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## Tricky Problem

COMMENCEMENT of daylight saving at midnight is our first real sign that summer is almost with us. It is a sign which causes varied emotions. Gardeners who want a little more time in the evening with their flowers think it is great. Mothers with a problem of getting small children to bed are much less happy about it. The children are inclined to side with the gardeners. And so it goes.

But there is one thing about it on which almost everyone seems to agree. It is the question of whether to turn the clock back or ahead. Opinion is virtually unanimous that this is one of the most confusing problems known to modern man. Mathematicians, astronomers and transportation officials have all been known to fall by the way in trying to figure it out.

One way of mastering the brain-teaser is to remember that summer is ahead, so clocks go ahead. It makes no sense from the logical point of view, but it saves a lot of work. Of course, if you get mixed up and think of winter being behind, you're in trouble again.

## Conquering Cancer

IN THE extraordinary success of the Conquer Cancer appeal we have evidence of the deep impression made by those among us, both now and before, who have so courageously fought this cruel affliction. It is a tribute to them, as well as to the generosity of Prince Rupert people, that the drive has soared far above its objective.

If this will to win and to help others is common to many communities, the victory over cancer must be close at hand. For those whose lives it has taken, there could be no finer remembrance than to see the disease in turn destroyed.

## As I See It



by

Elmore  
Philpott

### Law Versus War

AS THE leading statesmen of the world assemble at Geneva, to discuss peace in the Far East, the main sentiment is pessimism. Even Lester Pearson leaves Canada, cautioning the newspapermen who see him off not to expect too much from the gathering.

It seems to me that what we are witnessing at this moment of history the almost last days of nationalism.

All the nations of the world are caught in the iron-clad grip of big power politics. There is no spot on all the planet which is not subject, directly or indirectly, to one of the two superpowers—the U.S.A. or Russia.

Russia, with her new and mighty ally Red China, now controls about one-third of the population of the earth, and about the same proportion of the land surface of the globe. But this mighty bloc has a strength beyond its size and numbers. For it is all in one vast, connected, solid geographical chunk.

The vast empire of the new Red Czars cannot be starved out and broken by blockade from the outside as other contenders for world leadership were starved out and broke over the past four centuries.

I DO NOT think that the United States has so far even begun to win the world struggle against Russia because she has so far ignored her only real winning asset.

There is in my opinion only one way in which the U.S.A. can beat out Russia, either with or without another world war. That is to make the issue—not America versus Russia but law versus war, which is the product of lawlessness.

In other words, I do not expect the world tide really to turn against Communism until the nations of the west face the plain fact that the old order is already dead and proceed to lay the foundations of a new order based on world law.

WE CANNOT foresee by what exact route world law will come—for the obvious reason that we cannot foretell whether it will come, by agreement, in time to avert a third world war, or whether it will come as a consequence of such a war.

Incidentally, there is no reason to expect that the mere fighting of a world war would automatically push mankind toward acceptance of world law, made by a world parliament. An atomic war would more likely have the effect of leaving this world as a desert, where all law and order had broken down, even locally; or of making one government—either that of U.S.A. or Russia, the temporary world ruler.

But if world law comes by consent of the majority of free nations it must begin by proclaiming freedom from war and tyranny. It must make it a crime for anybody in any country to take any part in any attack, by land, sea, or air, on any other country; and it must set up machinery whereby oppressed peoples can win their freedom by some other means than the Americans had to win theirs.

BABY INJURED BY MISTAKE  
TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—A tiny baby, mistaken for a doll, was seriously injured Thursday when two boys tossed her in the air and played roughly with her. The child's mother, Mrs. Robert Volk, told police she found the two boys, one four and the other five years old, tossing the baby about. The boys told her they thought the infant was a doll.



MAGGIE AND MASTER—Maggie, a four-year-old monkey weighing about 20 pounds, is the pride and joy of Pte. Joe Hashey of West Bathurst, N.B., and has taken up permanent residence with him north of the Imjin River in Korea where the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade is encamped. The pert, red-nosed Maggie has a comfortable, one-room, ranch-style bungalow near the quarters of her master at "Charlie" company of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment.

