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HILE Canada has been criticized for being dull, lacking a distinctive culture, behaving with too much conservatism for a young nation and failing in other ways to make an effective impression, lings, theatres, museums and so none can deny that in international affairs it has acquired a stature out of all proportion to its physical

Although its climb to a position of world im- us to the minister's conference portance began well before the last war, it is in the last decade that its influence and leadership have become most marked. In particular, the United Nations has provided it with a medium to show its capacity for level-headed thinking and force of ex-

Now within the past week its contribution to world debate has reached a high point in the initiative it took to have a UN police force dispatched to the Middle East. It held out for this when bigger nations with more responsibility for the outcome were prepared to settle for nothing more than a cease-fire. Canada's stand at that confused and critical time stimulated the UN into taking the kind of positive. . action that is essential if it is to be respected as an instrument of world peace.

Nor has Canada's contribution ended there. This country is taking a major part in organization of the international force, as well as providing its actual leadership in the person of Major-General E. L. M. Burns. It is an example of forceful participation in the work of United Nations which could easily spark a more determined effort in future by other nations to tackle world problems.

Probably no one is more impressed—and perhaps even surprised—by Canada's bold initiative than we Canadians. Sometimes we almost seem to agree with the opinion of others that we lack character. Maybe in some of the more obvious respectssuch as the absence of a Canadian flag or the failure | eva where she had become warm to develop an original culture—that opinion is cor-

But a country that can give direction to others. in the way that Canada lately has done is not short in the vital ingredients of character. In fact, at the moment we cannot think of another nation of comparable age and population that has these attributes to such a large degree.

Dissension in the Ranks

ONE of the by-products of recent upheavals in the communist empire is the turmoil that has beset the Labor Progressive Party in Canada. Reports indicate that the communists of this country are split over the question of the changing Russian Communist Party line.

Nour members of the national executive recently quit the Canadian party. One source says that "hundreds" have left the party within recent months, and that leader Tim Buck will not last long.

Much of the dissension arose over the Moscow anti-Stalinist line which Khrushchev inaugurated. This abrupts witch with the oldline stalwarts in Canada. But other carises of discontent have also been noted.

Mr. J. B. Salsberg, the prominent Ontario communist who for 12 years sat in the Ontario legislature, has lately been outspoken in his criticism of the Soviet attitude toward the Jews. A Jew himself, he has been joined by others who dislike the Moscow line in this regard.

All this, of course, must be typical of the situation in communist circles in other western countries. In countries such as France and Italy, where the Marxists had attracted larger followings, the internal party confusion must be all the greater.

There was a time when dyed-in-the-wool communists could be expected to stomach almost any action by Russia. But now that the party stalwarts are divided by a right-about-face in the Kremlin litself, there is no one to lead the sheep, black or

otherwise. Leadership can be imperilled even in an organization in which independent thinking has been outlawed. The Canadian communists at the moment present the classic spectacle of a chicken with its ; hend cut off.

-Victoria Times.





ministry of social security just before our ap-ation to get rid of the Liberal sons, thus leaving the leadership next four years.

pointed time of 3 p.m. In all the Russian public buildare entitled to it at 55. on, you always park your hat, point we were met by a polite; young civil servant who ushered

As we waited for the few min-, utes I glanced around the simply furnished but big room. Along the pension at age 50 after 30 been attacking Ottawa Soviet government. The minis- women. ter's chair had, for background, pictures of Lenin and Stalin.

On the table were several bottles of what I mistook for red wine but which I learned later drink, fruit flavored.

Just before 3 p.m. the minister's top associates enteredyoung men who I should im-

ing as she entered the room with liquid sunshine. some old Russian proverb about "guests arriving before the hos-

Before I got a chance to ask her any questions, she asked mo how long had I been out of Canada. I told her just about six

"Then you were not talking your deputy minister of welfare, George Davidson, before you left Ottawa?"

had flown across the Pacific. coming to Russia via China.

ter, N. A. Muravyova, had just come back to Moscow from Genfriends with the whole Davidson family.

She remarked that Mr. Davidson was a very progressive person, and I said we have lots more ike him in that respect.

Nono Muravyova is a tall, wellbuilt woman who appears to be in her forties. She has grey hair and grey eyes which kindly and shrewd too.

