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All Good Canadians

THE SQUABBLE between some of the government members and the CCF in the House at Ottawa during recent days following the remark by Minister of External Affairs L. B. Pearson, who is usually more discreet, about the Socialist party giving comfort to Moscow need not be taken too seriously.

Mr. Pearson might have been a little more careful in his choice of words. At the same time, M. J. Coldwell, CCF leader, need not have flared up about it. The little tempest, however, should soon be over with no serious hard feelings or ill effects.

Everyone, of course, knows where Mr. Pearson stands as far as sympathy with Russia is concerned but, nevertheless, in the realm of international affairs and negotiation, he could be counted upon to be conciliatory and reasonable even with Russia once she gave the opening.

And the most of us know how Mr. Coldwell stands as far as Communism is concerned. He would be one of the last to sympathize with the Red philosophy.

In fact, we think it was rather a feeble attempt that one of the prairie Liberal members made yesterday to associate the CCF brand of Socialism with Communism. Both Mr. Pearson and Mr. Coldwell are good loyal Canadians, we are here to say, and no one is going to pay much serious attention to any one who tries to make out that either of them are not.

There has been a good deal of eyewash in this kind of talk and it is well to be accepted as such and not taken very seriously.

Meantime, we feel inclined to sympathize with the suggestion of Stanley Knowles, another respected CCF member, that Parliament might be able to get along more expeditiously with its consideration of defence matters if the government would take the House more into its confidence as to what is planned and what is needed for Canada to play its part as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and its contribution to western defence.

Basically, it would probably be found that there is not a great deal of real difference of opinion between Liberals and Socialists, or Progressive Conservatives and Social Credit for that matter, on Canada's policy and line of action in connection therewith.

Worthwhile Venture

WHETHER or not it turns out to be a completely successful venture, as far as honors are concerned (and prospects look none too rosy after last night's meeting between our Challengers and Vancouver's Eilers), this pilgrimage of Prince Rupert's top basketball stars in quest of provincial and possibly Dominion honors has been worthwhile.

Prince Rupert, for the first time, has been in the British Columbia big time basketball and, win or lose in the finals, our boys will have given a good account of themselves, carrying worthily the torch of their home town.

Whether we shall continue to strive in the top hoop division or revert to the Senior B company, where for years our hoopsters have been doing very well, will be something to debate for a good long time now.

Win or lose, it has been good experience for our men, has given us a measure of excellent publicity and provided our loyal home town fans with a lot to whet their interest and enthusiasm.

The Challengers, no matter what happens, will have nothing to be ashamed of and will be deserving of a good big hand when they get home for the worthy manner in which they have acquitted themselves on their travels in quest of further worlds to conquer.

Use Sun and Cut Down Fuel Bills

NEW DELHI—Premier Nehru is now having his meals prepared on a solar heater which may be turned out in mass production at \$10 each.

With 270 days of sunshine per year, India could cut down much on its fuel bills by such a burner.

Animals Survive Long Space Trip

DAYTON, Ohio — Fordham University scientists have fired a rocket 500 miles into space and rats and monkeys have survived with little signs of ill-effects except for some monkeys which were killed by mechanical causes. They were hurled into space at 200 miles per hour.

MURRAY REPORTS

Doing Ottawa with Cariboo's M.P.

Shocked at Hold-up on Terrace-Kitimat Railway—Authorizing Resolution Tomorrow

I was shocked to learn here that the Kitimat rail project is being delayed because C.N.R. has not yet got its right-of-way from the British Columbia Government.

Why there should not be every effort made to speed this job, is a puzzle to me. It's probably red tape that is holding up the transfer to C.N.R. of the right-of-way land from Terrace to the new town.

The final contract between Aluminum and C.N.R. regarding freight is already signed, sealed and delivered.

Anyone who knows Hon. E. T. Kenney, British Columbia Minister of Lands, knows he is a hustler who gets a job done.

Unfortunately his energy and enthusiasm cannot be transmitted to others at Victoria who seem to hesitate on projects of any kind involving the Ottawa government or C.N.R.

