

Pearson Files to Discuss Crisis in Ottawa



In the U.N. First (Political) Committee conference room at Lake Success, External Affairs Minister Lester Pearson, who is on the truce committee for the Korean cease-fire, explains his views to Sir Carl Berendsen, N.Z. right. If the U.S. refuses the latest Red China offers, Canada will go along with her neighbor in branding Red China an aggressor and proposing sanctions, reports from Ottawa indicate. Mr. Pearson made a hurried trip to the capital for a talk with Prime Minister St. Laurent on the recent U.N. crisis.

Outpost in China

By Val Gleigud Continued CHAPTER XVII

WHEN SHEILA DIDN'T COUNT

"Sheila, Wu will fall on my neck! He quite likes me, you know. Of course, he may search my pockets, in which case he'll be disappointed." And, with a wry smile, Dale turned out the contents of his pockets on the nearest table—three letters, five dollars, a pipe, an empty tobacco-pouch, and a small automatic pistol made an untidy and imposing collection.

"How can you make jokes about it?" Sheila demanded.

She felt angry, and frightened, and above everything else lonely. She had thought that Leslie Dale had come back to take her away from the comfortless desolation which she had come to loathe. And now she saw that, as always with men, the ruling passion was his work. Everything else was incidental in comparison with the emergency of Wu's threat to Tan Fu. Leslie Dale was Agent in Charge again. He was on the job, and no time or thing was going to interfere or tie his hands. And Janet James stood in the background, representative of an older and tougher generation of women—in spite of their conventionalities and inhibitions—and approved. Women like her believe that a man should put his job first.

"Tan Fu must be saved, Sheila," Leslie was saying.

Dale turned away towards the sideboard, where Janet James, with the deftness born of long experience and common sense, was making up a small packet of chocolate, an envelope containing cigarettes and matches, and filling a flask with whisky.

"Here you are, Leslie. Good luck, and good hunting!"

Leslie Dale stowed the various things about his person, looking now and again at Sheila while he did so. But Sheila did not move.

"Thank you, Janet. Au revoir!" Sheila told Gerald I've got his pony, and that I'll see you both in the morning, if all's well."

"Goodbye," said Sheila tonelessly. Janet put a hand for a moment on Dale's sleeve. He gave her rather a forced smile, and walked quickly out again in the darkness. It was barely a quarter of an hour since he had arrived.

CHAPTER XIX A WOMAN SCORNED

As the sound of the pony's hooves clattered away in the distance, Sheila turned on Janet James like a tiger-cat.

"How could you? How could you?" she cried out.

"I'm sorry to have made free with your goods," said Janet coldly. "but he'll need something 'it's a long ride out to the hills."

"I suppose," Sheila went on fiercely, "that you encouraged him to go because you think he'd be better dead, than here."

"I think," said Janet, "that you're being the least bit in the world self-centered. I was thinking of Tan Fu."

"I'd burn the cursed place myself, if I could!" Sheila went on. "I hate it!"

"I don't blame you for that," Janet retorted. "You don't belong here. You owe the place nothing. It's different with Leslie—and with Pat and with me. It happens to be our job you see."

For a moment Sheila dropped her head into her hands. Then she looked up again.

"How you hate me really!" she said in a low voice.

"I told you I disapproved of you in a place like this," said Janet. "I do. But that's all there is to it. What you can't get over, my dear Sheila, is that you don't matter to me—any more than I matter to you. Let Pat know that we're dining at home after all, will you?"

Sheila laughed mirthlessly. "By all means stay if you like," she said.

"I don't think plain speaking makes the best sort of cocktail," said Janet James, for once being almost epigrammatic.

And she left the house, feeling a little uneasy in her own mind that she had perhaps been unreasonably hard on a girl whose only basic failings were the inexperience of youth and the selfishness almost inseparable from good looks far beyond the ordinary.

Left to herself, Sheila Havelock lit a cigarette and prowled neurotically up and down the room. Almost like an embodied conscience her shadow followed her along the walls wavering as the lamp flickered, fantastically elongated as she swung to and fro.

She knew she had behaved badly to the older woman. She knew she had been unreasonable in expecting Leslie to disregard Wu and the station altogether for her safety at a moment's notice. But it was not that she was hurt or aggrieved. She was just most bitterly disappointed. She had made a picture of Leslie Dale on the wall of her imagination. He had stepped out of the frame, tired, dirty, practical, energetic. Sheila had forgotten that it was just these qualities which she had admired in the days when she had to compare Gerald with him. She was no longer interested in him because he could manage Chinese boys, and do his job properly.

She made a futile little gesture with her hands, as if to push everything away from her, and realized that the missionary had re-entered the room, and was looking at her with a rather embarrassed look in his eyes.

To be continued

Russia's Peace Campaign Means Harder Work

By Thomas Harris

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 29—(Reuters)—Russia's peace campaign is meaning harder work, lower wages and an increasing shortage of consumer goods for her people, reports here indicate.

