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Russian Timetable Upset

A OSCOW may have manoeuvred itself into a / VI political squeeze.

The rebellion in East Germany and restless stirrings elsewhere in East Europe appear to be symptoms of the internal Soviet ailment-insecurity at the top.

The Soviet Union's economic strength, that is, its swift pace in the strategic heavy industries as opposed to civilian consumer industries, seems offset by increasing political weakness arising from the unresolved struggle for Stalin's power.

Indeed, the shift from total dictatorship to committee dictatorship may have created an impossible situation that can be resolved eventually only by within or outside a coalition.

The uneasy transition from one-man rule to government by committee seems to have caused divisions and nervousness among parties in the captive nations.

The great Soviet peace offensive launched after Stalin died was an elaboration and extension of a peace offensive already in operation for a full year.

The new Kremlin rulers apparently depended on it to relieve tensions sufficiently to permit them to entrench themselves and to break up the sopid front of the West. But now the peace offensive seems to be getting in the Kremlin's way.

The Russians tried an experiment in East Germany to let off steam. They fell into their own trap. Trying to make a gesture to convince the Germans they had the right of protest, they permitted a coached, organized demonstration to get out of hand. It blew up into riotous rebellion and forced the Russians to wheel up the tanks.

A major gesture toward Germany undoubtedly had been planned. The East German riots gummed up Soviet plans, making Russian talk of German unification look like so much rubbish.

The Soviet timetable in Europe has been upset. If the West could present a strong and united front to Moscow now, it might well achieve real Soviet retreats.

Challenge To Britain

DRITAIN'S opposition Labor Party has outlined D a comprehensive new policy aimed broadly at reshaping the country's industrial and economic life to meet the changing world.

In a 20,000-word statement, covering virtually every phase of domestic activity, the party's national executive committee forecasts new nationalization, promises a vigorous attack on dollar markets, "particularly" those of Canada, and bluntly says recovery plans may involve sacrifices -of material benefits and cherished traditions.

The policy statement, entitled "Challenge, to Britain," is designed primarily as a program in event of a Labor government being elected, although there is no sign Prime Minister Churchill's Conservative administration plans a national vote in the near future.

On the controversial question of nationalization, the manifesto says Labor would take over "key" machine tool companies, water supplies, some sections of the engineering industry, aircraft factories deemed inefficient, the sugar beet industry and, if necessary, some farm land. Steel would be "renationalized" and road haulage brought back into public ownership.

Throughout, the theme is not necessarily nationalization, but nationalization if necessary.

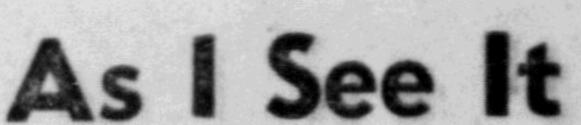
The statement forecasts a 10-year program for British agriculture, designed to increase production by one-third in the first five years.

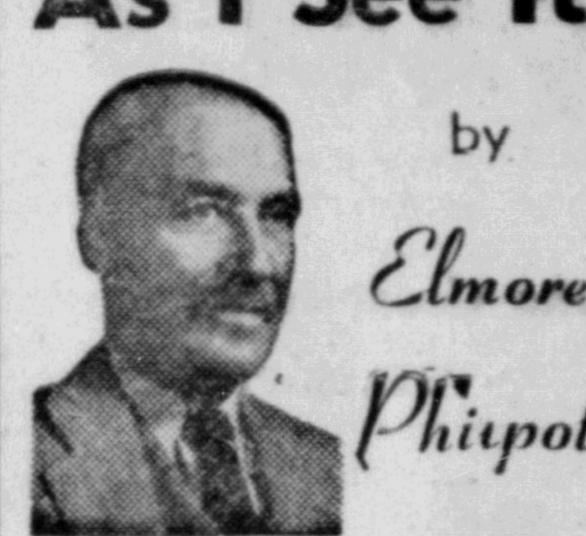
The manifesto also said the party should press for removal of United States trade restrictions and would favor a permanent sterling organization for joint planning among sterling area countries.

The party promised abolition of all health service charges imposed by the Churchill government and adjustment of social security benefits to any rise in the cost of living.

It expressed labor's opposition to commercial television in Britain, now under control of the BBC.

Scripture Passage for Joday "Make straight in the desert a highway for our God."





