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### Japanese-Chinese trade war

THE facts of life often play hob with ideology. The time-hallowed capitalist device of price cutting is now being employed as a weapon in the economic arsenal of communism.

In the markets of the West Soviet Russia is cutting prices on metals, lumber, and grain to get a foothold. In southeast Asia Communist China is slashing prices of everything from yard to bicycles in an effort to beat out the Japanese in such markets as Indonesia, Thailand, Ceylon and Burma.

The rulers of Red China have a healthy respect for Japan's economic ability, and at one stage hoped Japan would become neutralist and help in the build-up of Red China.

But Japan's unmistakeable Western leanings politically, and success in winning back commercial outlets in southeast Asia, have had an oddly unsocialist competitive reaction in Red China.

First it induced a propaganda campaign in which Chinese agents attempted to stir up old resentments over Japanese brutality during occu-

pation of southeast Asian countries in the Second World War.

But reasonably-priced Japanese goods continued to sell in vast quantities in teeming market places all over the area; so Red China's trade officials began to sharpen their pencils and mark down their own prices, in some cases as much as 40 per cent under Japanese price tags.

China is also reported to be offering "buy-now-pay-later" financing on a scale never before attempted in Asia, and Japan admits its trade is badly hurt. "If matters are left as they are all of southeast Asia may be drawn into Red China's sphere," says a leading Japanese trade official.

China, of course, has a double motive—to increase trade and political penetration. Whatever may be the internal effect of forcing over-populated, under-nourished China to produce cut-rate supplies for southeast Asia, the customers will enjoy the bargain bonanza—at any rate as long as the competitors can keep it up.

—The Victoria Colonist.

### Barmaids on way out

Nhis "Newsletter from Britain," which is broadcast each week in the BBC's Pacific Service, Sam Pollock commented on a recent statement that the surplus of women in Britain was declining so steadily that spinsters would soon be as rare as dinosaurs.

Pollock lamented the threatened disappearance of one type of spinster in particular—the barmaid. "The female beer-engine operator is becoming a rarity in our bars," he said, and recently he had read that "a mechanical harmaid—said to be the first of its kind in Europe-had been installed in a London public house. It holds 210 cans of beer and offers a choice of three brands, all chilled, in return for a shilling in the slot."

No doubt the contraption might be useful to those trying to get a quick drink before closing time in crowded

The potential opened up by the Western

slash in trade restrictions with the Communists

must be viewed against a background of an

Iron Curtain market comprising about one-

have agreed to allow the Reds to buy a lot of

goods previously banned does not mean the

Reds will swarm into the West with huge con-

happen. Like any other customer, the Com-

munist, be he Chinese or Russian, must be

cultivated. There will have to be more visits

to Pelping, Moscow and other Communist

centres by Canadian businessmen and gov-

In the battle for world markets there likely

will be play and counterplay even among the

Western powers as each tries to increase its

share of Communist purchases. There may be

entherments such as special barter deals, in

which Canadian businessmen are at a distinct

the Western desire and need for markets for

political propaganda. Differences among the

allies might be emphasized. A supplier from one

country which recognizes Red China, for ex-

ample, may be favored against one whose coun-

The Communists may attempt to exploit

No one in official quarters expects that to

But just because Canada and her allies

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

third of the world's population.

ernment officials.

disadvantage.

try does not.

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bars. Pollack conceded, "but the oldfashioned barmaid had social gifts which cannot be reproduced electronically. She was no mere servant; she presided over her salon of "regulars" with all the grace and sometimes with all the autocracy, of one of the great hostesses of the past. Before the natives were driven to conform with the prejudices of visit—never chilled; all she ever chilled was the brash newcomer to the bar who squeezed her hand when accepting his change—a privilege reserved for veteran members of the circle."

Many people in B.C. who patronize inns and taverns would much prefer the old land style of such retreats, complete with barmaids, to the frenzied slinging of the beverage around tables that has become our tradition.

-Kamloops Sentinel.

### OTTAWA REPORT BY FRANK HOWARD

Parliament Hill in one respect is no different from number of other places. Rumors fly just as thick and just as fast here as they do elsewhere. And they get, compounded and adjusted of our

recognition also. has to do with the date upon which this session will end. Speculation ranges all the way from the middle of August (the day that this is being written) to the middle of September. Although the unofficial goal which seems to have been set by the government is

Whether this is so or not remains to be seen for there is still a great deal of work to do, and more important, there were a number of measures indicated in the Speech from the Throne which haven't yet been presented to Parliament. Whether these measures will be presented to the House or not is unknown at the moment, But, if the government does intend to introduce all of the things which it promised

2. Further amendments to

railway to Great Slave Lake. broadcasting in Canada.

