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Workers Turn on Reds

A BRITISH labor leader speaking on CBC the other night remarked that a Communist trade unionist is "a Communist first and a trade unionist a bad second."

These are words which the rank and file of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union should consider carefully now that their organization has been suspended from the Trades and Labor Council for its Communist leadership.

To many members the suspension has probably come as a rude surprise. In the past, all talk of the UFAWU's Red leadership has been branded by those chiefly affected as "anti-labor." The accusations were made to appear as the prejudiced opinion of vested interests anxious to undermine the union's position.

It was not difficult to make the counter-attack convincing. Until organized labor itself came out against the union, all charges could be attributed to management or those alleged to be representing management.

Now the explanation is going to be far less easy. Never doubt for a minute that the Communists will try for a strong and persuasive answer. Much will be made of the fact that the suspension move was delayed until after the recent TLC convention. There will be a call for members to unite more strongly than ever against this treacherous assault within the ranks of labor, and the Red leaders will reveal themselves as the only real champions of the fishermen's rights. They will point to the re-election of the executive as a sign of the union's confidence.

That is all very well, but something new has been added. The representatives of almost 600,000 Canadian workers have evidence that those same leaders are working against the interests of labor, including fishermen. Since the TLC is better equipped than any single union to see which way the tide of events is moving, its findings should be given serious thought.

When Communists are cornered by criticism they often find a way out by venting their anger on the so-called perversions of the press which they charge does not represent the voice of the workingman. But the strategy will not hold good here, for what can they say about the voice of fellow union members numbering into the hundreds of thousands?

Because the Reds always make a big show of demanding that the masses be allowed to say their piece, it seems to us they should make particular note of what the masses are saying about them. First they lost all their deposits in the federal election. Now they have received the old heave-ho from an established labor body.

To quote the popular song, the public attitude towards them is obviously "no help wanted."

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

People and property are suffering today in many parts of the earth, and of these, Greece is not the least. The sun has already given its verdict. Greece ancient as well as modern, has revealed democracy and valor. What, in Canada, do we know of earthquakes? Greece has just had 24 at the same time.

It's not so many years ago it was necessary to know someone quite well if you wished to buy a used car. Today you've got to be well acquainted if you feel like selling.

"Can you walk by a lonely graveyard on a dark night?" asks a psychologist. No. But we can run by one.

There seems to be something odd, or at least unusual about this. Announcement has just been made by the National Research Council that within two weeks a start will be made in attempting to move Ripple Rock. This important and difficult job has been tried before, but all previous announcements were previous and not after elections.

A more strict enforcement of beer parlor laws will be requested by the Trades and Labor Council of Victoria. Who ever thought up the expression "beer parlor" anyway? It makes one think of froth spilled over the carpet, or employment of coarse language instead of polite conversation.

The number of novelists born and reared in Canada instead of being transplanted is steadily increasing. So say those capable of judging and whose opinion possesses judgment. Elsewhere can be noted exhaustion and decline. Today among the younger writers who are finding a real and recognized market is a sense of identity at last.

Edgar Sanders, British business man, "pale, unshaven and trembling," stepped from the other side of the Iron Curtain, after a spell of being a Soviet prisoner. That's enough.

Naval Officers Get Reprimand

HALIFAX (CP)—Two navigators of the Canadian destroyer Huron have been found guilty of negligence in the grounding of the warship off Korea July 12 and sentenced to a severe reprimand.

The courts-martial, which earlier gave a similar sentence to Huron's skipper, Cmdr. Richard Chenoweth of Montreal, found Lt. Cmdr. T. J. C. Thomas, Bathurst, N.B., guilty on three counts and Lieut. G. H. Emerson, also of Bathurst, guilty of one of three charges.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Kashmir Peace Vote

THE AGREEMENT between the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan on Kashmir is an omen of great good hope for the whole Commonwealth.

True, cynics may say it is just another promise to do what both Indian and Pakistan had already promised separately—namely to let the people of the disputed area decide their own fate.

