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As a Canadian Sees Things

The clearest picture of United States-Europe relations we have seen in some time comes from the pen of Bruce Hutchison, editor of the Victoria, B.C. Times, who after five months in Western Europe, pinpoints three distinct factors of European thinking.

He says Western Europeans are inclined to believe that "trigger-happy Americans will blunder into a World War;" are fearful of an American depression which to them would seem a "moral crime," and are apprehensive that Senator McCarthy's "crusade of vilification" indicates the United States "has scrapped the Bill of Rights" and renounced personal liberty.

Writing for Life Magazine, Hutchison sees things this way:

"The United States and Europe will never learn to get along together until they realize for a start that they simply do not know each other, until they see that the United States is presented as a wicked caricature in Europe and Europe as a postposterous fairy tale in the United States." He adds that America must understand that the caricature of its life in Europe "is largely of its own making through the mischievous agency of Hollywood, McCarthyism, the lunatic fringe of Congress and the manners of Americans abroad."

He concludes that unless such a picture of Americana is corrected to its proper perspective, and unless America becomes aware of the fact that Europe is "a continent of vigorous, able people, tragically divided but in many ways more civilized than the new world," the United States' moral leadership of the free world "is in danger of collapse at its beginning."

We are indebted to the Canadian editor for his cogent presentation and we are inclined to believe his conclusions need plenty of thought.

Eternal Vigilance

Traffic dangers inherent in colder weather were tragically exemplified last week when a loaded log truck, apparently completely out of control and its driver helpless at the wheel, careened into a bus on the South Santiam Highway.

Preliminary examination indicated the driver, who died in the impact, may have been overcome by monoxide gas. It would not be the first time an accident arose from that factor. Fumes from a gasoline engine entering unnoticed into the passenger compartment have brought many a tragedy.

Modern cars offer the maximum protection against the weather, but by their very excellence they also demand closer attention on the part of the driver lest he become victim. It's a time now to check tires, batteries and other equipment which undergo extra strain in the winter months. It is also a time to take stock of our own eternal vigilance.

Southern Asia Pictured as Tempting Morsel For Hard-pressed Leaders of Red China

BY JOSEPH ALSOP

HONG KONG — The news from China pours into this city in a turgid flood. Strength and weakness, famine and military buildup, brilliant successes in construction and failures in industry, silly propaganda and gestures, bold, ambitious plans, oppression, achievement, folly and ruthlessness — all these themes are tumbled together in this news from China in a pattern so strange that it sometimes seems meaningless.



All the Western specialists who gather here to read the Chinese riddle are faithful students of the Peking "People's Daily," which has something of the authority of "Pravda." Yet here is the "People's Daily" discussing the very odd things that can happen when a vast, ill-trained bureaucracy is struggling to force the huge and ancient mass of China into the mold of a slave state.

"The disorder in the party work in the field of statistical compilation in the rural districts has developed to an unbearable extent! Without consideration of the actual conditions in the rural districts, some returns require data of an extremely ridiculous nature. In compiling statistics of mules and bees, the data are required to give the number of male bees and the number of female bees. In compiling statistics of the catching of mosquitoes, flies, and lice, the data are required to give the weight in catty of insects caught, as well as the number. One item of a certain form refers to the use of feminine sanitary belts by peasant women, whether of old style or improved style!"

The indignation of the "People's Daily" is altogether understandable. But speaking seriously, this sometimes ludicrous and more often grim news from China begins, after a while, to tell a rather clear story to anyone who studies it carefully. It is a story that comes in four parts, none of them pleasing.

First, the present phase of the Chinese communist regime is strictly transitional. The honeymoon, when the Communists were welcomed as a new force bringing order to a strife-weary land, is definitely over. This is the time of preliminary military buildup and iron consolidation of the new government's power. Both efforts are proceeding with conspicuous success.

Second, the familiar Communist process of grinding the masses to mincemeat in order to mold a new nation is utterly alienating the Chinese people. But the regime unquestionably commands the loyalty of the favored groups — the party cadres, the youth, the police and the army. The security forces have successfully stamped out all active centers of disaffection. No one should expect a spontaneous popular rising to free China now or in the future.

Third, this will continue to be true, even though pretty terrible times now loom ahead. The Chinese have been relieved of the strain of the Korean war, but this strain is now to be replaced by the perhaps more severe strain of intensive national development. China, that always imported food in the past, and lived always on the narrow verge of misery, is now to pay for an immense program of industrialization out of a reduced national income. China, with far fewer resources, is to do what Russia did — and at what cost to the Russian people!

