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## Beard of Prophet Quiz

MORE PHILPOTT is again holding out the Beard of the Prophet to all clairvoyants, amateur guessers, self-styled experts of world affairs and misguided editors who have the temerity to answer his questions on events for the coming year.

Although we collected a couple of whiskers in 1953 and 1954, we remain painfully smooth-shaven after our prognostications for this year, Consequently there is no choice but to accept his challenge again in the hope of winning new growth. Our murky crystal ball shows these answers to his questions for

Will Canada again win the world's hockey championship in 1956? Undoubtedly the Russians and other strong contenders have picked up some pointers from the Penticton V's but we see another victory Tor Canada.

At the Olympic Games in 1956 which big country will win more gold medals, U.S.A. or Russia? Once again the Russians can be counted on to make a strong showing. However, the Americans will be "running scared" this time and we give them the nod.

Will Princess Margaret be either married or engaged to be married in 1956? The course of love runs deeper than that. No.

Will there be a provincial election in B.C. in 1956? That's a tough one. But Lands and Forests Minister Sommers' libel suit seems likely to delay things. We say no.

: Will Mr. St. Laurent still be Prime Minister of Canada on December 1, 1956? His health is good and there is no federal election in sight. Our answer is

Will President Eisenhower again be chosen to run as Republican candidate for U.S. President in 1956? The heart attack will not be forgotten by him or by the people. No.

! Will Adlai Stevenson again be chosen to run as Democratic candidate for U.S. President in 1956? Ha's stronger than ever, Harriman and Kefauver notwithstanding. The answer is yes.

Will the Democratic or the Republican candidate be elected President of the U.S.A. in 1956? We see a Democratic victory.

Will Israel be involved in outright war in 1956? Mans will be found to prevent this.

37 Will the Canadian dollar be worth more than the U.S. dollar in exchange value on December 1, 1956? We say yes, though don't ask why.

Will Canada's wheat stocks be higher or lower on December 1, 1956, than they were on December 1, 1955? Conceding to the law of averages, we say

'As usual, there is an immediate inclination to change a couple of answers once the list is completed. But we'll let them stay put as our claim on the Beard of the Prophet.

## REFLECTS and REMINISCES

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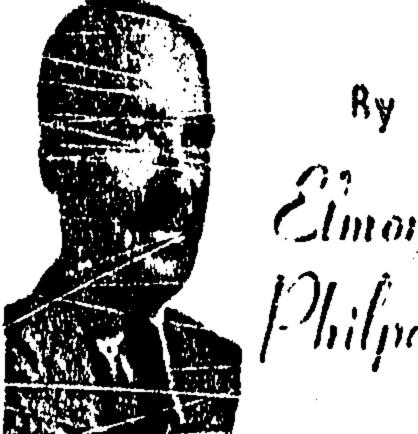
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WHO said there was no

Santa Claus? Even the downtrodden Arabs and Asians can now acc two of them--strange twin Santa Clauses trying to outgive each other.

For three full years the new Egyptian government, headed by Colonel Nasser, had been trying to get the money to build the High Aswan dam

The money required was not chicken feed. The dam was to cost a half a billion dollars. So: Colonel Nasser's men again and again knocked on the door of the American and British governments, in vain.

The International Bank which was formed, in theory, to finance just such things had been humming and hawing about the matter for three full years. There was no argument about the worth of the scheme. The dam would enable Egypt to increase the land under cultivation by one third, in a land where the average farm family earns less than \$30 a year.

But no matter how often Nasser's men asked for financial help nothing happened - until the Egyptian leader placed a huge order for arms from Russia.

Then Santa Clauses galloped in all over the the place.

THE immediate American reaction was that if Egypt was going to buy arms from anybody it should be from the good old U.S.A. But almost before the words of the State Department spokesmen had hit the newspaper front pages the State Department was having second thoughts. For everybody knew that the real reason that Egypt wanted any more arms from anybody was to get ready for that "second round" war with Israel. which most Arabs figure is just a question of time.

So Uncle Sam took a quick new

But it turned out Soviet Russia had already offered to fin- better than Manitowa's Glob our chance on the vote, and it ance that dam too.

spectacle of a poor country about and very efficient Chief Whip of ging Egypt to take the half billion dollar dam from them, but shade of red.

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