

See Change In Molotov; Less Cold Of Late

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Westerners at the Geneva conference are experiencing a new, warmer, treatment by Russia's chief delegate. They talk about it as "Molotov mellowness."

It may be true that Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov is mellowing with age. He has been making motions and saying things that might indicate he is shedding some of the cold stoniness for which he is noted; and that he really is having a worrisome time keeping his allies—Red China and the Indo-Chinese rebel Vietminh—in line.

Some experts, however, say they see a real threat in the new Molotov line and fear elements in the western camp will be taken in. They also are watching closely to see if it is a screen to hide new Communist aggression.

All this week, Molotov has been smiling at people. In private exchanges with members of other delegations he has been at times gentle and philosophical in tone. For a man whom even his own Soviet associates call "Old Stone Bottom" (kamenny zad), this is unusual.

EVERYONE CHANGING

To the leader of one of the western delegations, Molotov said recently: "Ah, yes, times are changing. The world is changing. We are changing. You are changing." He sighed and added: "Even I am changing."

To still another, Molotov complained that the Soviet Union was having trouble with its close allies, the Chinese Reds and the Communist-led Vietminh.

Experts who have been following Soviet policy are convinced, however, that if the U.S.S.R. was having difficulty keeping these two allies in line, Molotov would be the last man to let out the news.

Strategists in the western camp wonder whether this is just a new version of an old Russian diplomatic trick: pretending something is in the case when it is really just the opposite.

Admits Error Delayed Pension For Ten Years

OTTAWA (CP)—Brig. J. L. Melville, chairman of the Canadian pensions commission, admits frankly there was administrative error which resulted in a 10-year delay in granting a pension to a woman veteran.

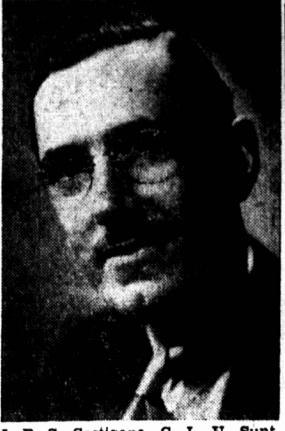
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Alex W. Lingard, Secretary Life Underwriters Association of Canada.

However, he denied another charge by the Canadian Legion of delays in a second case, this one involving the mental illness of a male veteran. The charges were made to the Commons veterans committee before which Brig. Melville testified Monday.

Following discussion of several of the cases raised by the Legion in a brief, Howard Green (PC—Vancouver Quadra) said there is evidence to support the Legion claim that "these cases provide a few examples of failure to search records, failure to assess properly evidence on file, administrative error and unjust presumptions being drawn against the applicants."

CHAIRMAN DIFFERS

Walter Tucker (L—Rosthern), committee chairman, disagreed. He said he does not believe there is support for the Legion statement of failure to assess properly evidence on file or of unjust presumptions being drawn against applicants.

Brig. Melville said all that the law allows was done to rectify the error in the case of the woman veteran. Her case was sent to the commission in January, 1944, but version of an old Russian diplomatic trick: pretending something is in the case when it is really just the opposite.

Faces Trial For Murder Of Wife And Daughter

QUEBEC (CP)—Cylien Boivin, 31-year-old laborer from Notre Dame de Lorette, Que., will go on trial June 9 for the murder of his wife and daughter, the attorney-general's department announced today.

Mrs. Boivin, 35, a native of Belgium, and Dianne, 2, were found dead in their bed Jan. 9. A medico-legal expert testified during Boivin's preliminary hearing that Mrs. Boivin was strangled and the child bled to death with a log.

Bodies of the victims were discovered after Boivin, clad only in his underwear, ran more than a mile in sub-zero weather to the village church. He carried an infant girl in his arms. The infant was taken to hospital for treatment.

Provincial police said they will take Boivin from his Quebec City jail cell to Roberval for the trial. Notre Dame de Lorette is 20 miles north of Roberval.