She gives you the feeling th her first care is for humanity.

She is quick, relaxed, and good-humored in her conversation. She has great praise and dignity, but an unassuming manner notwithstanding.

But it was only now—this year LET'S HAVE A FLASH BACK

sions for war service are granted Queen of the North, tourist busto all Soviet citizens who quali-liness would boom and the health fy regardless of their occupa- of the eating out population; tion. That is not the case with would improve 50 per cent.

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women who have worked 20 years he was courting Liberal votes. wooing the Liberals with soft In certain occupations there words and come-hither looks. overcoat and overshoes in their are also special credits for dan- and, if so, one might say he did entrance cloakrooms. At that gerous, disagreeable or other so with some success, for, when kinds of work which tend to the ballots were counted, there shorten a person's working life- were but two Liberals left in the. ties are beginning to show fewer heart, and, again, there is no-

time. Thus miners and other Lgislature. But, since the election, with underground workers or those employed in steel and iron work, Social Credit firmly, back 'or other "hot shops" may draw power in B.C. Mr. Bennett once essarily that business conditions ambition. time are slowing down. It simply It seems, a wild thing to say years' service for men or at age more, really bitterly this of the present top leaders in the 45, after 15 years' service, for is outspoken in his determination to do all he can to get rid

TIME and PLACE

upon sampling it was a soft Montreal of the North

Ketchikan, Alaska, 213 miles from Kitimat, is an and production in nearly all as much surprised as anyone interesting, progressive and friendly town. It has agine, were all in their thirties. canned television six hours a day, two 13-storey apart-They were the vice minister, ment buildings with groceterias on the ground floor, Konstantin Dolgov, and Anatoli Levshin, the vice chief of the a remarkable number of churches and bars, a populapension branch. tion of 9,000, 29 miles of road, a parking problem and As a matter of fact, it is doing as if that might well be the case. The minister herself came in last year 184 inches of what the cheerful citizens call that—and considerably better. The whole country would then about three minutes late, laugh- last year 184 inches of what the cheerful citizens call that—and considerably better. The whole country would then labout three minutes late, laugh- last year 184 inches of what the cheerful citizens call that—and considerably better. The whole country would then labout three minutes late, laugh- last year 184 inches of what the cheerful citizens call that—and considerably better. The whole country would then It is alleged that Ketchikan is down and grow with the com- around six per cent better than when the voters get

that smells" because at one time Tsimpsian girl and raised five are up almost five percent. Auto- about; in due course the voters the neighboring creeks were sons and a daughter and did well motive production is back above will create order out of chaos as choked with dead salmon after as a line fisherman. His daugh- the top levels of last July. Hous- they did in B.C. in 1953 and the spawning season. One old-ter, who attended school in Kan-ing construction is easing off, again this year, Political turmoil timer told me that although you sas City, married an Indian from but non-residential construction is often part of democracy, and couldn't exactly walk across the South Dakota where he teaches is more than taking up the so long as people have the free creeks on the backs of salmon, if school. The boys attended the slack. Wheat and wheat flour vote, they'll settle their own afyou camped in the vicinity the University of Nome and Wash- exports are a spectacular 73% fairs in the polling booths. splash of thousands of salmon ington and married Norwegian higher. Earning figures in some jumping made sleep impossible, girls. Mr. Ldanos intends to re- industries are beginning to from Vancouver, not Ottawa and This phenomenon I would like tire to Seattle. He has little use shade, reflecting the intensively

The municipality is spending | Another interesting couple we now prevaling, but employment to witness. large sums of money straighten- met were Mr. and Mrs. R. R. continues to make new records IT TURNED out that the minis- ing out streets that started out Spalth, who, after living 34 years for the time of year. In addition, as trails from the beach and real in Ketchikan, were going out to wages and total labor income estate runs high. Today it is al- look around, but they are still are at an all-time peak. most impossible to buy beach keeping their attractive summer property for miles on either side home. Mr. Spalth has seen Ket- Some people may wonder how, of town. The climate is mild chikan grow from a small com- if the economy reached virtual, and getting milder; it has only munity with the church and a maximum production a year ago. reached below zero five or six small school and hospital to a it could continue to record gains. Agents: Allied Van Lines Ltd. On bustling town with a million dol- The answer lies in a number of

doubling of Soviet old age pen-side competition. The Elks, Leg-

where this had become possible. the "Princess Norah." She'was

ministered by the same min-gers. The meals are wonderful-

if hotel keepers and restauran-

'similar state grants. The new pension law went in- from the Phillipines 43 years ago. to effect only on Oct. 1 and is to work in a cannery in the Berbasically that men who have ing Sea. He came to Ketchikan worked for 25 years are entitled when the population was less, to old age pensions at age 60, and than 500 and decided to settle