8. The setting up of a Select Committee on Broadcasting. We heard a great deal about

For the protection of the motoring public, the B.C. legislature must take note of a decision by Magistrate Naismith at Agassiz this week.

His worship had before him a charge against a 15-year-old boy of driving a farm tractor on the highway without the necessary licence. But he held that under the law ayone over 15 was permitted to drive "an even though a 15-year-old can't get-a motor vehicle driving licence.

This being the state of the law, the magistrate had no alternative but to dismiss the

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in the Speech from the Throne we will be here long after the middle of September.

So far we have yet to see the fulfilment of the follow-One of the current rumors ing Throne Speech promises: . The enactment of a Bill

> the Unemployment Insurance 3. The construction of

4. A new agency to regulate 5. Amendments to the Ra-

6. The establishment of a Small Business Section in the administrative machinery of government. , 7. Amendments to the Citi-

zenship Act. the development of the north

### This law is absurd

There is a conflict here between the law as it relates to an "implement of husbandry" and as it relates to motor vehicles. It should be ended.

Possibly it's well within the competence of a 15-year-old to manage a tractor on the farm. But if the law says he isn't fit to be responsible for a motor vehicle on the highway, then it seems to follow that he should be barred from taking his farm implement out on the highway.

Let the attorney-general and the minister of agriculture get their heads together on this

during this past week. This was done while the estimates of the Department of Northern Affairs were before the House.

It is under this department that federal-provincial co-operation is to take place with respect to building roads into the north. In B.C. this means the Stewart - Cassiar road. Many citizens will recall that this road has been under construction for some time, and was started by the provincial government some years ago. While the 'Roads to Resources' program of the federal gov-ernment may mean something to many parts of Canada, it will mean relatively little to B.C. in comparison with the approach of the former Liberal

government. 💎 .In speaking on this subject undertook to press for the building of additional roads to connect up with the present Stewart-Cassiar road in order that access may be given to other parts of Skeena.

It has long been my thought that an integrated road system could be established in northern B.C. by connecting the communities of Kitimat and Terrace with the area farther north through the Kalum and Nass valleys.

There is another natural route for a road into the north which must be used. That is, northward from Hazelton, through Kispiox, and along the so-called Route "A".

The Bulkley Valley and the area east from there allows for, another connecting road sys-

These roads, in my opinion, would fit quite well into the federal government's roal program, and steps should be taken immediately to ensure that surveys start before it is too

## FAST RELIEF FOR TRED

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### They will talk turkey

the final emergence from Con-

gress of the trade bill extend-

ing the President's negotiat-

ing powers for another four

years, Canadians should not

fail to take note that a specific

purpose of the act is to give

Mr. Eisenhower and his suc-

cessors power to negotiate tar-

iffs with the European Econ-

ornic Community, better knows

now that the "narmonization"

of external tariffs by the six

nations of western Europe will

become effective. The next

four years will see plenty of

horse-trading on tariffs be-

tween Europe and her trading

One of the reasons the form-

ation of the Common Market

got wide support in western

Europe was that some people

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as the Common Market.

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felt it would give the area a better bargaining position in us attempt to secure access to the United States market. \*A trading area of 168 million people negotiating with a trading area rought the same size is in a better position to talk terms than a group of nations, negotiating whose largest single population is less than a third of the size of the United States.

It would appear that this reasoning is not lost in Wash-

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# expenditure in the same period have each shown increases of around 10 times, from about \$500,000,000 to about \$5,000,000,000. Except for the post-war years, a few large post-war budgetary surpluses and the current year's large deficit, expenditures and revenues have stayed fairly close together. In the war years

### Communist markets should be explored By HAROLD MORRISON Canadian Press Staff Writer That is to say that Canada could hope for orders from Chinese Reds if she granted recognition. It is doubted in official quarters whether the Chinese have any large quantities of dollars available for Canadian purchases, though the officials say it is possible that some boost in Chinese trade could be expected to emerge from recognition.

RECOGNITION AN ISSUE Weighed against this possibility is strong United States opposition to recognition. Though some Canadian authorities privately question the Canadian and American positions, Canada has gone along with the U.S. on this issue, probably to demonstrate strong North Amer-

ican solidarity in defence co-operation. It is difficult to see the Canadian government breaking away from this policy simply because of the possibility of getting a few more dollars in trade.

Nevertheless it is known that the Canadian administration will lose no opportunity to explore the Communist market, particularly for primary resources exports, such as wheat and other grains and metals. The Communists have shown particular interest in getting more metals, such as nickel, aluminum and copper. Both Russia and the Chinese mainland have purchased Canadian wheat for eash.

The Canadian Wheat Board feels there should be a vigorous drive to expand that mar-

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