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The Cold War Warms Up

Moscow's Politbureau is busy right now stirring up anew the embers of the cold war. The "sweet reasonableness" of the Moscow Economic conference has achieved its diabolical purpose of setting the countries of the West at each other's throats in a revival of protectionist sentiment designed to throttle trade. Guile having served its purpose, blackmail and intimidation now come more into their own.

Danger points are West Germany, Berlin and Korea. Soviet political strategy is aimed at blocking, once and for all, a German military alliance with the West and transforming Korea into a diplomatic and psychological defeat for the UN.

The recent Communist-staged riot in Essen is but a foretaste of what Moscow's puppets are prepared to do to forestall West German rearmament. East German Communists prophesy a "civil war" if Chancellor Adenauer's government enters into any military alliance with the countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

That Berlin will once again be a focal point of Soviet pressure is evidenced by the partial blockade imposed on Allied military traffic on the highway leading from West Germany to the former capital of the Reich.

On the propaganda front, Chinese and North Korean "atrocities" charges aimed at the UN are being echoed the world over by party-liners. Germ warfare, poison gas shells, and maltreatment of prisoners, constitute but the more fantastic of the accusations.

Everything points to a renewal of feverish trouble-making on the part of Moscow. That trouble-making, it is safe to assume, will stop short of nothing but a general war. Wherever trouble breaks out, however, it must be remembered that Moscow is playing for the extremely high stake of Germany. For as Germany goes, so runs the thinking of the Politbureau, so will go Europe.

Officer Training

An increase is forecast by Defence Minister Claxton in the number of officers to be trained in universities and in the services colleges, Royal Military College and Royal Roads. Laval University, Quebec, is particularly mentioned as a centre for the instruction of specialist officers, presumably because of its advantages as a bi-lingual institution.

The step-up in training, however, seems intended to be country wide and Prince of Wales College and St. Dunstan's University must do their share by offering every encouragement to students to prepare for commissions.

The advantage is by no means all one sided. A certain amount of time is, of course, taken from general education in the process of officer training but the pay involved both during the college year and through taking summer training will undoubtedly enable many students to complete their college course who might otherwise be compelled to give up for want of funds.

Prime Minister's Dilemma

Sympathy will be extended to Prime Minister St. Laurent in the dilemma in which he finds himself. He has delayed making Senatorial appointments to avoid creating vacancies in the House of Commons, and now comes along the Provincial Liberal Leader in Quebec, Mr. Lapalme, soliciting the resignation of four Federal M. P.'s to run as candidates in next month's Provincial election. On this subject the Ottawa correspondent of the Gazette has this to say:

"Quebec Liberal Leader, Georges Lapalme has asked four prominent Quebec Liberal M. P.'s to resign their House of Commons seats and contest ridings in the provincial by-election. Places in Lapalme's cabinet—if and when—are said to have been mentioned as an inducement. Three of the M.P.'s are reported to have accepted tentatively. They are Gerard Cournoyer (L-Richelieu-Vercheres), Roch Pinard (L-Chambly-Rouville), and Leopold Demers (L-Laval). Prime Minister St. Laurent hasn't yet given his consent. The move would create three new Quebec by-elections. After what happened in Roberval, many Liberals wouldn't look with favor on such

a development. Mr. Lapalme, it's said, will come to Ottawa shortly to make a personal appeal to the Prime Minister to release the three M. P.'s for service in the provincial field. He'll likely argue that if the three seats involved aren't "safe" federally, then there isn't a single riding in the province that is—and Mr. St. Laurent might as well call a speedy general election and get it over with."

EDITORIAL NOTES

A U. K. firm has developed a rust remover that converts rust into a protective finish which is an excellent base for paint.

Canada is now declared freed from Foot and Mouth Disease. Perhaps export restrictions will be removed in due course, notwithstanding attempts in U. S. Senate to extend the prohibitions.

Arrangements should certainly be made as Mayor Stewart suggests for the welcome of returned soldiers from Korea or Europe to their native Province. The Legion will no doubt see that this is followed up.

Boston Stock Exchange has joined the markets that have extended hours of trading. The governing committee said the half-hour extension to 3:30 p.m., would be effective June 2 and remain in effect until further notice.