## All Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

By G. E. MORTIMORE  
"When I was a boy in my home town," a prominent citizen told me, "the river seemed as wide as the Mississippi and the mountain seemed as high as Mount Everest."

"Years later, I went back. How everything had shrunk! The mountain was just a hill and the river was just a creek that you could jump across."

The mountains and rivers of boyhood have a way of shrinking like that. The ogres turn into harmless old men and women. Young comrades in mischief suddenly grow to be middle-aged bums, with paunches and worried frowns.

Rip Van Winkle is a poignant caricature of the returning exile. In that fable, Washington Irving distilled the sadness of the passing of time. There is something of Rip Van Winkle in every man who goes back to his home country.

You hear of people who return to England after many years in Canada.

"Old Smith stayed in England only a couple of weeks and booked his passage back to Canada on the first ship he could get," the gossip says. "He didn't like it. I guess that proves that Canada is the best country in the world."

I hate to seem an unpatriotic Canadian, but it proves nothing of the sort. All it proves is that Smith went back and found things different.

In the mind, far-away people never change their appearance. But in real life they grow old, move away, perish or forget. Meanwhile Mr. Smith has also grown older. Although he consciously rejects the notion, his inner mind hopes that in re-

## LETTERBOX

### OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

The Editor:  
The Daily News:

I am one of those who found much of the language of the recent play "Born Yesterday" offensive, and am pleased to find that the director, Mr. Dobbie, has heard enough repercussions to take recourse, as I am doing, to the press to state his views regarding the attitude of "the few" who objected. Here, then, are my views, and I believe many who saw the play will agree with me.

Supposing we grant that the director is honest and right in allowing the play's author complete control over the actions and speech of his puppets on the stage, then I must quarrel with the choice of play. Was that play the popular choice of all the people who gave so much time, thought, work and planning to its production? Could not a play have been chosen with dialogue less degrading to speakers and hearers? Is Born Yesterday a good play?

The Director's Note on the program pronounced it a sure fire comedy hit. Most of the laughter I heard about me came in the form of nervous titters at each outburst of profanity from the main actor. Also noted was the fact that the play's author changed his decision to write it as straight drama, and decided on comedy. The play seems to reflect this and as a result is neither. The comedy is thin, and the serious "point" of the play is made laboriously and at too great length.

Let us not be misled by the "what is good enough for New York is good enough for Prince Rupert" type of reasoning. As a small part of the Canadian public we are at liberty to set

our standards as high as we please, and the fact that we pay our admission to be entertained or otherwise by a stage performance gives us the right to criticize, praise, blame, to show our honest appreciation or otherwise, regardless of what is accepted in New York, Vancouver, or anywhere else.

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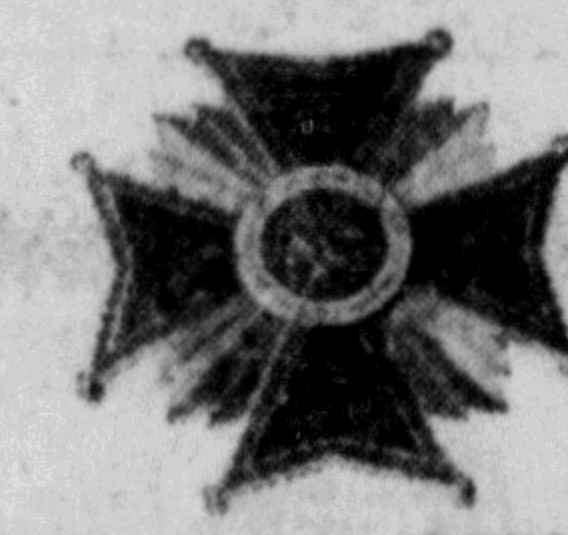
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