O Come Now George

ONLY TWO leaders have a chance to emerge as Prime Minister of Canada after August 10---

"Uncle Louis" St. Laurent or George Drew. But the reality of Canadian politics is such that each of these two leaders has two chances for the Prime Ministry. If either the Liberals or Conservatives win more than 132

ment from within its own ranks. But if the Liberals fell just short of the necessary margin. they would be absolutely sure of CCF support, either from

seats then the winning party

will be able to form a govern-

And if Social Credit swept B.C. with Duplessis lining up openly behind Drew in Quebec. we could well have a new lineup on the "right" wing of politics. We could have a DruDu-Low hodge-podge government.

speech at Guelph was powerful effort. It struck shrewd at what Conservatives consider the weakest spots in the government's case.

Mr. Drew's promise to outlaw the Communist party, and all its fronts, is bound to have strong emotional appeal these fear-full times. .

In several speeches Mr. Drew is to strike at the actual core of the Communist activity. He Progressive Party an illegal or- Some stiff competition between ating work, and historically keep "one name ahead."

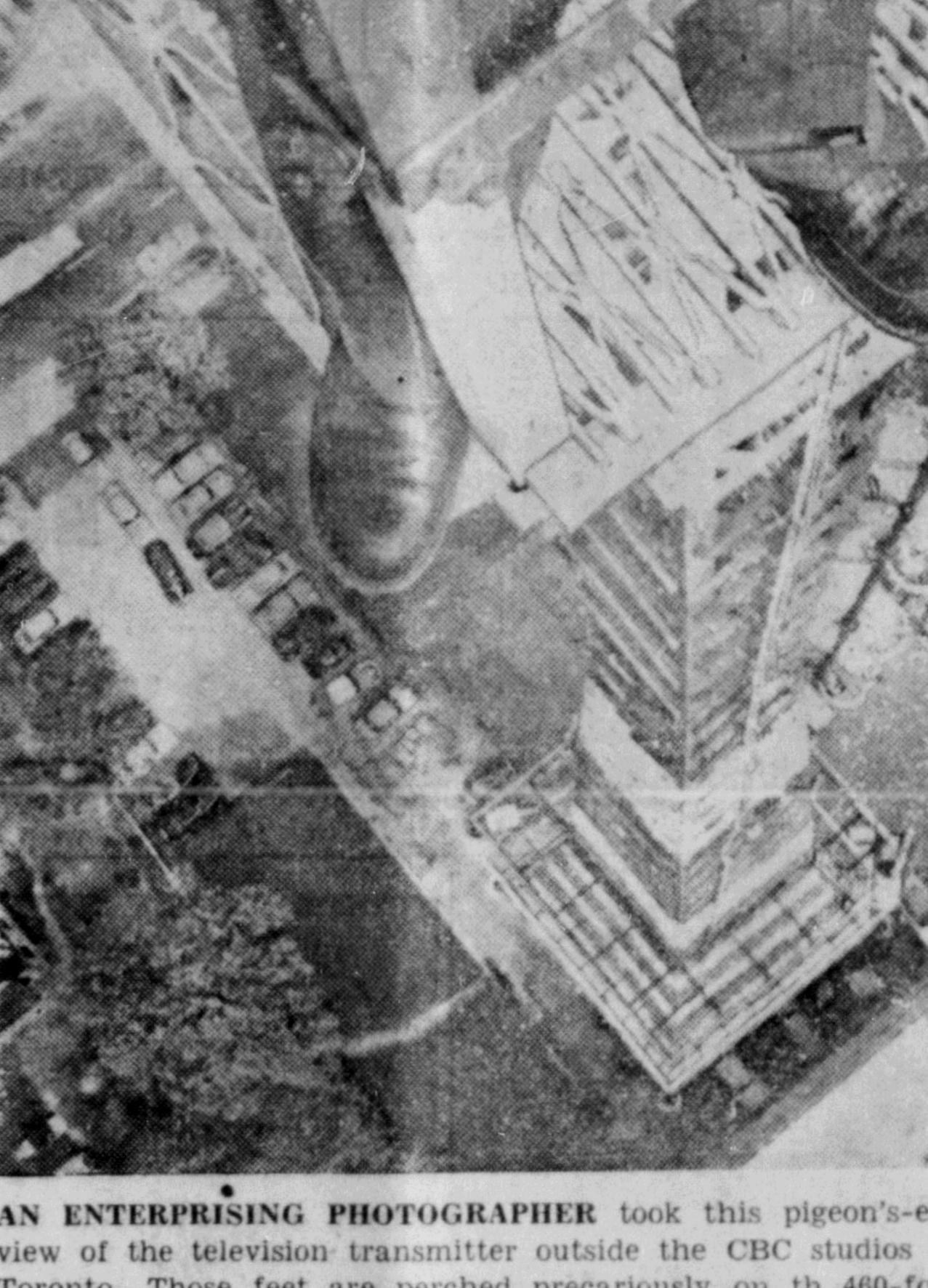
ting the young war-veteran law both will be in the Vancouver- wheels, all of historical signifi- nized. student Gordon Martin to go Nanaimo service. all through U.B.C. law school, The wind blew strong as we graphed, because, if they're not, the PC manifesto is simply that

