

Remember Dad

THE theatre, radio or TV doesn't have an "I Remember Papa." Instead we find a rather unflattering pattern which includes such diverse characters as George McManus' Jiggs and Clarence Day's Father . . . characters who, for all their outward difference are dominated by their women-folk, whether the weapon of domination is caecology or a rolling pin.

This is the portrait that fathers have given us of fathers. And we think that the modesty which is behind the portrait has been carried to a distorted extreme. Day after day the male parent is presented as a dupe, dope, blustering martinet or functional bill payer . . . sometimes champ but always chump. That may be well and good for 364 days of the year. But now in honor of the occasion which is to be celebrated tomorrow we propose to cast blushing reluctance aside.

Mother's Day is different. A brave stand in favor of motherhood has long been an annual refuge for editorial writers. But fathers are a different tribe who seldom come in for small praise or attention. We attribute this to a personal epidemic of modesty, an unsuspected virtue which afflicts not only journalists but also novelists playwrights, poets, composers and comic strip artists.

Since these last activities, as well as the writing of editorials, are largely the province of the male, practically nobody gets sentimental over the old man . . . in song or story. There is no Father Machree or any facsimile thereof.

Power For Others

NOT many weeks from now a switch will be thrown and power in a quick surge will flow over the cable from Kemano to Kitimat.

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These things will not happen over night. But they will inevitably come. Kitimat will not keep its abundant power to itself but will be the powerhouse for a very large but as yet lightly developed section of British Columbia.

—Kitimat Northern Sentinel.



HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS, ETC!—By Charles A. Grassie in Toronto Telegram



As I See It

BY

Elmore Philpot

After Geneva

THE defeat of the long-wobly government of France could be the final death blow to the futile Geneva conference. The question now is:

After Geneva, what? The main effect, and perhaps the most dangerous effect, will be to convince western statesmen and western people generally of the futility of the conference method. Without attempting to fix the relative amount of blame for the failure of the Berlin conference last year and the Geneva conference this year, the facts speak for themselves.

As things have turned out, this has been impossible. The Communist spearheads in Asia have shown every determination to push ahead in Indo-China. There is not the slightest indication from any Communist source that anybody in any Communist government really wants an agreed settlement. So long as the Communists are having continuing success in shooting it out, they may be unwilling really to talk it out, in a way which could have meant quick success at Geneva.

So long as the new Communist world powers are determined to push the margins of their power by supporting armed rebellion in neighboring countries, it is certain that the rest of the world will be compelled to take collective measures to resist such a new and more subtle form of Imperial expansion.

Also, so long as the United States is unwilling to accept what is the greatest political fact of the mid century—that China has had a revolution, and as a result of that revolution has once again emerged as a mighty world power—there is no real hope of a live-and-let live settlement.

IT ALWAYS seemed to me that if the Geneva conference was a success, the recognition of China, by Canada and kindred countries, would follow automatically.

It never was possible that the U.S.A. should have given China full and complete recognition in the present year. Whether we like it or not, Senator McCarthy represents a powerful force in American thinking. He may be a vulgar and crude expression of that force. But the force is there, nevertheless. It is a mixed and confused force. But its main article of faith could be summed up, in somewhat sloganized form, as "No truck

ner trade with Red China."

But if it was not politically possible for a Republican government in the U.S.A. to face the 1954 facts of life in Asia, it was well within the realm of possibility that the whole British Commonwealth should do so. In fact, had the whole British Commonwealth been able to recognize the real government of China as a result of a Geneva settlement, the whole world tension would have been relaxed.

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There is no use blinking the fact that the failure of the Geneva conference ushers in a much more critical period even than we have known in these last dismal years.

Salmon Catch Confiscated

VANCOUVER (C)—Some 2,800 pounds of blueback salmon were confiscated by the Federal Department of Fisheries Thursday from the Western Fisheries Co. of Vancouver. Department officials said a substantial proportion of the fish were under the legal minimum weight.

Danger To Livestock

REGINA (C)—Stressing the importance of controlling rodents, particularly rats, provincial veterinarian Dr. T. V. Johnston says they serve as "reservoirs of infection" for livestock, but many producers fail to recognize this sufficiently.

All Aboard

By G. E. MORTIMORE

A Chinese scientist in New Orleans has persuaded a cat and a rat to dine together.

Dr. Loh Seng Tsai put a cat and a rat in a divided cage. After 700 trials, the cat and the rat co-operated by simultaneously touching two buttons to release a partition and give them access to a dish of food. Then they shared the food.

News of this armistice between the species will be greeted by a clamor of miaows and squeaks from the respective camps, especially from the rats.

As for me, I am going to move cautiously, and reserve judgment. Whatever attitude my cat may take, I am not sure that I am willing to accept all rats as friends immediately. I'm conservative about these things.

There's no species prejudice about me, mind. Some of my best friends are rats. But I won't have the cat bringing just any old rat home to dinner. I'll have to get to know the rat first, and satisfy myself that he (or she) is a proper companion.

I don't mean to ridicule the peace which appears to have been signed between these two great families of beasts. It is a fine achievement. I only hope that it will endure.

Now, perhaps, the way is open for a United Species organization, in which the lion and the lamb will both be members of the security council.

Perhaps Dr. Loh Seng Tsai can be induced to apply his peacemaking talents to the service of humanity. I can see it now: Uncle Sam and the Russian bear sitting down peacefully together to make a meal of the rest of the world. I can hear them offering one another second helpings of Turkey and Baked Alaska.

I can see labor and management rubbing elbows at the dinner table, each looking innocent as they try to hog the gravy.

I have only one fear about these matters—and it is the same fear that I entertain about the experiments in New Orleans. There may come a day when the scientist forgets to ladle out a generous enough helping. And then the cat will eat his little partner for dessert.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

The thing that most surprises who wants to hug a bundle of bones? Is never applied to anything but whisky.

Happiness, says a banker, comes from living within our means. It works pretty well on reducing also.

Every now and then, observes the Summerside (P.E.I.) Journal you are sure to see someone driving a car so carefully you know for a certainty that car is entirely paid for.

There is nothing annoys a true Scotsman more than the incorrect pronunciation of the term Scotsman. We manage to spell with fair accuracy, but let it be understood here, once and for all that the word "Scotch" from?

Whoever heard of the peace and excitement of eating doors? Isn't it there the weather, spiders, snakes, red ants, caterpillars, dandelions, mosquitoes and dust from?

LETTERBOX

LIFT WHERE NEEDED
The Editor,
The Daily News:

We would like to express our appreciation to the people of Prince Rupert for giving a lift where it is needed. For more than 70 years the Mission Board of the Seventh-Day Adventists has put forth an increasing and ever expanding effort in meeting humanity's needs.

Co-operating in this humanitarian work are thousands of friends who have generously contributed their own money, enabling us to carry on relief work at home bases and in many mission lands far beyond the possibilities of our own budget.

We wish you could follow that gift and see the good it accomplishes and the blessings it brings to those in need of spiritual, physical and material need.

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We gratefully accept your contributions and pledge ourselves to use the funds received in carrying out the great humanitarian principles of Christianity.

We hereby wish to express our profound appreciation to all contributors who have donated so liberally to this charitable work.

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