On Thursday, March 20, in committee of the whole, the minister of transport, the Hon. Lionel Chevrier, will introduce the following proposed resolution:

RESOLVED, that it is expedient to present a bill conferring authority upon the governor in council to authorize the Canadian National Railway Company to construct a line of railway from Terrace to Kitimat, in the province of British Columbia, a distance of approximately 46 miles at an estimated expenditure of \$10,000,000 and an average expenditure of \$217,391.30 per mile. The bill will make provision for the issue by the company of securities, which may be guaranteed by the government in respect of the cost of construction. To enable the company to proceed with construction forthwith, temporary loans may be made to the company out of the consolidated revenue fund, upon terms and conditions prescribed by the governor in council and secured by company securities.

ABOLISH LEVEL CROSSINGS

I am seriously thinking of bringing a private bill before the House to do away with level railway crossings in Canada. On the new PGE Railway north of Quesnel engineers have managed to put in numerous level crossings. On new constructions such as that of Kitimat I think it would be very wise to outlaw the level crossing. During the past year, 213 persons were killed in level crossing accidents in Canada. It is time that something was done to stop the construction of these death traps. We should eliminate level crossings in any new rail or highway construction in Canada.

CCF ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The most exciting hour last Wednesday in the House was the reply of the CCF leader to the charge of the secretary of external affairs that the CCF line on international affairs was giving comfort to the enemy. Hon. L. B. Pearson grouped the CCF with the Communists as opponents to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization project. Hon. Mr. Pearson also condemned the CCF for seeking to undermine the United Nations.

In the clash M. J. Coldwell, leader of the CCF, declared that his party was against the military project in Europe, but wholeheartedly supported any economic effort which could be carried out.

Contributing to interest in the clash was a transcription of a speech made by the CCF candidate in Cariboo over a CBC network February 7 at Edmonton on foreign affairs. The CCF speaker declared at that time that the USA was an imperialistic power seeking to control the world. He said that the Canadian policy was that of warmongering and he ended up his speech by saying that Canadians were satellites of the United States and that "Canadians always sucked the hind teat." At the time I wrote a letter of protest to A. D. Dunton, general manager of the CBC, and asked for the right to reply over the network to the scurrilous attack.

The danger of such attacks as were made by the CCF at Edmonton is that they "give comfort to Moscow." was a statement of the Hon. Mr. Pearson, secretary of external affairs, when I discussed it with him.

Undoubtedly this CCF outburst at Edmonton was one of the reasons for Mr. Pearson's attack upon CCF policy.

PLUG FOR DOBBIN

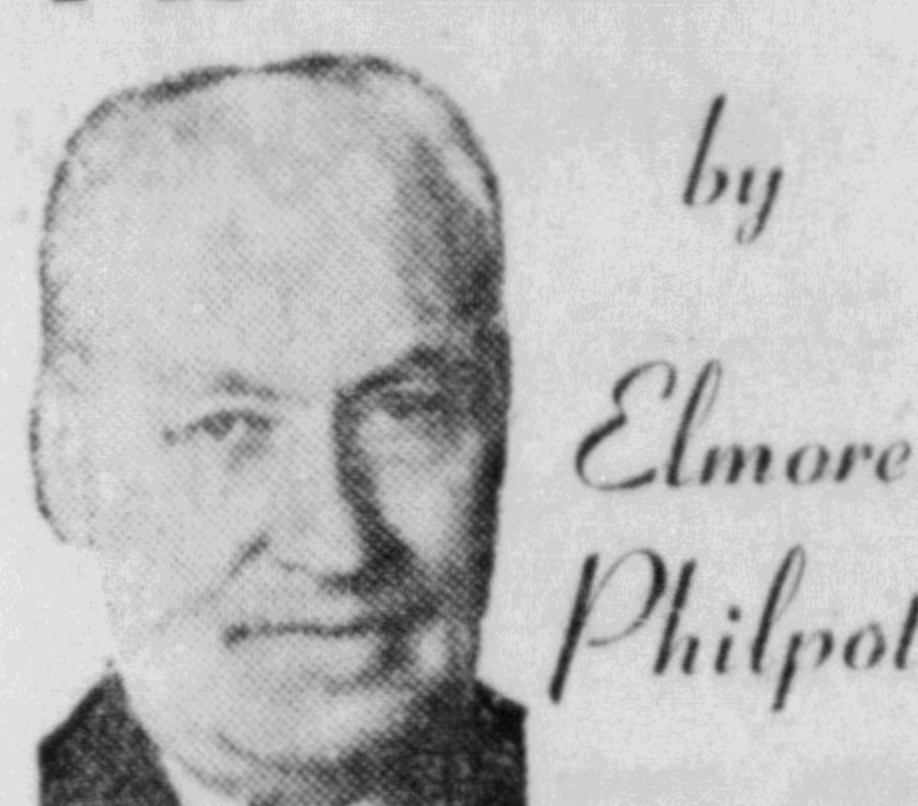
I wish to congratulate the government upon reviving the musical ride of the Mounted Police. This was in times past a very colorful spectacle. It will be delightful to see our young men mounted upon good horses, taking part in exhibitions, horse-shows and military pageants. I hope to see horses used more extensively by the Mounted Po-

