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OF A
MERE MAN
To far and to please, no more
than to love and to be wise, is not
given to man.

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He trespasses against his duty
who sleeps upon his watch, as well
as he who goes over to the enemy.

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EXPECT EARLY MAJOR U. S. MOVE TO CHECK RUSSIA

Grave Urgency Seen Behind European Union

By JAMES D. WHITE
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Unity not being a strong European trait, there is grave urgency behind the union of five countries in Western Europe.
Its speedy formation is an historic answer to what happened in Czechoslovakia.
None of the five powers involved—Britain, France, and the Benelux countries of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—wants Communist dominance to spread farther west. None mistakes the Czech coup for a challenge capable of being ignored with safety. Beyond that, none wants to be ground between Russia and America—just in case the cold war should burst into the showdown everyone expects.
The new five-power bloc is a step toward the "third force" idea which Americans have heard little about but which has been knocking around in Britain, some time now. The idea is that a bloc of states in Europe could provide one big strong buffer instead of several little ones between Russo-American antagonisms. Its immediate purpose would be to help stop the spread of Communist totalitarianism, but its broader goal would be a united Western Europe that would not have to take orders from either Russia or America. Nourished by the Marshall Plan and perhaps attracting all the 11 other countries slated for Marshall plan benefits, the western bloc could eventually dominate all Western Europe as a single great third power—that is the plan.

Four Critical Dates

In the meantime, there are clearly four dates coming up when the cold war—which the "third force" seeks to keep safely cool—could erupt into serious conflict, armed or otherwise.
The first comes up Wednesday when the United Nations is scheduled to consider the Czech coup, step forced by Chile and perhaps leading to another Soviet "walk-out" because it does not involve the veto. It could split the U. N. wide open.
The next date with destiny is April 18, when Italian elections take place. One current view is that if Italian Communists figure they can't win dominance through votes or by resort to

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Coming Events

- "Crushing as usual. Johnston's Mill, Suffolk.
- "Concert and Basket Social, Monday, 15th, Cornwall Hall. Ladies with baskets free.
- "South Grandville W. I. Variety Concert in Brantford Hall, Tuesday evening, March 16th.
- "Come to 3 one act plays, Pleasant Grove Hall, Wednesday, March 17, in aid of school.
- "St. Patrick's Variety Concert in Morell Hall, March 17th. Sponsored by Morell C. Y. O.
- "Hockey East Royals play tonight, Charlottetown Bombers vs. East Royals Royals. Skate after.
- "Unloading at Colville Station, Monday, 2 carsloads flour and feeds at reduced prices. James G. McLeod.
- "A Meeting in the interests of Bonshaw Rink will be held in Bonshaw Hall, Monday night, March 15th. All interested please attend.
- "Double feature New Glasgow Rink tonight. Old Timers vs. Girls; South Rustico Juniors vs. New Glasgow Juniors. Game starts 8:30. Skate after.
- "Reserve St. Patrick's night, March 17th for variety concert. Stella Marie Hall, North Rustico. Mainline for children. Admission, adults 35 cents; children 15 cents.
- "Jimmie Power's variety concert in Mount Albion Hall Tuesday night, 8:30 sharp. Sale of baskets after concert.
- "Hockey tonight at Hunter River rink, North Rustico Maple Leafs vs. Hunter River Shamrocks. Proceeds in aid Canadian Appeal for Children Fund. Proceeds of concert for same fund. Under auspices of Women's Institute. Skate after.

5 Dead, Heavy Damage In Montreal Fires

Europe's Food And Health Outlook Reported Improved

LONDON, March 14 —(AP)—Battered Europe's food, fuel and health conditions looked better today than at any time since the end of the war.
A mild winter reduced suffering and helped conserve precious fuel supplies. No epidemics were reported.
But the improvement was only relative. Germans still existed at near starvation levels. France and Italy fought inflation as they awaited Marshall Plan aid, and Britain struggled in an economic morass. More of almost everything was needed by most of the countries and associated quickly.
An Associated Press survey of conditions all across the continent indicated Switzerland, Elre, Belgium and Portugal were the best off generally, with Russia and the Russian-dominated countries also reporting improved living conditions.

