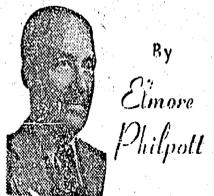


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As I See It



By Elmore Philpott

Little Black Sambo

THE Communists have a genius for ruining every good cause which they take up to further their own ends. They have just done tremendous harm to inter-race relations by their astounding new-low stunt in Toronto.

A hand-picked delegation of "anguished" negro citizens has persuaded the Toronto School Board to ban from its libraries one of the most beloved children's stories of all time—Little Black Sambo.

It is not surprising to find the Communists up to their old tricks. But what is surprising is to find the School Board of a great Canadian metropolitan city falling for the line of cynical propaganda and voting 14 to 2 to ban this fine book.

Far from being a book which tends to create ill will between the peoples of different races, Little Black Sambo is the very reverse. It beautifully teaches, and has taught several past generations of children in all the world, that every child with dark skin may be as dear and beloved as Little Sambo.

Sambo, by the way, was a pure product of India, not Africa.

THE roar of indignation which has gone up right across the continent following this stupid decision by the Toronto School Board will no doubt help to put intelligent people on guard.

Because race discrimination is a very real evil in our western society, the Communists are playing it for all it is worth.

Precisely because this race and color equality cry is the Communists' strongest weapon in the world struggle for men's hearts and minds, the western nations have had to "face up" to this in a way they would not have done of their own free will.

But the fact remains the Communists are using racism as a political weapon, exactly as the Nazis used racism as a political weapon. True, the Communists preach and practice race equality in their own Red Empire, even in the prison-labor camps. But in their never ending war against the west they are quite pitiless in their own exploitation of the race and color question. Where no negro "anguish" exists, the Communists will do their best to find some.

THE most sinister feature of the Communist exploitation of the race and color question is that they themselves are indirectly practicing it in the most sinister form. When you convince people with dark skins that there is something to be ashamed of in the word "black" you are yourself committing the blackest sin in the whole book of coming human brotherhood.

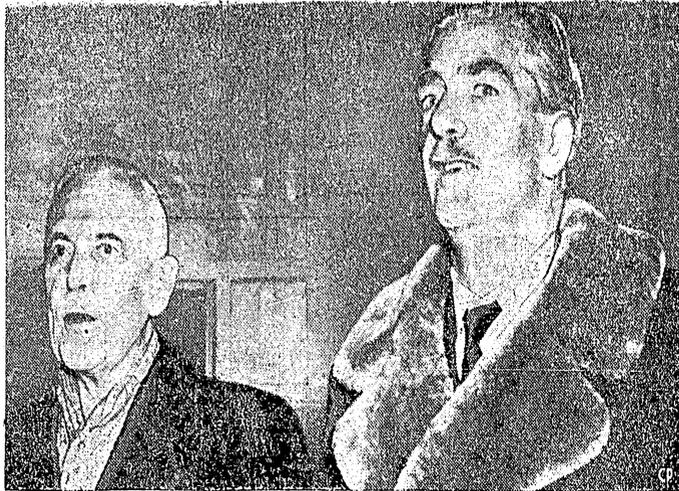
Far from being ashamed and "anguished" at the fact that an English mother in India made Little Black Sambo the hero of a fine book which, children of all the world will read and love for centuries to come, every human being of goodwill should thank the good Lord for it.

I read Little Black Sambo to my own children and just waiting for the chance to get home and read it to my grandchildren. It is as fine a work as Blake's beautiful little poem about a black child.

LONDON (AP)—The Eden government reported Wednesday Britain's welfare state is costing more to run — and "ask" Parliament for another £64,200,000 for the financial year ending March 31. Pay increases for civil servants cost £20,000,000 more than expected last year. The treasury said in pre-entire supplementary budget estimates. Free medical and dental services took £13,000,000 more than planned, and school and government research cost's also were up.

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SIR ANTHONY EDEN poses with Prime Minister St. Laurent who greeted him on his arrival in Ottawa for a five-day visit. The British Prime Minister, who came to Ottawa from Washington where he met with President Eisenhower, will hold discussions with Canadian government leaders. (CP Photo)

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Just how intimately Bank of Canada interest rate policy is linked to the problem of existing high taxation is beginning to dawn upon the MP's in a sudden burst of illumination provided by the recent tabling of the expenditure estimates for the coming year. The estimates revealed that during the next 12 months the government is going to have to find approximately \$37,000,000 additional for the payment of interest on the public debt. The increases arise from the policy of the Bank of Canada over the past half-year or so of increasing its interest rate from 1 1/2 per cent to 2 1/4 per cent. Hitherto, over the years dur-

ing which the Bank of Canada has held interest rates at relatively stable—and low—rates, rank-and-file MP's have been content to regard the central bank as a sort of mysterious operation beyond the realm of political interest. Most of them have felt that they lacked the specialized knowledge necessary to understand or discuss its activities. It has never occurred to them that Bank of Canada policies might become a suddenly vital factor in the vote-get-

ting picture. But that is what is in process of happening now that the central bank apparently has adopted the policy of fluctuating interest rates. Over the past year it has altered its rate no fewer than three times in one three-month period. With the changes adding \$37,000,000 to the nation's taxation bill—thereby taking revenues that otherwise might be applied to tax reductions—it is clear to the MP's that what goes on in the Bank of Canada is of prime importance to them in their role of ambitious politicians.

