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From crisis - western unity

MONG obvious "cold-war" disadvantages incurred by American moves to check indirect aggression against Lebanon one important advantage can bear more stress than it has yet received. This is the increased unity of the Allied West.

"This unity is vital not only to the peace of the Allied countries but to other countries too, as would soon become evident in the absence of the alliance. Even looking at the darker sitle of the present picture, it is possible for Western peoples to take some comfort from—and for Asian and other peoples to get a useful perspective on—what has been going on in the world since the West based its security on trans-Atlantic unity.

What has happened is that the menace of Communist aggression which hung over Europe for four years after the end of World War II has been indeed "contained." So successfully that it has sought new fields to conquer with more subtle weapons. These fields are Asia and Africa. Thus many of the "neutrals" of these areas find themselves caught in the cross fire of cold war.

Because Western opposition to Sowet aims has involved a need for unity among nations with colonial as well as non- and anti-colonial traditions, the peoples of Asia and Africa have tended to be more suspicious of the Western than the Soviet bloc. In the present crisis their suspicions are all the more active because Western powers appear intent on checking the growth of the United Arab Republic, while Moscow appears to be giving it a Soviet bless-

These small nations might be surprised to learn how much they have in common with most nations in the Western Alliance. One key to understanding these things is to remember that though Moscow appears now to

be aiding the unity of smaller nations in the Arab world, Moscow moved to deny small European nations a similar unitl which might have precluded Soviet conquest of the millions of people Moscow added to the Soviet empire during and after World War II.

Then it began taking small European states over one by one. In 1948 Moscow overreached itself with a particularly brutal coup in Czechoslovakia. That country had also, like the Arab states today, sought to be neutral between East and West.

In recent years the Western Alliance has faced confusion among its peoples over a number of questions. But Middle East peoples might usefully not that one of the major causes of rifts in the alliance was American sympathy for independence movements in the Arab world.

Had the Western Alliance been developed as it should have been there probably would have been no Suez crisis of 1956, for Allied consultation would have prevented it. But the alliance powers had never recognized the need to include areas outside Western Europe in their joint policy planning. And there was no adequate consultation to prepare for such a crisis as arose in Lebanon.

Even so, Lebanon has forced coordination between Washington, London, and other Western allies. This will have an important bearing not only on the present crisis but on future questions in which legitimate national or popular aspirations and dangerous Soviet machinations are so often en-

This small Western gain offers no ground for complacency. But it offers ground which can and must be built upon—and vigorously—if freedom is to be defended and its defense widely understood.

-The Christian Science Monitor.

Cat control dilemma

ATS chase butterflies, stalk birds, catch mice, sit in the sun, go courting, fight with dogs and each other, yell on the back fence at 2 a.m.. claw the sofa, snitch food off the kitchen counter and are patient with small children.

They are alternately snooty and affectionate. They are neat. They like to bother people who don't like cats. They are nonconformists. They are totally lawless. Generally, they enjoy

Most of all, they wander. Usually they come home, but sometimes they

Now, though, the village fathers in Shorewood have declared war on roaming cats. Owners of cats which are picked up will have to pay a \$5

The result, and we have this form a cat, will be that Shorewood-where some say that the cats outnumber the people-will grow prosperous, cat owners will be destitute and the cats will keep on roaming.

Mad filing

THIS is the day when single copies of unything seem to indicate unpardonable inefficiency. Duplicate and triplicate forms are basic. Since you. don't dare let the stuff pile up on your desk—unless you happen to be in the newspupar business—you file it.

Government, of course, is great in this line. We've all seen those acres of file cabinets the government keeps.

All of which brings to mind a similar measure passed by the Illinois legislature in 1949 with the intent of protecting birds. Then Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson

wouldn't sign it. Said he: "It is in the nature of cats to do a certain amount of unescorted roaming...

"Consider the owner's dilemma: To escort a cat abroad on a leash is against the nature of the cat, and to permit it to venture forth for exercise unattended into a night of new dangers is against the nature of the own-

"The problem of the cat versus bird is as old as time. If we attempt to resolve it by legislation who knows but what we may be called upon to take sides as well in the age-old problem of dog versus cat, bird versus bird or even bird versus worm.

"In my opinion, local governing bodies in Illinois already have enough to do without trying to control feline delinguency."

-The Milwaukee Journal.