There was little change in food rationing, but even dollar-short Britain had more fresh and canned fruit and Russians were eating better than at any time since the beginning of the war. Moscow reports said.
Crops were ahead of schedule and spring planting prospects looked promising. A late February cold spell was reported to have done little damage.
Health statistics showed decrease in some common diseases. There were fewer malnutrition cases.
This is the way things shaped up with spring just around the corner:
Britain—Health improved greatly during an exceptionally mild winter. Food remained rationed but there was more fresh and can-

Two Killed When Light Plane Crashes
BATH, N.B., March 14 —(CP)—Two residents of the nearby State of Maine were killed today when their light plane crashed into a hill five miles from here and burned.
Killed were:
Wavel Broad, 26, of Houlton.
George Pendexter, 21, Mapleton.

400 Have Close Call In Train Accident
BROOKVILLE, Ont., March 14 —(CP)—A lurching, plunging east-bound pool train — its baggage car ablaze and its engine badly damaged — last night was halted after a one-mile slide in which the locomotive heeled over dangerously and the lives of some 400 passengers were threatened.
The seven-car Toronto-Ottawa train, travelling at 70 miles-per-hour, went out of control at Malorytown, 13 miles west of Brockville, when a locomotive piston rod shattered and the flange of a main drive wheel was sheared off.
Flames shot out from under the baggage car as flying pieces of metal pierced a tank of illuminating gas, while a dangling engine rod rammed over the railway ties causing the locomotive to lurch and heel over from the track.
The unidentified engineer told a passenger, Maj. J.F. McLennan of Ottawa, that it was his closest shave in 30 years of railroading and that the entire train would have left the track if it had not been on a straight stretch.
Maj. McLennan said: "We were just leaning back in our seats idly watching the scenery as the train neared Brockville, when suddenly the coach gave a lurch and there was a hissing of air brakes. I was

thrown to the opposite seat.
"For what seemed an eternity the train continued to slide along the tracks in a series of sickening lurches. Finally it came to a halt and almost immediately trainmen dashed into the coach, smashed emergency cabinets and grabbed at fire extinguishers. They soon had the fire out," said Maj. McLennan.
Other passengers included four members of the Ottawa Collegiate Board returning from interviewing new teachers in Toronto. H. Stanley Higman, the chairman of the board, said:
"We were badly shaken up, but I think the train crew saved us from serious injury by their quick intelligent action."
At Belleville, A.R. Wilson, C.N.R. divisional superintendent believed that a mechanical failure in the engine was partly responsible for the accident and the sudden thaw following prolonged cold probably played its part.
An engine sent from Brockville dragged the disabled train in and it was discovered that the wheels of every coach had been worn flat by the one-mile slide along the rails.
Passengers arrived in Ottawa early this morning three hours overdue.

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Expect Showdown In Senate This Week

By Douglas How
OTTAWA, March 14 —(CP)—It looks like a showdown in the Senate this week on the admission of Cabinet Ministers to its august midst.
Both sides have reaffirmed their positions since Senator Wishart, M.L., Robertson, Government leader, announced he would invite Transport Minister Chevrier to pilot legislation there and Senator John T. Haig, Progressive Conservative leader, said he shouldn't.
After scouting all the angles, Senator Robertson says he still intends to go ahead with the plan; Senator Haig says he still plans to protest and may ask the Speaker to "see a stranger" and order his removal.
Senator Robertson wants Mr. Chevrier to pilot amendments to the Canada Shipping Act in the first trial of a system of having Cabinet Ministers steer some bills through the Upper Chamber first

May Seek Airing Of Czech Coup

(By The Associated Press)
LAKE SUCCESS, Mar. 14—The United States was reported ready tonight to vote for a United Nations airing of the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia.
Informed quarters said the United States decision was taken with full knowledge that it might bring the Security Council its most serious crisis to date.
The Russian delegation has been grudgingly silent on the issue, but no delegate doubts that the Soviet will fight bitterly to bar council debate on the Czechoslovak issue.

Union Will Permit Potato Cargo To Sail

Iron Curtain Of Secrecy Shrouds Federal Capital

HALIFAX, March 14 —(CP)—William Doherty, vice-president of the Canadian Communications Association, said Saturday the Seaside, one of eight strike-bound vessels here, will be cleared for Palestine on request of the owners, Andros Shipping Limited.
The Seaside has a cargo of seed potatoes aboard and the owners telegraphed the C.C.A. representative to ask if striking officers would agree to permit her to sail because of the perishable nature of the cargo.
Mr. Doherty said movement of the Seaside will be the first since March 2 when dock, radio and engineer officers walked off Canadian merchant vessels on the east and west coasts.
The Union announced earlier plans were being laid to string pickets around two more ships, the Monte Gaspe and the Rockside, which docked here yesterday.

