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Dangerous Entertainment

WITH the major powers making a concerted—and, by all appearances, fairly successful—effort to reach a ground of common understanding, it seems unfortunate that some commercial enterprises still make it their business to whip up anti-Russian sentiment.

This is particularly evident in comic strips that from time to time employ an international setting. A recent example is provided in the Joe Palooka series which portray a bewildered Humphrey being shot down in a novel kind of helicopter by foreign pilots muttering fiercely in Russified English.

It is true, of course, that in real life planes have been shot down by Soviet fighters with just a little provocation. It is also true that we cannot accept the present genial cocktail manner of Kruschev, Bulganin & Co. as being necessarily indicative of their true feelings towards the west. The poor diplomatic record of Communism cannot be altered by a few friendly drinks.

But we are equally misguided if we look at everything with an eye of truculent suspicion, and the fault becomes worse if we train our children to do likewise. Nothing is more likely to reduce the chances of a lasting peace than if we breed a generation that accepts without question the idea that there are certain foreign countries tarred with the brush of villainy. Since childhood conceptions are the hardest to shake, it is quite possible that some of our future leaders will attend international conferences still carrying dimly realized prejudices formed by what they heard and read in their early years before they had a chance to evaluate for themselves.

There is another aspect to this commercialized propaganda that is equally undesirable. With exchange visits between Russia and the democracies coming more into vogue, it does not promise much for their success if our literature is full of the visitors' villainy. If the Soviet agricultural delegates now touring the U.S. choose to read the comics, they will see a helpless Humphrey and friend of the all-American idol Joe Palooka being made the target of Russian bullets.

Certainly the regime of Stalin could have been painted in nothing but dark colors, and any effort to depict that was fair play. The man went to his grave with the blood of others up to his ears.

Although it would be overly optimistic to suppose that the Russian oligarchy has now changed completely, it is nevertheless obvious that the present leaders are anxious to dismantle the Iron Curtain to some extent and it is a task in which they should be encouraged. Without abandoning a watchful attitude, we can at least forego for the time being the habit of making unsavory figures out of Russians in our commercial entertainment. It is a sad day if we insist on putting cheap amusement above harmony among all men.



SIX-YEAR-OLD Ivan Walker will have to wait until the ice melts before getting a whiff of this Australian native flower, impaled in a block of ice. Named the illyarde, the flower is one of those on display at the Commonwealth Exhibition and Mark I show being held at the Marlborough House in London.

SEALED TENDERS

Sealed tenders marked with "Proposed Bus Terminal for Western Canadian Greyhound Lines, Prince George, B.C." will be received up to 12 o'clock noon, Friday, August 19th, 1955, at the office of J. A. Cawston, 901 Barron Building, Calgary, Alberta.

Tenders on the above contract must be accompanied by a Bill of Lading or Certified cheque for five percent (5%) of the tender price.

General Contractors may obtain drawings and specifications for the above contract from J. A. Cawston, Architect, 901 Barron Building, Calgary, Alberta. A deposit of \$80.00 will be required as a guarantee for the safe return of the plans and specifications within two weeks of closing date.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

J. A. CAWSTON, Architect.

As I See It

BY

Elmore Philpott

In Clover

COPENHAGEN—Here in Denmark they have not gone in for quite such spectacular planned housing developments as they have in Sweden. But in many ways their national housing plan is even more solidly based than it is in Sweden.

The main feature of the Danish housing plan is that the nation will lend up to 97½ per cent of the cost of building a new home or a new block of apartments. Hence scores of thousands of ordinary workers live in rented apartments for which they pay around \$25 per month, including heat.

One feature of the Danish housing plan is that all rents are still rigidly controlled. For instance there is one big block of apartments which was built in 1939. The tenants are still paying exactly the same rate that they did when that big building

Employment Questions And Answers

In this column are questions about unemployment insurance and employment, together with answers received from the Unemployment Insurance Commission. If you are uncertain about any point do not hesitate to send us your question; we will obtain an answer and publish it in this column.

Following are some questions with answers which may be of interest to you.

Q. I am 22 years old. I started at the mines in 1948. Was employed at Cadomin, Luscar and Robb up till 1953. That year I went to Vancouver, B.C., and while at the coast I got into trouble. My own carelessness and bad company landed me in jail for a year. When I got my parole last November I applied for insurance benefit at Edison.

