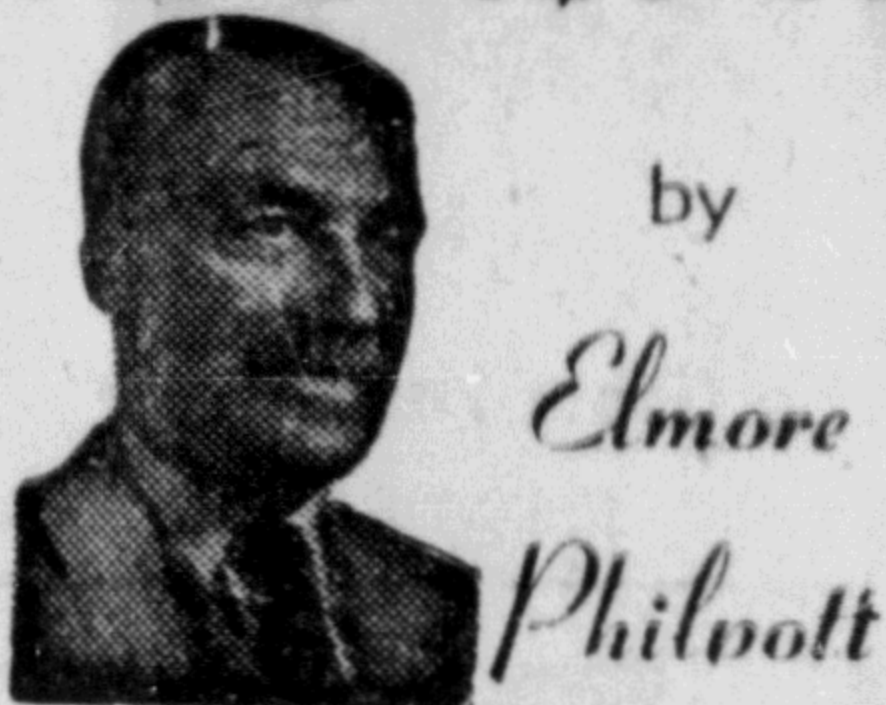


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As I See It



by Elmore Philbott

Free Asia Peace Key

THE AMERICAN leaders who were pressing for direct military intervention in the war in Indo-China have been rebuffed on two fronts.

Vice-President Nixon's "off the record" proposal that American troops might have to be sent has been hastily withdrawn as the result of the emphatic chorus of opposition from both parties in the U.S.

John Foster Dulles' diplomatic blitz, to line up a ten-power western team to intervene, has also failed. Sir Winston Churchill's announcement in the British House of Commons puts the question on that deliberately ill-timed move.

Now comes the third suggestion, from the American General Wedemeyer, who says that "Asiatic troops on Formosa or in South Korea should be sent to assist the French and Vietnam forces in Indo-China."

This last suggestion would be downright funny if it were not dealing with such a tragic subject, and if it could not lead to a disaster of immense magnitude.

WHO IS General Wedemeyer, or, for that matter, who in the whole United States government has the moral or legal right to assign Chiang's troops or Syngman Rhee's troops to try to bolster up the weakening cause of the imperial power in that harassed Asian country?

It always pays to try to take an Asian viewpoint on all these questions. Both Chiang Kai-shek and Syngman Rhee are regarded throughout Asia, not as self-sustaining leaders with solid support from any considerable number of their fellow-countrymen, but as creatures of the western powers. Stripped of western support, neither Chiang nor Rhee could last more than a few weeks.

To put American pressure on them to order Chinese troops or South Korean troops to offer up their lives in a foreign war would be not only self-defeating, but it would swing the whole balance of free Asian opinion, especially in India, Burma and Indonesia, emphatically against the West.

THERE IS only one way to save Indo-China from Communist conquest. That is the same way which must be used in all the other countries of Asia, the Middle East, and Africa, which have not yet won their full self-government.

That is, to build up a native, democratic movement, based on a program of guaranteed home rule, and complete freedom from imperialist overlordship. It may not be possible in all cases to grant immediate, instantaneous independence. Many of the countries are not as lucky as were India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and Indonesia. Many of the countries literally have no democratic base from which to operate. But moves can be taken which will convince even the most impoverished and illiterate peasants of the Asian lands that the western powers are in earnest in promising the transfer of political control, and actual sovereignty, to the natives themselves.

That has not been done as yet, even in Indo-China. It is only a few months since the King of Cambodia, which is one of the constituent states of that land, was telling the whole wide world that his country might not resist a Communist invasion because of French reluctance to "come clean" on the granting of self-government.

The plan to "Let Asians fight Asians" is a suicidal and absurd plan. The only plan for real peace is to let the West free Asia and to build friends among these freed Asian democracies to be.



HAN CHI-TUNG, a six-year-old Korean lad, stands before a microphone in Seoul and tearfully reads to the crowd a letter written to his uncle, who is being held by the Communists in North Korea. Some 600 families of South Korean nationals, mostly women and children, staged a demonstration in Seoul recently, demanding that the Republic of Korea and the United Nations take steps to have kidnapped relatives returned by the Reds.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

The greatest water-power so far known to man is a woman's tears.

