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Danger in Middle East

ONE OF ALL the difficult tests that the United Nations have been called upon to meet in recent years, Israel's invasion of Egypt almost certainly will prove the sternest. Here is incipient war that could easily burst beyond present boundaries with results too terrible to contemplate. With territory of strategic world importance involved, its dangers are greater even than those that surrounded the Korean war. Only the most determined international action by countries willing to set aside their individual interests for the bigger and more urgent purpose will contain it.

As in so many international issues of this age, one of the principal threats is that anti- and pro-Communist forces will come together in head-on collision. At present nothing of that sort seems to be involved, but it was an issue behind those events which led to Egypt's seizure of the Suez canal. Obviously Premier Nasser was encouraged to take this action because of the support he was receiving from the USSR, and apparently Israel has timed its retaliation to coincide with the trouble that the USSR is having on its home front. It is a fast play packed with danger.

The mystery of this development is what prompted Israel to make its move with so little evident hope of assistance. As the aggressor, it automatically loses the backing of those countries which already have had trouble of their own with Egypt and which are equally anxious to remove the Suez canal from its control. In particular, Britain, France and the U.S. are placed in the awkward position of having to side with Premier Nasser even though his policies are in direct conflict with what they have sought to accomplish.

Although the world has remained in a state of constant ferment ever since the last great war, not for several years has there been such a need for cool and courageous statesmanship as there is right now.

Ballots and Box Tops

THE modern parent is recognized as one of the most vulnerable points of attack for any selling campaign. It was inevitable, then, that a civic-minded committee of businessmen should come up with the idea that school children be enlisted to get out the municipal vote by putting pressure on the parents.

It works with box-tops, the committee probably argued, so why not with ballots? This strikes us as a very doubtful position, since a vote obtained under any kind of pressure has little value for society. "Okay, okay," the harassed parent would grumble, "can't a person have any peace around here?" To appease his young, rather than to satisfy his conscience, he would then march down to the nearest polling booth to mark his X and get the thing over with. The chances are he might just as well have marked it on the wall of the booth.

Saturday Night

LETTERBOX

DOGS HAVE INSOMNIA

The Editor,
The Daily News:

Can anything be done about the barking of dogs at night in the vicinity of Tatlow Street?

One canine baritone, recently broadcast from 1 to 5 a.m. with only brief pauses (possibly for station identification), with his friends occasionally joining the chorus.

If he cannot be kept in the house, since sleeping tablets are becoming the only solution, I will gladly pass mine on to the dog if the owner will get in touch with me.

G. V. WATERMAN,
Prince Rupert.

EDNA ACHTYMICHUK, who doctors feared would never walk, talk or think again after she was injured in a car accident in 1952, has graduated in art at the University of British Columbia. The accident left her in a coma for 66 days.

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As I See It

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Peiping Eager for Cash from Abroad

PEIPING, China—What of the future relations between the 600,000,000 people of the New China, and the 13,000,000 or more persons of Chinese ancestry who live in Canada and in the other countries of the outside world?

Today I talked at length about these questions with the Deputy Head of the Commission of Overseas Chinese Affairs, the suave, urbane Mr. Lio Tzen-chi.

Mr. Lio's mother is a doubly famous woman in her own right—she is the great artist, Ho Shang-nien, who now also heads the Commission of Overseas Chinese Affairs. He himself was born in Japan, but his father and grandfather before him were for decades well known in the business world of San Francisco, as successful businessmen.

Mr. Lio is incidentally the most fashionably dressed gentleman I have so far met in China—beautifully turned out in a western style brown well-tailored suit with brown suede sport shoes to match.

Mr. Lio discussed at some length the questions arising out of the dual position of the permanent residents of Chinese race who are residents of other countries, and who hold citizenship of those other countries, in many cases. He rather neatly and ironically referred to the recently enhanced status of these overseas Chinese, and briefly reminded me that up till recent years many of these Chinese had virtually no rights in the lands in which they had settled.

On the level of the liquidation of the old landlord system, he said the local peasants had often more or less run amok, and the extortion attempts were clumsy and crude attempts mostly to raise money for some local purpose, such as the installation of village radio. They also had the mistaken idea that all overseas Chinese were rich, like the hated local landlords.