The Mayor of Toronto, Mr. Allan Lamport, is anxious to succeed Mr. Walter C. Thomson, as Liberal Leader for Ontario. Mr. Thomson, who led his party to defeat at the recent by-elections has resigned, and is slated for an Ontario judgeship.

Bad News. Dr. Hill, Parliamentary Secretary to the U. K. Minister of Food, said recently: "Owing to our balance of payments position it is unlikely that any further imports of apples from dollar sources can be permitted this year."

A three-legged baby duck, envy of all his fellows, is wandering about the farm in Sidney, B. C., of Capt. and Mrs. Harold Kennaird. Hatched a week ago, he used two legs for walking and the third as a rudder. His owners can hardly wait for his first swim.

Charlottetown and Summerside Airports are ideal so far as landing and departing conditions are concerned, in that there are no high buildings in the vicinity to interfere with flights. The new law just enacted forbids the erection of such skyscrapers.

George III, grandson of George II, was born this date 1738. Under him it was by the great Whig families that the policy of England was dictated. He tried to end the system of responsible government. His policies in America caused the loss of the Thirteen Colonies.

Cultural education and encouragement are being pushed ahead here, for in addition to the music and drama advance movements, we now have the art proposal to hold a series of exhibitions in our midst in the current year. All that remains is the putting into effect the suggestion that professional plays from away should be encouraged as are community concerts.

It is unusual for a British Cabinet Minister to leave his office to visit scenes of active warfare, but Rt. Hon. Lord Alexander, our former Governor-General, is an unusual portfolio holder. His visit to Korea will bring to bear the experience and knowledge of a successful practical soldier and commander, which is evidently what is necessary in that disturbed quarter.

Britain's top trade union leaders have plumped in favor of an all-out rearmament program, and chided followers who have heeded the Bevanite plea to cut arms expenditure. "Our firm conviction remains that the greatest possible measure of rearmament must be carried out within the limits of our powers to find the means," said a statement from the Trade Union Congress Council, which speaks for 186 unions with a membership of 8,000,000.

Six scholarships known as the Henry Wise Wood Memorial Scholarships have been established by the Alberta Wheat Pool for annual award to three boys and three girls in junior club projects sponsored by the Alberta Wheat Pool. The \$75 scholarships will be used to help pay the expenses of a boy and girl attending each of the Provincial Schools of Agriculture and Home Economics at Olds, Vermilion and Fairview. The scholarships will be awarded to those entering the first year or the "two-in-one" course in Agriculture and Home Economics. Basis for the award will be academic achievement, proficiency in club work and potential leadership ability.

It's Leap June!



PUBLIC FORUM

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THE UNITED NATIONS

Sir.—Straight and shining, a perfect rectangle, forty-two stories high, built of glass and bordered with marble, the United Nations Building seems indeed a symbol of a splendid new world. This effect is carried on into the great foyer, filled with light that pours through the high windows and is reflected from the glass and marble walls and is caught in the polished black and white stone floor. The blue water of the East River that flow past this dazzling hall and the gay pleasure boats that drift by add color and movement to the brilliant scene.

But this after all, is only the enchanting exterior behind which men and women work at a most difficult and complicated task—perhaps the most difficult and complicated of any in history. I went into the large and dignified room where the Commission on Human Rights was in session. This room is beautiful in a conventional way. Most of the wall space is paneled in rose-colored wood. Heavy olive-green drapes shade the glass surfaces and thick olive-green carpets dull the footsteps. Here delegates from eighteen nations—four of them women—India, Sweden, Uruguay and the U. S. (Mrs. Roosevelt) have been working together to revise eighteen draft articles that will form the covenant on political and civil rights.

I put on my ear-phones and switched on the dial attached to my seat, to "English" and there in a magical way, I could hear simultaneously the voice of the speaker in his native language and the interpreter translating into English. When that was the language spoken, it was fascinating to listen in to the foreign translations. The mechanical devices of ear-phone and dial, however, cannot bridge the gap between languages. I attended a session of the Human Rights Commission a week before that clearly showed that particular obstacle to mutual understanding and agreement. The specific problem that day was to formulate an article saying that anything in the covenant of Human Rights would not interfere with existing laws of the contracting countries.