Even the figures of increased interest costs on the national debt are recognized by practical-minded MP's as far from the total of increased taxation burden which a rise in Bank of Canada rates imposes upon the people. For it isn't only the Federal public debt that is affected by the higher rate; the borrowings of provincial governments, public utility commissions such as the Ontario hydro, and corporation borrow-

ings all are affected similarly. A Senator who is a fairly close student of the overall Canadian financial picture has estimated that a rise of one per cent in the central bank rate costs the Canadian people as a whole not less than \$100,000,000 annually. Over the past year the bank rate has increased by 1 1/4 per cent.

The situation has the MP's seriously concerned, and the talk is that this year's sessions of the House of Commons Banking and Commerce Committee will not be the apathetic things that they have been in other years. Bank of Canada officials may come in for a real grilling on their processes of thinking in devising economic policy.

What You Should Know About Polio

Polio Prevention May Be Near
The person who has had polio and recovered is fortunate. Nature has done for them what science is trying to do for those who have never been exposed, i.e. to immunize them against the disease. Actually, the number of people who have been exposed is far greater than the number of recorded cases would indicate. (Exposure to the disease may not result in detectable symptoms and 100 people may contract and recover from polio for every case serious enough to be recognized.)
Today scientists are well on the way to achieving their goal, i.e. a single completely safe vaccine to immunize people against all types of polio.

During 1955, approximately 1,000,000 Canadian school children received Salk vaccine. In Greater Vancouver for example the vaccine has had 100 per cent success in one year of limited use. Of the 17,000 five to seven year old children given the Salk shots last spring not one has developed polio. Two cases were reported among the 3,000 children in the same age group who were not vaccinated.
It may well be that man's ingenuity has again triumphed over a terrible enemy. It is important to remember, however, that vaccine is the preventative approach to polio. It must be clearly understood that the vaccine will not cure those who have already contracted the disease.

Even with the Salk vaccine there remains the problem of arresting polio in the non-vaccinated people who come down with the disease. There remains, also, the need for funds for the treatment and rehabilitation of those stricken. Research, treatment and rehabilitation all require essential aid from the B.C. Polio Fund.

Unemployment Eight Times That of U.K.

BELFAST (AP)—The man in the muffler and the man in the cap stand idly on the corner. They've been there two hours now—just as they have stood there every day for a year and more. They are two of Northern Ireland's 38,000 unemployed.

That figure is eight per cent of the working population—eight times the unemployment rate in the rest of the United Kingdom.
In Londonderry, with 50,000 population, people talk of old men who have never had a job except in the two world wars. Belfast, despite its booming shipyards, has nearly 11,000 out of work. Small towns like Newry and Strabane with around 25,000 people count more than 1,500 employables unemployed. In the villages even farmworkers are idle.

LINEN DECLINES
The main reason is the decline of linen, Northern Ireland's biggest industry next to shipbuilding. Irish linen has lost ground to new textiles and to competition from Czechoslovakia and Japan. This decline in turn has hit the farms which grew the flax.

Still another cause: Northern Ireland has no conscription. The drafting of men for military service was not introduced here, for fear of reaction among nationalist elements who want the three counties merged with the Irish republic. In the rest of Britain, young men spend two years in the army; here they remain on the labor market.

New York Starts Campaign To Cut Traffic Death Toll

By FRANCIS STUBBLEY
NEW YORK (AP)—New York City has embarked on the greatest traffic crackdown in its history.

It is a showdown battle against death, injury and destruction by automobiles.

The attack is pinpointed toward the precise cause of it all: The errant motorist.

Every possible city resource has been marshalled and every bit of available manpower thrown into the task—from the newest police recruit up to Mayor Robert F. Wagner himself.

So far the campaign has brought some staggering statistics and some drastic steps. It also has shown some heartening results.

The necessity for the unprecedented undertaking is succinctly stated by the mayor himself:

"An alarming increase of vehicular accidents on this city's streets."

Police department figures showed that 632 persons were killed in traffic accidents on city streets during 1955. The figure is nearly 10 per cent above the previous year.

The toll of injured also rose to 45,591, about five per cent greater than in the year before. For years all figures have been moving steadily upward.

The all-out effort to halt the trend began with the year-end holidays, and during the month of January there was a drop in the death and injury average.

Since the year began, traffic tickets have been handed out in record thousands, expected to exceed by far last year's total of 1,700,000 which brought in fines of \$9,500,000.

Traffic courts, as a result, have become so jammed that

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