On the level of bi-hi-politics, Mr. Lio sees no insurmountable problems arising out of the dual position of the Chinese overseas. He thinks that restoration of normal diplomatic relations between Canada and China will help, not hinder things.

He did not too deeply rub in the fact, for instance, that until a few years ago we did not accord the rights of citizenship to persons of Chinese race living in Canada. But he did assure me that the New China has no intention of complicating in any way the new improved status of persons of Chinese race who are now citizens of other countries. On the contrary he, most specifically, told me, persons of Chinese race would continue to be allowed to come back to China to select their brides, if they wish to do so, and also to have their aged fathers or mothers move overseas to spend their last years with their sons or daughters, if that was the family wish.

Above all, Mr. Lio made it clear that the New China wants visits from overseas Chinese. There are no obstacles whatever in the way of such visits right now, he jokingly assured me, so far as the government of China is concerned.

However, he reminded me, it is up to the government of Canada to take the necessary steps to assure the visitors to China that they will be allowed back into Canada, if and when they do come here to see things for themselves.

There were no less than 1,300 overseas Chinese who actually did visit China for this year's October 1 celebration. But there was not a single one from either Canada or the United States!

"Excuse me," I interjected. "Ah, but you are not Chinese," he replied.

Above all, the government of New China wants to encourage investment by Chinese overseas. It "actually" specifically guarantees them eight per cent per year on such investments, and all that is necessary, says the smiling Mr. Lio, is for the investor to send the money to the Bank of China, telling the bank it is for investment.

I gently kidded this top Communist Chinese executive on the fact that they pay such high interest rates.

"I am just a Member of Parliament in a capitalist country," I told him. "We borrow our money from the people for about four per cent. How come that you Communists pay the super-capitalist rate of eight per cent?"

EXTORTION ADMITTED The answer, according to Mr. Lio, is quite simple. China needs the money, and is willing to pay the effective rate necessary to get it.

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U.S. Urges Envoy's Ousting

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—The United States formally called Monday for the expulsion of Konstantin Ekimov, second secretary of the Soviet United Nations delegation. He was accused of aiding in the splitting of little Tanya Chwastow out of the U.S.

