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The Future Grows Brighter

THERE was one of the disciples, Thomas Didymus, who was not present when Jesus first reappeared among his followers after the crucifixion.

"Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

Thomas' failing—in lesser circumstances it might be called a virtue—was that he needed all the facts before making up his mind.

At that particular time, however, Thomas' loyalty to facts was in effect a disloyalty. He made the mistake of putting argument before vision.

The "doubting Thomas" is not an unusual creature. Today, in fact, he is the realist, the man from Missouri who must be shown.

That individual is, of course, quite right and quite safe. He is also completely immobile—a condition which sooner or later will become monotonous.

Tomorrow we celebrate the resurrection of One who lifted the thoughts of men above caution and their own security, who showed then and has shown ever since that the impossible can be accomplished.

In acting on the theory that the only way to believe is to see, Thomas denied himself the one human gift that might have helped him when the facts were too much for his faith.

This Easter there is good reason to hope that the future of the world is growing brighter. The "doubting Thomases" should remember the experience of their progenitor and govern themselves accordingly.

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

Psychology was pretty much a neglected science in these parts prior to the past week's fear-maniacal stirrings up by the approved prospects for peace in Korea.

Now it is a subject of Number One interest for Parliamentary circles and for senior governmental economists alike.

The authorities were frankly amazed at the extent of the idea across the nation that the advent of peace for the free world might be the danger signal warning of economic disaster.

PEACE FEARS GROUNDESS

In the first place, economic authorities in the government emphasize that, in Canada's case the end of the shooting war in Korea and of the cold war in the diplomatic world will not halt government spending upon defence projects in Canada.

5 Juveniles Held in Jail

Five juveniles are being held in city jail pending setting of bail or hearing in county court of nine charges of breaking and entering.

upon state planning. During the past week Canadian business interests in many fields are considered to have revealed their dependent they have become upon government spending and how weak their confidence has become in an economy in which private spending is the chief support of industry.

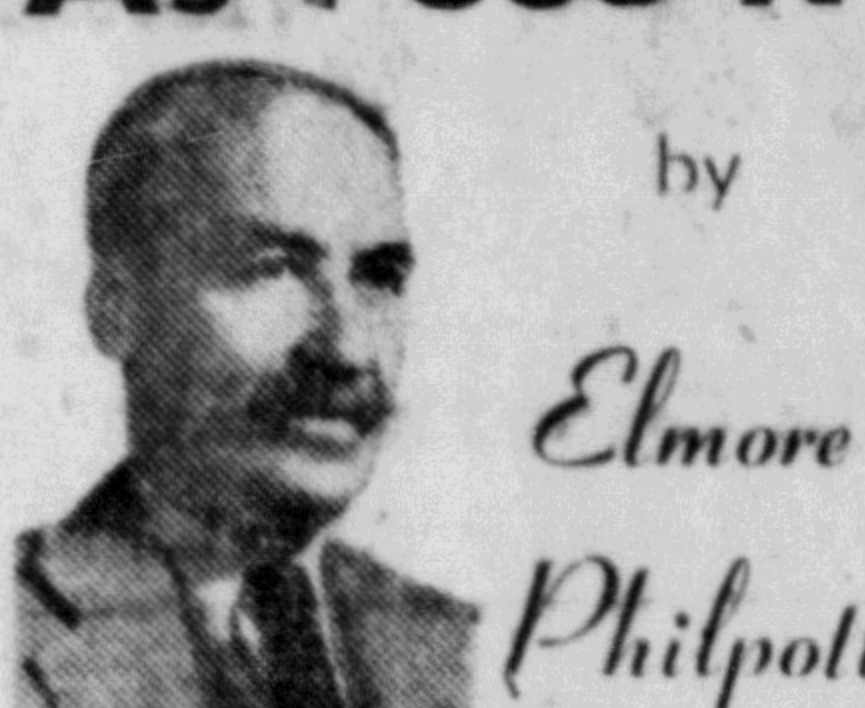
EFFECTIVE SPENDING

Actually, Federal economists recognize that a temporary period of adjustment likely will follow peace in Korea and a let-up in the cold war. But once the money now being gathered in taxes and spent upon armaments is allowed to remain in private hands, authorities here have every confidence that individual Canadians will find an abundance of uses for it and that it will be spent in a thoroughly constructive way.

MEETING POSTPONED

The monthly meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce scheduled for Monday, April 6th (Easter Monday) has been postponed one week, viz., until Monday, April 13th.

As I See It



Korea Peace Test

THE WHOLE western world waits, holding its breath, to see if peace is coming in Korea.

It is not, as things go these days, that the war in Korea is a big one. But the people everywhere seem to feel, by a sure inner instinct, that Korea is like a cancerous sore.

Either it must be dealt with, in time, or it will surely spread with fatal results.

I HAVE never been among those who felt that the United Nations were wrong to intervene in Korea, to halt the well-planned aggression from the North.

It is obviously true that the intervention represented a U.S. rather than a UN decision. President Truman gave the actual orders first—and the rest of us then either had to endorse and implement his decision, or take the consequences.

I feel sure that the "consequences" in such a case would have been the break up of UN, the return of U.S. to an expanded near-imperialist form of isolationism.

Above all, I think that had the Reds been allowed to get away with the attack in Korea, they would have quickly repeated the pattern in Persia, Yugoslavia, and above all, in Germany.

THE STALIN administration never seemed to me to show a real degree of intelligence in the period 1945-53.

