the Geneva conference would not have a hope of making any headway whatsoever.

## Kitimat and Trail

KITIMAT is British Columbia's newest municipality. Feb. 20 that municipality will vote on bylaws authorizing the expenditure of \$2,822,000 for a bridge, roads, waterworks and sewers.

The interesting feature of this somewhat staggering proposed expenditure is that a relatively small community plans to shoulder such a big debt burden. And yet for those who know the story of the municipality it is not so surprising.

Kitimat is an object lesson for Trail. The Aluminum Company of Canada's giant plant is four and a half miles from the actual town and yet the plant site was incorporated as part of the district municipality. The Aluminum Company of Canada is just another taxpayer for Kitimat.

As a matter of fact this big corporation showed no hesitation whatsoever about trusting its municipal tax bill to the new town. It secured no special privileges and has no special obligations. It is just one of the property owners.

It will be interesting to see what the proposed public works program will do to the Kitimat mill rate. Should Trail undertake to borrow \$2,822,000 for public works, if such a thought even be considered, it probably would have to raise its mill rate by at least 35 mills to pay the principal and interest over 20 years.

## Ray Reflects and Reminisces

An editorial heading reads: "Our Wheat Surplus is Like Money in the Bank". If it's all the same, we'd still prefer the cash.

Who was it said that by the time a man gets a little money to burn, the fire has gone out?

The reason a dog has so many friends, we've read, is that his tail keeps on wagging instead of his tongue.

STRICTLY PRIVATE  
Senators, drawing down an indemnity of \$10,000, should be feeling amiable, but evidently not so. Here's a proper parliamentary dignitary who is

making war on hotels. He says that hotel pillow of today is just as uncomfortable as it was ten years ago. So impossible is the situation becoming he has to have, when travelling, his own private pillow. This is also made use of in the Senate chamber.

If they can manage it, the expressions Grit and Tory are to disappear. The movement has been launched by J. F. Pouliot (L) Temiscouate, and Dave Fulton (PC) Kamloops. It won't be so easy. There's this much about Grit and Tory. Both are neat and handy. This can't be said about Progressive Conservative or Conservative for both are

## As I See It



by  
Elmore  
Philboot

### First Funeral

TORONTO: The winter had suddenly broken, on the February day Agnes Macphail was to be buried. The thermometer read 58 degrees. The church on the outskirts of Toronto was jam packed, before the appointed hour of two o'clock.

The mortal remains of Canada's first woman M.P. were on display, in the old Ontario fashion, at the front of the United Church. The strain and pain of recent years had gone out of the noble face, but the strength and the peace and the power had remained.

The whole front of the church was banked with flowers, tier upon tier. Agnes herself would have loved that particular tribute, and she would also have smiled at the fact that many of the tributes came from the people and the interests against whom Miss Macphail had loosed her heaviest artillery, over the years.

AMONG the famous people whom I saw at Agnes Macphail's first funeral (for there were three services all told) was the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

I wondered if that great Conservative, and brilliant Canadian, remembered the crisis of the mid twenties when Miss Macphail had disembarked from a ship that was to take her to Europe, rushed back to Ottawa to vote against, and by her lone vote turned back Mr. Meighen's bid to become prime minister of Canada.

But the great and powerful were in the minority at that first of the three funeral services for Miss Macphail. Most of the people there were working men, and their wives or mothers.

There were even a few young girls, whom Agnes had lately taught in Sunday School in that United Church. I chuckled to myself to remember that Agnes always officially listed herself as a member of a Mormon sect—because her grandmother had favored that denomination, and because she was too loyal to Grannie's memory to list herself, like the rest of her family as plain Presbyterian.

IN FRONT of my row of honor any pall bearers sat the active performers of that duty and privilege. They were keen, well dressed, shining and well scrubbed young men. I put them down as shop stewards in near-by factories—and I made a swift calculation in my own mind. It must have cost each one of these men real money to take the time off for that service. I wondered if they all, and all the rest of the people there, really realized just how much they owed to the life-long efforts of Agnes Macphail, and others like her, who had literally given their whole lives for the improvement of the lot of the ordinary family.

THE memorial message by the minister was not overdone, but not underdone or stinted either. As we walked down the aisle in front of the casket I studied the faces. Some of the old men wept openly. But on most faces I thought the predominant sentiment that I saw expressed was pride.

