

## Brotherhood Week

A UNITED country is a strong country. Cordial relations between the various segments of our population tend to promote and reinforce national unity.

No one would be happier than Soviet Russia if the Catholics, Protestants and Jews of the free countries could be brought to hate and distrust one another. It is a foremost objective of the Communists to stir up antagonisms and sow seeds of discord among the major religious groups.

Since Communists have no use for religion, they despise members of all religious faiths. Persons of a religious turn of mind are not likely to become robot-like and obedient "comrades," for Communism decries the dignity and worth of the individual, and the belief that every soul has a right to worship as he pleases.

Brotherhood Week, which started yesterday, lays emphasis on exactly the opposite view. Members of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths who observe this week, which in this country is under the auspices of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, are determined that good will among the various faiths shall be promoted, and that those who seek to stir up strife among these groups shall be fought with every legitimate means.

There can be no second class citizens in Canada. As we expect each man, colored and white, Jew and Christian, native and foreign born to bear the responsibilities of citizenship, so we demand that each share in its rights and privileges and we seek that all shall live in mutual respect, understanding and friendship.

## College Cost too Much

IT COSTS too much to go to college. For an out-of-town student who has to pay his board, a four-year BA may run to \$5,000. For a medical student the tab is likely to be closer to \$10,000.

Joe College can work in the summer, rake lawns in the fall, mind babies in the winter. But it's still a prohibitive amount for many able scholars. Even with scholarships, higher education is becoming the preserve of the privileged. Ability ranks after father's bank account or the stroke of fate which puts the would-be student's family in a college town where he can live at home.

University of Toronto's President Smith complains that "We should be getting more students from the rural districts and from centres that are remote from universities."

Yet there are lots of students at college who never should be there. There's too high a percentage of failures. President Smith puts it at 22% of the freshman year.

Why are they there wasting their own and other students' time, the resources of the university, their parents' and taxpayers' money? There is, of course, a snob appeal of some sort in a university degree and a lack of recognition that 95% or more of Canadians who haven't got one are doing quite well without it.

Tuition fees on average pay less than 50% of a students' education, in most cases, the taxpayer pays the rest.

Wouldn't it be wise to spend some of this money to help those who have the ability and willpower but not the money to get a college education? To ill-equip a human mind is to waste a precious resource.

—FINANCIAL POST

## Grain Workers Fear Price Cut

VANCOUVER (CP)—A warning that "serious unemployment" will result from a decision by the federal government to equalize wheat shipments from east and west ports was issued here Sunday by grain workers representatives.

In a telegram to Trade Minister Howe, the Grain Workers Union, Local 333 C.O.-C.L., protested Ottawa's move to cut by 7½ cents a bushel the price of wheat shipped to east coast ports through the Lakehead.

Mr. Howe told the Commons Friday that the United Kingdom has been buying all her wheat in Vancouver to escape the higher east coast price. Vancouver harbor has been working at capacity and Canada has lost business because west coast elevators have not been able to supply the demand, he said.

The union, however, said Vancouver terminals are operating at only 70 per cent of capacity because of a scarcity of ships. Large scale lay-offs will follow any further reduction in shipping facilities, a union statement said.

It demanded an "immediate reversal" of the decision. Vancouver grain dealers also protested the move Saturday, saying they would have to take "some action to protect their livelihood" unless the decision is rescinded.

### FATTENING UP

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP)—Commercial feed-lot operators in southern Alberta this winter are fattening 70,000 head of beef cattle and 45,000 lambs, aided by a steady flow of by-products from the region's big sugar beet industry.

## As I See It



by

Elmore  
Philboots

### Berlin Bog-Down

THE BERLIN conference comes to an end in the bog. The great hopes of the wishful thinkers, that another conference would automatically mean agreement, and end of the cold war, have been stalled like a truck in the mud.

However, there is no reason to expect any catastrophe as a result of the Berlin failure. There is, in fact, some slight prospect that the world situation may gradually improve simply because people do now know the facts.

