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British Labor Leadership

NEW DEVELOPMENTS in an old story—the struggle for power within the British Labor party—suggest a sharp increase in the personal popularity of Aneurin Bevan but the ratio of the split as indicated in this week's vote of confidence discussion suggests that he may not really be Labor's redeemer.

There is a fascinating, goldfish-bowl quality about the struggle for the British labor leadership. It exercises a powerful influence on the political correspondents who sometimes write a little fancifully.

In the parliamentary ball game, Bevan might be the current big hitter, the clean-up man, the slugger from South Wales. Farther down in the batting line-up, unmentioned even by close students of the box score, there may be a quieter player who could one day make the boys in the bleacher seats sit up and take notice.

Some Labor men are saying that, if it ever came to a vote of the parliamentary party, James Griffiths, former Colonial minister, might well prove more acceptable than Bevan.

Bevan's solid following is limited to about a dozen members. The rest applaud his flashy interventions in the Commons but in a pinch might be more attracted to Griffiths, another former miner with some of the same Welsh fervor when roused but a man less open to charges of overwhelming personal ambition.

But there are no signs yet that Labor is looking for a new leader. That Attlee still remains the popular choice with the parliamentary party was indicated in Tuesday's vote at a private meeting of MPs which in effect revealed a 3-1 preference for Attlee over Bevan.

Industries and Small Towns

BIG INDUSTRIES are finding that the practice of locating in small communities has certain advantages. For one thing there is less social discrimination in small places between people of different income levels. People live closer together. When people go to the same church, and their children go to the same school, they get to know each other pretty well. When managers can know their employees and vice versa, industrial relations are on a better plane.

Also, in small communities plants become important factors in the local employment situation—sometimes the most important factor. Not only do employees depend on the company for their livelihood but the whole economy of the community is wrapped up in their well-being. Most companies do not want the responsibility of running any town in which they operate but feel that belongs to the people who live there. On the other hand, the companies should feel that people who work there have to do their share in making the place a good one in which to live.

Scripture Passage for Today

"The messenger of Satan to buffet me."—II Cor. 12:7.

DUCKS ON RIVER — Two wild EDMONTON (CP) — A boy born to Mrs. William C. Hetherington will have a birthday once every four years, like his mother. Mrs. Hetherington is 20, and the day the baby was born was also her fifth birthday, February 29.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Fiji and Willi

MAYOR HUME of Vancouver has done a fine thing in sponsoring a drive to collect clothes for the people of the Fiji Islands. The recent hurricane has left terrible distress there.

The Canadian Pacific Airlines has agreed to fly the clothing free from Vancouver to Fiji. First plane load leaves March 7. More will follow. The clothing bundles should be sent to CPR depot, Granville and Cordova, Vancouver, marked "Clothing for Fiji."

PEOPLE who know Fiji well say that the greatest need will be to clothe the Indian women and children. Any light clothing will do—the bigger the better. Old shirts, dresses, petticoats, slips—in fact, just about anything wearable will help.

While the need is greatest for women's and children's wear, men's shirts and slacks or shorts will be useful too. Few of the people wear shoes.

THE QUAKERS recently sent off a large shipment of used clothing to help the war-distressed people of South Korea.

Jewish organizations are conducting another annual drive to collect used clothing for Israel. All these things are reminders of how insane are the cross currents now at work in the world. On the one hand are all these "fine" and humanitarian moves. On the other hand the world is engaged in the biggest armament race in all history. This armament race includes preparation for germ warfare.

IF THE foot and mouth disease were not so serious a blow to Canada, some of the excuses made by the Ottawa officials would be really funny.

Take the suggestion that the disease may not have been brought to Canada by the German immigrant, Willi Bruntjen, at all. We are told that birds may have brought it in from Mexico, where it has been raging for many years past.

It is surely "some bird" that would fly clean across the entire USA without infecting anything, only to spread havoc and ruin when it crossed the Canadian border.

THE FACTS as given by Willi himself, and the cabinet ministers, speak for themselves:

1. Willi came from a farm in West Germany where, he says, half the animals on the farm were infected by foot and mouth disease.

2. Willi went directly to the farm in Saskatchewan where in a short time the animals were also infected by a disease, all the symptoms of which coincide with those of foot and mouth.

3. The veterinary called by the Saskatchewan farmer could not come due to illness, but diagnosed the ailment, by telephone, as "stomatitis."

4. Some of the cattle "recovered" and were sent to the nearby packing plant for slaughter. In seven days hoof and mouth disease was raging there. From the creek used for offal disposal in that plant the disease spread to other farms.