ada cannot have it both ways: the Dallas Road. It's called helped put this province on its the polls. legal in Canada then nobody it was built by his maternal ing up; to understand th who belongs to that party, or to grandfather, the late W. J. Mac- present, and prepare for the fuany of its fronts or offshoots, auley, one of the first lumber ture, we should know something should be penalized in any way kings of British Columbia. It was of the past. for exercising those rights.

party should not continue to an interesting, colorful link wit be a legal party in Canada, For the past. it seems to me that once you opening the way for people to the C. If you can deprive Communists of jobs and posts, you can also deprive Catholics, Protestants, Mormons, vegetarians or any other group that happens to be unpopular with the

temporary government. I await with deep interest to see if George Drew has any policy did not work. Remember they should visit this park.

armed services?



view of the television transmitter outside the CBC studios in day by day he's being called Toronto. Those feet are perched precariously on th 460-foot level of the tower. Above is a 40-foot antenna. The platform far below is a mere 300 feet above the ground.

VICTORIA REPORT

By JAMES K. NESBITT

VICTORIA-It was a treat to get away from politics for a few hours the other day and cruising in the choppy waters off Victoria on the trial runs of the new ferry Kahloke.

This smart ship is for service amid magnificent scenery. between Horseshoe Bay, an hour by road from Vancouver, and Departure Bay, near Nanaimo has made it clear that his aim She is owned by the Black Ball Line, the parent company which is the Puget Sound Navi

ganization, for the party could this company and the CPR is valuable. One of these days most regroup, the very next day and developing for the rich automo- of these homes will have disapbile traffic between the main- peared, in the march of time. But there are many people in land and Vancouver Island, Both All through British Columbia Canada who see the absurdity companies are now in the Vic- are historic landmarks - old in such things as this: Permit- toria-Port Angeles service and homes, buildings, docks, water-

and even to run for parliament raced up and down off Victoria they'll go and no trace will be on the LPP ticket, then to deny on those trial runs, and the talk left of them. cult to stay away from politics ers. In addition to enjoying cut in taxes with the same been to grant Communists full order, and her fastest speed was Victoria would be more than glad similar measures estimated constitutional rights in theory, nearly 19 knots. to have copies of the pictures. cost at least three-quarter bil-

in fact, in certain fields. Mr. the Puget Sound Navigation bians are growing more conscious some government circles aren't I have always held that Can- to a big home with a tower on of the men and women who from buying the PC program at If the Communist party is to be "Pinehurst," and he recalled that feet. That's a sign we are grow-

from this home that Capt. Peaor hold any or every job in any June day in 1953, was her son or every trade union then it sailing up and down in his own elected by Maori voters. seems to be the Communist fine new ship. I thought it was

say a C_____cannot be The government has opened head of a union, then you are a new Provincial Park on the fill in the blanks letters after thing. Pity of the parks situation in B.C. is that we have no oceanside park, as there is on the Atlantic Coast. There should be a park on the west coast of Vancouver Island, out where the great waves dash on rocks and beaches, waves rolling clear across from Japan.

better formula for dealing with But, in the meantime, there's Communists than the Tories Miracle Beach Park, on the east had in the early days of the coast of Vancouver Island, be-Bennett regime, when Tim Buck tween Courtenay and Campbell was sent to prison under Sec- River. Next time interior British tion 98. Old R.B.'s "Iron Heel" Columbians are on the island