THE FACTS of life in this 1954 are that nothing much has changed because of the death of Stalin. The tactics of the Russian government have been modified a wee bit. On the home front there is no doubt that the Kremlin is making every effort to lift the burden from the civilian population. The shift will be slightly from armaments to consumer goods. There will be less production devoted to the warfare state, and more production diverted towards human welfare.

But apart from that nothing has changed.

The Communist world power stands as an unbroken, mighty, monolithic bloc, stretching all the way from the Elbe River in Germany to the southern border of China on the Pacific Ocean. This mighty empire is partly composed of violently unwilling subjects, such as in Eastern Germany and Poland. It is also partly composed of the 450 million Chinese who would belie their whole history, and their most fixed racial and national characteristics, if they long remain in a position of national subservience to Russia. But the hard core of the Red empire remains Russia itself. There is absolutely no reason to imagine that the people of Russia proper are not as much behind their own government as are, say, the people of the United States, Britain, France, or Canada.

THE BOG-DOWN in Berlin seems to me to suggest this truth: the West is going to have to live with the Soviet bloc for an indefinite period, in much the same state of world deadlock as has prevailed during the past few years. The great hopes of a new world partnership, "Troika" or a three horse team of world goodwill, such as existed in the days of Roosevelt, is now a vanished dream. It will not come again, at least before some major break in the world deadlock, which is not in sight yet.

But if the artificially, over-high, hopes of the Roosevelt era are dead and gone for our time, so could be the deep and bitter fears of the cold war years.

Both great world powers now have, in fact or in prospect, stockpiles of atom bombs sufficient to devastate major spenders of each other's wealth and power. Both parties are aware that in a world war three, fought with such weapons, the old terms "Victory" and "Defeat" would be beside the point. For such a war would leave our world a shambles.

There is also every reason to believe that both governments in the two main centres of world power are aware that armament races have always been in themselves a major and indeed inevitable cause of war. There is every reason to believe, therefore, that neither power will set the pace in such an armament race.

MY GUESS, therefore, is that from now on there will be fewer conferences at the top level—and hence fewer over-high hopes and consequent under-deep disappointments.

But I expect that there will be more practical conferences at the lower levels.

It seems to me that the broad outline of the world picture is that the two great antagonistic blocs are going to remain antagonistic. But the facts of life are such that they both know they are living in the same world together. That inevitably means more trade and commerce—for the simple reason it is of mutual benefit.

### WARLIKE INDIANS

The Pawnee tribe of Indians, noted for bravery, formerly occupied parts of Nebraska, Kansas and Texas.



WITH THE SEARING FLAME of an acetylene torch only an inch or so from his face, Italian inventor Angelo Seconiti (left) displays impressive confidence in the insulation properties of his new material. Called Seconite, the new material is claimed to be entirely resistant to fire and acids. Seconiti says it is an excellent insulating material.

## OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

It may be said authoritatively that the new Soviet proposals for Russian-Canadian trade were processed to an advanced state well before their announcement by the Embassy here.

That means that they are not nebulous, but concrete. They are also definitely extensive in their scale. Depending upon the time it takes for them to become translated into terms of firm contracts with Canadian suppliers, they will inject a tangible stimulus into the economy.

The Russians began to prepare their Canadian trade coup at least as early as last summer. It is generally believed that their main purpose in appointing a new ambassador after a lapse of close to ten years was in order that he might carry the project to fruition. Certainly His Excellency Dmitri Chukhovin lost no time in initiating the matter on his arrival. In his very first protocol call upon Prime Minister St. Laurent he mentioned Russia's desire for trade relations with Canada. He found Mr. St. Laurent receptive to the idea.

The next step on the part of the Soviet Embassy here was to study the Canadian economy so as to learn the items which would win greatest popularity for the new trade. It wasn't too hard to pick them out. Canada's textile and farm implement industries obviously were in a slump. It may be forecast with some certainty, therefore, that

substantial orders for them will be high up on the Russian shopping list. Canada also was piling up a meat surplus, as a result of the uncertainty of the United States attitude towards our exports. Meat, too, is therefore on the Russian list. Finally, wheat was the classic example in Canada's economy of a farm product which was in surplus supply. The Soviets may be depended upon, accordingly, to make a wheat-buying gesture here simply to emphasize the breadth of advantages which trade with Russia can confer.