VICTORIA—At their recent of the Liberals next June, which Premier Manning convention in Vancouver, led by is a perfectly laudable ambition and our Mr. Bennett. top man W. A. C. Bennett, Socia in a politician. Politics is not a That fight has now been post-Bennett, for he doesn't want to

the last quarter of 1955.

fields was at capacity.

Crediters of B.C. made their game of love and perfume; it's poned, which must please plans to march full on Ottawa a battle of wits. in the Federal election expected S.C. national leader Solon Low have to leave the B.C. Premiertold the convention that he will ship at this time, and, indeed, it

lead the SC party in the com- would not be honest for him to in B.C., Mr. Bennett, for some ing sederal election. This is in- do so, for only two months ago MOSCOW-My smart interpreter and I arrived at the reason known only to himself, teresting. It had been thought the people told him to go ahead had soft-pedaled his determin- he might resign for health rea- and run their affairs for the government in Ottawa. Perhaps race open for a fight between Mr. Bennett's oulte willing to L versessessessessessesses wait and if, as he hopes, S.C. OTTAWA DIARY By Norman M. MacLeod become the first S.C. Prime

By STAN ROUGH

Tiliget word meaning water munity. He married a pretty late 1955 figures. Car loadings However, it's nothing to worry

the other hand, residents do not lar high school, a daily and factors, but mainly immigration,

One of the big sporting events pital, hundreds of modern lation, and the gradual spread have to water their lawns. of the year is the King Salmon Derby (spring). Fishermen from up and down the coast and various sections of Canada and th United States come to Ketchikan for the event. The winning fish this year weighed in pounds. Baseball, softball ar basketball are the major spectator sports and teams (from Juneau to the north and Prince I told her that the recent near-Rupert to the south provide out-

sions had received more favor-lion and Eagles have really smart able comment in Canada than club set-ups that would put to pert and Ketchikan. It's a trip parliament Hill economists rehad any other item of Soviet shame many in larger centres. worth taking. state action in recent years. The stores are attractive, espec-Muravyova replied that the fally the ones who cater to tour-Soviet had long wanted to make ists, which have a reasonably;

the allowances for old age and good stock of merchandise that told prospective owners of a cat were forecasting for late in the disability more generous and appeals to tourists at a reasoncalled Rhubard that it has ap-year last January. Not only are Book and Candle." The cat the balance of 1956; they are —that the economy of the coun- | We travelled on the "Queen of needed a new home when his also looked upon as securely try had improved to the point the North," formerly known as lowners left the city.

built in Glasgow; her official THE Soviet pension system is speed is 15 knots, tonnage 2,731, noweall sounsolidated into one, net 1,519, of length 250 feet, draft Old sages hinsloas exempldiers libiteet forward high 12 feet of ... denslons, civilian alsability pen- Hel Captain is S. C. McGillivray sions, widows allowances, large and her purser is J. D. Partingfamily allowances, and unmar-ton. She carries a crew of 65 ried mothers' grants, are all ad- and can take care of 500 passen-

However the ex-soldiers' pen- | teers would take a trip on the | old age pensions, and some other INTERESTING PEOPLE

We met Joe Ldanos who came i

weekly newspaper, general hos- the natural increase in the popu-

homes, a bustling business sec- of automation resulting in

tion, pulp mill, sawmill, canner-steady increase in labor effi-

lies that ship 500,000 cases of sal-ciency. Thus a steady climb in

mon a year and a bustling bus- the gross national product be-

iness section. There are still comes possible from year to

ese, Mexican, Japanese, Philip- In dollar terms the increase

pino and Korean extraction who during the current year prob-

came in years ago, but the ma- ably will average out to about six

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W. A. C. Bennett would be the

