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Learn More About U.S.A.

A CRITICISM of Americans sometimes heard in this country is that they know so little about Canada.

Occasionally the criticism appears justified. There was the time not so long ago when a U.S. Congressman, though probably not expressing himself too well, suggested that Britain sell Canada to the States.

But these ballyhooed incidents are misleading because they obscure the fact that, in places where it counts, Americans are actually making a much closer study of our country than we are of theirs.

It is also reported that several American universities have introduced courses on Canada-U.S. relations. An instructor at the University of Rochester who made a survey of the subject drew up a typewritten list, single-spaced and 17 pages long, of doctorate theses on Canadian topics produced since 1947 by graduates of U.S. colleges.

It is not enough to suppose that because we know about Eisenhower, McCarthy, Hollywood and the major league baseball teams, we are well acquainted with the States.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Unusually well-informed reports from Washington are behind a new optimism on Parliament Hill for early reconsideration of the fabulous "Quoddy" power project.

The "Quoddy" project—so named because it is located on the Passamaquoddy River between New Brunswick and the state of Maine—contemplates harnessing the tides of the Bay of Fundy for power purposes.

CCF Member Suggests Canada Trade With Reds

OTTAWA (C)—A CCF hardware merchant says the government should take a more "positive" view of trade with Communist countries.

Ross Thatcher, referring to a recent announcement that Russia will send a trade attache to Ottawa, said Canada should consider sending her own trade attache to Moscow.

The government should also consider expanding trade with Communist China, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

There had been a tendency to brush off the statement of the Russian ambassador to Canada, D. S. Chuvahin, that the Soviet wants to expand trade with Canada.

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omically to supply the New England States as well as the province of New Brunswick, if its government decides to join in the project.

The Quoddy project differs from the St. Lawrence River power scheme in the fact that it is not necessarily international.

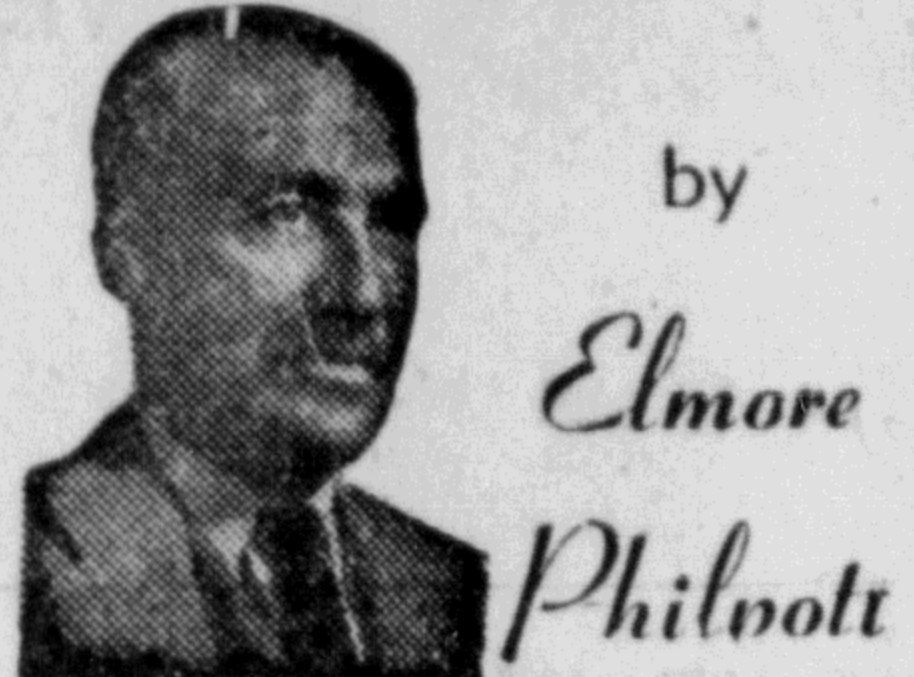
Up to the present there have been a number of engineering studies of the scheme, but no action.

The House of Commons is simply awaiting the return of External Affairs Minister L. B. Pearson from his brief holiday to learn whether or not Canada is to be associated in the new studies.

The reason that Ottawa regards the new \$3,500,000 Washington vote as a prelude to real action on the project is that President Eisenhower is reported to have entered into a "deal" with New England Senators to reconsider the Quoddy scheme in return for their support of the St. Lawrence seaway.

There's a better than even chance that in such an event Canada also will join in the project and make it international.

As I See It



Re Germany

A VANCOUVER reader writes an angry letter to the editor in which he calls me "a fat-mouth" because I suggested that a truly neutralized united Germany might be better for all concerned than a Germany split into two parts.

