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Action For Cow Bay

IN A WIRE to the Chamber of Commerce this week, Ted Applewhite relayed the good news that repairs are to be made to the Cow Bay floats.

It is no time for sour grapes, so we will not stress the fact that action came the hard way. In addition to pressure by the Chamber of Commerce, the local Liberal association laid down a blunt demand that something be done right away, and the UFAWU was in the campaign, too.

Instead it is encouraging to think that when an industry is as vital to a community as fishing is to Prince Rupert, the government is prepared to slash red tape to ensure its continuance in an emergency.

In the case of the Cow Bay floats, the red tape is particularly formidable. Title to the property appears at the moment to be somewhere in no man's land, with the result that Ottawa is obliged to take action before its ownership is established.

But the point, of course, is that the floats constitute a public service which cannot be allowed to terminate while legal niceties are put in order. Although it is reassuring to note that private enterprise is ready to come to the rescue, this does not lessen the government's responsibility. On the contrary, it emphasizes it. The shame of the Cow Bay situation is that it was allowed to degenerate to a point where such last-minute measures became necessary.

However, the bright side is that the floats are going to be ready. The public voice has been heard and acted upon. As long as a justified call for attention gets results like that, there can be no real complaint.

Fight For Trout

IN LAKE Michigan it no longer pays to fish for lake trout. For years fishermen took two million pounds annually from the lake, but recently the catch is only about 500 pounds. The parasitic sea lamprey has won out.

Now the problem has become one for all who live close to Lake Superior. Last year, for example, 50 per cent of some catches off Rosport were found to be scarred by lampreys which fasten themselves to the lake trout with their sucker-like mouths and kill or ruin them for commercial use.

This points up the vital importance of the work being done under the supervision of the department of lands and forests in the northwestern Ontario area. With the co-operation of the federal government, more than a quarter of a million dollars is to be spent in combatting the lamprey.

—Fort William Times-Journal.

Scripture Passage for Today

The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
—Isa. 53:6

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philoott

The Slump to War

THERE ARE two proposals for dealing with the crisis in Indo-China.

One, made by Prime Minister Nehru of India, suggests a cease fire, a guarantee of complete democratic self-government for the country, and U.N. supervision to cut off all supplies of armaments and ammunition to the rebels.

The other, made by John Foster Dulles and Vice-President Nixon of the U.S.A., suggests temporary intervention in the Indo-Chinese war, to whatever extent is necessary to avert a Communist victory.

In my opinion, Mr. Nehru's proposal at least offers some chance of peace without appeasement. The Dulles-Nixon plan seems to me to guarantee a slump toward what would be a quick and local war at best, and outright hydrogen bomb world war at worst.

OUR generation is being sucked into a boggy situation which could lead to a third world war, apparently because of a confusion as to basic facts. The Communist parties in various countries are, in truth, all parts of a vast world army. They base their operations on a common library, and a common ideology. They are effectively directed from one world headquarters. But they operate through native political organizations. In Asian countries, especially, they appear to entire populations as the most vigorous enemies of white man rule exploiting and imperialism run for the benefit of foreign governments.

But in the event of complete victory for such local Communist parties, the country so conquered passes as completely into the orbit of the Red Communist empire as if there had been an actual armed invasion by the Red armies of Russia or China.

Hence, those who think only in over simplified terms of great power competition, are quite right in arguing that no matter how the Communists win any particular country, the net result is the same. But from this sound argument these over-simplifiers pass to a most unsound proposal as to ways and means to prevent that result.

MILITARY intervention by the United States, or by the ten nations invited by Mr. Dulles, would be of even more dubious legality than it would be of military effectiveness.

From the sheer standpoint of law—even the crude and primitive "law" which we now have—what more right has the United States to intervene in a French colonial war than has China, or for that matter Russia?

There is excellent reason to believe that intervention by U.S. armed forces in Indo-China, either with or without western allies, would lead to exactly the same counter action as resulted in North Korea when General MacArthur started his ill-fated "Home by Christmas" drive for the Chinese border.

There is no doubt whatever that the Indo-Chinese Commun-



THESE TWO YOUNGSTERS, patients at the Queen Alexandra Solarium for Crippled children appear to have forgotten their toys momentarily. It might well be that they are looking up in a plea for help... public support of The Shower of Dimes, the current drive for funds. The Solarium, B.C.'s only convalescent home for crippled children depends largely on public subscription and the current appeal has as its objective \$30,000. Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 177 in Victoria or P.O. Box 22 in Vancouver.

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

There are definitely encouraging signs that, after a wasted period spent unsuccessfully in trying to be all things to all people, the Conservative Party finally has agreed upon a clear-cut policy. It aspires to be the business party of the nation.

The decision along this line on the part of the PC High Command reflects the increasing difficulties which business in Canada is encountering with the melting away in recent months of the sellers' market.

In almost all lines now Canadian industry isn't just having to battle hard to sell its products in export markets; in addition, it is having a real struggle to hold its own in the domestic market. The competition of foreign goods from countries with lower wage standards is serious.

In other words, tariff protection is looming up once more as a dominant issue in the politics of the nation. During the days of the war and afterwards, when the Defence Department and the Federal Government generally constituted the main market of industry, manufacturers were mainly indifferent to tariffs. They remained that way during the sellers' market that followed the war, when people were buying frantically to meet the consumer needs that they had accumulated during the years of civilian scarcities. The outbreak of fighting in Korea, which again brought the government into the market as a main buying source, continued the situation for another few years.

But now, for virtually the first time since 1939, things are back to normal. Not only is the government playing a rapidly diminishing role as a purchaser from industry; in addition, industry in other countries, similarly beset to find new markets, is flooding Canada with goods previously sold to their own governments, or to their own consumers. Price competition, dictated mainly by wage standards, is becoming intense.

