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Truman Decides

A MAJOR development on the American political scene is of much interest to Canadians because United States and Canada are so closely interlocked in political and economic affairs. Therefore, the sudden announcement of President Harry Truman Saturday night that he would not be seeking reelection as chief executive of the United States created almost as great a sensation on this side of the line as it did on the other. It was the big news of the week-end. It was almost as if one of our own political greats had decided to step down.

We may not have always agreed with and we may not have always admired Mr. Truman but, carrying on to large extent the principles and policies of his illustrious predecessor, Franklin D. Roosevelt, he was one of the leading champions of solidarity and co-operation of the western world. That, with his forthcoming retirement, the relationships he thus maintained will not be disturbed is devoutly to be desired. Conceivably these could be upset if certain elements in the United States were, unfortunately for us, to get into control.

We may have been more shocked than we were surprised at Mr. Truman's decision to step down. Political developments will be speeded up in the United States now that he has made his decision and they will be followed in Canada with a tense interest almost equalling that which will excite the people of the United States for the next six months or so through the summer nominating conventions and on to the voting in November.

Canada Admired

PROPHETS are seldom viewed with honor in their own country as the saying goes. Canadians often take Hon. Douglas Abbott, Minister of Finance, to task for some of Ottawa's financial rulings. The Daily News has been no exception.

It is sometimes wise to reflect on the opinions of neighbors. The Hearst string of newspapers has never been noted for friendship to Canada. There is significance then in an editorial in the Los Angeles Examiner under the heading "Strength in Canadian Dollar Reflects Government Sanity."

Recently on several occasions the Canadian dollar has sold at a premium over the American dollar. Dealers have attributed strength of Canadian money to heavy purchases of Canadian securities by Americans. This, it is asserted, has been one of the major features in the rise of the Canadian dollar during the past few months.

One must not discount the opinion of dealers in foreign exchange when it comes to talking about currencies.

But strength of the Canadian dollar is not due to recent happenings. It is the result of conditions over a long period.

First and foremost among these is sanity in government. Canadian officials are not imbued with the idea that upon their shoulders rests the salvation of the world. They are realists. They recognize that if Canada is to occupy its rightful place in the family of nations it must be strong morally and financially.

But they have not shirked their responsibilities. They have given generously to England and are assuming their share of expenses in the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Despite these heavy burdens, the national debt of Canada has shown a decrease each year since 1946 and now stands at \$15,027,000,000. Compare that record with that of the debt of the United States, which has grown by leaps and bounds each year and yet is on the upward move.

But of prime importance in the stability of any country is the manner in which its affairs are administered. In Canada there is a high standard of morality in government and little graft. But once exposed, the courts of our northern neighbor are quick to punish the guilty.

Scripture Passage for Today

"I am the living bread."—St. John 6:51.

It's You and Me

The whole world is mad, save thee and me,
But sometimes I despair of thee,
That's some wise man's creed, for us to heed,
And it's concerning you and me.

Some sages bark, and don't fail to harp,
Upon the great crisis that's going to be;
Blaming some shark, when as a matter of fact,
The main trouble is caused by you and me.

The public is prone, to blame our leaders alone,
For all the grievances there may be;
They may have a hand, in this messy stand,
But the main trouble is caused by you and me.

It's a sweet old game, for us to blame,
All our ills on brother thee;
But it would be wise, to realize,
That the main trouble is caused by you and me.

—BraunPolnUlm—
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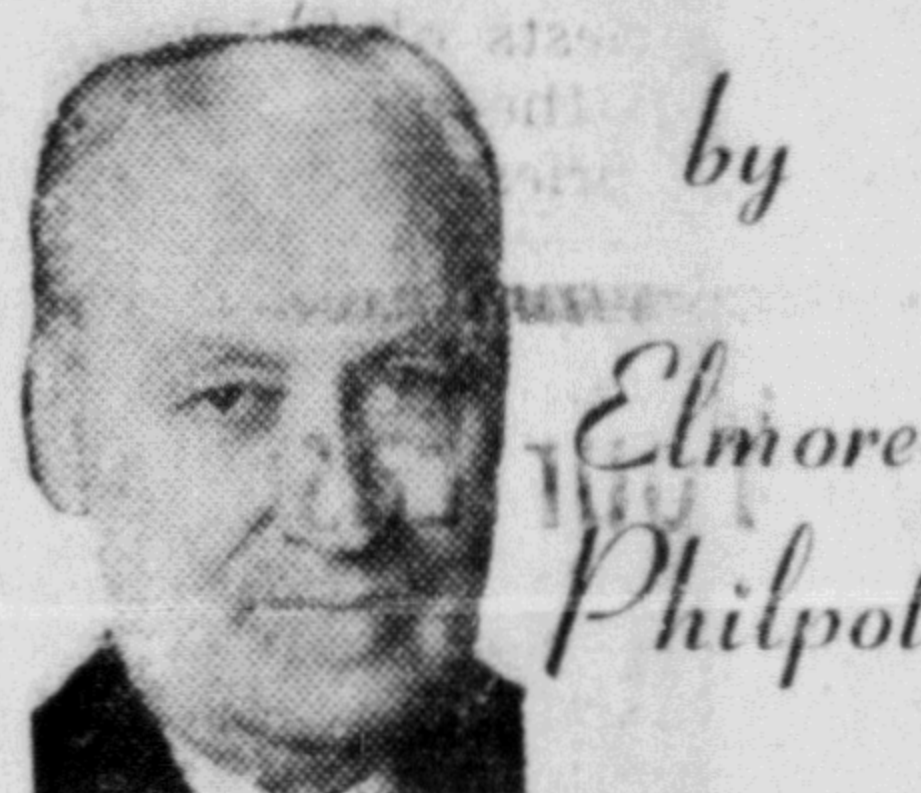
3. You can add security to your exterior doors by installing nightlatches.

