

Outpost In China

By Val Gleigud

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His voice broke, and his head fell forward on to the back of his hands. The girl's heart twitched. She hadn't known it had been as bad as that! She had been too worried herself.

"We shan't do any good by discussing it," she said in a low voice. Gerald drew up his head.

"We must!" he cried out. "I want things right again—Hades with Tan Fu—but between us! If I could be certain that the place was the only thing between us, I'd chuck it up to-morrow and take you down river!"

"Nonsense!" "But I won't chuck it up just as a top to your vanity!"

"YOU DESPISE ME"

Sheila felt herself as somehow being put absurdly in the wrong. She made a valiant effort to re-establish her case accordingly, and made a false move.

"You were tired of me before we ever came to Tan Fu," she said.

"That's a lie and you know it," retorted Gerald fiercely. "You never loved me as I loved you. Still love you? I don't blame you for that. I know I'm not much of a fellow, nothing like good enough for you. But I swore to make something of myself for your sake, and with your backing. All I've done is to make you despise me for failing."

"The girl put a hand on his cheek for a moment.

"I don't despise you, Gerry, half as much as I hate myself!"

"What do you mean by that?"

"I'm worse than just a second-rate, Gerry. I'm third-rate. I know that. I've failed you worse than you've failed me. But you're sorry for your failure. I'm not."

"Sheila!"

"It's true. I'm simply rather flat, and very tired, and so bored that I could scream! I wish I could help you—that we could kiss and make it up, and work together again, and live happily ever after—but I can't. It doesn't seem to matter particularly."

"There was a dawning horror in his eyes as he stared at her.

"But it's our whole life," he stammered pitifully.

Sheila said nothing, and with her silence felt as if fingers of ice were closing slowly, inexorably round his heart, freezing from it for ever all things lovely and happy and of good report.

He got to his feet and turned away so that she should not see the working of his face.

"I'll take you back to Shanghai," he said dully.

"Outside the windows in the dusk a little wind was rising, and the branches of the tree overhanging the verandah rasped against the shutters.

Sheila rose in her turn.

"Thank you, Gerry," she said. Her voice was not quite steady. "You did that magnanimously. Honestly I appreciate it as a gesture. But I'm afraid it's too late for that simple solution. Why on earth couldn't you have let Leslie Dale stay on here and taken me away?" she cried out suddenly.

Gerald's face darkened.

"What's Dale got to do with it, Sheila? If he shows up here again I'll shoot him like a dog."

"His lips had gone very dry, and he moistened them furtively with his tongue.

"My dear Gerry," Sheila said slowly and deliberately, "pull yourself together. Take a look at yourself."

Gerald looked at himself desperately. Over his wife's shoulder he caught sight of his own reflection in a little mirror on the wall, framed in bamboo. He saw, with a hideous clarity, the face of a weak-lipped, sweating boy, all control and dignity flung aside, indulging in a puerile display of melodrama. He moved away, and noticed a little bronze ash-tray lying on the corner of the desk. With a swift movement he picked it up, and flung it at that face which stared at him out of the mirror.

Sheila screamed. There was a splintering smash, a tinkle of falling glass, and the tension in the room relaxed as Gerald dropped limply in to a chair.

Sheila went to him, and put an arm round his heaving shoulders.

"Nothing as bad as it seems, you know, my dear," she said softly. "Don't worry about me—I'm not worth it."

"Leave me alone," he whispered. Sheila looked up and saw Patrick James standing in the doorway.

Kremlin May Be Preparing Russian People For War

By J. M. ROBERTS, Jr. (AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

It looks very much as though the Kremlin is beginning to prepare the Russian people for war.

For several weeks Soviet newspapers and speakers have been going beyond the old war-mongering talk about the United States, playing upon Russian fears of a revived Germany.

Now, taking the occasion of the anniversary of Lenin's death, the Russians are being told the U.S. has nurtured territorial ambitions against the Caucasus for 33 years.

And Russian diplomacy, in the form of notes to France and Britain regarding German rearmament, takes the form of war threats.

The Kremlin, having broken the Potsdam agreement by rearmament of East Germany, now grows almost hysterical in the face of Allied intentions to do likewise in Western Germany.

The toughest note went to France, in an obvious effort to play on that country's own fear of a revived Germany.

Russia's first objective is to interfere with the not-quite-jelled Atlantic Pact plans for rearmament. Many Europeans already fear the plan will precipitate a Russian break. Now that Russian propaganda seems aimed at least partly at the Russian people, paving the way for a possible "preventive" war by playing on fear of Germany, this European fear is likely to be enhanced. The Kremlin thus uses a double-barreled gun.

