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Watch the Communist Moves

WITH hints of a Korean truce emanating from Asia, the question of the moment is what is going on inside Russia and Red China?

The degree of uncertainty among close observers may be judged from two such conflicting opinions as the following, both presumably based on the best available information:

"Afraid of internal stresses; possessing great striking power; tempted to use the Jews as an excuse; convinced that the West is weak and disunited—Russia may launch into an adventure of the most dangerous kind," speculates the highly reputed Intelligence Digest, published at New York.

The Canadian Institute of International Affairs takes a different view. "The idea expressed in some quarters that the new rulers might try to distract the populace from internal grievances by deliberately creating an external crisis has little to commend it."

War would bring new miseries and would again dash the hope for an improvement in living conditions. It is by fulfilling these hopes that the new men would do most to consolidate their power."

Although Malenkov and Co. alone know what their intentions are, there are certain self-evident facts from which an outsider might draw a few sensible conclusions and, on the basis of these, the second line of reasoning sounds the more logical.

In addition, there is no cause to believe that Russia's most powerful ally, Red China, has been so quickly and completely won over by the new regime that it will rush with a glad cry into whatever further battle Russia cares to dictate.

Although Communists throughout the world will continue their rat-like invasion through the sewer-pipes of civilization, we can hope that the masters at home will have the sense to see that any attempts to exploit this insidious destruction would be unwise.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

No sweepstake ticket eased the financial position of any British Columbian so scarce a soul was envious. It was, however, worth a few dollars to think what you like if the million to one shot comes your way.

NO MATTER ANYWAY

March tried to behave, but that's about all. Its general reputation sours easily. How March came in does not matter, and the same can be said for how it is going to go out.

Canada's third military college is being organized. One is at Kingston in Ontario, one at Victoria, B.C. and the new establishment is at St. John, Quebec.

Coronations, years ago, cost considerably less. This time, London is paying a figure way up in the millions. Back in the year 1689 the town of Tamworth

in Staffordshire gave an order for \$16.80 for "rejoicing" at the coronation of William and Mary. But of course, about this time, or not long before, Oliver Cromwell had something to do with royalty. Anyway, \$16.80 would not settle for much celebrating.

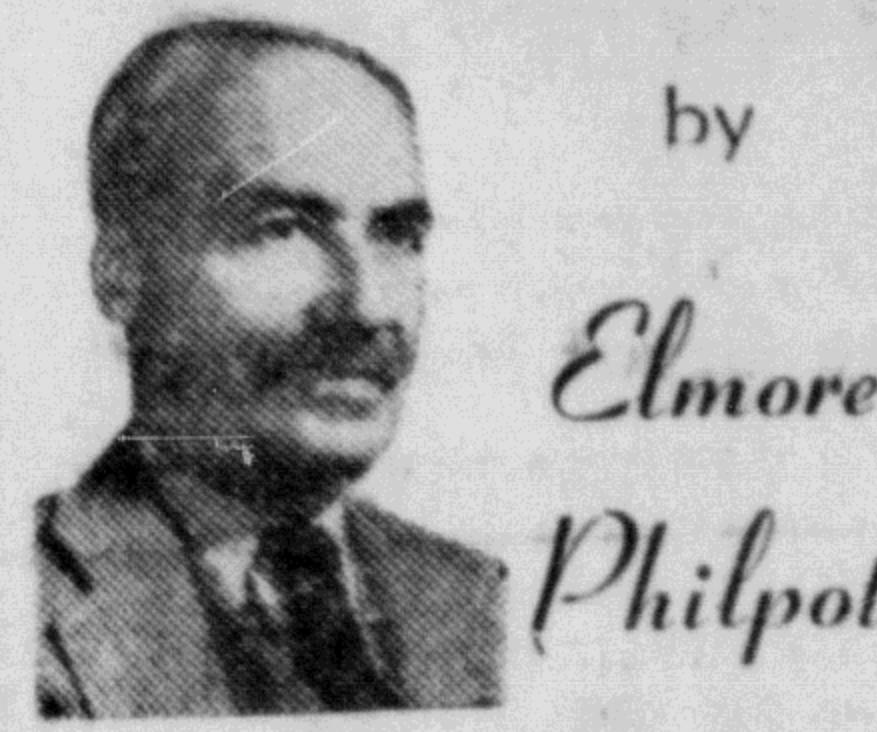
Surveyors, having finished the job, finally announced that the position of the recently purchased old lady's farm was just inside the United States border. And when the old lady heard it she smiled in relief, remarking how she had always heard how desperately cold Canadian winters are.