My application was turned down. I have been drawing very little benefit since I started to work in 1948. For short periods

only, I will admit, the year spent in jail I paid nothing to the insurance fund, but I did for years. If there is anything you can do for me regarding this matter it will be greatly appreciated.

A. To qualify for benefit you must have paid at least 180 daily contributions in the two years immediately preceding the date of your claim, of which 60 contributions must have been paid in the last year or 45 in the last half year. In some circumstances, the two-year period may be extended up to a maximum of four years, such as a period spent in non-insurable employment, or if you were engaged in business in your own account or if you were incapable of work because of sickness or injury. You evidently did not fulfil any of the above requirements and therefore no extension could be allowed to you.

Q. I have been paying unemployment insurance contributions since its inception. I drew benefit for four weeks in 1954. I was married last year and I worked five weeks this year between February and April. Am I entitled to benefit?

A. You would be unable to qualify for benefit during the two years immediately following your marriage unless

you were discharged by your employer because of his policies.

If not to keep women in his employ after marriage, or

or you had worked for a least

60 days subsequent to the date of your marriage, or

or you had become the breadwinner on account of your husband having died or became incapacitated for work or become permanently incapacitated.

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They have another feature

here which I have never seen anywhere else. The city owns long strips of property along the canals and rivers.

They rent this out in tiny plots

on which the apartment dwellers

build themselves tiny summer cottages.

DENMARK is far, far ahead of any other country we have visited so far in the kindergarten day nurseries where working mothers can leave their children.

There are no less than 235 of

these in Copenhagen alone. They

are privately run institutions

but are able to supply their ser-

vices for a nominal sum or

may be wrong by as much as sev-

eral feet, a report by the city

engineer has disclosed.

My wife and I visited some of

these, too. They were no better

than some I knew years ago

in Canada. But the difference is

that here they are all over the

place.

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This is due to the fact that

these plots of various descrip-

tions have been placed in the

ground but there are no plans to

indicate what points are repre-

sented or marked by them."

He estimated a new survey

would take two to three years to

complete and might cost as

much as \$50,000.

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Premier BENNETT of British Columbia laughs at a jest from onlookers as he tries on a safety belt in his car at Victoria. He recommends all Canadian drivers have belts in their cars. (CP Photo)

OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

One of the really unique feats achieved by the Parliamentary session just ended is its success in pleasing all four major political parties.

Liberals, PC's, CCF-ers, and Social Creditors are all convinced that they have made important yards in the great game of politics by their respective performances on the floor of the House of Commons.

The fact that each cherishes this heart-warming belief for completely different reasons, is testimony to the breadth and versatility of the session. Few previous sessions have ever developed so many individual facets capable of giving so wide a range of political comfort to the assorted MP's.

Main source of satisfaction for the Liberal MP's is the fact that the session has nailed down the services of Prime Minister St. Laurent and the distinguished C. D. Howe for another general election. In the opinion of the rank-and-file government followers, that assumption is tantamount to victory whenever the next general election may be called. The St. Laurent-Howe combination is accepted unquestionably by the Liberal faithful as sheer political magic.

In addition, the Liberals feel

A final factor in the high Liberal morale is the expectation that before another election the government will bring forward additional social legislation of sure-fire popular appeal. The Prime Minister is said to have hinted strongly at such prospect, in the last Liberal caucus of the session, without however mentioning any of the measures which are under contemplation.

Rank-and-file Liberals believe that the PM's affiliation was to national health insurance, since that is about the only gap left in the existing program of social legislation. The possibility of such a step definitely fires their political imagination. Liberal sponsorship of health insurance legislation, would eliminate any threat from the CCF. In Saskatchewan that is important.

