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Voice of The Public

BEFORE the congratulations are passed around, there is one man who merits our salute of respect for the manner in which he has carried his heavy load of civic responsibility during the past two years. That man, of course, is Harold Whalen. He performed his duties at all times with honesty and courage.

We trust that, having made his valuable contribution to our city as both mayor and alderman, Mr. Whalen will now enjoy his well-earned opportunity to relax. No more than what he has given could be asked of any man.

His successor, George Hills, goes in with a firm mandate to lead the city to new levels of efficiency and progress. It is a fine victory for Mr. Hills who can approach his job with the reassuring knowledge that the public is strongly behind him. His past record of community service is evidence that he is not the kind to let that public down.

In the aldermanic results, a significant feature was that three of the candidates endorsed by the Civic Affairs Association came through handsomely, while the fourth lost by a narrow margin to the redoubtable Mr. Casey. Although the victors were chosen on their individual merits and need not yield credit for their success to anyone, there can be no denying that the careful judgment of the CAA must have received the voters' consideration.

When there are many candidates in the field, as there were in this case, an organization like the CAA can do much to clarify the issues and reduce indecision. Its future activities will be followed with interest.

The strong lead shown by Norman Bellis was particularly striking. This is a young man who made an extremely favorable impression in his brief campaign appearances and should prove a capable alderman.

Phil Lyons, in his first try at the game, also emerged with flying colors. It is good that the council will have a pair such as this to introduce fresh viewpoints.

Mike Krueger was returned with definite proof that he is a man the people want in there, while the old warrior, George Casey, had the fight of his life. May the campaign issue which came up between these two be measured and handled accordingly.

To the winners go congratulations and to the losers, particularly those who have served on the council, the city owes thanks. Without their part in the contest, there would have been no opportunity to make a democratic choice.

Although Mayor-elect Hills did not appear to favor the proposed annual grant for the Civic Centre in his campaign talks, it may be assumed that he and the council will recognize the emphatic wishes of the public in this respect. Popular opinion on transfer of the Roosevelt Park fund also was expressed in decisive terms.

The new city council has the makings of a very good one. We look forward to the voters' choice being well rewarded.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

A dog is one of the few remaining reasons why some people can be persuaded to go for a walk, comments the Post. It's a fact that the number of French poodles and pugs staring at you as they whiz by are making us feel far less important.

The shortest distance between two points is from the beginning to the end of a vacation.

Somebody is always doing what somebody else said couldn't be done.

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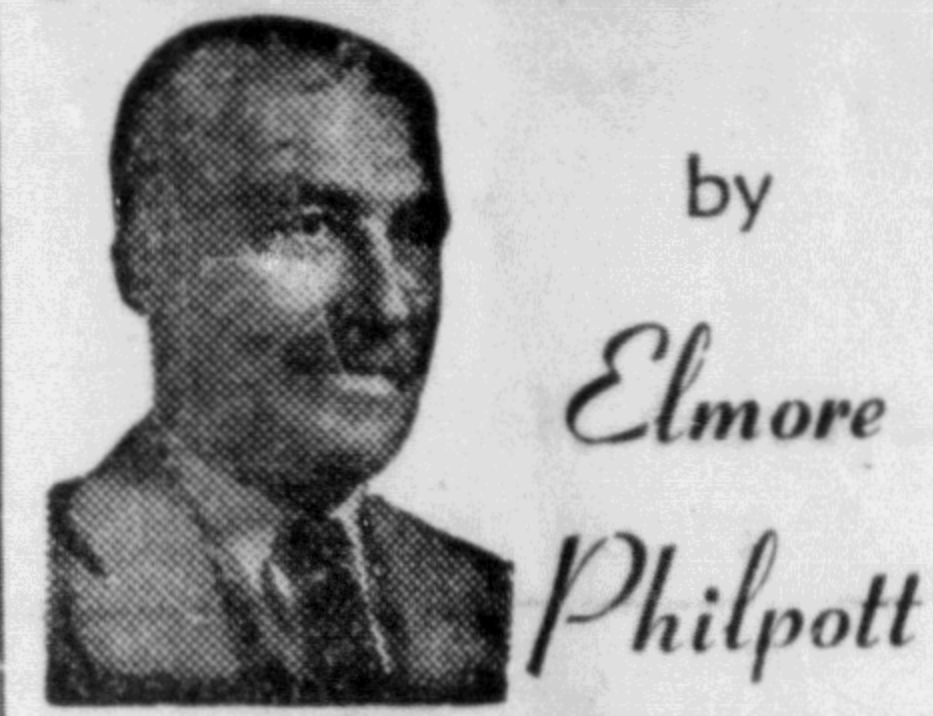
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As I See It



Queer Gang-up on UN

MONTHS ago I reported in this column of the virulent campaign being carried on in the U.S.A. to "get the U.S. out of UN and the UN out of U.S.A."