It started out on V-day with an immense volume of goodwill throughout the entire western world. Had Russia been willing to continue the wartime co-operation, there is no reason to believe that such co-operation would not have been forthcoming from the west.

As things went, people of all shades of opinion, in the west were literally forced to line up against the Red aggression.

The Communist "inside job" conquest of Czechoslovakia—openly, brazenly, directed by Russia—was Strike One.

The revelation of what lay behind the break-away of Tito's Yugoslavia—that Soviet Communism was just a new and more subtle form of Russian Imperialism—was Strike Two.

Korea was Strike Three. The common people in the west by then made up their minds if they were going to have to fight they might as well fight when there was somebody still left able to fight with them.

The CCF was the first party in Canada to urge armed intervention, by us, in Korea.

THERE IS no record in history where two big power blocs which engaged in an all-out armament race ever avoided war.

The danger of a third world war is great. In my opinion, it is inevitable within a very few years, unless the armament race is brought to a halt.

But peace in Korea would at least offer a breathing spell and a cooling off period.

Above all, it should make it possible for all the people everywhere to see that the result of a third world war is likely to be merely a large scale repetition of what actually happened in Korea—victory for nobody, but death and destruction for vast numbers.

Malenkov may be smart enough to see that now.

Frank Mitchell Renominated

VICTORIA (CP)—Frank Mitchell, who represented Esquimalt as a CCF member in the recent legislative assembly, has been renominated.

Mr. Mitchell told the nominating convention it was "on the advice of his doctor, friends and acquaintances" that CCF leader Harold Winch turned in his resignation several days before prorogation of the house.



THIS VETERAN OF THE RHINE RIVER BOATS, shown aboard his cargo carrier, will soon get social security protection under a treaty worked out by the International Labor Organization (ILO).

LETTERBOX

ERRONEOUS STATEMENTS

The Editor, The Daily News: On behalf of our northern membership I am requesting space in your paper to reply to an article appearing in the March 28 edition of the Daily News.

It has always been customary for contestants for office in the trade union movement to point to their record in their union. In this way the membership knows their activities on committees etc., and is better able to judge their ability.

It was not as suggested in your article represent an organized break-off of fishermen. Mr. Goddard describes himself as "the leader of a membership revolt against the executive that has controlled the union since 1945."

Our own paper The Fisherman, is open to every member to express their views and none has been denied this right. This is particularly so where it involves criticism of the organization or its officers as it is through this medium that the opinions of the members can be made known between meetings of locals and annual conventions of the union.

It will be of interest to the public to know the forthcoming referendum election of our table officers comes as a recommendation of the incumbent officers, which was sent out to all locals prior to the convention for discussion and action.

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If Mr. Goddard is elected to the office of business agent he will speedily find that neither he nor any other officer can control that he fully realizes the importance of the task he aspires to undertake as it entails heavy responsibilities and a thorough knowledge of the industry.

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All Aboard

By G.E. Mortimore

The arrogant motorist should be made to walk twice a month to keep him human, because after a few thousand miles of mechanical traction he forgets he owns a pair of feet.

Not only does the god behind the wheel take for granted the fact that he has a car—he begins to imagine that he IS a car. The car is treated as an extension of the limbs, to be removed only by surgery.

The centaur of old legend was half man and half horse. The new type of centaur may be half man and half car. When evolution goes far enough, men may be born with wheels and an engine.

No matter how fiercely the 1953-style man believes he and the chariot are inseparable, there comes a day when fate cuts the undercarriage from under him. He loses his car. No Arab whose camel has dropped dead in the desert feels more lonely than this orphan of Gasoline Alley.

The other day my wife went off with the car. I finished work earlier than I had expected. Home was ten miles away. So I took to the open road and flexed my thumb toward the North.

Cars swept by with the non-stop regularity of a convoy making for the Korean front: limousines with enameled ladies glittering alone in the driver's seat; worn coupes piloted by gloomy mechanics; small empty cars with stout businessmen at the wheel.

In my days of regular hitchhiking I had no shame. I felt free to hurl rich oaths at drivers who passed me. But now a curious thing happened. As each car passed I noticed myself shrinking in stature while my clothes grew more and more shabby.

At last a middle-aged car manned by a middle-aged couple stopped. I touched my forehead and said "May Heaven bless you, sir," or something to that effect.

Here I noticed another change in my own behavior. As a driver, who picked up hitch-hikers, I had always let the passengers make the conversation. Now I found myself explaining that my wife had taken the car, like a panhandler asserting that he is a Russian count waiting for a legacy.

It took three more rides to get me home. The last ride was in a car full of happy young people who offered me some candy but registered polite skepticism when I told my absurd story of my wife having taken the car.

When I reached home and saw the chariot in the garage, the crease on my baggy trousers honed itself back to a sharp edge and I expanded to my normal size. Like a crop growing a new claw, I had grown wheels again.

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Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCE

John King, Vancouver bank clerk won \$19,100 this week in the Grand National sweepstakes at Aintree. First time he ever rang the bell after a dozen years of cheerful trying and being told how seldom a ticket ever meant anything, even if it could succeed in actually getting overseas.

INTIMATE AFFAIRS

Today's typical citizen, as defined by the Vancouver Province: "The guy who wears last year's suit and drives this year's car on next year's salary."

NOTHING OWING

The most valuable lesson a boy can learn is that the world does not owe him a living. It will give him a vantage point from which he will be able to see through many of the sophistries that are rampant in the world.

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