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Strange bedfellows

JAMES R. HOFFA and the Teamsters Union are in trouble before the public again. Part of it is indirect—the inescapable and lurid light cast by the mysterious burning of the business agent of a Michigan Teamsters local and its underworld implications. Much of it is direct—repetition before the Senate Rackets Committee of the same story (with another locale) told before the same committee last year—union officials misusing their authority to borrow from union welfare funds for personal business ventures.

Read a list of Teamster Union officials with criminal records still holding office when he had promised the committee to investigate last year, Hoffa responded that he had asked each whether or not he was guilty and protested: "What other investigation could I possibly make?"

The teamster president also listened to a prizefighter he had manager tell the committee he had been paid $75 a week for eight months while he fought a series of bouts but did not work for the union—a story contrary to Hoffa's sworn testimony.

An exchange between union president Hoffa and committee member Senator Kennedy is interesting. The former accused Congress of permitting a legal no man's land in labor-management relations. The Senator replied that the pending Kennedy-Ives bill would close any such gap. Retorted Hoffa: "Why don't you pass it?" Responded Senator Kennedy: "Why are you opposing it?"

The Teamster president explained he had good reasons but did not have them in front of him.

Business organizations fighting the Kennedy-Ives bill (and the bills to protect employee welfare funds) list as one of their major reason for opposition that union leaders favor them openly or covertly.

Well, no doubt for very different reasons, here's a union leader who doesn't: James R. Hoffa.

—The Christian Science Monitor.

Mob violence intolerable

NEWS of the riot last weekend at Prince Rupert, B.C., contains a sobering lesson for all thinking Canadians. It started simply, when police officers arrested two persons for fighting and were set upon by a mob when they attempted to lead their prisoners away.

The incident precipitated a general outbreak of violence. Before order was restored, steel-helmeted police reinforcements used tear gas and fire hoses to deal with the unruly mob and it was found necessary to have the mayor of the city read the Riot Act, calling for all citizens to go to their homes immediately or face arrest. When the smoke of the two-and-half hour battle had cleared, the streets were a shambles and 34 persons had been arrested.

It is frightening to think that an outbreak of this dimension and violence could take place in a Canadian community. We have no doubt that the majority of Prince Rupert residents, like the majority of Canadians are law-abiding citizens, and yet this ugly affair did occur. Another just like it might break out at any time and any place where the individual surrenders his reasoning power to the blind passions of the mob.

The same sort of thing happened in Calgary shortly after the end of the Second Great War. An unruly mob took the law into its own hands and attempted to interfere with the police and their prisoners. A general brawl developed and it was some time before police had the situation in hand.

It is significant in outbreaks of this nature that the majority of those taking part have no direct interest or concern in what the dispute was all about in the first place. They see someone interfering with the police and they join the opposition without any rhyme or reason or right.

This attitude is both ignorant and vicious. Police officers, though servants of the people, are entitled to the full support of the public at large in the performance of their duties. These duties are quite often difficult enough to perform without deliberate and illegal interference being promoted by unthinking citizens.

Far from being obstructed in their duties, the police deserve the co-operation and support of the public. The individual citizen may feel reluctant or unable to go to the aid of the police in an emergency but the very least he can do, and what is definitely required of him, is that the mind his own business, and not further complicate a tough job.

—Calgary Herald.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

World still awaiting Nikita's solution

By DAVID ROWNTREE
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The world is still waiting for Nikita Khruschev's "radical solution" to the disarmament problem.

In the meantime, the Russian premier has come up with another all-or-nothing offer. The Soviet Union, he said, is ready to pledge never to use nuclear weapons. This is conditional on Britain and the United States making a similar promise.

Neither London nor Washington is considered likely to give much attention to this offer. Khruschev told about it in a letter to a British organization called the Movement for Nuclear Disarmament.

WAITING SINCE MAY

In April, the Russians—having just completed a series of nuclear tests—called for an end to them at a time when argument and protests about hydrogen and atomic bombs were at a peak. Again this was "we'll-do-it-if-you-do" proposal.

May brought the announcement of the coming "radical solution." Perhaps this has been delayed by the crises in the Middle East, haggling over a summit meeting and the United Nations General Assembly session. Whatever it turns out to be, it'll be an all-or-nothing offer, the Russians say.

One qualified writer on Soviet affairs speculates it may be a decision to stop making nuclear or hydrogen weapons.

BALANCE CHANGING

Short of deciding not to use or make them any more, the heart of the nuclear arms deadlock appears to be this: Scientists, both those for and against stopping experiments, agree that if a country is making weapons to be used they must be tested.

One suggested reason for Khruschev's attempts this year to pull off a nuclear truce is that the West may soon regain the balance in the nuclear power struggle.

Britain, closely followed by France, is developing her atomic and hydrogen weapons stockpile. West Germany, Italy, Belgium and neutral Sweden and Switzerland are believed near the point when they, too, will have nuclear weapons.

OTHER PRESSURES

A test ban would halt this trend and leave Russia with a relative advantage.

Another view is that Khruschev is being pressured to improve living standards at home and increase aid to China, the sattelite states and neutral countries. If the need for nuclear arms were less urgent he would have more money and resources for this.

Bible Thought For Today

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they are not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living god.—I Timothy 6:17.

It's prudent to look out for the future, but your future stretches into infinity.