But there is this difference in the new agreement. It is a JOINT promise. Whereas up till now India and Pakistan have been poles apart on the ways and means of taking the vote which is to decide the political destiny of Jammu and Kashmir, now the two Prime Ministers are in substantial agreement. In brief, by their agreement they show they really mean business. Within a year they hope to settle the Kashmir problem once and for all.

THE CORE of the so called "Kashmir problem" is the vale of Kashmir itself.

The area is something like our own Okanagan valley, or the Niagara Peninsula. The land is very fertile, and the orchards produce in abundance.

But the difference is that the little valley is densely populated. The people are mostly desperately poor, but handicrafts abound. They make all sorts of things by hand, from beautiful silver ornaments to gold threaded shawls and scarfs so sheer that they look like silk, but are in fact wool.

IN THAT little valley about 80 miles long and 20 miles wide (if my memory serves me well) lies the fate of Asia and perhaps of the whole British Commonwealth as we have known it.

For if they don't "vote it out" they will sooner or later "shoot it out."

The people are mostly Mohammedan in religion, though converted to that creed several centuries later than were some other countries in that part of the world.

But there is an important Hindu minority.

In recent years the Pakistanis have been extremely bitter toward the political leaders in Kashmir because they were themselves Muslims but were in favor of integration of Kashmir into the Indian Union.

Incidentally when I myself interviewed Premier Abdullah in Kashmir he never did tell me that he favored incorporation of the area into India, nor into Pakistan, nor into an independent state.

What he did say, with great clarity, was that when the free vote was taken he would willingly accept the verdict of the people whatever it might be.

WESTERN FRIENDS of India, Pakistan and Kashmir can do a lot to help them get what the two Prime Ministers have now agreed upon—that is a truly free and unimpaired vote.

The essential thing is that Mr. Nehru and Mr. Mohammed Ali are sincere in letting the area have a free vote in 1954.

At this moment of writing I do not know whether the voters of Kashmir and Jammu are to have two choices, or three—that is to join India or Pakistan or to become independent, with status guaranteed by both.

But whatever the two Prime Ministers have agreed upon will be what matters—and nobody in our part of the world should put any obstacles in the way of getting that vote through—and of seeing that the decision is carried out, in goodwill and peace.

The very fact that agreement has been reached to vote has prevented a possible war, in a vital spot.



TUBAS HAVE A FASCINATION for youngsters it seems. During an intermission at the St. Mary's band concert at London, Ont., sixteen-month-old Marion Hern puts her hand in to try to find where the oompah-pah is kept.

OTTAWA DIARY By Norman M. MacLeod

With Prime Minister St. Laurent holidaying down on the lower St. Lawrence, volunteer Cabinet-makers are having a field day in the Capital. They've announced Finance Minister Abbott and Justice Minister Garson as trading portfolios. They've named Revenue Minister McCann to the Senate and Transport Minister Chevrier to the chairmanship of the new St. Lawrence seaway authority. They've promoted West Ottawa MP George McIlraith and Montmagny-L'Islet MP Jean Lesage to unnamed portfolios. Finally, for good measure, they've added Mrs. Ann Shipley, newly-elected MP for Temiskaming, to the charmed circle as the first woman member of the Federal Cabinet.

It's a fair week's work that the volunteer Cabinet-makers have put in, and the Cabinet roster that they have produced is an interesting one. The only trouble is that it doesn't mean anything. Cabinet changes are the sole prerogative of the Prime Minister and Mr. St. Laurent never discusses them with anyone in advance. Whatever may be his intentions is his own personal secret which he is carrying about with him on the sunny St. Lawrence beaches at his summer home at St. Patrick. Any similarity which the current Capital gossip may ultimately prove to have to the final result will be wholly accidental.

At the same time, it's a fairly good wager that Canadian women are going to have to wait a while longer before one of their sex crashes the charmed and hitherto masculine circle of the Federal Cabinet. It's worth noting that it was Mr. Drew and not Mr. St. Laurent who promised a woman Cabinet Minister if elected. The Prime Minister isn't noted for adopting suggestions pioneered by the Opposition Leader—especially when the suggestion stirred as little response as did Mr. Drew's proposal.

