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## Communist Tactics Exposed

IN AN ARTICLE entitled "How Red-Led Unions Gnaw at the Heart of Industry," the current issue of The Financial Post presents a survey of Communist infiltration into Canadian labor which does much to erase the deceptive fog that has surrounded this subject.

Eight unions, with a total membership of about 75,300, are placed by the article in the Communist category. Among the eight is the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union in B.C.

As described by the article, the tactics of the Communists are to present their employers with an outrageous set of demands with a view to getting a contract that will put legitimate unions in a poor light. Once they get some kind of settlement, they then keep the pot boiling.

One practice, for example, is to instruct each shop steward in a plant to submit a specified number of grievances every month, even if he has to fake them. If a steward balks at this, his real grievances are never allowed to reach the management and the employees naturally elect someone else who can get more action. In this way, the Red leadership builds up a full complement of stewards who are able to maintain dissension and strife within the plant.

This is the inspiring kind of labor practice carried on by the group to which the article links the UFAWU. Describing that union as a "notable exception" among the more peaceful smaller organizations, the article reports one senior AFL official as saying of it: "They're affiliated with us all right but it's something we're not proud of."

"Like them or not, the Trades and Labor Congress has to take responsibility for them," the article continues. "The senior body of the congress could expel them if it wanted to. Actually, the TLC has not done this because it's hoping for a change in leadership in the union, with members giving their leaders the bum's rush."

And so we head into more uncounted weeks of idleness in the fishing industry. What a comfort it must be to the fishermen on this coast to know their destiny is in the hands of those who are associated with a movement so devoted to the principles of dissension and strife! After this dispute is settled, there will be the excitement of getting all set for another one.

Pass the vodka, Joe!

## OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

The current word in government circles is that the budget will come down not later than the middle of March and may even be a week or so before that date. The hint has served to make speculation on tax cuts the favorite indoor diversion for parliamentarians.

That tax cuts will come is taken for granted in all political groups. It's an election year and the government cannot conceivably get along without them. But the important question remains as to their size. And there is also the matter of the means by which they are to be made possible. They cannot be done by mirrors.

### TAXATION ARITHMETIC

On the surface of things the situation looks almost the reverse of promising. The budgetary surplus for the nine-month period ending in December was only \$264,000,000 as against \$631,000,000 a year ago. That's a drop of \$365,000,000—and the final surplus last year at the end of the full 12 months was only \$324,000,000.

In other words, if last year serves as a pattern, Finance Minister "Doug" Abbott is headed right now towards a deficit of \$41,000,000. Actually, the outlook is even worse than that. For the main expenditures for the year ahead are up \$29,000,000 over a year ago.

But opposing this gloomy arithmetic are two offsetting facts. This year interest on the public debt, contributions to the civil service pension fund, and similar heavy payments are being pro-rated for the first time over the whole year, instead of being charged in one lump sum in the final month of the year. This bookkeeping change is one explanation of the heavy drop in the nine-month budget surplus.

In addition, the national income is bulging. Production now is expected to exceed \$23,000,000,000 in the year to come.

That's \$2,000,000,000 more than the figure of \$21,000,000,000 to which the present tax structure is related. Since government revenues are always a percentage of the national revenue, it follows that a rise of \$2,000,000,000 in the latter is going to give the Finance Minister a comfortable margin out of which to take any tax cuts that the administration is disposed to make.

### SUBSTANTIAL AID

It is expected confidently that they will be substantial. That the radio licence fee will go is taken for granted. Other intelligent speculation forecasts income tax cuts, especially in the middle brackets, and a drop in tobacco taxes, particularly in the levy on cigarettes. There are also rumors of some liquor tax concessions. Alcoholic beverage taxes are still at the all-time peak reached in World War II. There is a strong feeling among many MPs that it is time they came down and that the individual who indulges in a cocktail or highball shouldn't be unduly penalized for joining in what has become an accepted social practice.

## Aged Nun Dies In Montreal

MONTREAL (C)—Sister Marie-Clothilde, who became a nun three years before Confederation, is dead at the age of 104. She died earlier this week but the news did not become known until today.