Bath Therapy at U.N. Polio Center



Fourteen young women from ten nations are receiving specialized training in the treatment of poliomyelitis at the International Children's Centre, which is supported by the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). The centre is in the Raymond Poincare Hospital in Garches, France. The trainees, including nurses, social workers and physical therapists, attend lectures and take part in the clinics, gymnastic rooms and therapeutic baths. Above, nurses are participating in a demonstration of hydrotherapeutic treatment. The French government has offered educational facilities of the hospital to UNICEF without charge.

ray... Reflects and Reminisces

Education Week is about over. It's been interesting, instructive and not without it's social side. But hilt! There are another six days coming known as Examination Week.

One cannot but wonder if Prince Rupert, next door to enormous industrial development, present and potential, has yet begun to realize what it all portends. After searching the world for a set of circumstances in the way of power and natural resources, territory in northern British Columbia was selected. The result is that the continent's statesmen and financial interests are looking this way as never before.

Nearly three times the number of persons settled in British Columbia during February as those that left. What's more natural?

MORE THAN ENOUGH!

British Columbia farmers protest vigorously against the relocation of Sons of Freedom within in two hundred miles of Kamloops. Support them! (the farmers we mean). They are having enough grief already, Heaven knows!

The Spanish-American war made more full-dress excitement than the trouble in Korea. Casualty lists at Santiago, San Juan and Manila were certainly lighter. But today, the more science, the more blood.

DESK WAS SMALLER

Many a citizen, no longer young, has been asked this Education Week how far back he can remember his school days. Personally, we can recall the Denny School in Seattle in 1888. The Denny family had pioneered it about forty years earlier. There had been a time when the family owned part of the entire townsite that took its name from a friendly Indian chief "See-Attle."

In '88, the future metropolis of the Yankee Northwest was not so hot. There was sharp rivalry between the growing young town and a place called Tacoma. The latter wanted a vast mountain peak named after it. Seattle insisted that it be known as Mount Rainier. Denny school, large and well built, flew the Stars and Stripes and there was a little

Politics In Korea

Little Chance Seen of Syngman Rhee's Re-election

By WILLIAM JORDEN
PUSAN, Korea (AP)—A political civil war is raging in this embattled Korean republic despite the pressure of a mighty Communist army massed near its northern frontier.

With a presidential election only three months away, antagonism between President Syngman Rhee and the one-house National Assembly has flared into a running fight.

Political observers here agreed almost unanimously that Rhee has little chance for re-election—even if he seeks another four-year term.

Rhee, although convinced the Korean people will insist that he run, told the Associated Press he made up his mind "long ago" not to seek another term.

But political intimates, of the 76-year-old "Father of the Korean Republic" say Rhee could be

induced to run if he thought he would be elected easily. Under the Korean constitution, the president is elected by the National Assembly.

In January, Rhee sponsored a proposed amendment for direct election of the president and for a two-house National Assembly. Critics said Rhee introduced the measure as a move toward his re-election.

After only two days of debate, the Assembly turned down the amendment by a 143-19 vote.

Rhee suggested that the voters should recall the legislators.

Two weeks ago, several hundred persons gathered at the National Assembly carrying placards and shouting for recall of the Assembly. Petitions were drawn up. The Assemblymen were incensed.

They noted that there is no constitutional provision for recall. They also claimed that the recall move had been carefully planned by Rhee supporters.

The proposed amendment has not been forgotten. Rhee said he might reintroduce the measure after the present legislative session which ends March 20.

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Western representative of the Gideons, international interdenominational organization which is well known for its work of distributing Bibles in hotels, hospitals and jails as well as in schools, when consent of parents is obtained, R. H. Colridge of Hilltop, B.C., is a visitor in the city.

Mr. Colridge's purpose is to set up an organization for the more widespread circulation of Bibles here and, with that end in view, he is consulting local ministers. A committee of business and professional men may be formed to assist in the work.

He arrived Wednesday aboard the Prince George from Vancouver and will be here until next Tuesday when he leaves for Prince George.

Among the latest of the Gideon Bibles is an attractive New Testament which has been prepared especially for distribution among school pupils. In addition to the straight testament, it contains other appropriate data.

Loud Speaker For Commons

OTTAWA — The House of Commons will have installed a loudspeaker system, an announcement to this effect being made by Hon. Alphonse Fournier, minister of public works.

A contract has been authorized between the government and Halifax and British installation companies.

Home was a cottage with picket fence, flimsy gate and lots of fresh air. Lakes Union and Washington were near. Land had been recently cleared and burnt over, and rigs were out to chop and load firewood. It all came in handy.

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