lice, especially at all points in the Peace River country, patrolled by the Mounted Police.

Any officer joining the Mounted Police should be a proficient horseman. I have in mind not only the development of better and finer horses in the country and the market for them, but I have in mind also the fine physical benefits which come to those who take exercise — good vigorous, physical exercise — horseback riding! In the event of a war emergency, it would be an excellent thing to have well-trained horsemen at all these small towns north of Edmonton. Korea has proved the great value of packhorses and mules in mountain warfare.

HAYSHAM, England — (CP) — Phyllis Fisher found a seagull with a broken wing and nursed it back to health. She has become so attached to the bird that she may have to take up angling — the gull will eat nothing but fish.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

What If Green Runs?

YOU GET the real importance of the New Hampshire primary elections by considering what would have been the effect had they turned out the other way around:

Had Taft beaten Eisenhower the latter would have been down and out for the count, even before the big fight got well under way.

Had Truman mauled Kefauver no more would have been heard from that up and coming younger man.

As things did turn out, Eisenhower has been given a big boost toward getting the Republican nomination. Kefauver now stands an excellent chance to win the Democratic race, if the President decides not to run again. My bet is: Eisenhower will win

the election if he gets the nomination, for in that case I do not expect President Truman to run again.

But if Taft beats out Eisenhower I think Truman is sure to run again. Against Taft, I think Truman could win.

BEVERLEY BAXTER has an excellent record as a political prophet — which helps to make up for his outrageously bad record as a predictor of things concerning war and peace. In this latter respect he declared, only a few weeks before Hitler ran amok in Europe that any such idea was a "Midsummer's night dream." It couldn't happen, he said.

But in politics Baxter knows the score. He predicts that Taft will get the Republican nomination, with MacArthur's help; and that Taft will be elected President, making MacArthur his defence chief.

I think Baxter is wrong in this prediction — but I also thought he was wrong in 1948 when he correctly picked Truman to win. So maybe Baxter is right and I am wrong again. But I hope and pray not for I think Taft would be an utter disaster for Canada.

I DO NOT remember any election situation in Canada which was as hard to analyze in advance as that looming up in B.C.

The Liberals seemed to me to have a decided edge right after they cut the unpopular knot of coalition. I would still think, as a straight betting proposition, they would be favorites if they

"come clean" in the provincial convention to write their platform.

But the whole picture could change overnight if the Conservatives could induce Howard Green M.P. to accept the provincial leadership. In that case I think the Conservatives might emerge as the largest group in the new home.

NOBODY KNOWS yet how the Social Credit party will affect the fortunes of the others. I notice that the people who are gleefully predicting the great gains for the Socreds are almost invariably Conservative sympathizers. Yet at least one writer in the CCF paper of B.C. has

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