

Europe's Reds Uncertain Over New Russian Strategy

LONDON, (Reuters) — Europe's Communists are caught in a dilemma because of the new note of conciliation sounded by the Malenkov regime. They frankly don't know whether to spread honey or vinegar when they talk of the West.

"Fighting for peace" in the Stalin days was a routine chore. A look at a couple of issues of Pravda gave the line immediately.

Russia was the home of peace, America the seat of the most violent "warmongers" . . . and so on.

Call Off Conference

As a result, the Communist "peace planners" have called off for the time being a full-scale conference they had fixed to open next Friday in Budapest, the Hungarian capital. A Budapest announcement Friday said the scheduled meeting of "the World Peace Council" which has directed the "cold peace" strategy on a global basis, has been postponed until the second half of May.

Delegates who had written their speeches only three weeks ago would have to tear them up today or drastically revise them. And it's patent that they haven't all got their new briefing.

Everything Changed
Now everything is in the melting pot. Soviet Premier Malenkov has become a peace dove and his envoys spread goodwill and charm. To the Communist who is not in Malenkov's confidence it's all very confusing.

Only a week ago, a Tass agency report from Leningrad spoke of an anti-American exhibition there which had been sent from China. It exposed "imperialist crimes in China" and, said Tass, it gained the plaudits of "artistic circles" in the northern city. There was no hint in that exhibition of the Malenkov line of "peaceful co-existence" with the West.

Germ Charges Continue

China also overlapped the new era with a continuation of "germ warfare" charges.

Radio stations in the satellite countries have been calming down a little in the tone of their comments about the West, but they are evidently still rather puzzled about just what the new line is. The safest thing to do is to broadcast in full latest Pravda editorial.

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Exit Tony Blount

by Sydney Parkman

CHAPTER VII

ABOARD THE "MERRY MAID"

Captain Bowker laid down the tattered copy of "The Farmer and Stockbreeder" on the saloon skylight and with a gusty sigh, and lying back in his dilapidated deck chair, surveyed the length of deck with an expression of gloom on his normally good-humoured face.

It was late afternoon, and the Merry Maid, close-hauled on the starboard tack, was making a leisurely four knots under the light south-easterly breeze. At the wheel, the Kupanger helmsman balanced himself easily on his grating as the schooner dipped and rose to the long Pacific swell, and from forward in the bows came the soft mutter of Malay voices where the boys of the watch below squatted abreast the windlass and chatted idly with the look-out.

It was a peaceful scene, but the captain eyed it with gloom and sighed again.

His companion glanced up from the novel he was reading and smiled at him sympathetically.

"I was wondering how long that agricultural treatise would hold your attention, Captain," he observed in his excellent but slightly pedantic English. "For my part, I would have capitulated long ago. I know nothing so utterly boring as these journals which deal with the affairs of the farm."

"The captain jerked himself upright, his fat red face taking on an almost shocked expression. "Bored?" he echoed. "What, me? Why, I fair dote on them articles! It's like a breath o' fresh air to me to get hold o' something really interesting 'bout pig-feeding or treatin' cows for milk-fever! You're a mile off, Doc!"

Dr. Durand stared at him incredulously for a moment, suspecting some obscure humorous effort, but as he saw that the Captain was in dead earnest, he hastened to make amends for his faux-pas.

"I am afraid I was taking it for granted that you would share my distaste for such matters, the remarked apologetically. "I had no idea that they would interest you. Surely it is a rather unusual taste for a sailor, isn't it?"

The Captain sniffed. "That's what everyone thinks!" he retorted. "They don't seem to savvy that a cove might not be dead set on the job he's got. Now me, I've wanted to be a farmer all me life—only had luck that's stopped me takin' it up for keeps. Phaps you'd be surprised to know that I've got half shares in a farm at this minute?"

The doctor opened his eyes a little wider.

"Indeed?" he said.

"Yes," the Captain nodded, obviously pleased at the other's surprise. "I could leave this old hooker to-morrow an' spend all the rest o' my life doin' the things I wanted. That is, I could if me health would stand it," he added sadly. The doctor raised his eyebrows inquiringly.

"Your health?" he repeated.

"Yes, me health," the Captain affirmed. "It's the strain. Being used to a quiet life aboard an island schooner, I can't stand the excitement. I've tried it once, an' it took stones off me weight. My partner's not so bad at the work now, with what I've learned him,

Sees Acceptance Of India's Peace Offer



Visiting Toronto after a meeting with Prime Minister St. Laurent in Ottawa, Madam Pandit, sister of India's Prime Minister Nehru, said the present bids for peace by Red China justified the Indian formula presented at the United Nations. As Canadian club president, John Porter, right, was host to Mme. Pandit.

but at first he didn't know a thing an' all responsibility was on me. I was advisin' him an' tellin' him what to do from mornin' to night, an' at last it got me down. Y'see, there's always somethin' doin' on a farm, an' you've got to keep on the jump the whole time. So at last I had to give it up an' come back to sea for a rest. I've been back to see how he's makin' out once or twice, an' he ain't doin' so bad considerin' I ain't there. An' one day, I'm going to take another whirl at it."