The argument is beside the point, for the Berlin conference has failed. We will continue to have a split Germany, a split Europe and a split world for some time to come.

But just to keep the record straight, I would not want anyone to think that the proposal of a united and neutralized Germany was my own first choice as a solution of that vexed problem.

I DO NOT think there is ANY long range solution of the so-called "German problem" except by getting away from rival national sovereignty altogether.

Germany could be admitted to such a union, with benefit to all concerned—and there would never be a possibility that Germany could dominate that union, for the simple reason that it would be too large for that to happen; and besides, the set-up would make it impossible to happen anyway.

But as between a united and neutralized Germany and a Germany, split by the Iron Curtain, with each end the prong of a world power bloc, I would take the united and neutralized Germany any day in the week.

I SHALL never forget the advice of a shrewd German-born business man, given to me toward the end of the Hitler war. This friend had been a rich business man before the Hitler era.

When it became sure that Hitler was finished he came to see me and suggested that the way out of the so-called European problem was first to make Germany like a bigger Switzerland; and then to make all Europe a still bigger, Switzerland-like, federation.

On my desk as I write this is a booklet reprinting the speeches made by the west German Chancellor on his trip to America. The front cover of the book shows a map of Germany.

Slacking out, like the roots of a tooth are the parts of Germany awarded to Poland after the Hitler war.

The implication was as plain as anything could be: Give Germany back her unity and power and she will soon demand a border upset which will once again disturb the whole stability of Europe.

A few years ago we would have accepted with enthusiastic alacrity any proposition which would have given Germany unity and given Europe freedom against a revival of German militarism.

My bet is, we will rue the day if we rebuild Germany in a warring world of competitive militaristic nationalisms.

How Christian Science Heals "YOU DON'T HAVE TO CATCH COLD!"

THE ALEX HUNTER GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION BANQUET will be held TUESDAY, MARCH 2 - 7:30 P.M. at the COMMODORE CAFE



UNAWARE THAT A PHOTOGRAPHER had set up his camera near the bass viol section of the NBC Symphony Orchestra, maestro Arturo Toscanini was pictured recently in this remarkable group of action studies.

VICTORIA REPORT

by J. K. Nesbitt

It was a politically rejuvenated Liberal leader Arthur Laing who spoke in the Legislature the other day.

Gone was the political frustration that wracked him about last session. His Liberals' win over Finance Minister Gunderson was a monster vitamin pill to him.

Mr. Laing made a good speech. You could see his forceful personality is coming back after the awful shock he received last June when his Liberals were almost wiped out.

We're hearing a lot about collusion in the Legislature this session. You'll recall that the morning after the Victoria by-election, the Premier and his Social Crediters said it was collusion between Liberals and CCF'ers that beat Mr. Gunderson.

But, said Mr. Webster, he had noticed some collusion between Mr. Laing and Attorney-General Bonner. They were in collusion against a Bill of Rights, which Mr. Webster wants.

And Mr. Laing saw collusion between CCF'ers and SC'ers in their determination to slap a new tax on mining and logging profits.

Mr. Laing was most sorry about the collusion between CCF'ers and SC'ers over the new mining and logging taxes. It made him sad, the CCF'ers being stretch-neck people, and yet so foolish. Why can't they see the light?—why can't they realize that their support of such taxes

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ray... Reflects and Reminisces

This time of year is when its easy to feel reminiscent, or even not bored when one could.

It's around half a century ago since we sailed on salt water for a solid month without discovering life might begin turning dull. Instead, affairs were growing more lively.

Boarding the trooper Sardinian to start from Quebec for Table Bay was the ideal spot for any young fellow to be, just then, if he was restless and craved a change of scenery.

The gulf and Newfoundland were rough enough in all conscience. Hundreds had never beheld the ocean before, let alone try to ride it.

Accquaintances, as well as lifelong friendships are often made at sea. This was surely true of the Sardinian. Daily squad drill, regular pistol practice, orderly duties, deck sweeping were just a few of minor responsibilities.

CCF'ers appeared interested at all this and somewhat astonished at Mr. Laing's concern for them. However, they were quite unconcerned.

Mr. Laing soon tired of trying to convert the CCF. He saw it was quite hopeless, and so he switched to the SC'ers, trying to convert them to Liberal thinking, but they looked quite as unconvinced as the CCF'ers.

It was well along in November, and the air had a softness of June in Canada. No one could say, or even hint, at what the situation was on shore, but surely today must be handy to the end of the month.

There's not too much to worry about, Mr. Laing said. Most people in B.C. are fine and sensible and really of Liberal persuasion, so all will be well.

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