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Communist Duplicity

GENERAL EISENHOWER'S arrival in Europe and the new announcements about the British and American defence programs are being hotly denounced by all Communist propagandists as "feverish preparations for unleashing a new world war." There have been anti-Eisenhower demonstrations.

That the western nations are seeking war is direct converse of the truth. The whole purpose of the new defensive measures is purely defensive. And the terms of the North Atlantic Treaty are very narrowly and strictly worded, so that its military obligations only come into effect in the event of an actual armed attack on the territory or troops of the members.

The historical facts are in themselves proof of this. For three years after the end of the war the western democracies did nothing to organize any collective security system. They drastically reduced their armed forces and their expenditure on defence. They worked on the assumption that they could count upon a long period of peace.

Meanwhile the Soviet Union—in the words of the British note to Moscow of January 8—"maintained in being vast military forces out of all proportion to those retained by her wartime allies." Not only that but the east European states associated with Russia were welded into close military alliance. The ex-enemy states among them were re-armed. And the armed forces of the whole coalition were closely integrated with those of the Soviet Union.

A formidable military machine was created in eastern Europe. For what purpose? It could not be for defence. For the only other armies in Europe were so small and so unequipped that the very idea of their conducting an offensive against the east was ludicrous.

There could only be two reasons for Russia's preparations. Either this great force was intended for use in an attack on the west, or the intention was to support Soviet diplomacy by such an overwhelming preponderance of armed strength that any western country would be compelled, by the mere possibility of its use, to yield to any and every demand which Moscow chose to make.

There could be no other explanation. And as Russia's preponderance of strength increased, so Russian diplomacy became more openly and avowedly hostile to the west.

The "balance of power" is a phrase which has fallen into disrepute. But a far greater danger comes from a complete unbalance of power, from the possession of overwhelming force by a government intent on extending its territory or its influence. And Soviet Russia has given plenty of evidence of such intention. Despite the pledge of the Anglo-Soviet Treaty of 1943 that it would seek no territorial aggrandizement, it insisted in 1945 in adding thousands of square miles to its territories. It has brought six "independent" European countries under its control. And it has those still unfulfilled "territorial aspirations" in the Middle East on which Molotov laid such stress in his negotiations with Hitler and Von Ribbentrop in 1940.

The unbalance of power in Europe is becoming more and more dangerous. What the western powers are doing is in effect to restore that balance—to create a power situation which Stalin will understand and in which he will be willing to reach reasonable understandings and will not be tempted to use the threat of force as an instrument of policy. The point is that the western powers are seeking to restore the balance which has become so dangerously tilted. If there is an "arms race" it was started by the Soviet Union.

That is a historical fact. And it was once discovered as a "law of history" that a test of intention is that peacefully-minded states are always slower and later in military preparations than are aggressively-minded ones. The "discovery" of that "law" was Josef Stalin. It certainly applies to circumstances of today.

Scripture Passage for Today

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."—3 John 4.

PORTUGUESE FOOTHOLDS
Portuguese possessions in India cover an area of 1540 square miles with a population of more than 600,000.

SOURCE OF NOVEL
The historic orphanage at Broadstairs, Kent, England, was the source of Charles Dickens' great novel "Bleak House."

Services in the Church

DIRECTORY

Services in all churches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday School at 12:15 except as shown.

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Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 2:00 p.m.
Canon Basil S. Procter, D.A., B.D.
Rector: (Blue 753)

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5th Ave. E. at Young St.
Minister: Rev. Fred Anthonis
(Green 812)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
4th Avenue East
Rev. E. A. Wright, D.D.
(Green 982)

FIRST UNITED
636 6th Ave. West
Rev. L. G. Sieber
(Green 613)

FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE
202 6th Ave. West
Pastor: C. Fawcett
Services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 12:15.
(Green 331)

SAVATION ARMY
Placer Street
C.O.: Capt. W. Poulton
Directory Class 2:30 p.m.
Sunday School 3:00 p.m.
(Black 269)

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
5th Ave. at McBride St.
Pastor: S. Soland
(Black 610)

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN
5th Ave. at McBride St.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m.
(Blue 427)

REGULAR BAPTIST
629 6th Ave. E.
Pastor: Rev. Leonard A. Thorpe
(Blue 803)



As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT
THANKS, SIKHS

THIS IS to say thank you to Sikh friends, from many parts of British Columbia, who gave me such a handsome cash present, on the eve of my journey to the homeland of their forefathers. This nice gift will enable my wife to join me for much of my forthcoming trip.