Comparative economic statis- ambition close to his political

plus signs than earlier in the thing wrong in such an ambi-

year. But this doesn't mean nec- | tion. Indeed, it is a quite healthy

means that current statistics right now, that Mr. Bennett

now are having to meet compar- might someday be Prime Minis-

ison with the high, level to ter but then who, in 1950, say.

which the economy climbed in would ever have thought that

Just before the Christmas sea- | first S.C. Premier of B.C. Why.

son last year the economy was even in early 1952, it was to

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every field. Full employment ex- any chance of being Premier of

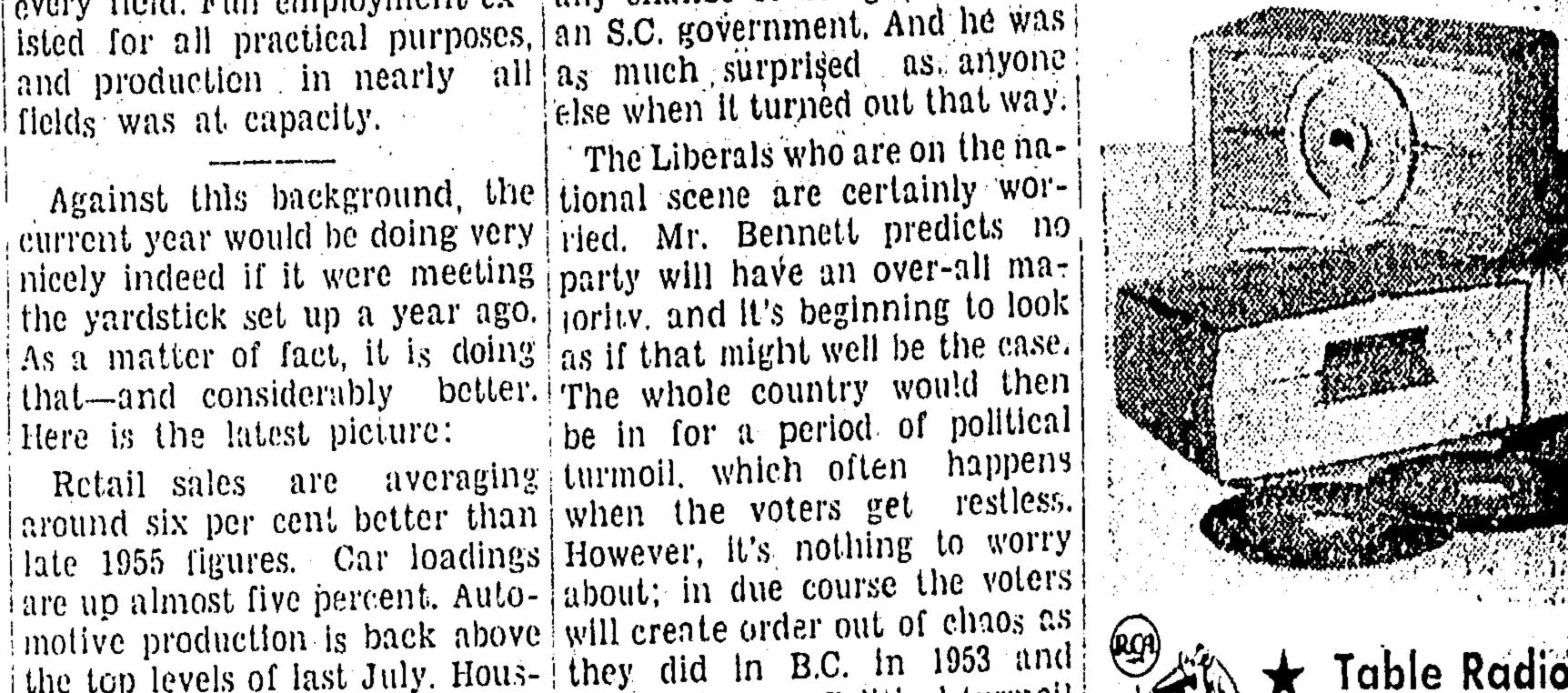
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