Victoria Report

... by J. K. NESBITT

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Premier Bennett continues his super-enthusiasm about PGE extension into the Peace River country, despite gloomy reports from all parts of this continent that Canada and U.S. railways are losing millions a year on their passenger services.

CNR president Donald Gordon says that, financially, his company's crack transcontinental trains are taking a fierce beating. And don't forget, ladies and gentlemen, that the CNR is owned by you and you, just like the PGE. You really didn't know you're in the railway business, did you?

In the U.S., public funds are being pumped into the railways to keep them going.

So, for that matter, are our public funds being pumped in to the PGE. Heaven alone knows how many millions the PGE has cost the people of B.C. in the last 45 years.

However, in B.C. we go ahead pumping the millions into the PGE because the premier, backed by the Legislature, is convinced that one day it will pay rich returns to British Columbia.

"The premier will not sell the PGE because the premier knows the people of B.C. do not want him to sell the PGE" says the premier.

However, as far as can be learned, nobody with any foldin' money wants to buy the PGE. The CPR and the CNR years ago gave it the cold shoulder, and the Federal government is so frosty to it that it won't help its extension to the Peace to any extent—certainly not to the extent our premier would like.

Even U.S. interests, once said to be keen on the PGE are cooling off. At least, there haven't been any U.S. speculators eyeing the PGE for a long while. They used to come here, trying for a bite at the PGE.

The premier, ignoring the whopping railway losses in the rest of North America, appears to take great pride in what he says is a fact—that the PGE construction into the Peace River country is the greatest railway construction in North America in more than 30 years.

Early in October the premier will ride triumphantly into the Dawson Creek and Fort St. John on the inaugural passenger run into the Peace River country, to be welcomed everywhere in a delirium of joy.

It will be a great day for him; he will see one of his dreams come true, and so will the people of the Peace River country, who have been promised, by successive governments, a rail connection with Vancouver for more than 40 years.

The premier will make the most of the fact that it's a Social Credit government that's bringing the PGE into the Peace.

Wonderful life

From The Calgary Herald

Living costs are at an all-time high, and if, as the old slogan says, one gets what one pays for, this must be a wonderful life we're living.

Humbug, comparative and superlative

From The Oregonian, Portland

"Humbug," which first was used about 1735 as fashionable English slang, is recognized by the dictionaries as both a noun and a verb. Listed also are the nouns "humbugger," "humbuggery" and "humbuggism" and the adjective "humbugable." But no such words as "humbuggy" is recognized.

Veteran Congressman Clarence Cannon (D-Mo) appears, therefore, to have coined an adjective when he described the House's farm bill as the "humbuggiest humbug ever humbugged." Probably probably Rep. Cannon's phrase was the extemporaneous product of the heat of debate.

In any event, Mr. Cannon's views are not shared by many members of both parties. One of his debate opponents was Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.). The bill in question, although it sets price support floors higher than the Administration prefers, reflects Sec. Ezra Benson's beliefs that supports should be lower and controls less severe. There is a growing feeling that the old, surplus-building price support program was actually humbug.

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Here are the FACTS about exchanging your 3% wartime Victory Bonds

1. What is the Canada Conversion Loan of 1958?
It is an offer to replace all unmatured 3% wartime Victory Bonds with new 25-year 4½% Canada Conversion Bonds. (Other bonds of shorter term, bearing interest rates of 4¼%, 3¾% and 3% are also available.)

2. Why is the Government making this conversion offer?
In order to reorganize the national debt on a longer term basis and thus reduce the volume of Government refinancing over the next few years. There is widespread public and business agreement that this is a sensible idea and will help protect the soundness of the Canadian dollar.

3. What interest will I receive on the new bonds?
On the 25-year bonds the interest rate is 4½%—this is 50% greater than the old Victory Bond rate. The increase on the 14-year and the 7-year bonds is also substantial.

4. As a Victory Bond holder, will I be required to make any additional payment?
No. On the contrary, you will receive an *immediate* cash adjustment.

5. Do I have to convert my Victory Bonds?
You may, if you wish, hold your Victory Bonds until maturity and on the due date you will be paid their full face value. The Conversion Loan offer is open only to Victory Bond holders; and the "right" to convert gives Victory Bonds a special value until the offer expires. This is because there are many people trying to buy them in order to invest in the new bonds.

6. What will be the total of my cash adjustment?
It will depend on the type of exchange. For example, a $500 8th Victory Bond exchanged for a $500 Conversion Bond paying 4½% will give you $8.75 in cash immediately. This includes earned interest.

7. Does this offer apply to Canada Savings Bonds and other Government of Canada Bonds?
No. This offer is limited to unmatured wartime Victory Loan Bonds only.

8. What steps should I take if I am away from home on vacation and wish to take advantage of this offer?
You should write immediately to your bank, investment dealer, stockbroker, trust or loan company, requesting literature and application forms.

9. Does it matter that the Victory Bond I hold is very small?
Every holder of a Victory Bond, even though the amount held may be only $50, should take advantage of this offer. It is in his best interests as well as in the best interests of Canada.

10. How long is this offer open?
Until September 15, 1958, but it is to your advantage to convert as quickly as possible and have the benefit of the immediate cash adjustment.

11. Where can I exchange my Victory Bonds?
At any bank, investment dealer, trust or loan company, or through your stockbroker.

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