TWO MEMBERS of our family are not altogether pleased at my forthcoming tour. Stu, our 17-year-old son, always raises an awful rumpus if I put his name in the paper. He values only mention on the sport page, as a rugby performer. But this time Stu's indignation will blast into thin air—for I will be far above or even across the ocean before he knows anything about this.

"I know you, dad," says Stu. "You're such a darn fanatic that if you ever get out there to India we'll never get you home again. You'll get up there in one of those monasteries, trying out Yogi or something, and I'll have to come out and get you." (Come to think of it, Stu may be working an advance alibi to dodge the matriculation examinations.)

THE OTHER member of our family who is very down-in-the-mouth about it all is Ruff, our jet black Springer spaniel who is never more than a couple of yards away from me, when I write these articles, or even when I go to the barber-shop.

Ruff is a middle-aged lady now—but, unlike many other such, is not the least bit troubled about her overweight. You might mistake her for a black bear. That is, till you heard her bark.

Don't tell me that dogs don't know what's going on. Ruff always knows when one or more of us is going away. She just can't stand solitude. In fact, she's more like Mae West than Greta Garbo. Very definitely, Ruff does NOT want to be alone.

And so tickle is fate that almost every year Ruff gets condemned to long spells of loneliness.

At such times the poor girl almost dies of anxiety. That sometimes puts the whole family in a spot, such as the time that daughter Martha wrote home from the Cariboo. No sooner had the postman put that letter through the letter-slot than the overjoyed Ruff literally ate the thing up.

AN AMERICAN girl, Mary, who is even more psychic than our Ruff, writes all the way from Arizona to say how glad she and her Canadian husband are that I am going to India.

She has always seen Asia in my aura, she says, and thinks that "your past incarnations may catch up with you."

Maybe I will catch up with my past incarnations. Who knows?

Saturday Sermon

OUR REWARD

(By Rev. E. Soland, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church)
"Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold we have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore?"—Matt. 19:27.

The question of reward is important to us. A child will work and do its best if he or she is rewarded with a gold star pasted on the lesson page. A stroke on the head, a nod of an approving teacher or a word of praise is all that is required to get a willing response from most children. If no praise is forthcoming for work well done, there is a state of depression that makes it difficult for the child to even try to get its lessons. The desire for recognition of effort is present in all ages of life.

Does it sound strange to you then that the apostles were wondering what kind of a reward should be given to them? They were asking a normal question. What would be their reward for investing themselves, after having left all in order to follow Jesus. It is not difficult to understand this question. It did however, come from a wrong impulse. Peter and the others had an idea that Jesus would re-establish the glorious Kingdom of Israel. So they were of the opinion that they would be having a political reward as soon as the kingdom would be founded.

Jesus answered their question. It was somewhat different than they had expected. He spoke of the kingdom of glory where they would sit upon thrones, acting as judges. Then He told them about the reward of eternal life. Not least in importance, Jesus told them that they could never give up anything for His sake unless they would receive a hundred fold reward. Such a promise was beyond anything one could imagine and beyond immediate understanding.

Have you wondered what your reward for following Christ might be? If you have wondered, then be assured that there is a reward for you. First it is found in this life. Then in its final form it is the reward of eternal life. The present reward is not always paid in dollars out is often in the form of spiritual blessings which are more worth while than money. For instance, a Christian has the forgiveness of sins. What is more precious than that? Then he has peace in his conscience. What could you compare in value with God's

There are also earthly rewards. Ask anyone who gives at least one-tenth of his income to God. Such a person will tell that he has experienced that the remainder of his funds have taken on an added value. Several people say that their income has increased since they began to give liberally to God. God never goes back on His promise. You are able to depend on Him at all times.

