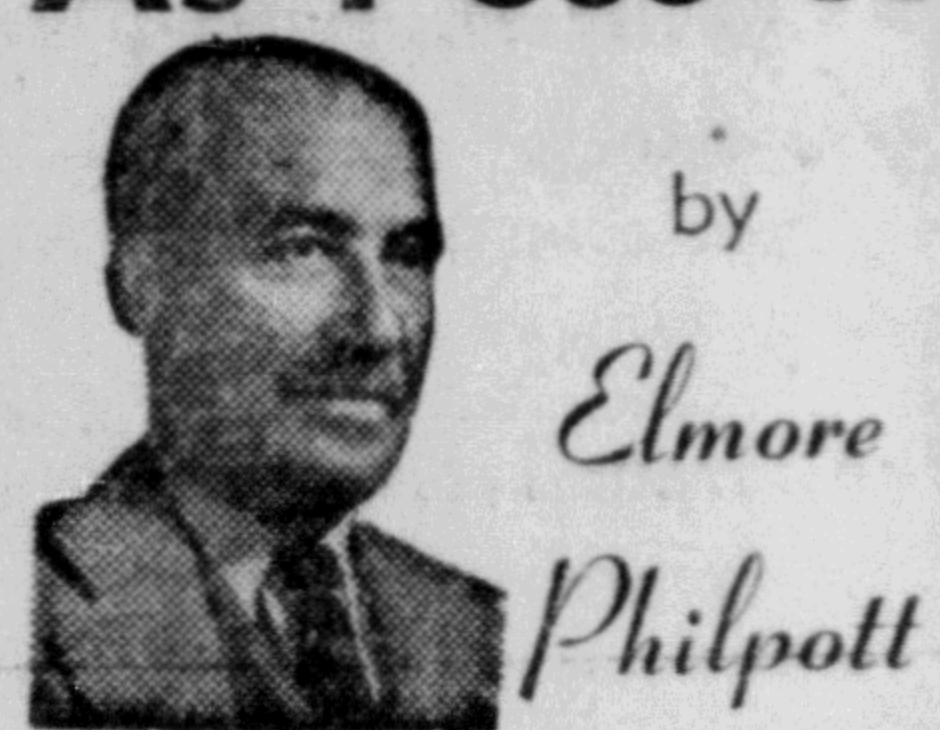


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As I See It



Senator's Threat

SENATOR Knowland, Republican leader, has now clarified the issue of China with brutal candour:

If the UN votes to admit Red China he will ask the U.S. Senate to have the U.S. quit the UN.

Despite the folly of this ultimatum the nations which are really anxious for peace and goodwill in the world had better "go easy" in regard to China.

The UN can get along without Red China. But the UN cannot get along without Uncle Sam. Let's not fool ourselves.

Hence cool heads had better go slow on the admission of Red China until time has given Senators at Washington a chance to cool down.

All the nations of the British Commonwealth have announced their intention of granting official recognition to the real government of China — which of course is the Red, Communist government.

But immediately after the Commonwealth Conference Mr. St. Laurent said there would be careful joint timing of this step. Just before leaving for the UN at New York Mr. Pearson suggested a reasonable cooling-off period before there could be any decision on admitting the Red government to the UN.

In view of the adamant attitude of the U.S. Republican Senators, it is certain that no move to admit China could succeed at the 1953 session of the UN. But in view of the general attitude of the majority of nations it is obvious that the United States is going to find itself very much in the minority on this question.

No less than 27 countries have already recognized the present government in China, and those which have done so include the key nations in certain areas, such as:

Britain, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, Israel, Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma, Indonesia.

That exclusionist attitude of Senator Knowland will therefore not have the effect of blocking international recognition of the real government of China.

But it may well lead to the rather ridiculous spectacle of the most populous nation on earth, recognized by almost all the nations as the only government of China — yet excluded from China's seat in the one place where the representatives of all the nations are supposed to meet.

BEHIND what you might call the mere maneuvers of power politics there are two different outlooks on China.

The general British Commonwealth outlook—which is almost passionately held by India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma, is that the sooner Red China is seated in the UN the sooner the forces will begin to work which will finally detach China from her present ironclad alliance with Russia.

I think it is no exaggeration to say that Nehru regards the full recognition of China, and her admission to UN, as the most important peace-making move that should now be made in the set-up of the world body.

After all, Asians should understand other Asians better than westerners can or do.

But I would imagine that even Mr. Nehru would also reluctantly face the present temper of the U.S.A. as another of the facts of life.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Quiet, kindly, unassuming "Jim" Rooney — he's "Boss" Rooney to you if you happen to be a Toronto Liberal worker — was in the Capital over the week-end clearing out his office. He was as cheerful about it as he always is about accepting the inevitable.

Actually, the cruelly unfair feature of last week's election returns was that, although they left Toronto still dominantly Liberal, they failed to include "Boss" Rooney in the list of winners. The voters of St. Paul's riding in downtown Toronto rejected him in favor of Roland Michener, former Cabinet Minister in the Ontario Conservative Government. There was real irony in that result, for if there is a single individual responsible for breaking the strangle-hold of monopoly which the Conservative Party once held over the Toronto and adjacent York seats, that person is "Boss" Rooney.

Rooney went to work politically in the days when it was taken for granted that Liberalism was destined to remain forever a lost cause in Toronto. The mood of local Liberals was expressed in the resigned comment of Sir Wilfred Laurier that he could always get cheers but could never get votes there. Rooney took the most uncompromising Conservative constituency in the whole city and proceeded to demonstrate what could be done. He was the first Toronto Liberal to carry on permanent organization work. Previous activity had always been whipped up just around election

time. It was as a result of his new riding machine that Rooney, who is a gentlemanly unassuming type without any dictatorship ambitions, derived his wholly unsuitable title of "Boss."