Now this campaign has spread to Canada. In today's mail I received an eight-page leaflet calling for "a nation-wide crusade to effect the immediate withdrawal of the atheistic United Nations from the United States and the United States from the United Nations."

In the same mail comes a proclamation from the British-Israel Federation (Canada) Inc. beginning: "Whereas Canada's membership in the United Nations is a flagrant violation of the Biblical command, 'Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers'..."

It takes a full page to prove to its own satisfaction that the UN is part of a conspiracy to set up a sinister world dictatorship and end thus:

"This 24th annual convention declares our unalterable opposition to Canada's continued membership in the United Nations Organization."

THE British-Israel organization has always shouted to high heaven of its fervid loyalty to the British crown. Now it appears that the B-I patriots are tied up mentally and spiritually with the McCarthys, the McCormicks, and all the other most rabid anti-British Commonwealth elements in the U.S.A.

Colonel McCormick, like the Canadian B-I people, also wants to see the quick end of UN. He wants that as much as he also wants to see the end of the British throne. He would even take Canada into the U.S.A.—provided, of course, we cut loose from our Queen, and reduce our 10 provinces into four or five states!

A FAR MORE serious aspect to this Canadian gang-up against the UN is the open hostility of the Social Credit party of Canada.

It will come as a shock to most of the people of B.C. to learn that our Social Credit government has discontinued distribution through B.C. schools of the UN Association publication "World Review for Canadian Schools."

In the late 40s the UN Association of Canada approached all provincial departments of education to assist in distribution of a monthly leaflet, which deals with world events in a clear, impartial, and up-to-date manner.

B.C. was the first province in Canada to agree to co-operate. In all, 8,000 copies per month were distributed in B.C. at a cost to B.C. of \$1000 per year.

THE Social Credit government of Alberta never did come in on the plan. But individual teachers of Alberta so felt the need for the service that they paid out of their own pockets for the leaflets.

Now B.C. stands down from her former proud position as first province in Canada to stand solidly behind the UN educational work, and tags along after the anti-UN government of Alberta.

Steve and Nancy Santa Claus



CHAPTER I

Christmas was still a few days away, but all the noises and sounds of Christmas already were starting to fill Steve and Nancy's house until it seemed the house would fairly burst.

Or maybe it was just Steve and Nancy that seemed ready to burst—with excitement, that is.

Mama was making a gingerbread house in the kitchen. The sides and the roof were baked. Steve and Nancy were going to paste them together with frosting.

In the front room Daddy put up the Christmas tree and the whole family hung colored balls, strings of lights and rain on its branches.

When at last Daddy put the big star on top the tree, Mama turned off all the lights in the room. Then she turned on the tree lights, and everyone said "Oh-h-h" and "Ah-h-h" because the lights were so pretty.

"Have you written your letter to Santa Claus yet Steve?" Daddy asked.

Before Steve could answer, Mama said, "Hurry and get your clothes off, children. There will be just time enough to write it before you go to bed. I'll get a pencil and paper."

When the children were all snuggled down in front of the fireplace with their bathrobes and slippers on, Mama said, "Well, what do you want to ask Santa for this year, kids?" Both spoke at once, and I can't put down the way it sounded because I can't write "Cowboy outfit" and "Doll buggy" at the same time.

Mama kept writing things down until the children ran out of breath. Then Mama said, "That's enough. You don't want Santa Claus to think you are selfish. Now why don't you offer to do something nice for him?" "Well-I-I-I," said Nancy, rolling her big brown eyes until they looked up at the ceiling. "We could offer to feed the reindeer."

