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Russia Taking Lead

IT IS becoming painfully apparent that Russia has taken an initiative in world affairs which has caught the western powers asleep or, at best, disorganized.

An obvious example of this was the U.S.S.R.'s recent announcement that it was reducing its armed forces by 1,200,000 men. Although the move had been made known three weeks before it became official, neither the U.S. nor Britain seemed to be ready for it and their spokesmen gave out statements which were at direct variance with each other. U.S. Secretary of State took the view that it might be a trick, while Prime Minister Eden welcomed the reductions and expressed the hope that other countries would follow suit.

Now Russia has invited top British and American air force officers to attend its Aviation Day celebrations and presumably have a chance to see all its latest air equipment. This is an open-handed gesture, at least to all appearances, which overshadows anything the two big western powers have done so far. The closest aproach to it was the invitation to Khrushchev and Bulganin to visit Britain.

While making these friendly overtures, Russia also seems to be taking a lead in another direction. A recent story from London said that after the visit there of the Russian leaders, experts conceded that on the basis of what the visitors said about nuclear advances and H-bomb war, it was possible that the Soviet Union might be well ahead of the West in this field. On the same day there was an overseas story to the effect that the Russians have developed a missile that can be fired from a submarine 300 feet under water and hit targets up to 140 miles away. This appears to be the latest weapon of their submarine fleet which is already the greatest in the world.

Within a couple of days of these items, a Washington news story quoted General Curtis Lemay, commander of the U.S. strategic air command, as saying that on the basis of current warplane building programs, the U.S. air forces "will be inferior in striking power to the Soviet long-range air force by 1958-60."

Meanwhile the Communists continue their propaganda campaign throughout the trouble centres of the world and seem to be making particularly effective headway in the Middle East.

In these circumstances, it is no longer enough for the western powers to talk about watching developments with caution. A much more positive approach is needed if they are to convince the world that they have at least an equivalent command of the situation.

Cost Of A Toot

PEOPLE who complain that the mournful whistle rarely reverberates through the countryside any longer are unaware that those old, prolonged blasts cost the railroads a petty penny.

The Southern Pacific Bulletin printed the result of a survey made on the 205-mile run between Houston and Dallas. Every day, it says, locomotives on that section of the S.P. must whistle 6,268 times.

The cost of fuel for each toot is about two-thirds of one cent which adds up to something like $42 a day, and over $15,000 for a year.

—Saturday Review.

Scriptures

My Father worketh and I work. John 5:17.

Those who hoard wealth so their children need not work defeat their own ends. They destroy their children. There is abundance of work that needs doing even tho it is not remunerative work. We know there are sons and grandsons of great industrialists who have devoted sense of service to humanity. All rich men are not rascals.

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As I See It

By Elmore Philpott

Foon Sien's Plea

ONCE a year the Parliament of Canada has a visit from the indefatigable Wong Foon Sien, President of the Chinese Benevolent Association.

Year after year, the smiling spokesman from Vancouver patiently argues the case for his fellow Canadians of Chinese origin. Usually he presents a brief to the Minister of Immigration. But, brief or no brief, Mr. Foon Sien invariably advances the cause of the persons of Chinese race in Canada.

Right now, he is asking for several simple changes in the rules and regulations concerning entry of Chinese-born persons to Canada. The main change desired is the removal of the restriction which prevents persons over 21 years of age from entering this country, even though their parents are Canadian citizens living in Canada.

THERE has been in the past two decades a vast improvement in Canadian attitudes towards the minority of Chinese and East Indian origin. After the First World War Canada tended to follow the exclusionist policies which were then dominant in the United States.

It is a fact that for a good many years, especially during the dismal thirties, not a single Chinese immigrant entered Canada!

Of course, all that changed at the end of the Hitler war. The more glaring discriminations against people of Asian origin were removed. In recent years, about 1,700 persons have been coming in each year from China to Canada. To qualify, almost all of these must fall in certain categories—either by blood relations, or else intended wives of Canadian citizens. Still, the rather astonishing fact is that there are fewer persons of Chinese descent in Canada now than there were before the onset of the great depression, which followed the stock market crash of 1929.

MR. WONG Foon Sien is urging the Minister to continue the permission granted last year which allows parents of citizens to enter Canada from China. Actually only 20 of these came last year.

A more important request is that the regulations be repealed which makes it necessary for children entering Canada to be accompanied on the voyage by one of their parents. In most cases this means that the parents have to pay a return fare to Hong Kong in order, to comply with the rule.

The Chinese want the same general principle to apply to prospective brides of Chinese Canadians. As things now stand, the prospective bridegroom must cross the Pacific and bring back his bride in person. A more sensible system would be the posting of a money bond, say of $1,000. This would be to guarantee the immediate departure from Canada of any prospective bride brought to this country, but who failed to go through with the marriage within 30 days.

Certainly it seems foolish to force people to pay for costly ocean or air trips when the only purpose of such trips is to enter into marriages which could be solemnized in Canada, with a consequent saving of many hundreds of dollars to the young couple.