From the foregoing it will be clear that diplomatic and propaganda motives are far from absent in the new trade proposals. Government circles recognize that fact, but they haven't been able to determine to their own satisfaction whether the propaganda and diplomatic objectives constitute the main purpose behind the new Russian approach, or whether the desire to trade is the dominant consideration. Actually, if the trade itself is of sufficiently substantial volume—the expectation is that it will be really large—the Canadian authorities will not concern themselves too much with philosophical or ideological side issues. They are too anxious at the moment to get the growing army of unemployed back to work to engage in theoretical speculation.

## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Fights between next door neighbors can happen! Fancy forts instead of harmony along our thousands of miles border land! Well, it's been thought of.

Manifold are the public questions developing and unfolding around the globe today. Of these, one is paramount and supreme above all else. It is called the preservation of peace. If it was of importance a century ago, it is four fold so, and more today. A crisis isn't impossible any old time.

In 1861, the election of Abraham Lincoln saw young Canadians, as well as Americans joining the Union armies, and while this might be all very well, there were reactions.

### A FAMOUS SEIZURE

War meant restrictions. For one thing it spelled less cotton in English industries, and less employment. Hang the Yanks, Eary in the struggle the San Jacinto stopped the British vessel Trent taking therefrom two Confederates, on business overseas. These were Messrs. Mason and Sildell. Downright seizure of one of John Bull's own ships sent flaring a burst of anger. Troops, wearing scarlet tunics and handling bayonets were made ready.

### HIGHLY UNCERTAIN

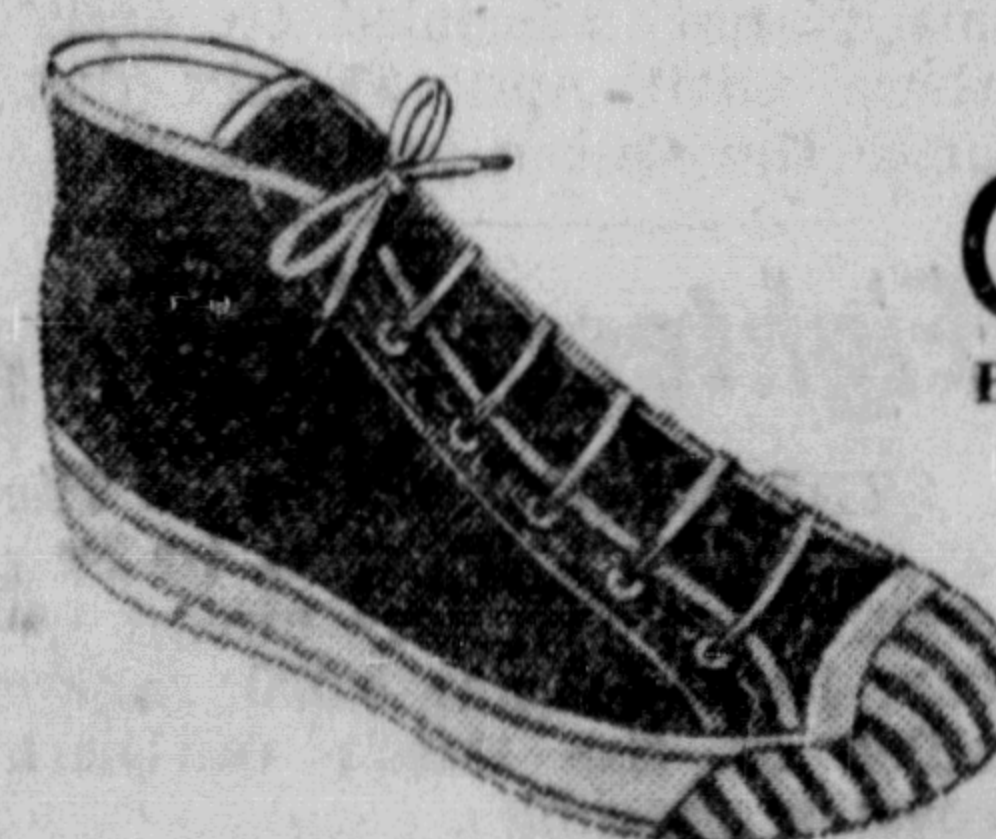
Canada's statesmen and Canadians had their anxious hours. Tension, however, gradually lessened, although it cannot be denied Confederates made their way to the dominion—chiefly Toronto and elsewhere in Ontario—to be received in not exactly unfriendly fashion, although this should not be understood too literally. The end of the Civil War was a time of uncertainty. It saw, for one thing, a vast army familiar with war. Risks could not be unforeseen.