Workers are being told that the best way to avoid war is to make Russia prosperous and strong. Men and women are being urged to volunteer for "peace watches"—bodies of workers who undertake to exceed the monthly output norms laid down for them by the trade unions.

Records established by "peace watches" are being published prominently in the press, together with exhortations to other workers to do even better.

The movement is strongest in industries turning out materials useful in war—steel, coal and oil. Since the movement is "voluntary" the state is winning a free surplus of output not listed in the defence budget. The workers are not paid extra even if they work overtime to achieve it.

The immediate result is that their real wages have fallen.

The trend has been to fix workers' norms higher and higher. The output of this year's peace watches may well become the norm for next year.

Workers strained by the production drive will get no help from their unions. Trud, the trade union organ, recently stated plainly that the "main task of the unions is to see that workers produce more and more."

The Soviet state is also using "voluntary" labor to speed up its lagging building program. Workers are urged to spend their free days repairing or extending their homes and factories.

NEW LONDON W.M.S.

The Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of New London United Church held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Morton Adams on Friday afternoon, Jan. 5.

The meeting opened with the Worship Service in the Missionary Monthly. The president, Mrs. Ray MacLeod lead the service, assisted by Mrs. C. B. Goss, Mrs. Harold Mayhew and Mrs. Hugh Campbell. The theme for worship was "God—Working Together With Us." Call to worship was followed by hymn No. 571; responsive reading was No. 720; closing hymn was No. 356.

Dedicatory prayer was offered by Mrs. J. M. Campbell.

The president then conducted the business period. The minutes were read and approved. The roll call was answered with "A New Year's Thought". There were nine members and one visitor present.

Mrs. Harold Dunning and Mrs. J. M. Campbell were appointed as delegates to the Presbyterial to be held in Summerside this month.

The treasurer's report was read and stated that \$253.00 had been raised during the past year.

The secretary reported 15 calls made, and 23 cards and 24 boxes sent to sick and shut-ins. It was decided to invite the neighboring Auxiliaries to the World Day of Prayer meeting to be held at the home of the president on Feb. 9.

The missionaries chosen for special prayer this year were Miss Ella Inman also Miss Vodia MacKay and the Misses Webster who are teaching in Japan. It was decided to hold a bazaar at the next meeting; each member to donate an article or articles not exceeding \$1.00 in cash.

The program consisted of readings by Mrs. Harold Dunning and

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Mrs. Hugh Campbell. One new member was welcomed into the Auxiliary. The offering amounted to \$8.10. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Sterling MacKay when Mrs. Frank Brown will be leader. Text word will be "Service". Mrs. Morton Adams and Mrs. J. M. Campbell will have charge of the program. Mrs. Marshall Constable will offer the Dedicatory Prayer.

The meeting closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison. A delicious lunch was then served by the hostess.

WEST ROYALTY W. I.

Fifteen members answered roll call at the regular meeting of the West Royalty W. I. which was held in the school on Jan. 10.

The president brought the meeting to order and members repeated the creed in unison.

Mrs. Bell reported that twelve boxes had been sent to old folks at Christmas.

A committee was appointed to inquire about blackout curtains for one school room so that films may be shown.

Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Burke were asked to interview the Canadian Legion in regard to unrolling of plaque.

Miss Powley read a letter from the adopted Institute in Britain, expressing grateful thanks. It was decided to pack boxes more often and members will please answer roll with a contribution for the box.

Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod's letter describing her trip to Copenhagen Conference was read and enjoyed by all.

Card parties will be held about every two weeks to help raise funds.

Several members subscribed to the Institute News.

Next meeting to be held in the school on Jan. 31st in order to make plans for school opening the following week.

Lunch committee will be Mrs. Geddie MacLeod, Mrs. Duncan MacInnis, Mrs. James MacInnis and Miss Powley.

Meeting closed with "The King."

LOWER FREETOWN W. I.

The Lower Freetown Women's Institute held its January meeting at the home of Mrs. Walter Burns, with eighteen members present, and the president, Mrs. Elton Cairns in the chair.

Considerable correspondence and three "Thank You" notes for boxes of fruit were read. The sum of \$5.00 was voted for the Canadian March of Dimes. It was decided to have a grab bag at the February meeting, and also decided that any member who wished to do so would raise \$2.00 or more for the new school, before the next meeting. Program consisted of the reading of a letter from Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod, telling of her trip to Copenhagen.

Program committee for February, Mrs. Henry Reeves and Mrs. Alfred Reeves. School committee—Miss Helen Cairns, and



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Mrs. Camden Gardiner. Meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Allison Profit, and roll call will be answered with "How we are benefitted by meeting together."

It was suggested that Miss Helen Cairns, who has received a certificate from the First Aid Instructors Course held at Charlottetown, lunch and a social hour was enjoyed.

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