As a result, manufacturers are clamoring for tariff protection now in a way that is reminiscent of the late nineteen-twenties, just before the great economic collapse. The textile and farm machinery industries are leaders in the resurrected tariff crusade. More recently they have been joined by the steel industry.

It promises to be a new political wind across the Federal political landscape. And the Conservative Party sails are being set to catch it. Not so much will be heard from the PCs in the months ahead in praise of socialistic or Santa Claus legislation; much more will be heard about the serious problems which beset business. Most of the PCs are very happy over the new outlook. They are relieved to be free of their lip service to socialism.

ANYONE who knows public opinion in the great new free democracies of Asia such as India and Indonesia, must face the fact that American intervention in Indo-China would have repercussions very damaging in good relations with the west.

There is only one sound long-range approach to such problems as now face the west in Indo-China.

The only way to turn back the threat of Red conquest is to build up vital, free, and native democratic governments genuinely based on the consent of the people.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

The pock-marking crisis affecting automobiles and eyeglasses of British Columbia can hardly be called "mass hysteria." Of course it must have something to do with radios, windshields and all that. But taking the situation all in all, its comforting to reflect we never owned a car and intend to now, less than ever.

No matter how far the value of the dollar drops, it will not go lower than some people will stoop to get it.

Aged 88, Harry Orchard died in the state penitentiary at Boise (Idaho) this month. He had been sentenced to death many years ago and as time went on impression widened that he had been hanged. Anyway it will be news today to know of his passing. Around the turn of the century fifty years ago, Harry Orchard (real name Albert E. Horsley of Ontario) was an all round bad man. He murdered Governor Frank Steunenberg of Idaho and was behind numerous crimes in Idaho, California and Colorado.

I have two aims: To make a little money first—then make a little money last.—Van Johnson.

Great men all seem to have had "early struggles," while the rest of us have struggled all the way.

"Ten dollars reward for south side apartment. Large enough to keep young wife from going home to mother. Small enough to keep mother from coming here."—Abilene (Texas) Reporter.

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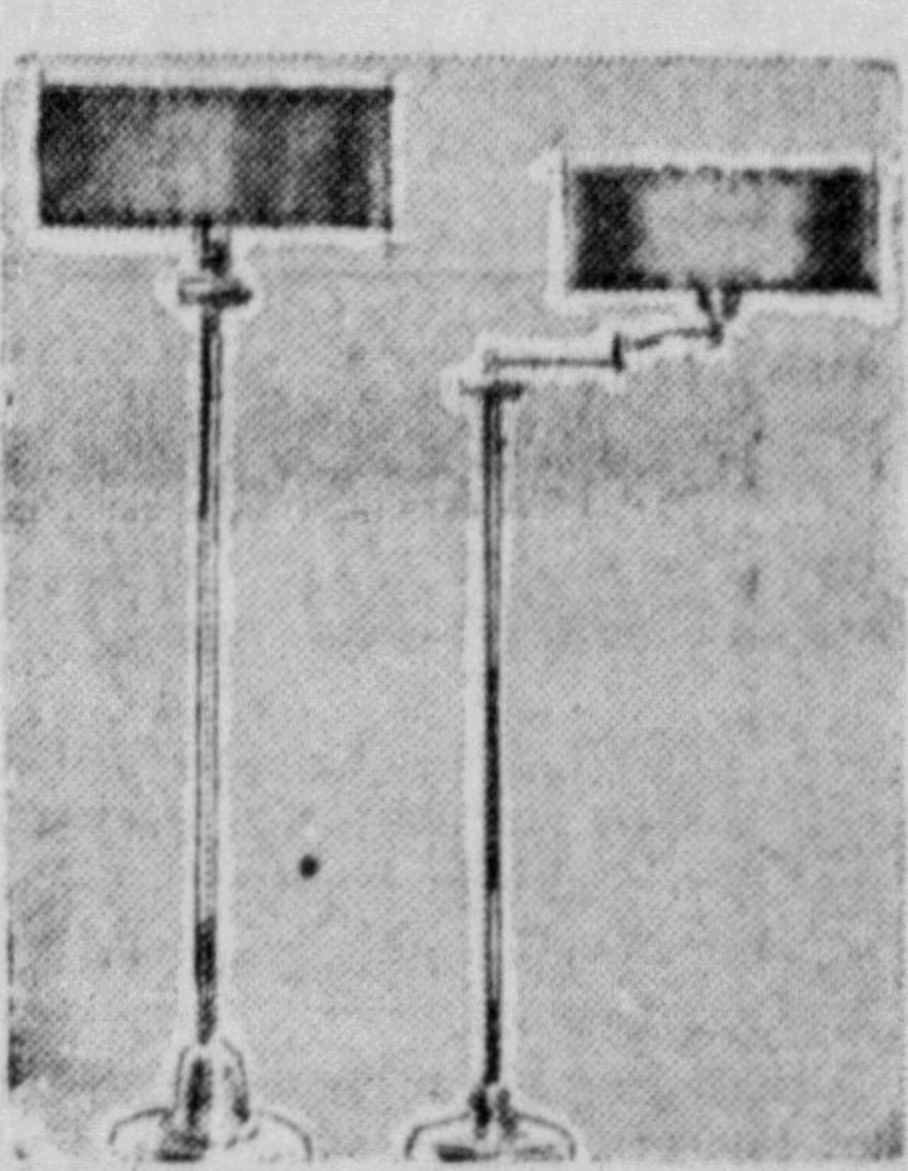
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