CANADIANS of Chinese descent now occupy a position of increasing esteem—into which is mixed a very large measure of genuine affection.

The days are long since gone when persons of Chinese race were looked down on by some Canadians of European origin.

No part of the total population of Canada has proven more adaptable, more self-reliant and, above all, more enduring.

But our fellow citizens of Chinese descent do have one remaining grievance. We still have on our books some pin-pricking laws and regulations which deny their right to equal treatment, in fact, as well as profession.

COFFEE TRADE

The Port of New York handled 9,650,000 bags of coffee in 1955, worth an estimated $668,000,000.

THREE PROMINENT LEADERS in parliamentary debate on the government's proposal to loan Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd., $80,000,000 appear in this combination photo. Opposition leader Drew (centre) shows his watch after a late sitting of the House of Commons on the pipeline debate. At left is Trade Minister Howe who is piloting the legislation through the Commons. Carl Nickle (right) is lone Progressive Conservative who is backing the Liberal's pipeline stand. (CP Photo).

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

In the matter of picking a winner in the great Canadian political sweepstakes of about a year or so hence, you pays your money and you takes your choice.

If you're a PC or even a CCF'er, you expect the public to be outraged by the government's liberal—definitely with a small "l"—use of closure during the past fortnight to steamroller the pipelines legislation through the Commons.

But if you're a Liberal—this time with a large "L"—you rely on the support of the public for the government's courageous action at long last in using closure to make Parliament an efficient and an effective instrument of legislation and to rescue it from the hopeless rut into which it had dropped as a windy debating society incapable of the streamlined action which a functioning democracy requires.

At the present moment it's hard to say which view of the current Parliamentary performance is going to prevail. The Liberals contend that public reaction to the use of closure is enthusiastic. They say that it has revised public interest and public confidence in Parliament. The public now recognizes that Parliament is a body which means business, not simply an academic body hamstrung by complicated rules of debate which make it possible for a minority to obstruct positive action indefinitely. At least, that is the official party line which government sources are peddling in the present situation.

The opposition takes a completely contradictory view. Hon. Mr. Drew and his partisans profess to believe that the public is outraged at the spectacle of Parliament being gagged by a reckless government majority on a major public issue. The PC's go further: they say that, whereas the general nature of the government's pipelines policy will not stand the test of impartial debate in the Commons, the added feature of Canadians being taxed to provide a free concession for United States enterprenеurs is something wholly unprecedented in the history of Canadian legislation. It is no wonder, the PC's proclaim, that the Liberals are putting the lid on debate via the closure method and that they side-step any objective discussion of the government's policy.

Obviously, both points of view have their appeal. The PC's are undoubtedly sound in their conviction that the Canadian people are opposed to the idea of any gag being placed in the mouth of Parliament. But just as surely the Liberals are justified in their belief that the public doesn't want Parliament reduced, by the obstructionist tactics of an opposition, to the status of a mere debating society. The issue is one which probably will not be settled finally until next year's general election.

DOUBLED OUTPUT

GAGETOWN, N.B. (—A hen owned by Mrs. August Usnar here laid two eggs in one day, a feat thought unique in district records.

LETTERBOX

OUR PET BABY

The Editor,
The Daily News:

A proposal to encourage deep sea fishing for salmon in the North Pacific has met with disapproval from all who are interested in the conservation of salmon, hitherto assured of a sufficient escapement for the huge spawn areas of the Columbia, Fraser, Skeena, Nass and Stikine rivers.

The spawn areas have always been protected and much work done on the big rivers. So far, all spawn areas have been adequately covered, but should deep sea fishing be encouraged it is doubtful if many salmon would ever reach the spawn areas, many of which lie close to the heads of small streams feeding the big rivers, which, in themselves offer many acres of choice spawning grounds. Still the salmon seem to prefer the shallow bars which occur near the heads of even some of the smaller streams.

Every river or creek entering Babine Lake has so far been spawned almost to capacity although at considerable expense to the department of fisheries. There appears to have been no wasted work.

Under close observation for the past 20 years it has been proven that the spawn areas of all streams entering Babine Lake have been highly productive and there has been no indication of over-spawning.

It is possible that one year the Skeena river was over-fished. Four years from then the run was light in the huge spawning areas of the Beaver river which enters at the easterly end of Babine lake.

However, the following year the Beaver River and all its tributary waters was thoroughly covered with spawn-beds and hatched successfully.

The Nass River, and particularly the huge spawn areas of the many rivers and creeks which enter Babine Lake have been constantly under close observation and the results appear to be most satisfactory.

Some time ago the Skeena River was blocked by a big slide and the mortality among the ascending salmon was heavy. Four years from then the run of salmon was perceptibly lighter.

However, it is obvious that sufficient salmon must be permitted to enter all salmon streams to insure their thorough coverage with spawn-beds, and deep water salmon fishing offers a threat which must be carefully considered.