"There's too much drinking in Washington," says an American congressman. Why not just put a period after "drinking?"

WHERE IT MELTS

Helgh-ho, stinging gales and heavy snows roared across the prairie last week. The same was true enough much earlier in March. At some points drifts went as far as eight feet. We've been heard to kick at gusts when they chose to blow in Prince Rupert. The snow that is snow, melts in the same region that wheat grows in.

As I See It



Sees Ike Crackdown

SENATOR Joe McCarthy is surely, and not slowly, working himself into a position where a crackdown from President Eisenhower is certain.

So long as the Democrats were in power, many Republicans regarded the activities of the Red-hunting Senator as by no means all bad. They were well aware that McCarthy hit below the belt, gouged, and pulled—just about every dirty trick which would have disqualified him had he been a prize-fighter and not a law-maker.

BUT THE MINUTE

the Republicans replaced the Democrats Senator McCarthy had to do one of two things—change his line, or compel a crackdown by the President.

By his last ditch fight against President Ike's appointment of Charles Bohlen as U.S. Ambassador to Russia Senator McCarthy has, in effect, dared the administration to do its worst against him.

IT IS NO SECRET

that the ambitious Senator McCarthy looks ahead to the day when he himself will sit in the White House, as President.

Colonel McCormick of the Chicago Tribune made no bones of the fact that he accepted Eisenhower, as Republican nominee, only with extreme reluctance.

McCarthy is obviously pushing himself forward as the man for Ike's job. Ike cannot be so naive as not to see this. Moreover, even if he were, he is surrounded by a solid bodyguard of old time, hardboiled politicians like Taft, Brownell and Dewey.

HUEY LONG

made himself the dictator of Louisiana, and he did it all within the letter of the law. Had he not met his sudden, violent, end who knows—there might have been an American near-fascist in the White House already.

McCarthy is not to be compared with Huey Long for natural capacity. I know Canadian MPs of all shades of politics who met Huey Long and completely "fell for" his personal charm and wit.

The real menace of McCarthy is that he is destroying the very foundation of the U.S. constitution in his "trials" by fear and smear. By abusing "Congressional privilege" and by usurping the function of the courts by witch hunt trials in Congress he personifies a most serious threat to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."



BELIEVED CANADA'S OLDEST TWINS—Samuel James Freure (left) of Beamsville, Ont., and his brother, Thomas William, Wellandport, Ont., celebrate their 89th birthday together.

LETTERBOX

GREAT INTEREST TO ALL

The Editor, The Daily News: I see from a poster in a downtown store that Ray Gardner of the B.C. Peace Council is to hold a meeting in this town.

Both Gardner and his wife were recently the topic of an article in one of the Vancouver newspapers. This whole question of Peace or War is enough to raise very hot discussion anywhere it is mentioned.

I had the pleasure of meeting Ray in London when he was on a comprehensive tour of Europe as Canada's Kemsley Scholar—one of the highest awards that any young Canadian newspaperman can win.

He was horrified by the devastation of the war and deeply impressed at the spirit and determination of the people of Europe—that no problems were solved by war and that as a method of settling differences, war can only bring untold misery and leave a legacy of new problems.

Today Gardner is called everything from Communist to crackpot. From an enemy of our democracy to one of the greatest men of our time.

MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN WHO DOESN'T WANT ANOTHER WAR.

NO STINGING EDITORIALS

The Editor, The Daily News: I do not wish to become a newspaper columnist, but I have something against thee too, Mr. Editor.

