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Dominion Day

"Thou land of hope for all who toil
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— O Canada."

CANADA tomorrow is 83 years of age for it was on July 1, 1867, that Confederation became an accomplished fact. This is still youthful in the career of nations but we have in Canada come far and achieved mighty stature in those comparatively few years.

Canada is a rich nation—in resources, in industry, in people, in institutions—but most precious of our possessions today might still be rated the freedom without which all would be naught in our democratic way of living. Therefore, on this Dominion Day, it might be well to reflect that, while freedom is being threatened and destroyed in many parts of the world, here in Canada we stand almost as a final bastion of liberty. Great are the responsibilities, thereby, implied. That they may not involve us once again in the horrors of war, in another of which we would inevitably be a vortex, is devoutly to be prayed in these tense days as Dominion Day is once again renewed.

It is well that there should be developing in this country a truly national Canadian feeling, differing happily from the malevolent nationalisms of some of the other countries of the world today.

Nurtured in an atmosphere where the will and energy of people are allowed full expression within the limits of public welfare, may we well feel grateful today at our status as citizens of a great and growing nation in one of its greatest sections.

IN PRINCE RUPERT

IT is satisfactory that an adequate celebration of Dominion Day should be observed again in Prince Rupert.

After the lapse of a year, Port Day will be on once more and, fittingly enough, it will feature an exposition of the practical functioning of the primary industry of the port—its fishing. An intensive three-hour program has been arranged for the occasion. Prince Rupert people may be counted upon to turn out on the waterfront to see the men and boats of the halibut and salmon fleets in action and in contest.

The traditional Ketchikan-Prince Rupert baseball game will feature the afternoon's sport program to be followed by another local sports institution—the final for the Dominion Day football cup.

Once again, after having been rather indifferent about it for a time, we observe Dominion Day in good style and that is as it should be.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

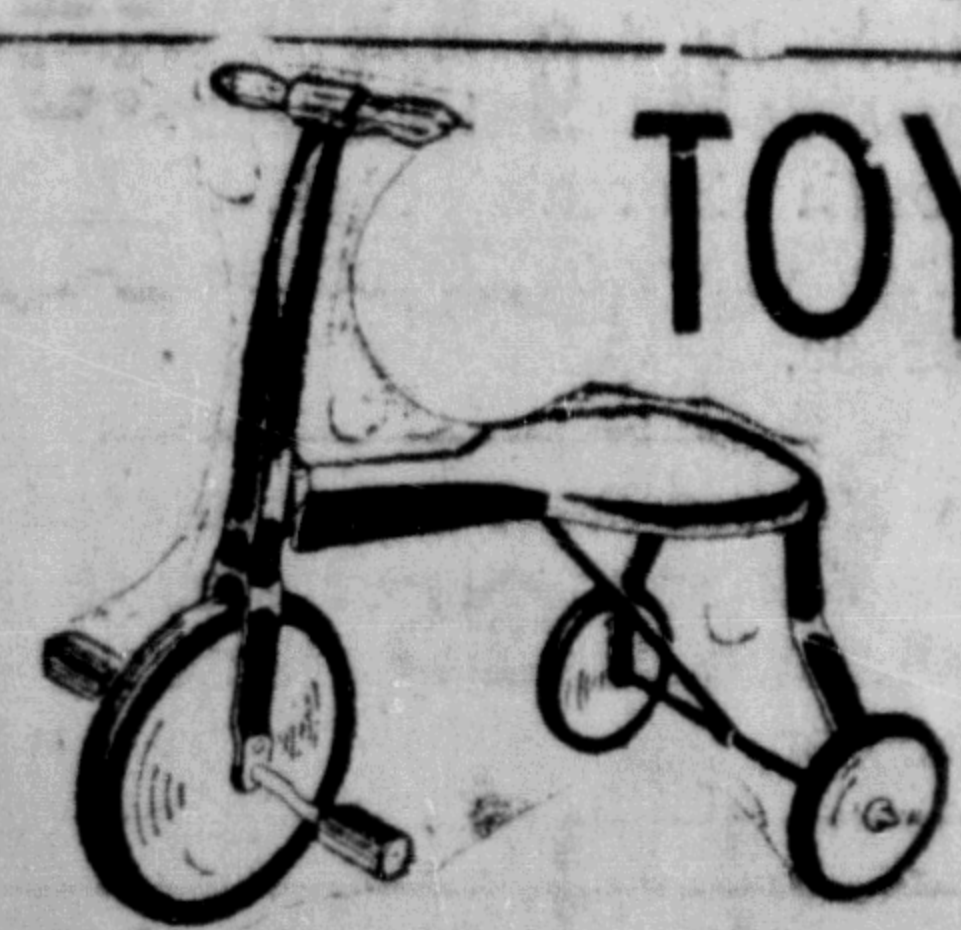
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By **ELMORE PHILPOTT**
VOICE OF UNCLE SAM