Many Westerners are under the impression that the Stalin dictatorship is under no compulsion to consider Russian public opinion. But this is only partly true. Like other peoples, the Russians want no war. The Kremlin probably knows that it was the invasion of Poland, Russia, and Czechoslovakia, which aroused the Russians to the effort of 1941-45.

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Annual Meeting Of Crystal Chapter LOBA, No. 25

The annual meeting of Crystal Chapter No. 25 of the L. O. B. A. was held on Thursday evening, Jan. 18. A good attendance of members was present. Splendid reports of the year's work were given by the Recording Registrar, Mary MacPhail and the Treasurer, Susie Moore.

Several new members were initiated during the year, and interesting and enthusiastic meetings held. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed, with Past-Sen. Prec. Jessie L. Larter and Past-Sen. Prec. Margaret MacKenzie, conducting the electing and installing ceremonies:—

Sen. Prec. — Mrs. Mary Dickie, Charlottetown.

Jr. Prec. — Mrs. Mary MacPhail, Coornwall.

Rec. Reg. — Mrs. Rena MacCaull, Ellerslie.

Fin. Reg. — Mrs. Gladys Downe, Charlottetown.

Treas. — Mrs. Alice Jewell, Charlottetown.

Chap. — Mrs. Elizabeth Best, Crapaud.

Deaconess — Mrs. Edith Taylor, Charlottetown.

1st Lect. — Mrs. Margaret Callbeck, Crapaud.

2nd Lect. — Mrs. Olive Hansen, Charlottetown.

1st Escort — Miss Annie MacDougall, Crapaud.

2nd Escort — Mrs. Florence Ross, Charlottetown.

Ten Chorists — Mrs. Grace Bell, Mrs. Stuart Dawson, Mrs. Annie Willis, Mrs. Susie Moore, Mrs. Mary MacDougall, Mrs. Margaret Shaw, Mrs. Lilla French, Mrs. Margaret MacKenzie, Mrs. Jessie L. Larter, Mrs. Eva Muttow.

Inner Sentinel — Mrs. Margaret Campbell.

Musical Director — Mrs. Hazel Large.

Auditors — Mrs. Lilla French, Mrs. Jessie Larter, Mrs. Margaret Campbell.

Sick Committee — Mrs. Jessie Larter, Mrs. Lilla French, Mrs. Margaret MacKenzie, Mrs. Susie Moore.

Divorce Campaign Costs Friendship

LONDON, Jan. 23 — (CP)—Lord Mancroft, bachelor, says that if you want to do a lot of good try to reform the divorce laws here — but it may cost some friendships.

The 38-year-old peer is going slow in his campaign to reform Britain's divorce laws because he is losing friends and failing to influence people.

"When I bring up the subject of divorce among friends, the room is split into two camps," he told the Authors' Club. "There is a great division and it's all my fault. Now I don't bring it up very often."

Mancroft introduced a bill for divorce reform last year but it made little headway. One of his chief aims was to abolish the law which prevents a divorced man from marrying his wife's sister—a ruling, he said, causing much hardship and immorality.

Hoffman Urges Bold Program

TORONTO, Jan. 23 — (CP)—Paul Hoffman, former Marshall Plan chief, said Monday a bold program of military, political, economic and propaganda activity is democracy's greatest hope for lasting peace.

In the face of Russian "gangsterism," he told the Toronto Board of Trade, no "little plan" and no short-term plan will do.

"We will be safe only if we make bold plans — and plans which call for intense activity over the period of at least a decade."

Mr. Hoffman, director of the Ford Foundation and still a Marshall Plan consultant, said that, "although I don't believe in appeasement, I don't believe that a global (preventative) war is any solution to our present dilemma."

"I believe that any attempt to crush Communism with atom bombs would miss the objective. It would be an admission that we lack the brain power and the will power to develop a program for waging the peace sufficiently to prevail against

Quickies by Ken Reynolds

Two hot tears rolled down Dobin's cheeks: "I'm eaten with remorse To think that I became a man! I'm glad I am a horse!" —S. Barlow Bird, Freetown, P. E. I.

Boost Pay For Research Workers

OTTAWA, Jan. 23 — (CP)—In a move to recruit more scientists for Canada's vast defence research program, Defence Minister Claxton today announced salary increases for the scientific staff of the Defence Research Board.

The increases will range from \$300 to \$600 a year and apply to members of the Board's staff at Ottawa and laboratories across Canada who earn less than \$7,300 a year. They are retroactive to Dec. 1, 1950.