Remanded In Stolen Bonds Case

TORONTO (CP)—Phil LeGros, 41, was remanded without bail Wednesday to June 9 on charges of receiving \$120,000 in stolen bonds, part of a \$500,000 loot from a bank robbery at St. Jerome, Que.

LeGros was quoted as saying in the United States recently he did not want to return to Toronto because he feared police here would kill him within 24 hours. After his arrival Chief of Detec-

Russia, India Oppose Early Debate On Thailand Appeal For Observers

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The Soviet Union and India Wednesday opposed early United Nations Security Council debate on a Thailand appeal for peace observers to watch the war crisis in Southeast Asia. Both took the view it would hinder the Geneva negotiations on Indo-China.

Diplomatic sources here reported the Soviet opposition. An authoritative source in New Delhi disclosed the stand on Prime Minister Nehru's government. The Soviet Union is a member of the Security Council; India is not.

Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., U.S. delegate who is president of the council during June, was said to have been informed Tuesday of the Soviet Union opposition to a council meeting this week. The Russians asked that the council be called into session next week so that the acting permanent delegate, Semjon Tsarapkin, could obtain instructions from Moscow.

Lodge, however, had the approval of the majority of the council for the meeting and called it for today.

Diplomatic sources said the Russians felt the council had been given Archie McCallie interviewed him and asked him to name anyone he suspected would harm him. LeGros would not name anyone but said he would do so in his own good time. Officers said the former Toronto business executive was in good health.

He made the statement about fearing Toronto police at a hearing in Albany, N. Y., when opposing extradition to Toronto. An Albany judge allowed him to be taken to Montreal, from where he was brought to Toronto under Quebec provincial police escort.

called too hurriedly and that the rule requiring three days' notice except for urgent cases was violated. The Thailand plea was not tagged urgent but Lodge wants quick consideration.

French delegate Henri Hoppenot first lined up against Security Council discussion while the Geneva conference is in progress. He indicated France wanted to see what would happen at Geneva regarding Indo-China.

But informants said Hoppenot agreed to Security Council debate now when it was explained that Thailand was asking only for the peace observations committee to be sent to Thailand.

Questioned On River Pollution

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent says the government has no immediate intention of discussing with Quebec City authorities the pollution problem of the St. Charles river, which flows into the St. Lawrence river near Quebec.

Mr. St. Laurent, Liberal member for Quebec East, replied Wednesday to a question by J. Wilfrid Dufresne (PC—Quebec West) who has often asked the government to contribute sums for improvements which would eliminate use of the St. Charles as a sewage stream.

Mr. St. Laurent told Mr. Dufresne he does not recall receiving a request from Mayor Wilfrid Hamel of Quebec City for a meeting to discuss the problem. The government had no intention now to discuss the problem, for which it had no responsibility.

Commons Rejects Bid To Control Money Circulation

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons Wednesday rejected a final Progressive Conservative attempt to implement legislative control over the amount of money in circulation.

Before it did, however, Social Credit leader Solon Low took exception to remarks that the move is needed to guard against currency manipulation by irresponsible governments in future.

An amendment by J. M. Macdonnell, (PC—Toronto Greenwood) to a government bill revising the Bank of Canada Act was defeated 74 to 16 in a standing vote in which CCF and Social Credit members sided with Liberals in opposing the proposal. The bill was later adopted.

Mr. Macdonnell's amendment asked that bank notes and deposit liabilities, which determine the amount of money in the economy, should be limited to not more than 10 per cent above the amount outstanding when the act receives royal assent. Further increases in the money supply would have to be approved by Parliament.

MIGHT INFLATE CURRENCY

Mr. Macdonnell, the opposition financial critic, said that in future, politics might influence banking

money and that an irresponsible government might inflate the currency to win elections. Mr. Low said Mr. Macdonnell apparently referred to the Social Credit party, although he had not named it. Social Crediters, he said, had been responsible in their administration of affairs.

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