Mrs. Roosevelt, speaking for the U. S., wished to change the word "laws" to "law," because the word "law" she said, was more inclusive. The French delegate spoke at length explaining that in the French language, the word "laws" was the more inclusive. Different delegates took one side or the other. The matter had not been settled when I left.

At the session I am now reporting, great effort and time were again consumed over a word, but the differences were deeper and more basic. The delegates were dealing with article 3 in the Declaration of Human Rights stating that "everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person." They had narrowed the discussion to the "right to life". The U. S. had proposed that the text read, "No one shall arbitrarily be deprived of his life." The word "arbitrarily" was the source of long debate. The delegate from Great Britain thought that a dangerous way of putting it. He suggested that specific instances when a person might rightfully be deprived of life, be included. The delegate from Sweden, a woman, said that the use of the word, "arbitrarily" in the U. S. text "gives an international blessing on legalized killing" which she could not approve since Sweden had long ago abolished capital punishment.

Another wording, "No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life" was turned down because it was in conflict with the article saying that no covenant could interfere with the existing laws of the contracting countries. And obviously many countries had capital punishment. Finally, the wording adopted said, "Everyone's

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

TELEGRAPH TO SUMMERSIDE

"We understand that the telegraph line between Charlottetown and Summerside was completed on Tuesday last, the 22nd instant, and that these two places are now in communication by means of the telegraph wires. We are much pleased at this progressive step, as it will be of great advantage to the inhabitants of the rising town of Summerside and the surrounding villages, and this City. We hope soon to see it extended as far as Casumpec. The price of a message is 16¢."

—The Islander, Oct. 25, 1861.

right to life be protected by law." To this an amendment was added saying, "Anyone sentenced to death shall have the right to seek pardon or commutation of sentence of death. Pardon, amnesty or commutation may be granted in all cases." One amendment was accepted without debate. This was that the sentence of death was not to be carried out on a woman expecting a child.

This gives but a tiny glimpse of the reasons for what we impatiently believe in slow progress or none, by the United Nations. Age-long differences exist among countries. There are barriers of language and thought. There are deeply entrenched laws that cannot be abruptly broken. But the shining United Nations Building is a symbol of hope, I believe.

I am, Sir, etc. RUHAMAH SCHEINFELD FRANK New York City.

THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE

Sir—"You are working on a hopeless job." These words were spoken to Dr. Ross Eaton, Field Secretary for the Maritime Temperance Federation, by a gentleman in Charlottetown. This represents the conviction of a good many Christian people. The traffic has become so entrenched in the habits of all classes, has so penetrated every area of society, has so dominated the Government, has become so interlocked with industrial combines, other than brewing, that to many it is quite hopeless to try to do anything to stem the incoming tide. Liquor has been here since before Noah.

But is the problem so hopeless? No intelligent Christian man or woman but believes that the cause of sobriety is a righteous one, and worthy of support as, say, honesty in business or loyalty to one's country. Can there be any question that it is the will of God that men should abstain, not that it is any more wrong to take a glass of liquor than a glass of water, but in regard to what it may lead to, and especially having regard to a weaker brother? No doubt whatever it is God's will that this stumbling block should be removed from the feet of His people.

Jesus said: "It were better that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he cast into the sea than that he should offend (cause to stumble) one of these little ones." When he said that he may have had in mind the purveyors of drink. Jesus has a special regard for people who find it difficult to resist temptation. He himself was tempted in all points, as we are, and He knows what it means. Should we be hopeless of reaching any objective that's our duty and God's will, no matter how impossible it may seem? The achievement of the impossible is the record of the faithful in all past ages. How often has the world shouted at the Christian: "Your cause is doomed," and the faithful shouts back: "The Galleian will conquer," and he has, even in the darkest days.

Not only is God with this cause but a good many ministers and able and consecrated laymen and women, especially the women and at Dr. Eaton's meetings held all over the Maritimes hardly one present but makes a contribution to this work, \$1.00, \$25.00, \$50.00, up to \$150.00, and when we find people willing to make sacrifices for a cause it is likely to go. The trouble is that not enough people are willing to stand up and sacrifice. So many halting and staggering people are on the other side and so many powerful forces are against the kingdom of sobriety that a handful of the faithful seem to be swamped.