Recovery Plan In Showdown Stage

WASHINGTON, March 14 —(AP)—The \$5,300,000,000 European recovery plan plunges into the showdown stage tomorrow in the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee. The Senate rammed it to passage early today, 69 to 17.
With a wary eye on the Red shadow over Europe, Foreign Affairs members are talking of making some changes and still ratifying the recovery plan before the week rolls by.
On one vital point there is general agreement in the House:
A bill to let the United States dip billions into the battle against Communism from crumpling across Europe will be in President Truman's hands in plenty of time before Italy's critical mid-April elections.

Enlistments In Army On Upswing

HALIFAX, March 14—Applications for enlistment in the Canadian Army's active force have taken an upswing in the Maritime during the last two weeks, it was reported here today.
Eastern Command headquarters said personnel depots at Halifax and Fredericton were "besieged" with requests for information.
The Army is seeking recruits between the ages of 17 and 25 for more than 200 trades as well as for the brigade group, a battle force.

Believe Meteor Falls In James Bay Area

MOOSE FACTORY, Ont., March 14 —(CP)—A big ball of blue flame, seemingly the size of a football, streaked out of the sky Thursday night and exploded near the shores of James Bay, V. J. Pratt of the Hudson's Bay Company said Saturday.
The ball disappeared, and a second later a streak of orange light shot upward from where the ball was last seen. He heard no noise. The incident tied up with earlier reports from Cochrane, 150 miles south of here, where residents reported seeing what they believed was a meteor Thursday night.

Heaviest Money Loss Caused In School Blaze

Outbreaks Said Worst In Montreal Area For Several Years

MONTRÉAL, March 14 —(CP)—Six major fires during the week-end took the lives of two firemen and three children and caused damage estimated at more than \$800,000 in the worst series of outbreaks in Montreal in several years.
The fires with estimated loss were:
Victoria Tire Shop, two firemen killed, four hurt, \$100,000.
Jacques Cartier Normal School, \$500,000.
Lafayette Garage, a plastic factory and five homes, seven persons hurt, \$200,000.
A home in suburban Coteau Rouge, three small children killed.
A three-storey house on Colonial Avenue, \$25,000.
Five sheds on east-end Orleans Street, \$25,000.
Killed were Lieut. Ernest Cyr and fireman Alphonse Hamelin, who were caught under a crumbling wall at the tire shop fire, and the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Collard, Huguette, five, Pierre, three, and Cyprien, one, who were trapped in their small frame cottage.
Fifty boarding students escaped from the Jacques Cartier School when fire broke out in the four-storey structure. All but one wing of the building, located in Laontaine Park, was gutted and the loss was placed at \$500,000 including one of the most precious Canadiana book collections in Canada.
This fire brought a general alarm and the largest turnout of firemen (Continued on Page 5 Col. 2)

FLIER'S NEW LOOK

Being tested for the R.A.F. this inflatable exposure suit for downed fliers weighs only two pounds, 12 1/2 ounces when folded. It rolls up and fits into a pocket of the collar of the Mae West. Ft. Lieut. F. Lathan, in the new suit, had no difficulty doing active work. He is carrying R. A. F. rubber dinghy.

30 Lose Lives In Crash Of Airliner

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, March 14 —(AP)—Bodies of 30 persons in the wreckage of an airliner which crashed into the face of a rock cliff and then tumbled 2,500 feet down the steep slopes of Mount Sanford may never be recovered.
Authorities said today rescue parties would be up against great odds in trying to reach the scene on the glacier-spotted 16,208-foot mountain.
The chartered Northwest Airline plane, which vanished Friday night on a flight from Shanghai to St. Paul, was sighted yesterday at the 8,500-foot level on the glacier-laden mountain 190 miles northeast of here.
The plane carried a crew of six and 24 seamen flying from Shanghai to New York. They were members of the crew of the tanker Sunset of the Overseas Tankship Corporation.