Mr. Claxton said it was felt an upward revision of salaries would assist in recruiting qualified scientists.

The basic recruiting rate for a man with a doctor of philosophy degree is raised from \$3,560 to \$3,900 a year. The Minister said an additional allowance over and above this basic rate would be made for superior qualifications or experience.

Canada's Trade Balance Is Cut Sharply

OTTAWA, Jan. 23 — (CP) An unprecedented buying surge in the markets of the world has virtually ended Canada's traditional favorable balance of trade.

For years Canada sold more to the world than she purchased. But during the first 11 months of 1950, the Bureau of Statistics reported today, the shoe was on the other foot.

While exports increased about five per cent to \$2,863,600,000, imports climbed 14 per cent to \$2,908,000,000, leaving an 11-month deficit of \$44,400,000.

In 1949 there was a surplus of \$186,400,000, with exports totalling \$2,734,200,000 and imports \$2,547,800,000.

The trade report showed three other realignments in the trading pattern:

1. A sharp climb in exports to the United States, driving down the long-time bulky balance in United States' favor.

2. A drop of one-third in exports to the United Kingdom, bringing Canada's trade with the U.K. into near balance.

3. Canada's over-all total trade, the balance, has reached new levels.

The largest factor accounting for the 1950 deficit was November trade. Imports of \$327,900,000 were up from \$320,600,000 in October and 37 per cent higher than \$239,600,000 in November, 1949.

Exports, at \$298,400,000, were down from \$318,900,000 in October and only slightly higher than the \$295,500,000 a year previous.

The deficit, which had been running only about \$12,900,000 during the 10 months of 1950, thereby was boosted by \$21,500,000. In November, 1949, Canada showed a monthly export surplus of \$55,900,000.

Imports from the U.S. in November rose to a high of \$214,800,000, up from \$208,300,000 in October and \$162,700,000 in the year previous. Exports were valued at \$195,100,000, down from \$207,400,000 in October, but up from \$173,800,000 a year earlier.

During the 11 months, the deficit fell to \$20,000,000 from \$438,500,000. Exports to the U.S. reached \$1,856,200,000, against \$1,382,300,000 a year previous. Imports climbed to \$1,948,200,000, against \$1,800,900,000 in 1949.

November's trade with the U.K. showed imports of \$40,200,000, against \$26,500,000 a year previous and exports of \$38,800,000, against \$37,200,000.

The monthly import surplus of \$1,409,000, contrasted sharply with an export surplus of \$30,700,000 in the 10 months of 1949. Imports of \$372,300,000 in November were higher than the \$283,700,000 in 1949.

Exports of \$432,600,000 declined one-third from \$659,100,000. The traditional trading surplus in Canada's favor dropped to \$60,400,000 from \$372,400,000.

MONTROSE SCHOOL — Standing of Montrose School for December.

Grade VIII — 1. Bertie Morrison. 2. Alder Pridham. 3. Martha Dunbar.

Grade VII — 1. Wynand Van Den Bor. 2. Myrtle Shea.

Grade VI — 1. Evelyn Bonness. 2. Hughie Morrison. 3. Ethel Barbour.

Grade V — 1. Marie Shea. 2. Dale Fraser.

Grade III A — 1. Pauline Gordon and Shirley Pridham (equal). 2. Mientje Van Den Bor and Heather Fraser (equal).

Grade III B — 1. Nellie Van Den Bor.

Grade II — 1. Betty Fraser.

Grade I A — 1. Archie Dunbar. 2. Allison Bonness. 3. Judy Fraser.

Grade I B — 1. Judy Campbell. Grade I C — 1. Blair Barbour. Teacher — Mrs. Joseph Callaghan.

AFRICAN TERRITORY — The territories now comprised in the Uganda protectorate came under British influence in 1890.

He believed also that negotiations with Russia were virtually doomed.

"Some day, when the free world has demonstrated to Stalin and his cohorts at home and abroad that it is so strong, so resolute, so unified that he cannot undermine it, negotiations might yield fruit. But now now — not for a while..."

Canada Operates On Pay-As-You-Go Basis In Korea

By William Boss

MIRYANG, Korea, Jan. 23 — (CP) — In "police actions," as in war, Canada operates on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Supplies obtained here for the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, now training for operations in Korea, are totted up as carefully, as household accounts. Like household accounts they will be charged back one day to the Canadian taxpayer.

The Battalion, which uses Canadian, British-type and United States equipment, draws from both British and United States stores. But it carries its own replacement for such Canadian equipment as battle dress.