Fourth, there is no question whatever about the chilly, unyielding determination of the Chinese Communist leaders to transform their country into a military-industrial great power at any cost. There is a good deal of doubt, however, about their ability to do the job with the resources now available to them. Even with large scale aid from Russia, even if the people are driven or starved to death

by the tens of millions, China may still lack the margin that is needed to make a military-industrial great power out of an ancient agrarian society.

These four parts of the story that are already discernible give an uncomfortable hint as to the possible fifth part.

We'll Bet They're Back

One of those law violations which bring out mixed emotions gave rise to a new phrase in a Honolulu court recently and also left a fund exceeding \$1,000 for two young Japanese if and when they get back into this country legally.

So far, they're just plain lucky to be alive. It started when Harry Arai and Koichi Kurokawa, both 22 and students in Japan, were denied visas but decided they'd get to the United States or else. It was almost or else.

They stowed away on the liner President Wilson, and jumped ship 10 miles off the coast of Kauai, in the Hawaiian Islands, battling their way through shark-infested waters to the beach. Promptly caught, there was no question of their guilt, and Washington refused to intervene. Sympathizers, however, donated \$1,058 to pay their way for top accommodations back to Japan. But since the government paid that bill the \$1058 is in a Honolulu bank in their names. They're going to try once more to get student visas to visit the U.S.

The new phrase came when Federal Judge Frank McLaughlin entered his deportation sentence: "I can see no particular difference between the Mexican wetbacks and the Hawaiian salt-water wetback who tries to get in to this country illegally."

The judge was right, of course, but we'll bet the boys will be back.

When German atomic scientists versed in the ways of chain reactions decided they didn't want to work for the Russians any more the reaction was chains.

A California millionaire is under arrest for beating up one of his five ex-wives. Seems like he'd get a new punching bag of his own.

A pound of butter in Red-run Czechoslovakia costs \$8. Seems certain hardly anyone could afford the waffle to spread it on.

Editorial Comment

'DON'TS' WITH A SMILE

Mr. Brown of London Town, in humorous phrase and rhyme, told Britishers many unpalatable facts during the war years. Cartoonists and artists have long recognized that a touch of humor takes the sting and resentment out of restrictions. And it is widely prevalent today in factories and workshops where safety and regulations alike are emphasized in smiling lines.

Thus in this modern age, where A- and H-bombs are tossed into conversation as casually as tennis balls, it is perhaps natural that humor should also creep into classified areas. So an announcement from Allendale, S. C., is just what one ought to expect. The Allendale County Citizen published the news that the government was closing to the public a stream in the area of the Atomic Energy Commission's nearby H-bomb materials plant. The paragraph said:

"The stream is to be used to return cooling waters from the plants in the area of the Savannah River, and while the waters might not hurt you, the property is AEC's responsibility and you ain't welcome. Besides, if you were a spy you might be able to tell from sampling the water how the H-bomb business. You'd probably do it by counting the teguments in one drop of water and then counting the drops in the stream, which multiplied and subtracted would equal X, and that, as you know, marks the spot. But don't tell Mr. Five-by-Five."

Naturally, would-be fishers, disappointed strollers, and languishing bathers greeted the information with a grin instead of a frown.

Maybe income-tax collectors should take note. —(Christian Science Monitor)

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty U.S. Likely to Backtrack on Trieste Policy



"Power shift! ... power steering! ... power brakes! ... power drive! ... but to get to a telephone we'll have to go under our own Power ..."



Johnny Erickson, Statesman fotog, out shuttering around the other day for photos of city crews changing parking spaces and meters, worked himself into an overtime parking ticket. He was driving around looking for men working on the meters. Finally he found some. So he zipped his car into a parking space near where they were working, got out, snapped his picture and then anked up the street looking for background information to go with it. A few minutes later he returned to his auto and found (a) the boys had replaced a meter head at the space where he was parked and (b) right behind them a cop had plastered Erickson's car with a ticket ...



Fall, in addition to slippery steps, wet dogs and muddy walks, brings other troubles, too, to the Salem Post Office ... The PO has a letter just received by a Salem man from a total stranger someplace in Mexico. The Mexico boy tells the Salem man that if he will play ball he can share in \$450,000 now lodged in the U.S. It's the annual Spanish Swindle letter which crops up regularly. This year it's signed by Frank. Last year it was Victor and before that, Walter ... It must get pretty cold in Mexico in the fall ...

Boys at City Hall are telling about the out-of-towner who admired the big black walnut tree burls on N. Front St. He tried to get the owner (or owners) to sell him the trees, but no soup. Lotsa barks but no bites ... Finally the tree-happy fellow goes to the city engineer's office and asks them to declare the trees a public hazard and then let him go and chop them down. No soup there, either. So our hero went home without his burls.