"Aw, all the kids do that," Steve said. "Why don't we offer to take his place at the North Pole for a while. That way he could have a rest before his big

Moscow Radio Scores Speech By President

LONDON (AP)—Soviet spokesmen have given strong indications that the Kremlin wants no part of President Eisenhower's proposal for an atomic energy pool for peaceful uses.

There was no "official" reply from the Soviet government, but Wednesday night a top commentator on Moscow radio, Boris Leontyev, described the U.S. proposal as a rebash of the Baruch atomic control plan which the Russians have always rejected.

Leontyev added that Eisenhower had "threatened atomic war."

In the United Nations assembly, Russian delegate Andrei Y. Vishinsky declared: "You cannot insure the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes without unconditional prohibition and strict international control of atomic weapons."

UN deliberations on atomic energy control have been deadlocked for several years by Russia's insistence on an immediate ban and the West's counter-demand for a workable control and inspection system first.

The initial Soviet reaction came as the Western world generally applauded the plan. (See story page 7).

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At least to me, every word of it rings true. He was incisive of mind. He was a leader. He was human. The very tone of this editorial reminds me of uncle Alan.

You have an uncanny writer on your staff, or else a man who knew uncle Alan very well, because he has certainly brought to life all Alan was.

I didn't believe the news either, but reading your editorial made it seem particularly final.

I am grateful to you for this editorial and I know many other members of my family who read it felt the same way.

Alan represented the same things to us that he represented to your community.

MRS. J. (AGNES) THOM,
Kenora, Ont.

The Editor,

The Daily News—
The Communists have a lot of nerve at all times, but the editorial in "The Fisherman" issue December 4 is really the payoff.

The editorial is entitled "Let's Protect Canadians From McCarthyite Smears" and it goes on to commend the Canadian government and people for taking a vigorous stand against the U.S. methods of spy hunting.

The following is quoted from the same editorial: "Forthright though the reactions of the past two weeks have been, Canadians must forever be on the alert to prevent

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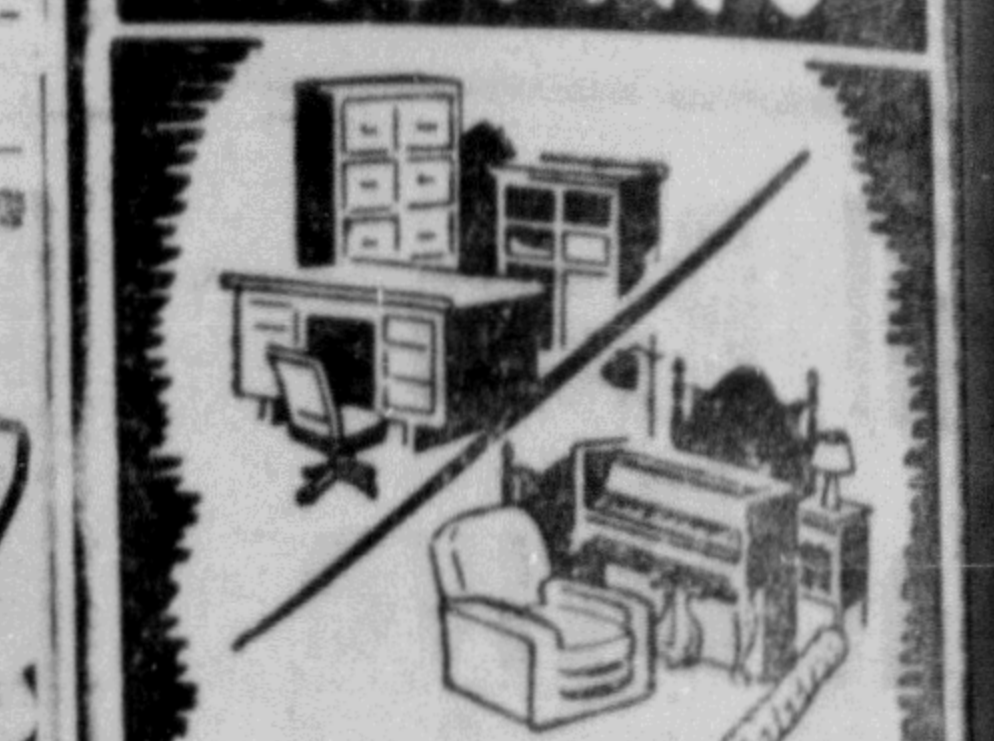
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