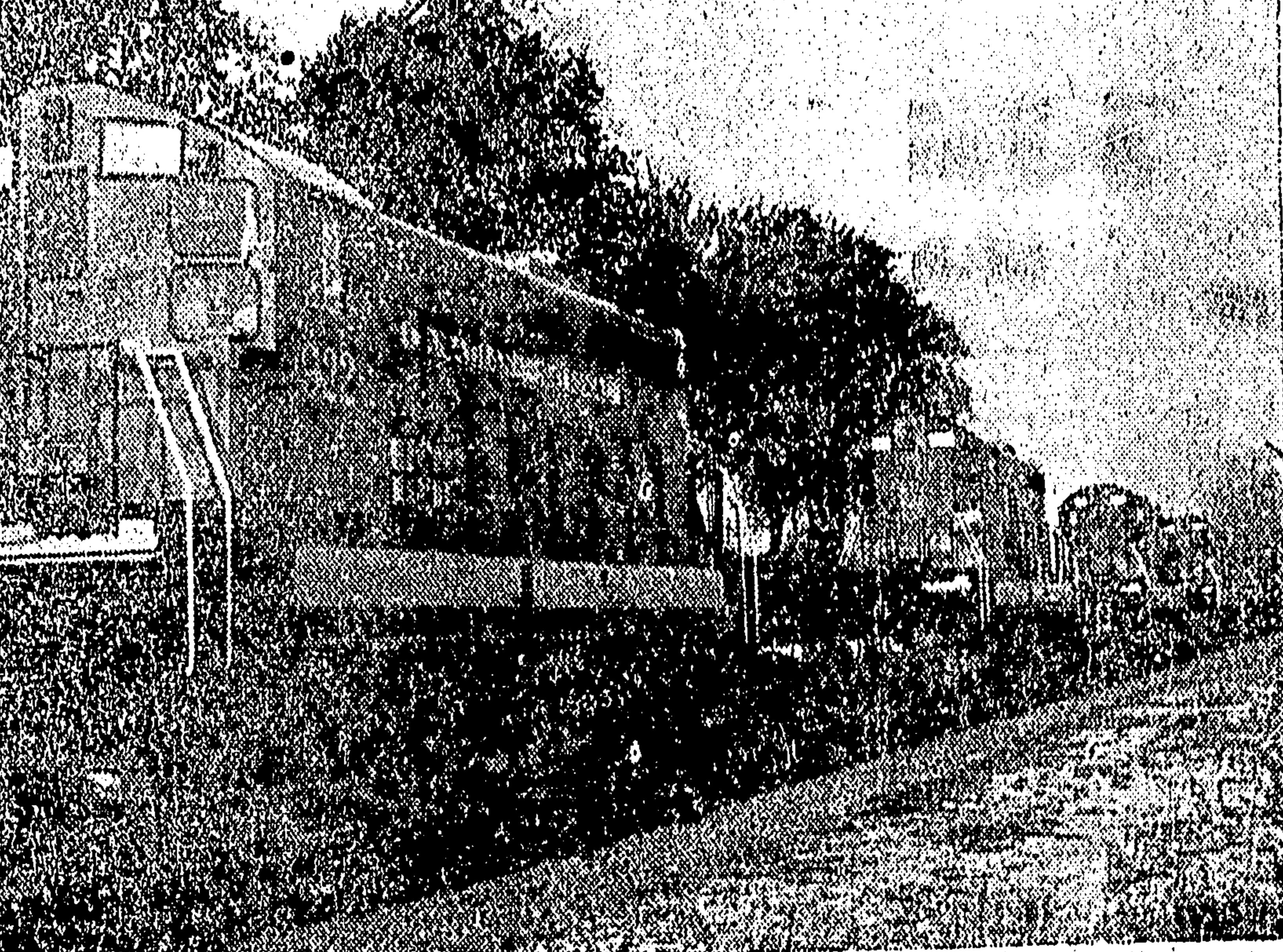
Tanya is 19 years old and born in America, was taken to England Oct. 3 by her father Alexei Chwastow, over the protests of his former wife, now Mrs. George Dieczok of Detroit.

U. S. delegate Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. delivered a note to the Soviet delegation saying that Ekimov's activities in the Tanya case "constitute an abuse of the privilege of his residence in the United States . . ."

Tanya now is in London, under court custody, awaiting the outcome of a custody suit brought by her mother. Her father was attempting to take her to Russia with him.

GOOD FISHING

Fraser Island off the coast of Queensland is reputed one of Australia's best fishing grounds.



PART OF A TRAIN of 58 flat cars travel from Belleville, Ontario, to Montreal carrying 17 diesel locomotives, 24 refrigerator cars and other equipment destined for the Canadian National Railways' narrow-gauge line in Newfoundland. Tracks in Newfoundland are more than 14-in. narrower than those on the mainland, so the locomotives and cars had to be carried piggy-back over regular rails to Montreal for shipment by water to Newfoundland. (CP Photo)

Canadian Army Gunners To Be Called Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery

Special to The Daily News

OTTAWA — The Canadian Army has announced a change in the name of its artillery headquarters, units and formations in both the Regular Army and the Militia, designed to make the gunners' title traditionally correct.

Instead of "The Royal Canadian Artillery," the artillery will henceforth be known as "The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery." (The abbreviation "RCA" will be retained.)

This brings Canadian artillery into line with the Royal Regiment of Artillery in the United Kingdom with which Canadian artillery units are affiliated.

The director of artillery at Army headquarters pointed out

that within the artillery as a whole, the tradition of belonging to "The Regiment" is very strong. Its members have the

same esprit de corps as members of individual armored or infantry regiments, he said, and all gunners prefer to belong to "The Regiment" rather than a "Corps."

The first artillery companies

were formed in the United Kingdom by Royal Warrant on May 26, 1716, and were given regi-

mental status.

In Canada, although individ-

ual militia artillery units were

formed as early as 1793, the Mi-

litia Act of 1858 authorized the

formation of the first seven or-

ganized artillery batteries. In

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