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Conquer Cancer

THIS MONTH the Conquer Cancer Campaign is underway across Canada.

The B.C. objective is set at \$200,000. Prince Rupert's is \$2,000.

As new methods prompt an increasing number of those afflicted to seek expert help, this money is desperately needed to enable the B.C. Cancer Foundation to erect a new boarding home for patients taking treatment at the B.C. Cancer Institute in Vancouver.

It is needed also to further the three-fold program of the Canadian Cancer Society's B.C. division, the aims of which are—research into the cause and cures of cancer, welfare for needy cancer patients in B.C., and an educational program to alert B.C. citizens to cancer symptoms.

"The Cancer Foundation and Society in British Columbia depend entirely on the generosity of people in this province to carry through their plans," W. H. Malkin, provincial campaign chairman points out.

Most of us are sufficiently aware of the merciless quality of this disease to need little persuasion in helping to fight it.

Kissing Hands

ORTHODOX members of the Hungarian communist party may in future only kiss a lady's hand if she is elderly, according to the Hungarian youth movement newspaper, Szabad Ifjúság.

There are hidden dangers in this edict. Who is to decide when a lady has reached an age that entitles her to a handkiss?

—Hamilton Spectator.

JN Disarmament Committee May Establish New Sub-Group

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The United Nations disarmament commission is expected to agree unanimously to set up a small sub-group for private talks at once on arms reduction and atomic control.

Diplomatic circles express belief that the sub-committee will consist of the United States, Russia, Britain, France and possibly Canada.

Friday's meeting of the 12-country commission was its first in eight months. Its only session last year, in August, was devoted to approval of a report of no progress.

Before the delegates is a plea from India for immediate consideration of a four-point program outlined by prime minister Nehru to the Indian Parliament last Friday.

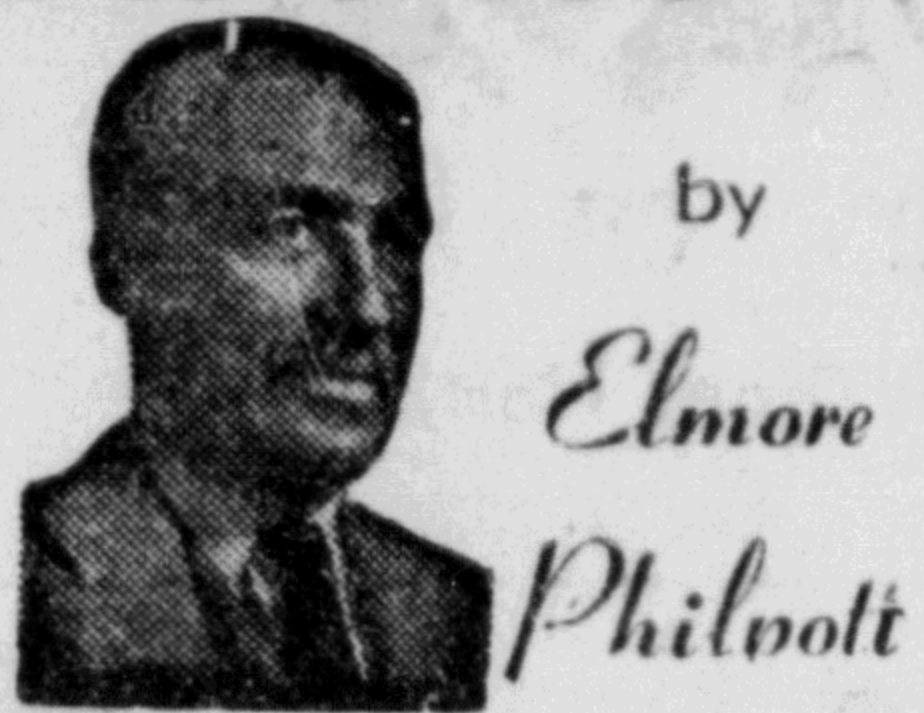
Nehru wants an immediate standstill agreement on atomic and hydrogen bomb explosions; full publicity on the destructive power of atomic and hydrogen weapons; private meetings of the sub-committee on his idea; and an expression of concern by countries not having atomic weapons.

As far as could be learned, no delegate planned a major speech today. Informed quarters said discussion probably would be confined to suggestions for setting up the sub-committee.

CEYLON PEAK The highest point in Ceylon is known as Adam's peak, 7,420 feet high.

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As I See It



by

Elmore Philpott

H Bomb Bunk

A GOOD many letters are coming in these days about the H bomb.

Some of these are from people who are genuinely concerned about the fate of mankind, in the face of the titanic armament race, now speeding up.

These usually urge an immediate cessation of H bomb tests, and later an international agreement to "ban the bombs."

This program is so plain, downright silly that I am astonished that anyone in his right senses should seriously suggest it.

LET US consider for a moment what would happen if the Communist world propaganda line won out, and the great powers did agree effectively never to use atom bombs, or hydrogen bombs, or the rumored nitrogen bombs, in any future warfare.

The practical consequence of that decision would be to enable the Russian army to sweep west over all Europe, the middle east, and down into Africa whenever it felt like it.

China is only prevented from open, direct, all-out military intervention in those areas now because her rulers know that she could not undertake such action without bringing all-out war to the world in general, and to China in particular.