4. Salesmen lacking proper credentials should be reported to Police.

5. Leave lights on when out for evening; shades up when on vacation.

6. While on vacation, stop milk and newspaper deliveries or they'll advertise burglars house is vacant.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

One Nation or Ten?

WHEN the outbreak of hoof and mouth disease was discovered in Saskatchewan emergency measures were justified.

Any public authority which had the power to draw a safety circle outside the affected area was duty bound to draw it.

But some of the provinces have shown a tendency to prolong their justified emergency bans beyond the point of necessity or common sense.

Canada is not ten hostile Balkan states, but one nation within the free British world commonwealth.

We should act like one.

THE BNA ACT is full of loopholes which lawyers get paid to argue about. A whole host of legal experts could keep the courts busy for months arguing whether or not the various provinces have or have not the legal power to stop livestock or meat shipments from one province to another.

Personally, I think they have exercised their powers as illegally as the national government did a couple of years ago when, in the dying hours of the parliamentary session, it sneaked through a bill restricting inter-provincial trade in dairy products.

But the provinces—all the way from B.C. to Quebec—clearly have the power to argue in court "till the cows come home." And if we do get such arguments in the courts the whole economy of Canada is likely to suffer an extra and quite unnecessary blow—over and above the one already sustained because of the outbreak.

NO READER of this column would class me as an unquestioning admirer of all the acts of the present government at Ottawa. But from the moment that the outbreak of the hoof and mouth disease in Saskatchewan was (at long last) correctly diagnosed, I think its handling of the crisis has been top. It has drawn a series of effective safety circles around the danger point.

There is no reason to believe that the emergency bans by the various provinces have added anything effective to the quarantine measures already set up by the government of all Canada.

But there is plenty of proof that such bans—especially the one by B.C.—have worked hardship to many people, especially in Alberta.

B.C.'S BAN on livestock from Alberta is the more remarkable because it applies only to shipments from Calgary but not Edmonton. But it does not apply to human beings who have been in contact with the diseased area!

That bewildered Willi Bruntjen, the German immigrant who came from one hoof-and-mouth-stricken farm in Germany to another one immediately strick-

en in Saskatchewan is now at work on a B.C. farm. If the B.C. government was willing to accept the federal government's word that Willi was now incapable of carrying the virus it seems strange that the same B.C. government refuses to accept the o.k. of the same national authorities who give a clean bill of health to cattle shipments from Calgary.

YOU COULD understand the arbitrary bans cracked on all across Canada if we were enemy or unfriendly states in Europe where the people speak different languages and have different laws. But here we have one government which is equally responsible to every Canadian.

Once the danger was recognized, it has handled this livestock emergency as efficiently as any crisis has ever been handled in this country.

It seems strange that the Liberal government of B.C. has no confidence in the Liberal government of Canada.

Gruenther to Succeed Ike?

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Richards (D-S.D.) of the House Affairs Committee said General Alfred M. Gruenther would be a "good man" to head the European command, if General Eisenhower returns home.

He said he was not ruling out the possible appointment of General Matthew B. Ridgway, UN commander in Korea.

But Richards said Gruenther, as Eisenhower's chief of staff, has a better "grasp of the actual mechanics" of running the European headquarters "than anybody else."

Richards' comment followed a secret committee session in which Gruenther described military details of the European buildup.

He was testifying on the new \$7,000,000,000 foreign aid program.

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Report From ...

Parliament Hill

By Edward T. Appplewhite, M.P., Skeena

Prince Rupert Reference—Prince Rupert and our district got an indirect reference in a debate the other day when Bert Herridge was giving an outline of the history of conservation in Canada.

Referring to the active part in conservation taken by Hon. F. J. Fulton (father of the present Member for Kamloops) he reminded the House that, owing to the fact that the late Mr. Fulton could not agree with the railway policy of the British Columbia government of the day, of which he was a member, to guarantee bonds to the tune of \$40,000 per mile for the construction of a railway through British Columbia, now the present Canadian National Railways to Prince Rupert, he resigned from the government of British Columbia at that time and later as a consequence resigned from the Commission on Conservation established by an act of the Canadian Parliament.

HIT BY FLU
I have been "slowed up" a bit this week owing to an onslaught of the flu which kept me in bed for a couple of days and I must confess that I still feel somewhat below par. That, I guess, is as good an excuse as any, for the lack of literary brilliance in this report.

TUBERCULOSIS
An outstanding question was brought before the House by Gordon Higgins of Newfoundland when he asked the Minister of National Health and Welfare if he has taken any action with respect to the use in Canada of the new drugs used in the treatment of tuberculosis. Although the Speaker expressed the view that this was not a sufficiently urgent matter to be raised on the orders of the day, the Minister was permitted to make a statement because, as he said, the matter was of great "significance." He warned that it is too early as yet to say how successful these drugs are, but the Department is following the trials with "interest, caution and hope."

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SHOUT FOR A CHANGE
Canada ought to have a Barium, writes B. K. Sandwell, following an automobile holiday through the United States. The Americans, he says, have a very strong instinct to make a show out of everything they do. They were, after all, the inventors of civilization.

Age is a man's enemy, says a woman of my acquaintance. We might add, in times.

AT LEAST, ONE
A slight increase in the price of a bottle—less than a cent—has caused the price in Canada, Labor Review says, to be higher. This is taken for granted, none can say, but be all the traffic.

A Hamilton publisher's low price for a book considers how great figures have in the past been hard to reconcile that ought to be a factor in a district such as ours.

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