PORTLAND, Oregon: The highlight of the 1950 Northwest Institute of International Relations was the speech by George Crews McGhee.

More correctly, I should say the speeches and conversations of Mr. and Mrs. George Crews McGhee. For the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State brought along his beautiful wife. If I were thinking of someone to personify the best type of American womanhood, in the class now governing the U.S.A. I cannot think of any more symbolic lady.

Tall, with superb posture, and dark brown hair, Mrs. McGhee is the mother of four children. She comes from the people who have the means to dress exquisitely, and she knows how to do it. A thoroughbred, in the best sense of that term, yet you could not meet a friendlier, more sensible young woman.

I DESCRIBE the wife, because it seems to me you can tell a lot about a man—maybe most of all, when you know a bit of

his family background.

McGhee himself is a Texan by birth, an oilman (geologist) by profession and now a statesman or diplomatist by achievement. He looks forthright, tall, slightly stoutish—which just about evens up the husband-and-wife total. He has a thick crop of curly black hair, and wears thick glasses. Ordinarily he speaks standard American, without any trace of his Rhodes scholar years in England. But relaxed, and in casual offhand talk—especially when aroused—he lapses into typical Texan accents.

Mr. McGhee is responsible, under Secretary Dean Acheson and President Truman of course, for U.S. policies from Africa to Burma, inclusive. Greece, Turkey and Palestine or in his zone. Here are the points which he made in his public speeches:

1. The U.S. administration expects peace, not war.

2. The U.S. is using its influence, and will do so more strongly in future, to build "an international community." To give mankind a rule of law.

3. The U.S. is confident that Russian expansion has been stopped in western Europe. It is not quite so sure that the same is true in all areas of the Far East.

4. In the remaining African-Asian zone the following is the U.S. policy:

To promote local independence movements, as was done in Indonesia, wherever there is a

legitimate local democratic movement. But wherever there is no such democracy the U.S. will support whatever governing authority is operating. In other words it will not support or abet the ousting of the imperialist power if that means the actual local power passes to Communists controlled from Moscow.

GEORGE CREWS MCGHEE is the U.S. statesman mostly concerned with the working out of President Truman's so-called Point Four program. This is a program designed to raise the standard of living in all the vast un-developed or under-developed areas of the world.

The first step in this program is to provide these countries with expert technical assistance. There is, by the way, a great shortage of experts in these fields. In future there will undoubtedly be great public works—electric power dams, irrigation works, and so on.

I GOT THE impression that Mr. McGhee was aware of the danger that I tried to stress in my own public speeches—that there is no hope of stopping what they call "Red Imperialism" by a mere switch-over from the old-type of imperialism to a new, more subtle kind applied by U.S.A. through loans and bankers' control.

He gave me the impression that the U.S.A. intended to work through U whenever possible. If that is true, the above danger will be greatly reduced.

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