We need more leaders in this crusade. At Christmas time 1950, General Matthew Ridgway arrived to take charge in Korea. He found the U. N. armies in full retreat southward, and ships were ready to carry away the trapped soldiers. The Generals came to him and said: "Sir, here are our plans for retreat." He replied: "Gentlemen, I am not interested in your plans for retreat. I want to see your plans for advance"; and in six weeks Ridgway had turned the tide of retreat that never stopped till the enemy were driven beyond the 38th parallel. If we had a few men of the General Ridgway spirit, scattered across Canada, men and women who believe in God and are determined that this enemy shall cease to destroy, we could soon prove to the world that the cause is not hopeless.

I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN. Stanley Bridge.

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Notes By The Ways

It's a long way to go for peace and quiet, but the Vancouver News-Herald reports a restaurant in Cranbrook with the sign "No juke box."—Ottawa Journal. In six days the people of Kamloops and surrounding district contributed 2,336 pints of blood to the Red Cross and they are proudly claiming a record, maybe a world record.—Vancouver Province. These are the days when the curler who scored an 8-end last winter is out gunning for a hole-in-one in golf. But it's much more difficult, he doesn't have three other fellows helping him.—Ottawa Citizen. Interesting to note that a treaty between Britain and Portugal signed in 1373, never has been confirmed. What has been possible for those two countries should be possible for others.—Niagara Falls Review. Physical disabilities, such as poor eyesight or those which may result from old age, are easily discoverable, and drivers handicapped by them should thus be first to be removed from the roads under a proper system for issuing driver's licences only after careful testing. Falling such tests, at present, these menaces to navigation undoubtedly frequent the highways in large numbers in a day when nearly everyone drives—somehow or other.—Edmonton Journal. Stories continue to come out of the jungle of fierce resistance to the Communist by Malayan villagers. In one such stand a year ago the villagers of remote Kampong Temenggor drove off a Kampong Valeta aircraft before it was able to drop supplies to the villagers from Kuala Lumpur since April, 1951. Every two months, between two and three tons of food, tobacco and other supplies are dropped from the air. Previously, 80 armed villagers had to fetch supplies by elephant train through the guerrilla-infested jungle, each journey taking a week. Now, the arrival of the supply plane has become a social occasion at which old and young gather to reap the rewards of their courage.—UK Information Office. In this spring clean-up and beautification business we have been hearing so much about lately, we should not overlook municipal property. One of the worst offenders in untidiness is often the town government. Private citizens plant trees and flowers, paint their fences and trim their grass only to have the whole effect spoiled by litter on streets and boulevard or

in some vacant lot next door. Weeds grow high and rank on city owned property over which the city can exercise control. Garbage collectors leave a trail of papers, boxes and garbage pail lids behind them. Beautiful shade trees, sometimes whole streets of them, are slaughtered without consideration. There is little hope of making any town or city really attractive unless the municipal authorities do their share.—Financial Post. The Defence Department in Ottawa should do something about the bigotry and prejudice that apparently prevail in the Canadian army headquarters in Japan. A young Alberta man, the first from these parts to enlist for the Korean war, married a fine upstanding Japanese girl, with the approval of his family. But it seems the army authorities won't recognize the marriage and the girl cannot come to Canada. So long as he was due for repatriation a long while ago and has a most distinguished military record, he is still there. He won't leave his wife. Canadian soldiers are mature enough to pick their own wives. If this girl is good enough for the man and his family and if he is good enough for her and her family, her race or color should be of no concern to the Canadian army. Where's the freedom these fellows are supposed to be fighting for?—(Calgary Albertan).

The Poet's Corner

SONG FOR YOU We watched the stars that now were fading out, And saw the cloak of darkness growing thin, While young winds woke a hidden thrush And imperceptibly the dawn crept in. And out beyond the breathless change of scene The muted oboe of the mourning dove Was obligato to the night owl's cries, And robins sang their melody of love. The air was filled with silken sounds of wings Seeking again their secret rendezvous, While music's devotee, the mockingbird, Sang with dawn's ecstasy a song for you. —Edith Tatum in The New York Times.

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