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Disturbance Below

REPORTS of an underground party in Yugoslavia challenging Tito's Communist regime are likely to die quickly when police get on the track of the heretics. But the fact that they managed to circulate in the first place is a reminder that, beneath the apparently firm control of a dictatorship, the public is constantly moving and shifting with an irritation which occasionally erupts into revolt.

No matter how patriotic its overtones, no matter how many demonstrations it arranges to cheer the leader in one united voice, a dictatorship cannot change the fact that no two persons are born to think exactly alike. Behind that united voice there are certain to be thousands of different emotions ranging from enthusiasm to resentment and disgust.

Perhaps a dissenter can be persuaded to temper his political beliefs, but it is much more difficult to make him swallow the pride of his race. As a Croat, for example, Tito cannot expect much love from the Serbs whom he turned out of power. Nor can he suppose that the Montenegrins, Slovenes and others with their different traditions, religions and alphabets will ever regard him as brother.

In the case of Stalin, a Georgian, possibly his bitterest enemies were the Ukrainians, whom he ruled and hated in return. When Germans invaded the Soviet, Ukrainians welcomed them as allies.

The dictator's police arm may be able to silence these racial hot-bloods, but the repressed person is always the most dangerous. It follows from this that, like every tyranny has done in the past, Communism is preparing its own destruction.

Calling All Hands

FOUR bridge players in Cranston, R.I., the other day found they had been dealt perfect hands. Each player had received thirteen cards of one suit, and the chances of this happening have been figured at one in 2,200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000.

Such an incident causes considerable comment, and well it might, considering the odds against it. Not receiving a perfect hand rouses no complaint. Nobody is surprised when his bridge hand is not flawless.

But when man turns his attention from cards to humans, his standards change. In humans we demand perfection almost all the time—in wives, legislators, bosses, hockey players, children. And we feel a sense of outrage, of having been cheated, when these fall short of the mark.

Yet there are not 2,200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 persons in the world, there are only about 2,200,000,000. On that basis there are 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 more chances of getting a perfect bridge hand than of finding a perfect human being among the earth's population. That's a pretty small chance. It's not even worth calling for a re-deal.

—Vancouver Province

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

A Vancouver man confesses that for the first time in his life he has gone shopping with his wife, and feels the experience was not without its value. It also had its little surprises.

An authority called the Vancouver Sun prints the names of eight cities which, one would infer, are outside the new danger zone in connection with this confounded H-Bomb. Of the list, Prince Rupert is the most northerly of the lot. A terrifying picture, but that comes in handy sometimes in emergency newspaper making.

Less handshaking in Western Australia, and a feeling of greater security today. But something like this had to come to pass. There have been hosts of disappointed dignitaries who could not but feel the importance of polio.

There had always been the belief that Prince Rupert could point to her drydock and shipyard with pride and this was true up to a few weeks back. It has always been a source of pride and may continue to be just that, and on a permanent basis.

Joe McCarthy does not exactly deny he will visit Toronto. He leaves the impression. The American senator continues to carry the notion that no matter how much he may continue to be disliked, a little point like this is nothing.

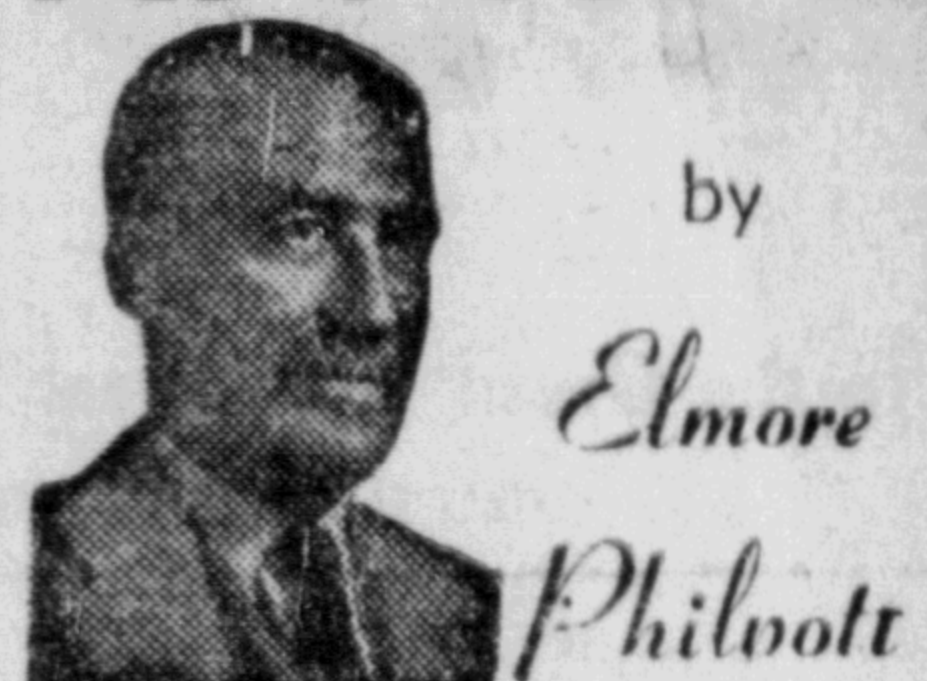
Running Time For CNR Trains May Be Reduced