A member of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, Sister Marie-Clothilde taught in convents so long ago that her earliest pupils now are grandmothers. She was a member of the order for 89 years.

She was born in nearby La Prairie in 1848 and was inducted into the order in 1864. Ill health forced her retirement in 1938.

## As I See It



by  
Elmore  
Philpott

### Dulles on Wrong Foot

JOHN FOSTER DULLES has got on the wrong foot in his dealings with Europe.

He has in effect told western Europe "Unite—or else!" But he has completely ignored the reasons why France and other western nations fear to unite.

It was the first President Roosevelt who said "Walk softly—and carry a big stick." Mr. Dulles carries a stick far bigger than anything Theodore Roosevelt ever dreamed of. But he has violated the spirit of the Roosevelt formula, for he has talked so loudly that all Europe has heard, and reacted the wrong way.

IT IS NO SECRET now that the U.S. wants the nations of western Europe to enter a federal union. President Eisenhower made that crystal clear in his inaugural speech. But what indignates (new word) France and her non-German neighbors is that the Americans turn a blind eye to the reasons why France is reluctant to join such a pint-sized federation.

Here are the facts:

1. Both France and Italy have written right into the basic laws of their countries provisions which enable them to federate with other democracies, but
2. France hesitates to join a federation of western Europe unless Britain also joins as a counterweight to future German dominance, and
3. Britain will not join because that would complicate her relations with Canada and other members of the Commonwealth. Canada won't join unless U.S.A. does too.

IT IS A FACT that in the darkest hour of the war, when Hitler had swept all before him in the west, Mr. Churchill made his famous offer of outright British union with France. That offer was rejected in the French cabinet by a margin. I recall, of three votes. In other words, had just two Frenchmen voted the other way all history would have been changed—I think infinitely for the better.

But after the war Mr. Churchill never did renew the offer. He did become the main sponsor of the idea of a federated Europe. On the very eve of the 1951 election he repeated his advocacy of a united Europe. But when he had been re-elected he quietly dropped the plan.

THE REMEDY seems to me—as I have advocated in this column hundreds of times since—an outright Atlantic Union. This would have to include, as chief founders, the U.S.A., the entire British Commonwealth, and the whole French Union. All democracies which were willing to join such a Federation of the Free would be eligible to do so.

The main new machinery necessary would be a central democratic parliament to have control over the defence and foreign policy of the entire union.

Many noted figures have already backed this plan—among them Mr. Dulles himself when he was briefly a U.S. Senator. Our own Canadian Senate in 1950 passed a unanimous resolution asking the NATO powers to meet in special session to consider outright Atlantic Union.

THE REAL Dulles mistake is that he is trying to force France and other European nations to do what he is not yet bold enough to ask his own country to do. (Is he afraid of Col. McCormick?) He should say "Let us unite"—instead of saying "You Europeans must unite."



TRADE MINISTER C. D. HOWE, leader of Canada's goodwill mission to the Latin-American countries, signs the "Golden Book" in the National Pantheon at Caracas, Venezuela. The mission started the second half of its tour with an appeal for more trade with Venezuela, one of the world's major oil-producing countries. At left is H. G. Norman, Canadian ambassador to Venezuela.

## Unholy Row Started in UK in Latest Attempt to Change Sunday Blue Laws

By ROBERT MARX

LONDON (Reuters)—An unholy row has been stirred up in Britain by the latest attempt to unseamable and relax the tangle of laws enforcing strict observance of Sunday.

A bill has been introduced in Parliament as a non-party measure and will come up for formal debate next month. But the unofficial debate among the people and in the newspapers has already started on the subject over which there has been a running fight for centuries.

Hundreds of statutes make Sunday in Britain a dull, quiet day, with theatres closed and professional sporting events banned.

As an example of some of the minute regulations which are still on the books:

● A Briton who is a member of the established Church is technically obliged by law to

attend at least one service on Sunday.

● A poet may recite his lines before a paying audience but if he makes the slightest gesture or puts on a bit of make-up, he is "acting" and becomes a law-breaker.