Miracle Beach Park is 258 acres. It's a beautiful area. BUT SURELY George Drew does heavily forested with a fine not expect the Canadian peo- stand of Douglas fir, hemlock, ple to take him seriously when and broadleaf maple. Fronting he says his first act as Prime this forest is the smooth, sandy, Minister will be to call a special salt-water beach. The park has session to cut taxes by half a a picnic area sheltered by giant billion dollars a year. Yet, says trees where there is a large George, he won't touch pen- picnic pavilion equipped with sions, family allowances, or the cooking facilities. At the edge of the beach there is a modern O, come now, George. Exactly change-house. The large campwhere will you save that \$500,- site area contains many indi-000,000 per year? Will you fire vidual units, each with its park-

azing in the great outdoors,

Victoria section of B.C. Historical Association is engaged in worthwhile pursuit. A com-

cance. They all should be photo-

OPEN A

SAVINGS

ACCOUNT AT

By NORMAN M. McLEOD

George Drew's move in publish- "hydrant." ing his now-celebrated 16-point

clogy, the Drew forces planned come properly stimulated. to take possession of the ball and march to a touchdown without The older you get the more

things are promising to turn out. Barrymore. Already the PC Chieftain is findernment is able to refer scorn- home town. fully to his hand while continuing its own game of bluff-if, in- | With Mount Everest scaled deed, it is playing a game of it's news value has gone forbluff, an allegation which all the ever. But we still have Ripple

Actually, there's a very real danger that Leader Drew's at- "LET'S WALK" tempt to capture the initiative in | It is perhans the defensive. For increasingly upon to defend one or other the 16 points in the party's manifesto. That's making k hard for him to focus the campaign spot gances and inefficiencies of the

are handling the Drew manifesto with adroitness and a great surpark face display of confidence, Liberal sources concede privately that they're not too happy over it. The trouble is that it stands as a clear bid for the support of the nation's voters-too clear, in fact, for the comfort of the Cabinet. Its unequivocal promise of an October session in order to cut taxation by a half-billion dollars is singularly devoid of any fine print. So, too, are the sub idiary pledges.

ninistration, obviously cannot compete in any election auction. Their manifesto has to be simply the government's record. Hence, if the voters should prove to be at all auction-minded, the danger of the Drew bid is recog-

no government, regardless of its tages. political complexion, could hope him his right to practice be- was of everything but politics. This could well be a good to carry it out. The inconsiscause he was a member of that or, well, almost. It's pretty diffi- hobby for amateur photograph- tency of promising a half-billion these days. Kahloke was twisted themselves, they'd be doing a breath which pledges national 724 Alfred St., Prince Rupert, B.C. WHAT Canada has been doing and turned to make sure her service to future generations. health insurance, freight rate in the past few years has compasses were in good working And the Provincial Archives at cuts, farm price supports, and but to deny them those rights | Capt. A. M. Peabody, head of | Fortunately, British Colum- lion dollars is emphasized. But Drew may cash in on that con- Company was aboard. He stood of their romantic background, too sure that this contradiction on the bridge and he pointed out and are learning more and more in logic will prevent the people

> Among Oldest Masons STELLARTON, N.S. (CP) - In

his 94th year, W.D. MacDonald installed officers of the Keith Masonic Lodge here. Mr. Mac-For instance, if a Communist body's mother sailed away as a Four of the 80 members of the donald joined a lodge at Westcannot be a lawyer, or teacher, bride in the 90's, and there, on a New Zealand House of Repre- ville in-1880 and is listed among sentatives are native Maoris, the oldest living Masonic mem-

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REFLECTS

there's the story about many wonderful shopping Sharp differences of opinion the pupil who asked her teacher dows, so many old exist in Capital political circles if waterworks was all one word streets to explore. So over the wisdom of PC Leader or if you spelled it with a places to wander in &

"A bath in unheated water town, full of the tang me The strategic intention of the is a brain stimulant" says a tality and love of living manifesto obviously was to place physician. Maybe so, but we the past is never find the PC's on the offensive in the happen to know all kinds of forgotten and the fute campaign. In football termin- less chilly ways in order to be- unwinds in hope.

you realize that Kindness is wife says "Wait a minus But that isn't exactly the way synonymous with happiness -

himself somewhat in the posi- When you go on vacation tion of a poker player who has this summer, leave your hamlaid his cards on the table face mer and sledge behind and take up. There's nothing more he along a horn-and blow it can do. But meanwhile the gov- every time you mention your

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