The Rooney machine got its baptism of fire in the 1945 general election. It lost out, but in such a thrilling photo-finish that other Toronto Liberals were inspired to imitate the Rooney formula of diligent, consistent effort. The result in the 1949 general election was the historic smashing of the "Tory Toronto" legend. Rooney this time was among the victors.

In the election just over Rooney was a victim of elvish progress. The construction of the Toronto subway centred in his riding. It ripped out the homes of 10,000 of his staunchest downtown voters. He fought valiantly, but the handicap was too great. He lost by upwards of a thousand votes.

A bachelor with sufficient worldly means to maintain lonely homes in the Royal York Hotel in Toronto and in the plush Roxborough apartment hotel in Ottawa, Rooney now is well into his seventies. Parliament may never see him again. But it wouldn't be safe to bet any large sum of money on it. He belongs to that rare race of tireless individuals who never grow old, but die with their boots on. It would be characteristic of him to turn up after the next election, as courteous, as kindly, and as wise as ever. Meantime, his friends on all sides of the House are going to miss him.

More POWs Expected Shortly As Exchange at Half Way Mark

PANMUNJOM (AP)—The Korean war prisoner exchange passed the halfway mark today and there was every indication the Reds will start sending home larger numbers of Americans daily.

The promised 150 Friday, and it appeared the stepped-up rate will continue indefinitely. Three hundred South Koreans also will be freed Friday.

Sixty Americans, 90 British and 300 Koreans were freed today in the 16th day of exchange. No British were scheduled to return Friday, for the first time since the swap began. The Communists have delivered 809 of the 922 British promised.

The Reds have turned over only 1,315 Americans, well under half of the 3,313 they listed. Thursday's shipment brought the number of Allied troops freed to 6,533, just over half of the 12,763 the Reds promised.

TYPHOONS CAUSE DELAY No Communists were sent north Thursday and none are scheduled until Saturday. Typhoon conditions disrupted Allied shipping from the Kojima Island prison camps off South Korea.

The stream of happy men Thursday told more of the grim stories of life in the Red stockades.

One prisoner told a story of a U.S. airman staked in the sun and left to die because he would not back up phony "warfare" charges by the Communists.

Shortly after the prisoners returned, the joint military armistice commission met at its Panmunjom headquarters on Red request.

The Reds gave no indication what they wanted to discuss.

Red China's Peiping radio charged that American authorities have obstructed Communist Red Cross teams visiting prison camps in South Korea to the point that the teams "have virtually suspended their operations."

Peiping accused the Americans of "openly persecuting" the teams and restricting interviews with the POWs.

However, Allied representatives accused the Communist workers of activities bordering on spying and told them to stop it. They told the Reds to limit their activities to authorized humanitarian missions.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The AFL Air Line Pilots' Association said today a member reported that his company had received this note from a Japanese whose luggage was misplaced:

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England's Mourning Ends

THIS year will go down in English history for at least two major events—the Coronation and England's victory on the cricket field in the Test Matches with Australia.

Possibly the Coronation will have an edge in space, but there is no doubt that the writer responsible for giving an accurate picture of 20th century English life will report that on a certain day in August, 1953, a 19-year period of mourning ended amid wild rejoicing. The "Ashes"—to many a symbol of England's lost manhood—had returned.

In this country there is nothing from which to draw a comparison. Although it did not become a recognized pastime until a couple of centuries ago, cricket in England goes back more than 600 years when the Saxons played it with a rough stick called "eryce" or "creag" from which the modern name evolved.

We in Canada can only appreciate what the Australian invasion means to the sports-minded Englishman if we look ahead a few centuries and imagine that some upstart country with a handful of skaters year after year beats our best in ice hockey. (Even that is no real comparison as our best are apt to be professionals playing for the other side. In cricket any such arrangement would be tantamount to high treason.)

Although cricket is sometimes thought to be a marathon tea party masquerading as sport, it is not a game for the frail or timid. The hard, leather-covered ball travels at bullet speed and, except for the wicket keeper, there are no heavy mitts to help snag the fast ones. Outstanding players of the game like Don Bradman of Australia, who holds the all-time world's aggregate for Test Matches, with 4,520 runs, and Jack Hobbs of England, who was still one of the best cricketers in the world when well past 40, must go down as great athletes in anyone's book.

The game is noteworthy, however, for much more than the physical prowess involved. Probably more than any other sport in any part of the world, it has set a code for a nation's existence. In Canada on the States a man who has distinguished himself at baseball or football does not necessarily qualify himself for anything else. In England, however, the player who does the same in cricket is considered a likely leader in other fields of endeavor.

The difference seems to be that cricket to the Englishman is not just a sport but also a training in which something more is learned than the value of a strong wrist and good eye. We are not sure that it can be defined, but it has something to do with the spirit that has brought England through worse crises than losing the "Ashes."

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

It will be remembered that not so long ago, the eating of horses started in Western Canada. Today sleeping sickness has developed. Enough to make any horses that may be left, feel indisposed.

It's hard to look prosperous hard to land a good job, and hard to land a good job unless you look prosperous.

USUALLY CERTAIN

A fire chief has been heard to say that more men than women are attracted to a fire. Yet more women than men are attracted to the fire sale that comes along a little later.

Who was it remarked that by being careful one can live as cheaply as two could, 12 years ago.

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on a lounge or in an easy chair.

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