Just where have you and your staff been these last 40 years? Where are those sharp, stinging editorials rebuking the powerful interests which have been bleeding this community of its wealth? And what about the lethargy of Prince Rupert citizens? Why hasn't that been condemned?

—Awake thou that sleepest and Christ shall give thee light—

And you pastors and shepherds of the children of God in Prince Rupert. What kind of an anaemic powerless gospel have you been advocating these last 40 years of indolence?

What about the casting down of high imaginations that exalt themselves against the name of God? What are you afraid of? Death perhaps, persecution, all manner of evil spoken against you falsely or are you afraid your sanctification might get tarnished?

Hear then what the Eternal has to say to you shepherds. "By my life!" says the Lord the Eternal, "since my flock has become the prey and food of every wild animal because there was no one to shepherd them for the shepherds cared nothing about my flock, but fed themselves instead of feeding my flock," hear then what the Lord the Eternal says, you shepherds—I am against the shepherds, I will demand my flock back from them, I will stop them from

MILESTONES OTTAWA DIARY

40 Years Ago Today

The Men's Own Executive reopened its gymnasium and the public were invited to a social evening held in the newly-decorated quarters.

30 Years Ago Today

The Easter bazaar and tea held by the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church realized the sum of \$335.

20 Years Ago Today

Dr. Joseph T. Mandy, resident mining engineer for the provincial government sailed for Vancouver where he will be married, returning here with his bride in a few weeks.

10 Years Ago Today

The city council has decided no further permits will be granted for the installation of septic tanks within the city limits.

Strike Losses

REGINA (CP)—The labor department reported Saskatchewan workers lost 13,782 days through work stoppages in 1952. Seven strikes involving 1,054 workers made it the most costly year from a strike standpoint since 1944.

HOLY WEEK UNITED SERVICE

Wednesday, April 1st at 8 p.m., in the Regular Baptist Church. Speaker: SR. CAPT. GEORGE OYSTRYK Under the auspices of Ministerial Association

CITY SUFFERING

The Editor, The Daily News: To clarify any misconception which may exist about Mr. Gardner's visit here and which has been stated in the Press the object of starting a branch here. This is not all the object which goes infinitely further.

PRINCE RUPERT CITY AND DISTRICT LIBERAL CONVENTION

BUSINESS OF CONVENTION:

- 1. Nomination of Liberal candidate to contest provincial election. 2. Nomination of delegates to provincial Liberal convention. 3. Consideration of Resolutions.

This is an important convention and all Liberals are urged to attend. CIVIC CENTRE—8 P.M.—APRIL 2nd

MPs of all political parties have been taking a fast but thoughtful look in recent days over the figures for labor income during the past year which the Bureau of Statistics has just compiled.

Workers in the manufacturing plants during the past year received a gross increase in their take-home pay of \$350,000,000. There were 1,126,000 of them.

Workers in the construction industry boosted their gross take by \$170,000,000. That wasn't quite half the increase that factory workers achieved. But the number of construction workers was only about one-fifth as great—211,000. So that the average individual increase was greater.

But there was a third group. It improved its gate receipts by a cool \$268,000,000. And the increase was shared by only 168,000 individuals.

THIRD GROUP That third group was the one known technically as the "finance and services" group, and the Bureau of Statistics explains that it includes mainly government employees—but not the employees of government-owned corporations such as the Canadian National Railways or the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission.

The DBS figures have brought home to the MPs that the success which this third group is achieving in advancing its fortunes relatively to other groups in the economy is hardly short of spectacular and more than mildly disturbing.

For the fact is that more and more the yard stick of compensation and "fringe" working benefits which private industry is having to meet in recruiting its essential labor force is the standard set by government. Not

LONG-RANGE IMPORTANCE

The situation isn't too in the current boom, when are less important than to give deliveries of goods when the present domestic tapers off, and Canadian industry has to meet competition based on foreign "costs" don't allow for the lavish playing policies of the Canadian government, then the nation promises to become

And that situation is minimized as coming closer every month that goods, natural resources develop boom and the defence boom won't last for ever.

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