Its rations are American, as are vehicles and certain weapons. Other equipment will be served or replaced from British stores.

Both channels, moved both by goodwill and Canadian currency, have met every Canadian request. As it is impractical to set up a Canadian supply line for one Battalion, the Patricia's administrative echelon has been integrated into that of the 29th British Commonwealth Brigade, with which they will fight.

Maj. Geoffrey Brooks of Shilo, Man., is Canadian deputy adjutant and quartermaster-general for the Brigade while its Canadian deputy assistant director of ordnance services is Maj. Walter Finney of Toronto.

To help the Brigade's maintenance areas supply an additional Battalion, small detachments of Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps personnel have been allotted to each storehouse.

Lt.-Col. J. M. Stone of Salmon Arm, B. C., the Patricia's commanding officer, has authority to purchase from either British or American sources replacements for operational losses.

He also is authorized to maintain a small pool of replacements ready to be sent forward as such losses occur. But Stone, a business man back home, says it would be wasteful to spend public money setting it up until reasonably sure the equipment will be used.

Sorting Supplies

More than three weeks after arriving in the theatre, the Battalion was still sorting out its stores.

Supplies intended for the unit and those for its supply area carried identical serial markings and in the whole shipment had to be opened and sorted out before the div-

ision could take place. As things shook down, the Battalion found it had most of its equipment. Minor exceptions were spare parts for the armor and shortages of things like flashlights and batteries.

Notification of operational plans also could change the personnel picture. So far only a small number of replacements has arrived to take care of normal training "wastage."

The number already is about balanced by those lost through illness or impending medical re-boards.

Some are bona fide cases of men who have developed ailments in service.

Others enlisted knowing they suffered from old complaints likely to kick up again, old army categories for which they were drawing army pensions. Some, who joined "for the ride," concealed factors they knew they could use later to get themselves discharged.

The feeling is that adequate examination in Canada might have spared the unit the handicap.

Even so, completion of the unit's training is the only consideration now. If that were done, says the C. O., with the men here, the supplies laid on, "I'd take them in to-morrow . . . I was never happier."

Newsman Wanted No Headlines

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 23 — (AP)—A Canadian-born newspaper man who wanted no headlines for himself died Saturday.

He was Jules A. Derome, 86, associate editor of the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader for 41 years.

Derome left for Argus-Leader editors a letter, written in 1941, asking that his death be reported only in the paper's obituary column under the general heading "deaths."

He asked, "as my last request, no other reference—editorial or reportorial, letters, or picture—appear in this or any other publication."

Fred C. Christopherson, editor of the Argus-Leader, said the newspaper will comply with Derome's wishes but will carry the obituary prepared by Derome on page one, and will precede it with an editor's note saying headlines are omitted in deference to Derome's desires.

In the prepared obituary, Derome said: "He was born in Canada, in 1864, and came to New England in 1884. He graduated from the Hartford, Conn., Theological Seminary in 1888, and spent the 25 years preceding his coming to this paper in the active ministry of the Congregational Church.

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HMS Magnificent Sailing February 5 HALIFAX, Jan. 23 — (OP) — The aircraft carrier Magnificent and the destroyer Crescent will sail from here Feb. 5 for a training cruise in southern waters, a navy spokesman announced today. The destroyer Micmac will rendezvous with the ships during the exercises. Micmac is leaving here today to escort the destroyer Huron part way on her voyage to Korean waters. KENSINGTON W. A. The January meeting of the Women's Association of Kensington United Church met on Wednesday evening, Jan. 10 at the home of Mrs. W. F. Taylor, with the president, Mrs. D. McKenzie in the chair. The meeting was opened by the members repeating the Creed in unison, followed by the minutes of the last meeting. Roll call was responded to by twelve members and one new member paying their dues. Business was then taken up and an interesting letter read from Principal Nicholson of Pine Hill University, telling of the great work being done there in training young men in the Christian Ministry. Mr. Nicholson thanked the Society for their generous donation in 1950. Mrs. MacKenzie, on behalf of herself and Mrs. Walker, as church organists, thanked the W. A. for their Christmas gifts. A baby's layette was given out to be made for the Red Cross and knitting was distributed among the ladies. The members were invited to meet at the home of Mrs. Ivan Darrach for the February meeting. Collection was taken. The meeting was then brought to a close with the Mizpah benediction. A social hour was enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. McFayden. WAKE UP MORNINGS LIKE A CAVE MAN Get relief from constipation—Indigestion. Positive results from FRUIT-A-TIVES proven by tens of thousands. FRUIT-A-TIVES contains extracts of fruits and herbs.



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