Dr. Durand was staring at him in puzzled bewilderment. "But my dear Captain!" he protested. "Surely a farm cannot be so exciting as your present life! What of those stories you have told me of the remarkable things which have happened to you?"

"Ah, that's different," the captain asserted. "I've been in a few queer mix-ups, like I've told you, at different times. But they only come now an' again. An' in between, things are quiet an' dull—like now. Only they ain't so dull with you aboard," he hastened to add.

"But takin' 'em all round, you couldn't get a quieter life. Just look around you an' ask yourself where all the excitement is that they talk about in these trashy novels."

The doctor glanced out over the schooner's rail at the blue water of the Pacific, lit by the late afternoon sun.

"It is true enough now," he admitted. "But now we enjoy good weather. In a storm, however, I imagine there would be a sufficiency of danger. And that is always a possibility, is it not?"

Captain Bowker laughed indulgently.

To be continued

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM LORNE MacEACHERN

A shadow of gloom was cast over the community of Long Creek and surrounding districts on February 11th when it was learned that one of the young men of that district had passed away in the Prince Edward Island Hospital after a very brief illness in the person of the late Lorne MacEachern. Lorne, as he was familiarly known, had not enjoyed robust health for some time. However, he was a usual until a few days before his demise when he became confined to his home, but the seriousness of his condition was not realized until a few hours before his passing when he was rushed to the P. E. Island Hospital. Although all that was possible was done for his recovery he failed to respond to treatment and passed peacefully away.

The deceased was born in Aliston, Mass.; U. S. A., July 22nd, 1926, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle MacEachern. He leaves to mourn his passing besides many friends, his sorrowing parents, two half brothers, Eldon MacEachern, Ottawa, and Elmer, Freetown, P. E. Island.

The funeral which was very largely attended, following a short service at the home, was held in the Canoe Cove Church and was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Donald Nicholson, assisted by Rev. Mr. Barber. Hymns sung were "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "The Hour of My Departure's Come". "Good-Night And Good-Morning" was sung as a solo by Rev. Mr. Nicholson.

Full-bearers were Messrs. Reginald MacEachern, Lorne MacPhail, Lawson MacEachern, Melbourne MacQuarrie, Floyd Stewart and Chesley MacNeill.

The remains were tenderly laid to rest in the family plot in the Canoe Cove Cemetery.

Card Of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Earl MacEachern wish to thank their many friends and neighbours for their many acts of kindness, for letters, flowers, and expressions of sympathy received during their recent sad bereavement.

The Canadian Senate originally had 72 members—24 each from Quebec and Ontario, 12 each from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

ANGLO-RUSTICO SCHOOL

Following is the report of Anglo-Rustico School for the month of March.

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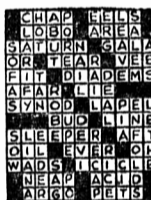
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- ACROSS
- 1. River in Turkey
- 5. Bound
- 9. Heals
- 10. Musical instruments
- 12. City in Romania
- 13. Spanish generalissimo
- 14. Chief deity (Babyl.)
- 15. Cebine monkey
- 16. Behold!
- 17. Official in charge of sacred vessels
- 21. Jewish month
- 23. Male sheep
- 24. Employ
- 25. An ancient language
- 27. Walking sticks
- 28. Masculine name (poet.)
- 29. In what manner
- 30. Street (abbr.)
- 31. Pleasing (abbr.)
- 34. Southeast (abbr.)
- 35. Island off coast of Jutland
- 36. City in the Ural Mts.
- 39. To come up
- 42. Sandalwood tree
- 43. Cut
- 44. Entertain



Yesterday's Answer

- 38. Land-measure
- 40. Evening (poet.)
- 41. Cook's flask
- 42. Wine receptacle
- 44. Part of "to be"



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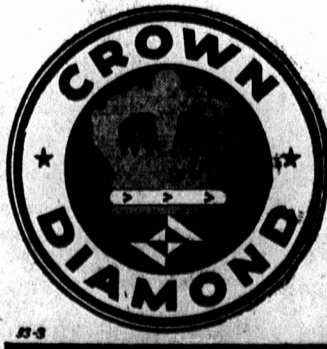
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