The salmon caught by the Natives for winter food has been brought under control with the thorough co-operation of the local Natives and there is now no danger of the wastage which occurred in former years. The Natives realize the necessity of having many salmon reach the spawning grounds and no permanent dams are now erected by them.

The Department of Fisheries has always kept a close eye on spawning conditions of all British Columbia streams, and all governments have been generous in providing funds for the removal of any obstructions which may occur from rock-slides or blockades of any kind. To this fund the deep sea fishing fleets would not be contributing.

The most important factor is the protection of the spawn areas and the clearing of the waterways leading there-to. This burden is carried by the Departments of Fisheries of both Victoria and Ottawa.

As to commercial fishing, the canneries, with a lot of money invested are carrying on most creditably and local fishermen seem quite able to keep a sufficient supply of all species of salmon in cold storage where they are available at any time.

BARNEY MULVANY,
Burns Lake.

WORST YET TO COME

The Editor,
The Daily News:

Most people like a warrior with the courage of his or her convictions. That type of person goes into battle under the gleaming sunlight of day. He never waits for the darkness of night to serve as a shield as our "short-haired club member" did in the Daily News, May 26, in his or her attack on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

While I do not pose as an authority on radio I can quickly scent a private-enterprise racketeer. May I advise our short-haired club member who lacks the courage to reveal his or her identity, to cheer up for the worst is yet to come in the battle between public and private enterprise.

GEORGE B. CASEY,
Prince Rupert.

MUST KNOW SUBJECT

The Editor,
The Daily News,

May I submit a remark regarding the letter in Saturday's paper, criticising CFPR.

It seems to me that in order to criticize, one must first of all know the subject and then be able to write truthfully and courteously.

Would "Short Hair" state exactly how he can know so much about this "lousy program," when he never listens. Furthermore I am very interested in discovering the source of his knowledge about CBC's programs throughout Canada.

It is not to be expected that CBC's program will satisfy everyone but a survey of the CBC Times should prove enlightening to "Short Hair."

No one can be blamed if circumstances limited his educational opportunities. On the contrary the community wants to help him and tries through adult education, one of which is the CBC's programs to give everyone a chance for further development.

It is quite obvious that this writer already is influenced by "Western Style." His type is well known by visitor of the movies here in Prince Rupert—the wonderful well-groomed type with the feet on the back of the seat in front of him, loudly consuming popcorn and chewing gum, while demonstrating his high mental capacity with his disturbing remarks and loud laughter during a performance which happens to be above his comprehension.

You, "Short Hair" have much to learn, but will never be able to do so if you are not aware of your own limitations.

I dare you to try to broaden your outlook and develop your capacity for enjoyments for programs outside the confinement of your "Western Corral."

"AVERAGE HAIR."
Prince Rupert.

Working Parents Must Boost Efforts For Close Family Ties

By OLI DAUM
Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO (CP)—The responsibility for curbing the increase in juvenile delinquency rests largely with working parents, says a Salvation Army social worker.

"The number of young people who are unsettled, leave home and get into trouble is increasing," Senior Captain Mary Webb said in an interview. "If there is a basic pattern underlying delinquency it is an unhappy family relationship."

Captain Webb, Salvation Army social worker for 18 years, said parents, if both are forced by economic reasons to work, must double their efforts to make their family a close, happy unit. Such parents are obligated to use what services their community has to compensate for the training they themselves cannot give their children.

Parents should see to it that during the day their younger children are placed in care of adults who can give them proper basic training. Teen-agers should be encouraged to participate in community activities.

"Many communities, realizing the complexities of modern living, are developing wholesome leisure-time activities to offset inadequacies of the home," Captain Webb said. "They are designed to teach children independence and to get along with others."

Adolescents should also be taught to attend church but, Captain Webb said, they cannot be expected to go unless their parents are church-goers.

THE FAMILY MEAL

The importance of a daily family meal cannot be over-emphasized.

"Too often young people get along on snacks from the refrigerator or eat out of cans," Captain Webb said. "Then they go out and an hour later the parents come home and do the same thing.

"It would be preferable that the children wait an hour or so longer and the whole family sit down to a proper meal—not only from a dietary aspect but also from a psychological viewpoint."

Mealtime provides a medium for pooling interests and discussing problems thus giving children a feeling that their parents are, after all, interested in their daily activities.

Captain Webb said one of the most alarming aspects of juvenile delinquency today is the increasingly younger age of the unmarried mother. Ten years ago the average age of unmarried mothers was 20. Most had left school, often had moved away from home and were employed.

Today, 60 per cent of unmarried mothers are 19 years old or younger and many of them still attend school.

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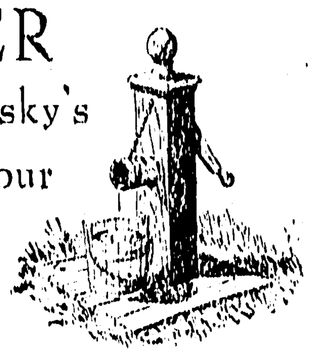
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