OTTAWA (CP)—CNR president Donald Gordon said Monday night he thinks some reduction can be made in the four-day running time of passenger trains between Montreal and Vancouver.

Before the Commons railway committee, he said the CNR and CPR are studying the problem very carefully. They must take into account the times trains stop at major intermediate points.

A major reduction in time for the CNR, he said, might involve an additional train on the run at a capital cost of around \$2,500,000. There must be enough traffic to justify this expense.

As I See It



Germany Key

ON THE very day that the western allies gave final permission for West Germany to re-arm, Russia finalized the creation of a separate sovereign state of East Germany.

It is true of course, that the new state of East Germany is a satellite of the Soviet Union, as are all the other countries of eastern Europe, which are in the last analysis, governed from Moscow. Nevertheless, the move is of the highest importance. It says, by actions which speak much more plainly than mere words, that Russia intends to match every move made by the west in a bid for the final support of all Germany.

THE VERY fact that all eastern European governments are controlled from Moscow — and that eastern Germany is the one which is the most influential of all such satellites — will make it easier for Russia to try to play the supreme joker in the greatest big power poker game of all time. At any time when the word goes out from Moscow, the "sovereign" government of East Germany will come to terms with the sovereign government of West Germany, and will do it so fast that the allies would not have the chance to say "Jack Robinson."

THE WESTERN allies are placing their faith in a device called EDC—the European Defence Community. The theory is that France, Italy, West Germany and the low countries would all be part and parcel of this EDC. The High Command of this EDC would be responsible to the whole association, and not to any one sovereign nation in it. Presumably a Frenchman, a Belgian, an Italian or perhaps even a Briton or American would be given the high command of EDC. The theory is that, because of such international command, there never again could be a German General Staff, and a German nationalist menace of the kind which plunged the world into the two greatest wars in all history.

With all due respect to the advocates of the EDC I must say that this hope seems to me to be based on wishful thinking. If and when EDC is formed, there will be German units in it, as well as French, and other national contingents. It will not matter much whether or not the whole EDC wears the same uniform. In a real showdown the loyalty of the German soldier will be to his own country. In the event of a conflict of authority between German officers and the foreign commanders of EDC — whom would the German troops obey?

THE WESTERN allies are going ahead and doing the best they can to fit Germany into the picture of the Atlantic alliance. But in the mind and heart of every western statesman there must be a very big question mark indeed.

The re-creation of an armed, aggressive Germany, slam-bang in the middle of Europe, would be the greatest disaster of this whole disastrous century.

The only solid hope of the west is that Germany can be included into some sort of out-right Atlantic federation such as our prime minister suggested in his recent speech in Germany.

But progress toward this is at the snail's pace because the American Congress so far believes only in federation for Europeans—but not federation for both Europeans AND AMERICANS.

ANCIENT CITY

Babylon, the ancient capital of Babylonia, was first mentioned on a tablet of 3800 BC.