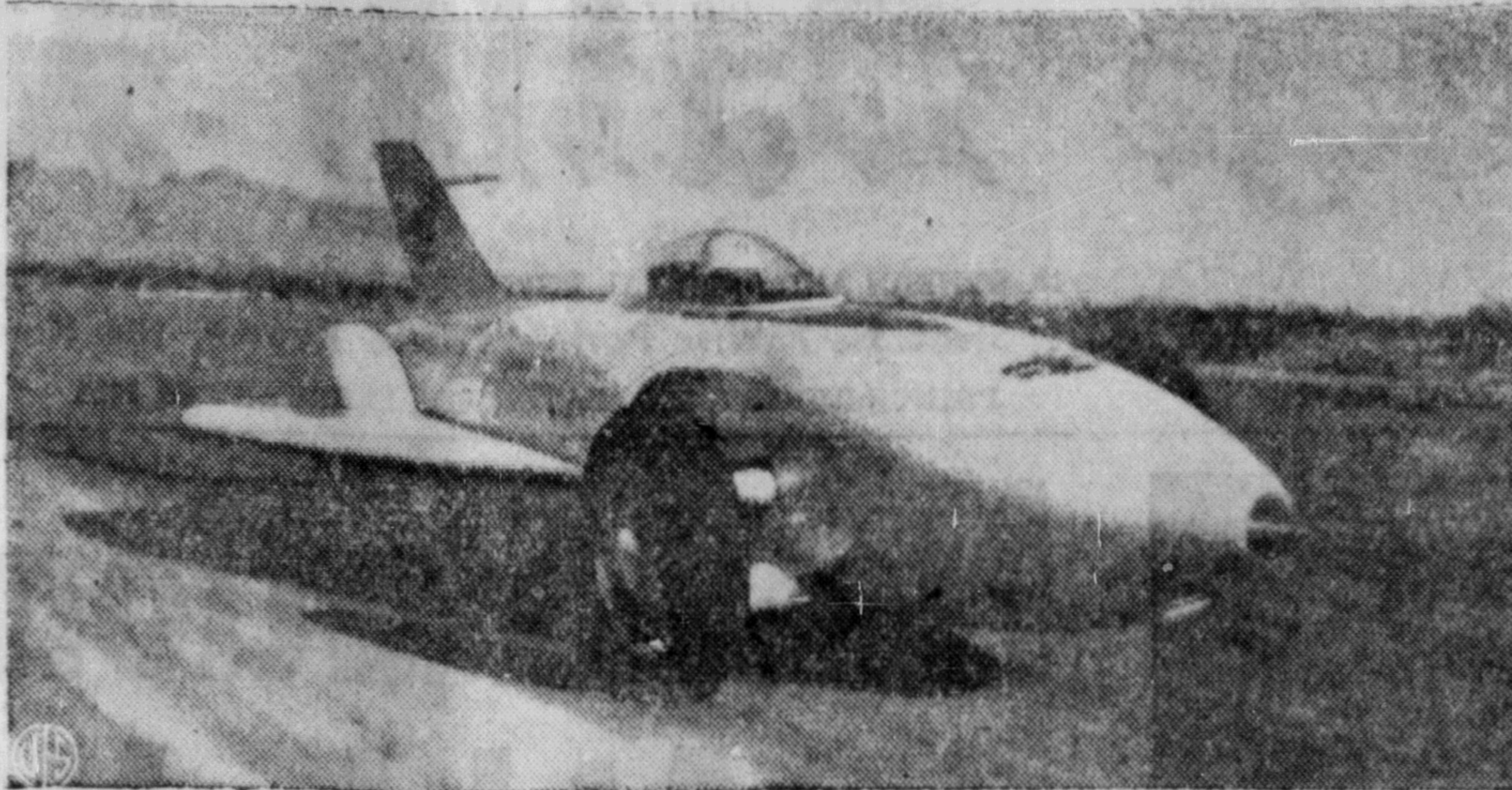
These humble folks were proud to have been part of a country great enough to produce a great and good daughter like Agnes—the one and only Macphail.

We shall not look upon her like again, and a good many who were there knew it in their hearts.

clumsy. The others, in convenient headline writing are unexcelled.

MATTER OF VALUES  
The lad, who would go from door to door to shovel snow—deeper than what it is today—felt wonderfully well if he could clean up half a dollar in a forenoon. But it's to be doubted if a boy is the least cheerful in this age when all he makes in the same time, and with less snowfall, \$2 or \$3.

Definition of an intelligent girl: One who knows less than the man she happens to be with at the moment.



DRIVER MAURI ROSE skims the XP-21 Firebird over a test track near Phoenix, Ariz. The aerodynamically designed car, which is strictly for experimental purposes, has a gas turbine—the first in an automobile in the U.S.—which General Motors is testing to determine its possible use in commercial vehicles. A vertical tail fin, swept-back delta wings, pointed nose and bubble cockpit characterize the Firebird's glass-fibre body. The fuel tank of the car is located in the needle nose. The car and driver weigh only 2,300 pounds. Wheelbase is 100 inches.

## OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

St. Valentine's Day was a thoroughly routine run-of-the-mill occasion for all MPs except one.

The lone statesman singled out for an exceptional experience was a Liberal MP who went out to purchase a Valentine for his young daughter. He speedily settled on a heart-shaped box of candy displayed in a local department store.

The young daughter was thrilled with the gift. The reluctance to disturb the attractive arrangement of its contents conflicted with her natural inclination to enjoy them. Thus it was that in her indecision she came upon the inconspicuous label which the package carried and which her father had missed in the rapidity of his purchase. The label announced the contents of the box to be "Produce of West Germany."

The comment of the Liberal MP after he had perused the label was:

"We send them soldiers; they send us candy."

Obviously a comment of that kind invited an inference which could establish the whole incident on some sort of a moral plane. The parliamentary colleagues of the Liberal MP were not quite equal to the occasion. They were just tongue-tied. But a correspondent of the parliamentary press gallery remarked:

"That just shows the mixed-up sort of a world in which we moderns live. As a nation of 14,000,000 people we send soldiers to a nation of 50,000,000, who send us candy in return."

Perhaps that, as good a commentary as any that could be made upon the whole affair.

It wasn't quite an ordinary St. Valentine's Day on Parliament Hill. For it was also the 81st birthday of one of the legislators.



BERMUDA-BORN Lois Marie Browne is the first lady lawyer to be admitted to the Bermuda bar. The 26-year-old attorney is shown (above) as she leaves Bermuda's Supreme Court after the actual ceremony of admission to the bar. She wears the traditional robe and wig, which are worn in the courts of the tiny British colony, the oldest self-governing colony in the British Empire.

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## Death Winds Up Kidnapping Case

SANTIAGO, Cuba (AP)—Swift army action, rescue, arrests and the killing of a servant deemed faithless, broke the Facundo Bacardi kidnaping case Friday night little more than 11 hours after the eight-year-old heir to a rum fortune was seized for \$50,000 ransom.

The servant was chauffeur Guillermo Rodriguez, 23, a dishonorably discharged navy veteran who was at the wheel of the station wagon in which the boy vanished on his way to a fashionable private school.

Accused of conspiracy in the frustrated plot, Rodriguez was shot "while attempting to escape" soon after Facundo was safely restored to his parents. A jobless youth nabbed while walking the boy along a suburban road was jailed.

Army officials said Rodriguez, tossed out of the navy as a marijuana peddler and gambler some months before the Bacardi family hired him, died under a hail of soldiers' bullets when he made a break for liberty in the country while re-enacting his part in the crime.

The surviving prisoner, Manuel Echevarria, 20, faces prosecution under a law providing a maximum of 12 years for kidnaping.

No ransom was paid.

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## All Aboard By G.E. Wood

Every husband has heard his wife complain that she has to stay in the house and work an 18-hour day while he goes aboard meeting "interesting people."

In these little domestic sermons, men are pictured as drones (interesting drones, of course) who flit around rocking their wings in cheery salute to one another and landing at intervals to exchange a buzz of news, gossip and stimulating ideas.

Many a wife looks upon her husband's job as a flimsy pretext for the man to get out and make the social rounds, beyond wifely supervision. Some wives doubt that their husbands go to work at all. They are convinced that the men go straight to a cigar store in town, where there is a dice game under way in the back room.

Some husbands counter their wives' argument by suggesting an exchange of jobs. "All right," they declare, "you get all my money, so you might as well do my job. Tomorrow you go to work in my place, and I'll stay home."

There is no record that such an offer was ever accepted. That's a pity. A day of soap opera and party-line listening might do a man good.

In sober truth, however, the girls have a good case. Whether they live in town, suburbs or farm, they must endure a great deal of monotony. I have just thought of a rare way to prove to them that life can be (as the soap operas put it) a rich and rewarding adventure.

Let a husband take a course in hypnosis at any reputable school of psychology or even at one of the disreputable ones, if the reputable schools won't have him.

Armed with hypnotic powers, let him go among the interesting people he meets, and persuade them all to come home the same evening to meet his wife.

I can see the man now—a kind of modern Pied Piper with a glittering eye, trailing behind him a mixed crew that would include his co-workers in his office, mill, factory or store; the neighbor he saw at the crossroad; a hitch-hiker; a man who tried to sell him some insurance; a pan-handler who asked him for a dime; an old girl friend who greeted him on the street, and her four children.

"Good evening, dear," would say. "I brought interesting people to dinner. I knew you'd like them."

On second thought, it'd be easier for the man to notice his wife.

**Air Classroom Set For Children**  
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