From a situation such as this grew a menace to Canada, described as the danger of the Fenian Brotherhood, hostile to Great Britain and her domains, and seeing in the aftermath of the

great United States conflict, chances of losses and suffering. As a matter of fact, along in the middle sixties, Canadian soldiers and Fenians or those representing them were in action in southern Ontario. It was a period of scant knowledge as to the real Canada. Who could foretell transcontinental railways, the sale of the Hudson's Bay Company, wheat by the millions of bushels, oil in pipes winding its way across the lonely plains, and cities of consequence, silence and solitudes.

In no small degree had this war something to do with the future of Canadians. Some wore army blue, with subsequent tailoring being performed in the states. They could spin many a yarn, grave and gay. One young fellow from old Ontario was a witness of Lee's surrender to Grant at Appomattox (Va.) in April, '65.

Friday's flawless weather reminded one of sugar maple. A cloudless soft blue sky, snow and air without harshness, there should have been in the shop windows little birch bark canoes, full of maple candy. This is the season—or close to it—but the trouble is we're a shade handy to Prince Rupert for this description of spring sweets.



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## Report From PARLIAMENT By E. J. Applin (MP for Skeena)

The new National Housing Act has been in the Banking and Commerce Committee for some time now. The Committee is holding about five meetings a week and hearing a great many witnesses. Among those who have appeared was the president of The Dominion Mortgage and Investments Association, Mr. Bryden.

I have been particularly interested in the provisions of the New Act which would enable a greater participation in these

housing loans by residents of the smaller communities such as Terrace, situated a long distance from any city where there are provided that all appraisals and inspections shall be undertaken by the Crown Corporation, Central Mortgage and Housing Corp. This particular provision was criticized by the representative of the mortgage and investment companies but I did get him to admit that if C.M.H.C. undertakes the appraising and inspecting it should certainly be easier for mortgages to be serviced in the smaller and outlying communities.

Well, the news as to Prince Rupert Dry Dock and Shipyard has reached the people of the district before these lines were written, not to say printed. I shall not try to go into the details of that story now. I am preparing, for recording at the earliest possible date, a radio talk for the people of Prince Rupert dealing exclusively with the Prince Rupert Dry Dock and Shipyard and its future. At the present time let me just say that after a little re-consideration, for which I take at least some of the credit, the Dominion Government has authorized a renewal of the agreement, which otherwise would expire on March 31, 1954, whereby the CNR operates the plant and the Government pays any operating losses, a renewal for an additional six months. The immediate, though not the only, result of this action is that the plant will continue to operate as formerly, for the benefit of fishermen and others, until September 30, 1954. As for the rest of the story which is too long for this letter, I shall put that on the air over CFPR.

Two events have occurred recently with respect to Bill 29, the amendment to the dumping section of the Customs Act enacted by Parliament in December last. First, Mr. Rene Jutra, general Member for Prince Rupert, in a local radio broadcast to dismiss Bill 29 as a time statute making no real change in the Customs Act and certainly, not increasing in tariff protection, the Customs Department has issued instructions to Customs Collectors providing that Bill 29 is a high but giving it a much wider application than was intended. Jutra said there has been controversy on the Customs Act but the Customs Act has forbidden dumping. It seems to be a good deal of the practice and application of the dumping regulations as it likely, yes, and dumping the whole matter should be into again.