● A Briton may buy toothpaste but not a toothbrush on the Sabbath.

● Under a court decision in 1611 a contract drawn up on Sunday is null and void.

Many of the rules are so obscure or conflicting that the average Briton doesn't know he's on the wrong side of the law until caught.

The question of whether a man should be allowed to do as he pleases on Sunday has been argued for hundreds of years, with hopeful zeal on the part of the reformers and equally stubborn zeal on the part of the "blue law" supporters.

## Aussie Minister Framing Legislation To Insure Family for 42 Cents a Week

CANBERRA (Reuters)—Australians will be able to insure their family's health for 42 cents a week under legislation to be introduced by the federal government this month.

Health Minister Sir Earle Page hopes his "better health" project will be in operation by May 1.

The government and approved hospital insurance organizations will meet most of the costs. But Australians will have to pay something towards it to prevent abuse by malingers. Page said the idea behind the new legislation was to encourage voluntary medical insurance and "help those who help themselves."

In many cases, he said, a family's hospital bill could be met by a contribution of 42 cents a week to an insurance organization. In return, the family would be insured for about 750 forms of medical treatment.

The new project is not expected to meet opposition from Australia's 6,000 general practitioners, who have already successfully prevented attempts to introduce a cradle-to-grave so-

cialized national health service on British lines.

Pensioners and their dependents already receive free medical facilities from the federal government, which has sponsored many welfare projects for Australia's 7,000,000 population since the first old age pension was paid in 1909.

### BABY BONUSES

Invalid pensions came in 1910 and two years later maternity allowances were introduced. Nearly 200,000 expectant mothers now receive an average £12 yearly for each child born.

There is also a child endowment plan under which parents get the equivalent of a \$12 weekly grant for every child under 16 apart from the first.

The federal social services budget, now running at about £180,000,000 a year—or £25 a head—also provides unemployment and sickness benefits and pensions for widows and wives whose husbands have either deserted them or are in jail.

Most unusual health project is the flying doctor service, which safeguards the life of citizens living in isolated territory in the interior.

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## Ray Reflects and Reminisces

The selling of an alcoholic drink to an adult seemed a simple enough process in Prince Rupert once. And it does not appear so long ago at that. There was no lack of variety to the refreshments. Somewhere on earth there might have been ladies' beer parlors, but none were observed here. You just walked in, bought your shot, usually with foot on rail and elbow on counter—and that was that.

### WHAT HE REQUESTED

The Hotel Premier's business life remained active, but once the Irish Fusiliers of Vancouver moved in, the situation changed. It then became a barracks. Wars had commenced, and all have possibly not yet ended. The Premier, a couple of floors, repainted and of frame, stood on the hillside just above the railway yards. It was a handy, so-called spot, as well as comfortable and with reasonably good table. Once, at breakfast, a blast broke a window, a small rock dropping on a plate. A guest, glancing up, remarked: "I asked for bread and ye gave me a stone."

To borrow from Europe was not essential in seeking artistry where with to give beauty in completing some pioneer buildings. Paintings, for example, could emphasize unusual drama and color such as "Custer's Last Stand." There come occasions

when one fails to understand, in the higher realms of art, the fuller meaning of what it is intended to convey. But not this one.

The blaze that destroyed Pete Black's Hotel Central ranks among the largest and worst in local history. Breaking out around midnight, this block-long structure raged for hours. There was one death. The site was First Avenue and Seventh Street. The Black family from Klondyke came here long before the railway. Parents, son and daughter have all passed on.

### ONCE PRESIDENT

A former president of the United States, Mr. Taft, spoke at a luncheon in the Hotel Prince Rupert not so many

years ago. He was guest of Canadian Club. The president that year, was Woodrow Wilson. Taft had a pleasant way with him and had a knack of making those around him feel in spirits.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Prince Rupert in the back and long ago, he graciously accepted the invitation to the Hotel, one of the earliest to be built on First Avenue, and a superb view. Oliver Benson, builder of the Besner Hotel, interested in hotel ever long ago. Prior to his death, he was soliciting here for a new hostelry named to call in honor of the Charles M. Hays.

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