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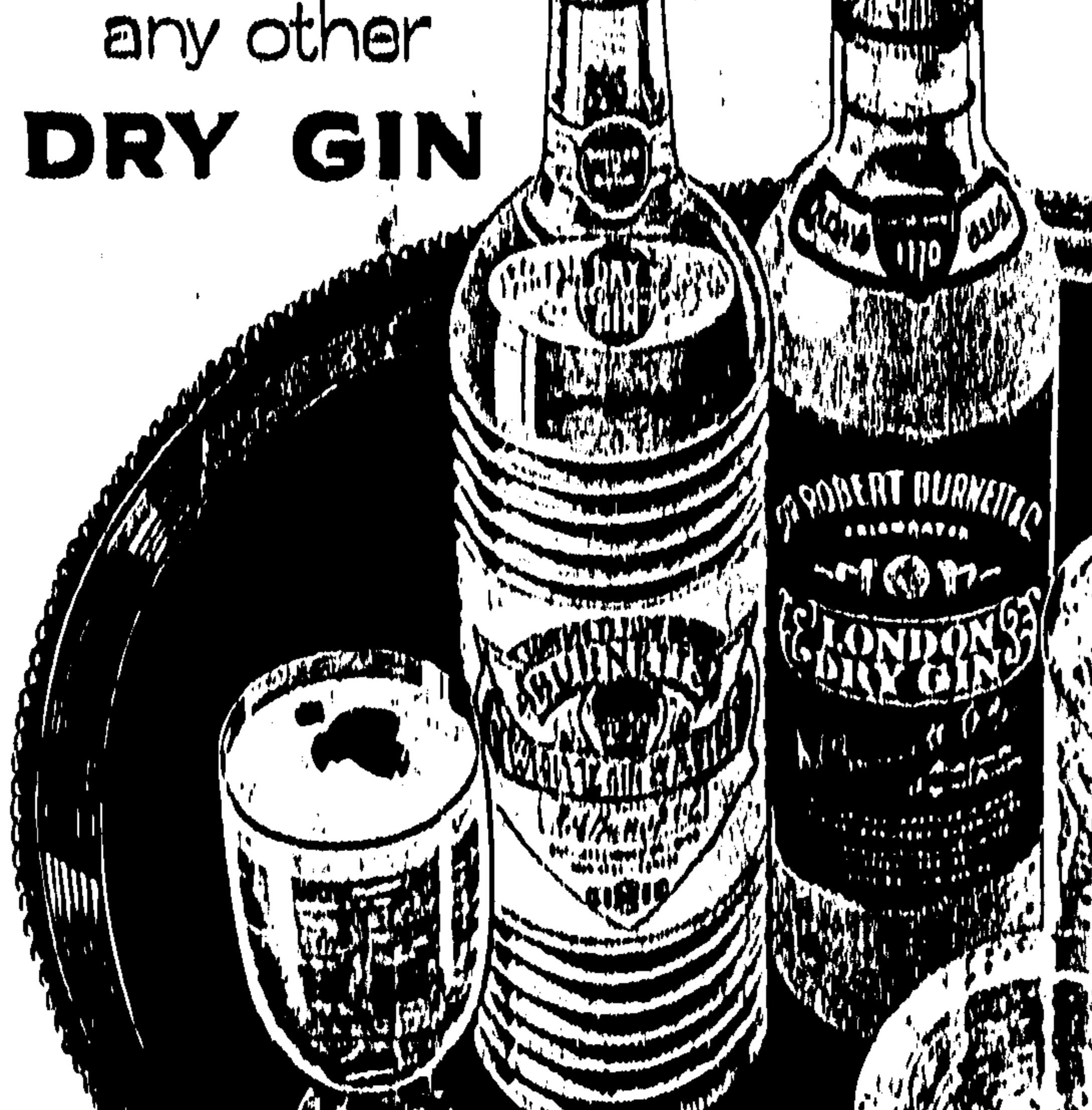
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School Naming Decision To Be Left to Meeting

CALGARY 6—Whether new school in St. Andrew's district will be called Chief Crowfoot will be decided by residents at a general meeting of the St. Andrew's Community Association Friday. Freeman Spracklin, association vice-president, said Sunday night.

Tardy Parcel Bequeathed To Post Office

MONTREAL 6—A Montreal writer has received news of a parcel that was mailed over a year ago, and has chased him from England, throughout Africa and back to England. The parcel lies in a British post office waiting for him to claim it.

He received a letter from the director of post office administration in London informing the writer his parcel was his for the nominal sum of one pound, to cover back postage. The parcel has to date 100 every stamps on it. The writer says it must have just missed him at each forwarding address. When asked if he is going to claim it, he said that he was happy to bequeath the parcel jointly to those post offices that spared so much effort in forwarding it.

The parcel contains a pair of old swimming trunks and a book.

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