Every now and then some company holds a top-level meeting at which it is decided it is now safe to burn or throw out the files for the years 1913 through 1918. Like as not, a complaint bobs up the following week, and the facts

are all in the incinerator. With all this mad filing, it's inescapable that some things get lost or -Sherbrooke Record. misfiled.

ISRAEL WILL WIN KETCHIKAN THANKS The Editor,

The Daily News: t want to take this method of commending the people of Prince Rupert for a fine program in celebration of the one hundredth birthday of British Columbia which was attended by a group of people from Ketchikan including the mayor from Juneau. All of us were impressed by the community spirit reflected in the large number of business, fraternal and civic organizations float entries in the parade on Saturday. It was obvious that a great deal of work was required to produce the number and quality of floats that were entered in the parade.

We were pleased with the honor conferred upon the U.S. Army, Alaska Communications System, drill team under the command of Captain Largent M. Miller. It was pleasing to me that invitations were extended to the number of our people who participated in the speed boat races and the trap shooting.

would also like for the people of Prince Rupert to know that we were most pleased with the hospitality extended to us by your mayor, city clerk - comptroller and members of your city council. Last and not least all the people of Prince Rupert were most cordial and friendly to

We are looking forward to the proposed ferry system between Prince Rupert and Haines with intermediate stops at Ketchikan, Wrangell and Petersburg becoming a reality in the next few years. This will afford a better opportunity for visits between our two cities as well as greatly contribute to their development and the development of all areas which will be served by the proposed ferry system.

J. E. WINSTON, Mayor, Ketchikan.

Whose toes? By C. J. HARRIS

When James R. Hoffa, some months back, disclosed his plan to form and boss a giant landsea-air labour union alliance in North America there was a certain amount of scoffing at his ambition. The Teamsters' Union, expelled from the AFL-CIO, hardly seemed in a position to attract major allies, Many of Hoffa's labour rivals assumed that U.S. government charges pending against the teamster boss would end his days of influence.

But, having won acquittals on three court charges, Hoffa is moving on challenging the AFL-CIO where he will. In the U.S. in early July he combined his teamsters with major groups of seamen and longshoremen in a permanent organization, which he calls the Conference of Transportation Unity. In Canada in midmonth his emissaries met in Montreal with teamsters and longshoremen to lay the groundwork for a co-operative organizing drive aimed at bringing under Hoffa influence all truck-rail-ship-warehouse activities in Canada's St. Lawrence Searway ports; invited but not present in Montreal were representatives of railway and seamen's unions.

Next event on the Hoffa schedule is a meeting, in-August, of every union in the transportation field, including airlines, railways and West Coast dockworkers. The Hoffa ambition — control of everything that moves—does not now seem an unattainable goal. Politicians are fearful of his coming power, but more fearful of acting against organized labour. AFL-CIO leaders avoid a showdown lest Hoffa weaken their power by raiding their memberships. So it seems inevitable he will extend to other fields the tight grip he has over trucking.

For Canada the significant point in the mid-July meeting in Montreal was that, at least in its announced results, it dealt with minor issues and ignored major issues. Captain William Bradley, head of the gangster-ridden International Longshoremen's Association, assured the press that "the organizing drive in Canada will he directed by Canadian citizens." Thomas Flynn of the teamsters emphasized the same point: "We are going to live by the rules and constitution of the Canadian Labour Con-William Dodge, vicepresident of the OLC, said there were no jurisdictional arguments and "no one was stepping on someone alse's

Hoffa pulls the strings for the teamsters' union here. Will it be good for Canada if his control is extended to other uniona? The kingpins of the there by Hoffs. Does this not imply that his intention of rultal questions. Yet the CLC appours concarned only with the nomeone else's toes."

The Daily News: Ultimately Israel will be invaded and Jerusalem taken. After a lapse of time Jehovah will fight against the invaders and destroy most of them. Final victory will be Israel's, as the Bible shows. Jehovah's new world or age under Jesus Christ is near. See Zechariah 14, Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke Exodus 6, 1 Corinthians

Follow Romans 10:9 and Zephaniah 2:3.

LACK OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

From The St. Catharines Standard

More than one million people in Ontario do not have access to a public library, or for that matter, a library of any kind. That is one of the facts behind a recent report on a provincial library service produced by W. S. Wallace, librarian emeritus of the University of Toronto.

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