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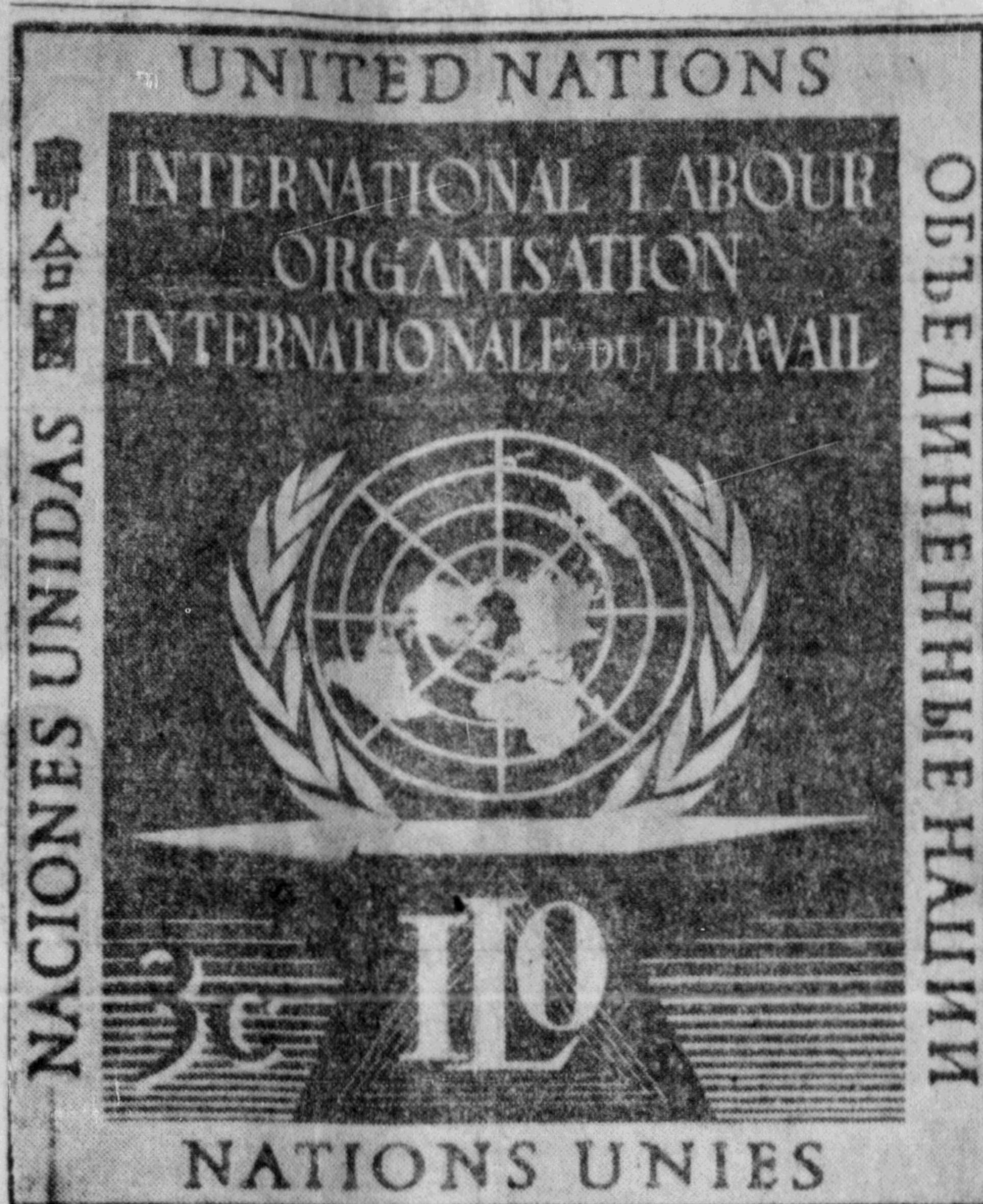
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OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

The Liberal caucus dinner in the Parliamentary Restaurant which welcomed the Prime Minister home from his world tour was a Liberal family affair. And so the veteran "Chubby" Power was selected to preside over it. Hon. "Chubby" — he was Air Minister during World War II until he resigned over the conscription issue — is the dean amongst the Liberal MPs. In addition, he is rated as amongst the wittiest MCs that can be found for any social occasion.

At the St. Laurent dinner "Chubby" was in his best form. He recalled an incident in Cabinet during the war to illustrate the late Prime Minister MacKenzie King's basic distrust of aircraft. Munitions Minister C. D. Howe had proposed that he should fly over to the United Kingdom on a particular armament problem. But Mr. King had refused flatly to allow him to go by any other means than ship. "I will not risk my valuable ministers," he told Howe, "by allowing them to travel by aircraft."

But Power then told the caucus dinner guests to his own embarrassment: "Without suggesting any invidious comparison in respect to the individuals concerned, I am bound to confess that about a week later the late Hon. Ian MacKenzie and I obtained permission from him to fly to Britain without a murmur."

The former Air Minister related an amusing story of the plane trip to England which Mr. King finally had taken himself as the war progressed. He had travelled in Spartan fashion in one of the old Liberator bombing planes which was strictly a war craft without any passenger amenities, even seats were lacking. At the last minute State Secretary J. H. Pickersgill, then Mr. King's chief personal aide, had brought a collapsible mattress form on board. Without consulting the crew he had set it up off the floor across two buckets which provided support.

Mr. King lay down the moment the craft was air-borne and refused all suggestions to leave his improvised couch during the flight across the Atlantic. In vain did crew members endeavor to interest him in the scenery to be viewed from the plane window or in an examination of the craft's navigation equipment. Slightly uncomfortable if not actually ailing, Mr. King preferred just to lie recumbent. Finally, when Scotland came in sight after 19 hours of flying, Mr. King consented to enter the pilot's compartment for an air view of "the land of his fathers."