When we think of this \$600,000,000 aluminum enterprise right next door, there is ample reason to feel that Kitimat is a promising community. But how many in Prince Rupert realize an aluminum plant was recently put in operation in Norway. This will have an eventual output of 50,000 tons annually.

A bird in the hand can be said to be anything except good mannered, yet it does not lack entertainment. Especially the jolly old drumstick.

There is nothing particularly slow about a government which can take money from tax payers, and then make it resemble a gift when the time comes to hand it back remarks the Stratford Beacon-Herald.

The last hydrogen bomb explosion in the Pacific has been felt in chancelleries around the world. But do not run away with the notion that the situation is not needed elsewhere. Everywhere throughout the world, in humble and anxious fear of the future cannot be dismissed. It's there.

A cold, a snowy and a late spring is not exactly a novelty in Skeena. Umpteen years ago that railway tunnel up river tried to be too darned independent, or rather the weather did. The Grand Trunk Pacific stopped running and passengers used the river where it coursed through the tunnel. There was a lack of comforts and conveniences, but not many.

Latest photos of the Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse-tung who has been ill reveal his face "round and jolly." "Chubby but not chummy."—Ex.

A bank in New Westminster was relieved of \$10,000 shortly after ten o'clock by three masked yeggs who escaped at 80 miles an hour. Millions and millions have been handled, back and forth at Prince Rupert, but we never heard of a robbery—although there was once a bank where a young man was employed as a handy man in the bank's home. He picked up and stowed away whatever caught his fancy—until neatly trapped.

Ontario now has one motor car for every 3.2 people. Unhappily some of the cars take this fractional business too seriously.—Chatham News.

The fellow who looks everybody straight in the eye gives folks small chance to talk behind his back.

Tourists will flock to the old building on Second Avenue this summer where two tall totem poles brighten the entrance and a sign says the establishment is the city's museum. The place was originally a court house built originally by the late W. H. Vickers and has had a lengthy and busy history.

Bowing and smiling, it was Sir Wilfred Laurier who spent a while at the court house on a sunny September afternoon in 1910. It was his first and only visit to Prince Rupert.

"I look out to the Pacific" said the Prime Minister to the multitude gathered before himself and party "and can realize the approach of passengers and produce coming to the new seaport of the north.

Present-day cars can travel twice as fast as the older ones. And we dare say motor casualties have increased proportionately.—Chatham News.

OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. McLEOD

Despite the sad minority in which they found themselves, the PC's are a little bit jubilant about the vote on their budget amendment. The feature that pleases them is the fact that the CCF lined up with the government to vote solidly against them.

In theory the CCF as an opposition group, could have been expected to join the Conservatives to vote against the government. But when all the chips were down it was evident that the Socialists were considerably more anti-Conservative than they were anti-government.

That discovery really pleases the Tories. For ever since they adopted their new and present policy of aspiring to be the business party of the nation, their chief political aim has been to show that they really are different from the other political parties. That hasn't been too difficult in the case of the CCF, since the gap between Progressive Conservatism and Socialism is still fairly wide. But in the case of the Liberal Party it has been harder to establish a clear-cut distinction. The margin of difference between the policies of the two old-line parties has narrowed notably in recent years.

Consequently, when the CCF swings solidly to the support of the Liberals, the PC's are elated, even although the government majority in the House benefits. For it casts at least the shadow of Socialism over the government party. And it advertises the PC's as the one party in the Chamber really opposed to the government—and therefore as the logical alternative to the government any time the voters decide that the reign of Liberalism has lasted long enough.

The Liberals are smart enough to sense the new game that the PC's are trying to play. As a result, they are not too happy about any support from the CCF benches. They have a sufficient majority without it, and they have no desire whatever to be tarred with the Socialist brush.

In brief, the Liberals don't want to concede the championship of the nation's business interests to the George Drew forces. They contend that Liberalism's middle-of-the-road policies have served the best interests of the largest section of general Canadian business. And they don't believe that the increasing disposition of the PC's to revive the tariff issues of other days should find any great merit in business eyes.

But just because the Liberals hope to hold the confidence of Canadian business interests, they don't want to get tagged with the Socialist label. They would be just as well pleased—indeed better pleased—if the CCF would behave as a real honest-to-goodness opposition party.

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AGASSIZ PLANS TO PASS FLOOD EMERGENCY LAW
AGASSIZ, B.C.—A flood emergency bylaw is to be rushed through municipal council here to deal with the threat of the Fraser River going on the rampage.
Other Fraser Valley communities are taking similar action. Ratepayers at Matsqui meet Thursday to set up an emergency committee and appoint dike patrols.
The action will coincide with plans by the provincial diking commission and civil defence groups in nine Fraser Valley centres.
At Agassiz, authorities say the dikes are "really, solid" except for a 3½-mile stretch on both sides of the Rosedale ferry landing.

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