In any event, there's a serious geographical hurdle in the way of Mrs. Shipley joining the Cabinet. Northern Ontario, where her riding is located, already has two Cabinet Ministers in the important persons of Messrs. C. D. Howe and L. B. Pearson. That's one above par for the area, which on occasions has gone without any Cabinet representative at all. The government just couldn't overload the area with three Ministers—without exciting an outcry from other under-privileged territories. The fury of Toronto would be particularly aroused.

It is significant that in all the speculation of the past week there's been no suggestion of the appointment of a Toronto Cabinet Minister. The box score in the area in the recent election was nine Liberals to eight PCs. Toronto district Liberals argue that this margin in so-called "Tory Toronto" entitles them to consideration.

Co-operative Project in Forests May Help Youths From Oakalla

VERNON, B.C. (CP)—New hope in the reformation of young offenders centres on a co-operative project of the attorney general's department and the

Canadian forest service.

In the thickly wooded wilderness 60 miles southeast of here 20 youths from Oakalla prison are in camp. They are self-supporting and earning \$3 a day plus food, making roads wider for the forest service.

The camp is at Bison lake and is a temporary jail. The boys are not on parole.

"But," said Rev. Dinnage Hobden, executive secretary of the John Howard Society, "if these lads behave themselves and adjustments come up to expectations, they will be on parole at the end of summer."

The youths are opening up heavily-forested country to make it accessible, mainly for fire-fighting purposes.

In full charge of the camp is Robert Deldiel, provincial probation service. The boys have their own recreation hall and their own committees run the recreational side of their life in the bush. They fish and hold sports tournaments.

On the forest fire hazard this summer, ruled that Uranium City must be treeless.

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Rocket Range Costs Booming

CANBERRA (Reuters)—The cost of Woomera rocket range "is becoming very much larger than it was originally contemplated," Prime Minister Robert Menzies told a press conference today.

Menzies said he would discuss the distribution of the Woomera costs with the British minister of supply, Duncan Sandys, during his current visit to Australia.

Asked if other dominions might be invited to share the cost, Menzies said: "I will not say anything about that. I cannot throw any light on it."

Asked if facts discovered at Woomera were made available to Canada, Menzies replied: "I can not tell you. I do not know. It is not in my field."

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Australia Battling Synthetic Wool With Vigorous Promotion, Research

MELBOURNE (Reuters)—Australia's economy, which has been riding on the sheep's back since the last century, now is finding the ride a little rough as synthetic yarns pour from United States and European textile factories.

Australia, which produces 28 per cent of the world's total wool clip and 60 per cent of the fine merino wool, is fighting the advance of synthetics with a vigorous wool promotion and scientific research program.

That is Australia's part in the worldwide campaign directed by the International Wool Secretariat, an organization financed by the Australian, New Zealand and South African wool growers.

Latest in a series of achievements by them is an announcement that they have perfected a process to prevent wool from shrinking.

In Australia, approximately one-quarter of the annual expenditure of the government—sponsored commonwealth scientific and industrial research, largely in the control of sheep diseases.

In 1946, when it was realized how great a dent the synthetics could make in wool sales, the Australian government decided to contribute an annual \$560,000 for wool industry research and in the seven years up to June 30, 1952, more than \$6,000,000 was devoted to wool research.

Among the Australian wool scientists' findings during this period were ways to overcome soil deficiencies which had reduced the wool yield and lowered its quality; the cause of toxæmic jaundice, a disease which brings heavy mortality among ewes and the diagnosis and control of vitamin D deficiency in lambs, a cause of mortality and slow wool growth.

The sheep-carrying capacity of millions of acres has been increased by reducing the rabbit population with myxomatosis. In the state of Victoria, 90 per cent of the rabbits were wiped out by this mosquito-carrying disease.

TO IMPROVE CLIP—Simultaneously, a research program is being carried out to improve the clip of Australian wool clip. The research laboratories have been established in specialized fields.

As a result of their research, scourable brandings for sheep marking has been developed to reclaim at least 100 pounds of the Australian wool previously, this amount largely lost because of brands.

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