May Be Purge In British Labor Party

LONDON, March 14 —(AP)—Britain's Labor Government is determined that a Red coup shall not happen here.
So bitter has become the anti-Communist campaign led by Party and Government officials that newspapers, politicians and other observers are speculating that the next move may be a "purge" to clear Socialist ranks of fellow travellers and Communist apologues.
The campaign has taken on a new urgency with the fall of Czechoslovakia.
The coup in Prague was, perhaps, the severest shock the Communists have given the Labor Government.
Many British Labor leaders regarded Czechoslovakia a progressive model of socialist democracy. Herbert Morrison, Deputy Prime Minister, emphasized the increased campaign against Communism Saturday night in a prepared speech warning the British people they are facing "the same sort of nightmare... of aggression we thought we had banished by disposing of Hitler."
Hinting at the possibility of a

purge the Labor Party executive said "Czechoslovakia is an acid test of sincerity. Those who seek to condone this crime show that they are false to the principle of democratic socialism for which the Labor Party stands."
In Parliament the campaign against Communism already has been effective, splitting a half dozen or so fellow travellers from the heretofore influential "keep left" group of socialist M.P.s.
Of the 640 members of the House of Commons, only two are avowed Communists.
The "keep left" group, led by the Labor Party's youthful progressive wing, has commanded from 75 to 100 votes on important issues and, with the help of economic necessity, has pressed successfully for the reduction of Britain's armed forces.
Another part of the anti-Communist campaign, the London press reported today, was the dismissal of three Italian members of the British Broadcasting Corporation's European service.
The BBC declined to give a reason for their dismissal. All three later issued statements denying Communist affiliation.

May Mean Offer Of Military Assistance To Western Europe

Statesmen From 16 Western Powers Meet In Paris Today

WASHINGTON, March 14 —The United States Government's first major move to check Russia since the fall of Czechoslovakia is expected this week. It may be a promise of military support for a western bloc in Europe.
The idea of a direct warning from President Truman to Prime Minister Stalin that further Communist expansion means a clash with American power is believed to have been considered here. But some of the President's diplomatic advisers, at least, believe that the time has passed for words to stop Russia and the time for action is here.
State Department officials, who strongly hold this view, are highly pleased with Senate passage last night of the European recovery bill. They emphasized that there now remains ample time for the House of Representatives to act on the measure well in advance of Europe's next critical date — the April 18 Italian election.
The 69 to 17 Senate vote gives the Europeans positive evidence of American intention to stand by the recovery plan. It is regarded by diplomatic authorities as an important contribution in itself to the development of a more powerful policy in dealing with Russia.
State Secretary Marshall, however, is expected to produce for President Truman the first line of action to meet what diplomatic officials consider the threatening new situation in Eastern Europe.

Monoxide Gas Takes Man's Life

PICTOU, N.S., March 14 —(CP)—Collins Barkhouse, 21, of Riverside, N.S., died of monoxide poisoning early today in a car while waiting for a friend. Police said the car had a faulty exhaust connection.
Five men were sitting in the automobile waiting for a companion when monoxide fumes seeped in. Two seated in front jumped out and pulled the other three from the car. Two regained consciousness but Barkhouse could not be revived.
No inquest will be held.

Eight Homeless After Fire In Richibucto

RICHIBUCTO, N.B., March 14 —(CP)—Eight persons were homeless tonight after one of the worst fires in this Kent County village in recent years swept through a three-storey building this morning. Damage was estimated at \$10,000.
Homeless were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred LeGoff, Mr. and Mrs. Robert LeGoff, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cormier, R. Nowland and V. LeBlanc.

RESCUES BOY

HALIFAX, March 14 —(CP)—Douglas Purcell crawled out on thin ice Saturday night to rescue eight-year-old Bobby Peacock from drowning in the Northwest Arm. The boy had broken through the ice while returning from a movie.
It was the seventh rescue in the last few years for Purcell, an Oiler aboard the tanker Imperial Westland.

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High tide this afternoon at 1:08 and tonight at 1:40.
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First quarter moon March 19th, 5:27 A. M.

PEEL THEM FIRST?
Diamond cutters, who serve at least two years as apprentices before being trusted with a good gem, practice diamond cutting with potatoes.



It's usually better to suffer from the cold than the remedies volunteered?
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