I DO NOT agree with the British professor Blackett who reasons that as both the U.S.A. and Russia have enough H bombs to blast each other's big cities right off the map, that therefore the H bombs have cancelled each other out, and will never be used.

That Blackett theory has even been stretched to the point of reasoning that as the H bombs have cancelled each other out, that Russia may be in a position to resume local aggressions, such as the one attempted in Korea—but with improved techniques for such local aggression.

This theory is insane, and obscene. The only real choice is between total international peace, and no international peace; between a genuine agreement which will enable UN to start building real world law, or total war, which may well annihilate half or more of mankind.

SUPPOSE THAT in the days of knights on horseback some reformer or idealist had been converted to the iniquity of war, and had suggested shorter swords, or spears, or less deadly bows-and-arrows? Would that have struck at the real evil?

The only real choice for our generation is one world or none—between total war, or no war—in the last analysis between peace based on and enforced by law, or annihilation which springs from refusal to make and accept world law.

VARIED PRODUCTS Trichinopoly in India has long been noted for manufacture of jewelry, cutlery and cigars.

OTTAWA DIARY

Now that rank-and-file M.P.'s have digested the latest Abbott budget they have drawn the somewhat gloomy moral that just so long the general public has plenty of money in its pockets, it might as well resign itself to paying high taxes.

In other words, tax cuts definitely are being reserved for depression times. Their purpose then will stimulate business by bringing about lower prices which will serve as an incentive to consumer purchases.

In the old days—back in the times of Robb, White, Fielding—a Finance Minister used to budget simply from year to year. He wasn't too concerned with economic conditions, for the reason that the current elaborate theories of the relationship between budgetary policy and the general economy hadn't yet been born.

Today things are different. This is the era of the economic expert in government, with Parliament existing mainly as the administrative agency to carry out the policies which his wisdom devises.

The dramatic critic started to leave in the middle of the second act. "Don't go now," said the manager, "there's a terrific kick in the next act."

THE BOOK IS OUT The attack on Pearl Harbor by Japanese during the Second World War cost 3,303 lives, 1,272 wounded, two battleships, three smaller type of vessels damaged

Canadians to Get Jobs Building Alaska Pipeline

OTTAWA (CP)—Arrangements have been made to give jobs to Canadians in the construction of a 265-mile Alaska pipeline, part of which go along southwestern Yukon territory.

Labor Minister Gregg said in the Commons the right-of-way now is being built and part of the work has been awarded to two contractors in Whitehorse, Yukon. Canadian labor is employed on that part of the work.

Built by United States interests, the pipeline will run from Haines, Pacific coast harbor on Alaskan territory south of the Yukon to Fairbanks, Alaska.

War-Bound Ship

CANBERRA (AP)—The government ordered Australian Air Force and Navy men out today to load military supplies for Indo-China after a protest strike by Sydney dock workers.

Labor Minister Harold Holt told the House of Representatives the dockers' walkout from the British freighter Radnor undoubtedly was influenced by Communist leaders in their union. He added: "The government doesn't intend to have foreign policy taken out of its hands."

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

By 45 you've realized you'll never be the man you once hoped you might be comments a Vancouver press contemporary.

Who was it said that it seems unfair to expect a dog to like you when nobody else does?

LETTING HIM KNOW There was a dense fog and the junior officer on the ship's bridge was becoming more and more rattled. As he stared ahead trying to pierce the gloom he saw a dim figure leaning over the rail some yards from the ship's prow.

OMINOUS BUT SAFE And yet another was the burning and sinking of the troopship Empire Windrush off Algiers a few weeks ago. Abandonment was conducted in a calm and orderly way. There were 1,286 of the navy, 125 women and 87 children. Four of crew died in a boiler explosion. Throughout, there was rigid discipline on the decks, under ominous clouds of smoke.

All Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

By G. E. MORTIMORE A bank in Vancouver where I used to live, sent me a cheery little note to announce that I had \$3.12 deposited in an account that I had forgotten about.

"What about that \$3.12 of Mortimore's you have in your bank?" he probably asked. I must reply by the next mail. I wouldn't want that bank to get in trouble. I'll leave the money in the account, just to help the bank along.

"We have no wish to disturb your account in any way. Indeed, we would like you to make greater use of our services."

"It is... a requirement of the Canadian Bank Act that we report accounts in which no transaction has taken place for a specified period."

"The little boy is currently employed as a night shift janitor."

But it was not like this more than a century ago in South African waters. There were wives and children there—also fathers and husbands. But under orders to stand fast instead of swimming, 376 soldiers held formation while the transport broke up about them, and they disappeared among shark infested waves.

Hard to believe, yet it appears to be a fact. There are Russian farmers, but they possess no land. That is the property of the Soviet. When Ivan actually does farm, he is told when, what and how to do it. Very few have a horse or cow. A beefsteak, or practically any kind of meat is unknown. Black butter has not yet been discovered.

But to stand on one still to the Birkenhead drill is a damn tough bullet to chew." So wrote Rudyard Kipling long ago and its well remembered yet. Every now and then, the sea tells another drama. The loss of the Birkenhead, in 1852 off Capetown was one. The Titanic was another.

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