It was nice to see Bob of Prince Rupert over afternoon. Bob has been pretty busy at his courses in Arran, and get into Ottawa for and we had him and Mrs. Bill (Hospital) Ingram up to the Buildings for dinner.

All our lady Members now made their rounds. Shipley, Member for the ing, made her maiden speech on the Bill on gold currency. She spoke again on the on pensions. I may add she speaks extremely

## Counsel Seeks Contempt Count In Baby Selling

MONTREAL (CF)—George Hill, crown counsel in the investigation into an international baby-selling scheme, has asked Judge Gerald Almond to cite Gerald Filion, managing editor of Montreal LeDevoir, for contempt of court.

The request was in the form of a motion in criminal court at the preliminary hearing of Herman Buller, Montreal lawyer. Buller is charged with falsifying entries in a birth certificate and giving advice and counsel in connection with an indictable offence.

Mr. Hill said an editorial by Mr. Filion in the Feb. 17 issue of Le Devoir implied that because Buller and Louis Glazer were lawyers the charges against them were less than they might have been.

Glazer was the second Montreal lawyer arrested. He was charged in connection with birth registration, two of falsification and forgery and one of uttering. Judge Almond said he would take the motion under advisement.

It is understandable that a city of this size should be made up of a variety of tastes and intellects. If it were not so there would be no talk in the City Council of cleaning up the reading matter available in Comic Book and magazine form.

Recordings of good music are very much more expensive than are those of popular music and so it would actually seem more reasonable for the CBC to play more of the expensive recordings and let individuals buy the less expensive ones to play in their homes, when they find the CBC unbearable or tune in the Ketchikan station which is more to their liking and costs nothing extra.

### ALSO APPRECIATIVE

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP)—A rifle of somewhat ancient vintage was left at the Moose Jaw museum some time ago. Now the museum committee is appealing for information so that the rifle's history and the donor's name may be attached to the relic.

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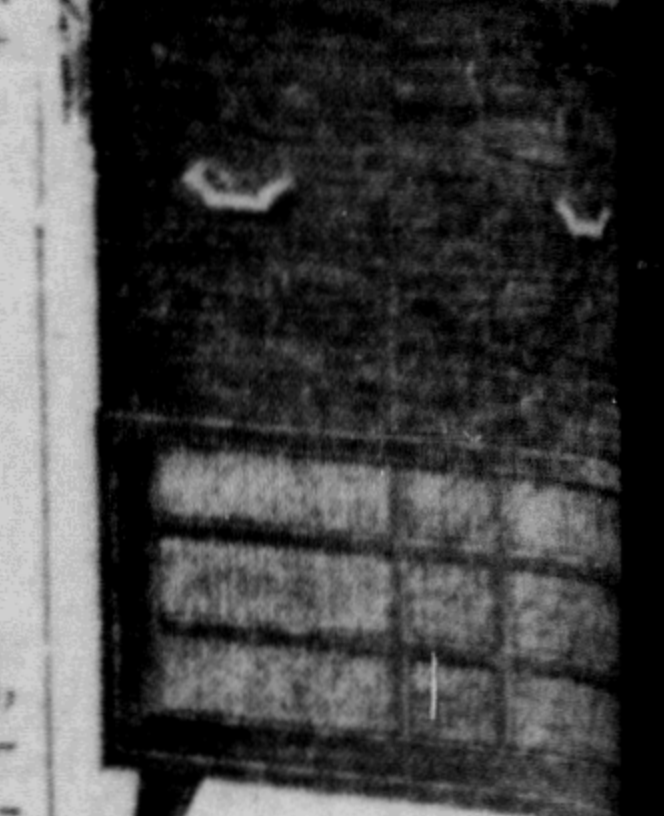
## MODERN INTER-CITY BUSES FOR SALE

These buses were manufactured in 1946 by Motor Industries, Ltd., in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They are identified as the "500 Series" and operated on a line service. Modern in design and rear engine powered by International R.E.D. 450 engine, five-speed transmission, air brakes, 1100x20 tires, immediate delivery.

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