Chairman Power told the dinner guests: "There was immediate and great relief amongst

the crew." He explained that the two buckets on which Mr. King's mattress had been resting had been the only lavatory facilities supplied for the crew.

THE LETTERBOX

The Editor,

The Daily News:

Back of every act of government there should be a good and sufficient cause.

The cause stated in the Lyons-McLean resolution March 8 of non-confidence in me as chairman of the board of works was not only childish, it was downright silly and should be recorded in the public mind.

For in the opinion of the seven aldermen that supported the resolution, it's a crime for the chairman of a committee to take steps to safeguard the taxpayers' money in guarding against foolish expenditures so often imposed on the hard-earned taxpayers' dollars.

However, to further expose their ignorance at the same meeting, they endorsed sending Mr. Moorehouse along with Mr. Beaton to Penticton to examine a shovel being offered for sale to the city.

Nowhere in Canada can be found a group of grade nine school children who can expose such ignorance as displayed by Aldermen Krueger, Smith, Lyons, Gomez, McLean, Bremner and last but not least Aldermen Bellis, the man who headed the polls in the last election.

Mr. Editor, my resignation was tendered in consideration of our grief stricken Mayor. Not in recognition of the brainless resolution passed March 8th.

ALDERMAN GEO. B. CASEY.

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Social Credit Movement Gaining Ground In New Zealand Despite Early Indifference

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP)—Using the success of the Social Credit regime in Alberta as one of its main arguments, the social credit movement in New Zealand is entering the political field here.

The New Zealand Social Credit Political League has been formed with the object of contesting the general election in November.

Recent elections in New Zealand and have been almost entirely two-party contests between Labor which lost control in 1949 after 14 years in office, and the National Party, which practices a liberal conservatism.

Bids by other parties have been uniformly unsuccessful and

since 1946 there has not even been an independent in the House of Representatives. Almost the only other organized party to contest recent elections has been the Communist party, members of which have invariably lost their deposits.

The Social Credit League hopes to present candidates for all 80 seats. Recently it announced that it had candidates endorsed for 24 seats and 26 others in sight.

Until recently most observers did not believe that the league had much prospect of capturing even one seat and the campaign has received little publicity.

In the last few weeks, however, politicians have begun to give some attention to the league's claims. It drew an attack from the deputy-leader of the opposition, C. F. Skinner.

Skinner described the Alberta Social Credit government as ultra conservative. The majority of its leading members and those in British Columbia are erstwhile Tories, he said. Early illusions that big business and Social Credit did not see eye to eye had long since been dispelled.

"EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS"

"It is obvious that the government of Alberta is a good conservative government which meets with the approval of the people of Alberta, and that is entirely their own affair," he added. "But the New Zealand Social Credit Political League has made many extravagant claims and has held up the achievements of this government as an example of what can be achieved under Social Credit."

Skinner's address has drawn a reply from the Social Credit League. The president, W. B. Owen of Christchurch, said it was pleasing to note that Skinner had changed to open criticism of the league, in contrast to the earlier attitude of complete indifference.

"Social Credit is not particularly opposed to either Labor or National," he added. "We consider them bedmates in the camp of international finance, the

Sect Children Under Custody

NELSON, B. C. (CP)—Two more children of the Sons of Freedom Doukhobor sect have been placed under the custody of the provincial welfare department.

The two children were taken from their home at Grand Forks Monday and placed in the New Denver school for Doukhobor children. The latest additions brings the enrollment of the school to 26.

Welfare officials are seeking another nine children in the Nelson-Slocan area.

The government announced last fall that Sons of Freedom parents who refuse to send their children to school will have their children taken from them and placed under the care of the welfare department.

Rotarians Hear Of Complaints

VICTORIA (CP)—Conflict between Rotary International and some member clubs was disclosed here Monday by Herbert E. Carrier, of Saskatoon at the opening of the three-day district 151 conference.

About 1,000 delegates from British Columbia, Alaska and Washington state are attending.

Mr. Carrier, a director of Rotary International and a member of the executive committee of the board of directors, said there have been complaints against "too much centralization of authority" in the board of directors.

LOCAL TASTES

LONDON (CP)—J. M. Coppock, director of the British Baking Industries Research Association, told housewives that persons in industrial towns prefer brightly-colored, highly-colored cakes, while country residents like pale-colored loaves.



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MORAL: If you are thirsty for success, begin dropping a little money into a Savings Account at our nearest branch! With each deposit, your balance will rise a little higher, until at last you have the funds you need to make dreams come true. Be a knowing bird—visit our nearest branch today!



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