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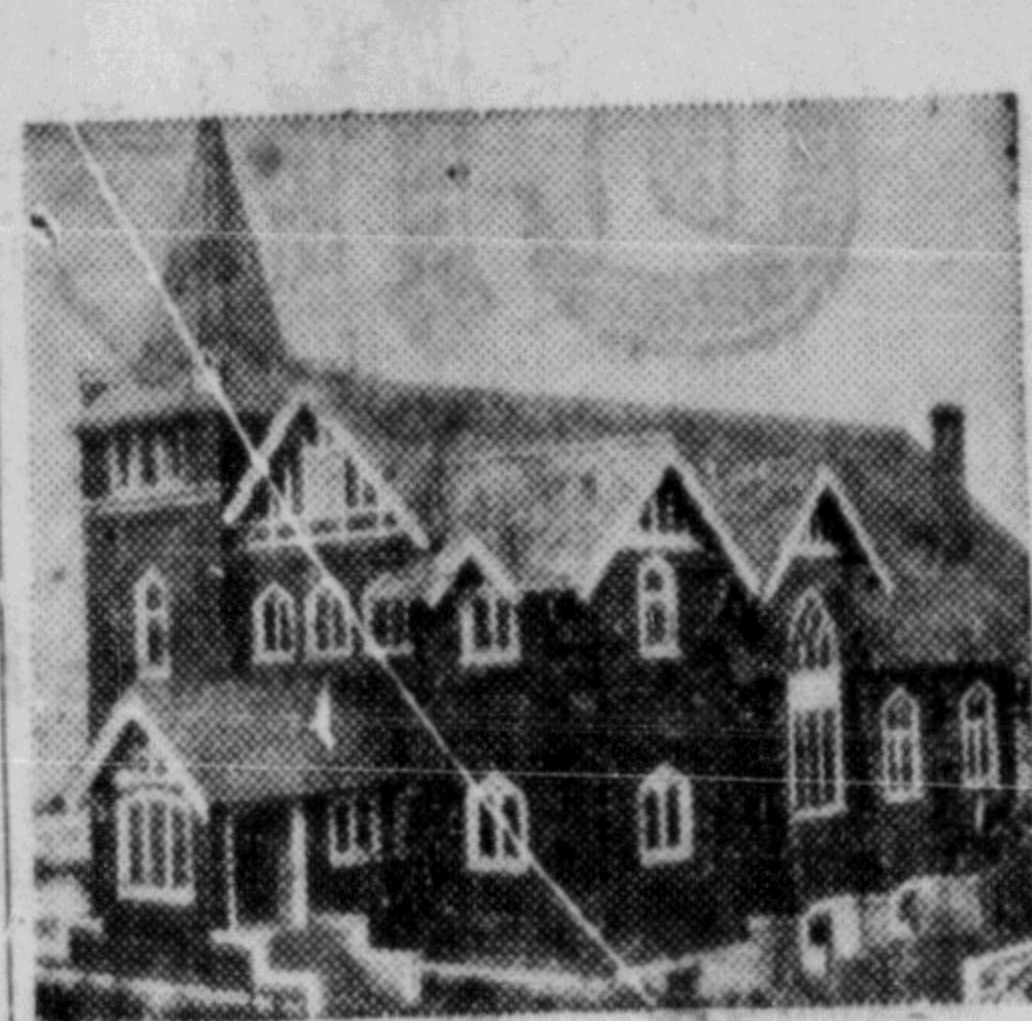
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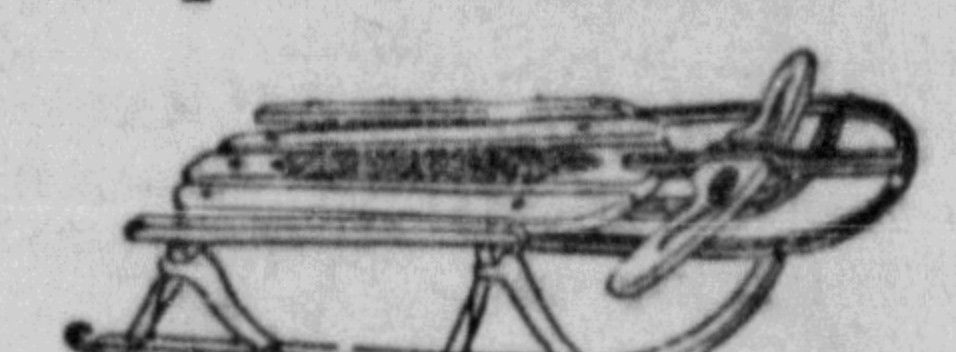
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