TELEVINE — With KOIN-TV, VHF Channel 6 Portland, starting telecasts Thursday, local TV finally gets a dose of its best medicine—competition ... Families who used to fight over what radio station to listen to may now also scrap over what TV program to watch ... KOIN-TV will telecast at 3:53 p.m. with a "formal opening" ... Then there'll be Strike It Rich (4 p.m.), Gary Moore (4:30), Variety Time, Saddle Pals, KOIN-TV News (6), Gov. Patterson, Doug Edwards, Sports Scholar, Theatre, Place the Face (7:30), Mr. McNulty (8), Playhouse, Video Theatre, Big Town (9:30), Showtime (10:30) ...

After Thursday KOIN-TV will go on the air Friday at 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m.; and probably at 3:30 p.m. every week-day thereafter ... Among other programs contemplated by KOIN-TV are What's My Line, Godfrey, Omnibus, Fred Waring, I Love Lucy and Burns & Allen —all CBS ... Earle Headrick, former KSLM station mgr., is back in radio as sales mgr. for KGAE.

The Safety Valve

Civil Service To the Editor:

In the Civil Service controversy there are many shades of opinion among the many state employees. There are some who dislike the civil service bill loudly and passionately. And others, like Mr. Steinart, hail it as a Magna Charta. I don't believe either opinion is wholly correct but reluctantly I have come to the conclusion that civil service, which should be a model of democracy, deprives the employe in some instances of his rights as a free citizen. He must not speak out publicly in favor of or oppose political endorsements. He has the lean choice of expressing his opinion and losing his job, or keeping quiet and having organizational leaders speak and act for him regardless of his own desires.

The most important right possessed by the individual member is the right to a fair trial before he can be deprived of his position in the state service. In a study of the many expulsion cases for insubordination under civil service, not one member has been acquitted and ordered reinstated. Unfortunately there is no bill of rights to protect the state worker in his appeal to the civil service. The commission can find an employe innocent of trumped up charges and recommend reinstatement — but the department head has the privilege to refuse.

Investigations, as instructive as they may be, are not so important as to give to the press and to the public a clear basis for determining official right from wrong.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

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majority even though they must know that the resolution is futile.

Having sat last year in this committee and experienced the running fire of anti-colonialism I could readily recognize the old battle line. The friction over "colonialism" presents one of the grave problems of our time, for the seeds of revolution have been scattered widely since 1776. Unfortunately revolution too often is agitated as the equivalent of progress, whereas the withdrawal of control by the veteran administrators might mean the very reverse.

In these troubled waters of course Communism seeks a root, as in British Guiana. Past

colonial exploitation feeds the fires of radical revolution especially when there is a native leadership which has had advantages of education and can speak with the gibbness of the white man. The great lesson which both parties in this continuing struggle need to learn is that of patience.

At the U.N. building I ran into Rep. and Mrs. Harvey Wells of Portland. The U.N. is fast becoming a crossroads of the world. Crowds of people visit it daily. They include not only tourists and sightseers but many earnest folk devoted to the cause of world peace and concerned for the success of United Nations.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

October 13, 1943

The Frank Burlinghams and son Donald were welcomed as new Salem residents. They purchased the Roger Mything home where Mrs. Burlingham plans on conducting a voice studio.

Bruce Spalding submitted his resignation from the office of Polk county district attorney which he held for nine years. He and his family purchased the Amanda Mathews home on West Lincoln Street here.

The Moscow radio announced that Premier Stalin had received Donald M. Nelson, head of the United States War Production board, who was visiting in Russia.

25 Years Ago

October 13, 1923

The submarine Ondine, which was to have been the newest unit of the strongest arm of the French navy, was sunk by a Greek vessel, killing three officers and 40 men, causing strained relationship between the two countries.

Salem has 6175 dwellings as compared with 3783 in 1920, according to figures compiled by the Salem Chamber of Commerce. This did not include the numerous houses built outside the city limits.

Mrs. H. R. White was installed as president of the American Legion auxiliary, with Mrs. Richard Meyers, Mrs. Byron Liewallen, Mrs. Bert Victor, Mrs. H. V. Gragg and others being elected to other offices.

40 Years Ago

October 13, 1913

A severe earthquake shock of over a minute duration, was felt in the Seven Devils country along the Snake river in Idaho-Oregon line. Ballard's Landing in Oregon was affected.

An automobile belonging to Dr. Harry Clay was badly damaged when a four-horse run away team collided on State Street near Bush's bank.

The executive committee of the Salem High school met and signed the year's contract with the Clarion Manager, Ralph Mercer. The Clarion is published by the students and had eight regular issues and an annual issue that year.

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