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TODAY'S WORLD WIDE BIBLE READING TEXT: Isaiah 52-7.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before Thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

World Today

THE over-credulous, who have allowed themselves to be persuaded that Chinese communism has no relation to the Moscow brand, can now disabuse their minds of this much advertised piece of propaganda. The presence in Moscow of the Chinese Communist leader, General Mao Tse-tung, is in itself proof enough of the Sino-Russian relationship. Mao, who frequently has said that he addresses Stalin, has hot-footed it for the Red capital as soon as possible after clinching his continental victory over Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces.

INDICATIONS are that a big deal is cooking. An AP dispatch from Moscow says that a Sino-Soviet friendship pact appears almost a certainty.

Business Mirror

Observers Think Investors Betting Inflation Coming

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Many observers believe that Wall Street, Washington and Pittsburgh — and apparently Main Street, too — are betting on inflation ahead. Brokers report that the public is coming into the stock market, and that there is a noticeable shift from bonds and preferreds to the buying of common stock — both trends usually considered indicators of inflation-mindedness around the country.

Washington is drafting next year's budget — in a financial atmosphere ruled by deficit financing, which means the pumping of new money into the business stream. Washington also notes that installment credit is rising and that the authority to apply curbs has lapsed. And low interest rates and easy money are still prime policy at the treasury, in spite of federal reserve criticism. All these are listed as inflationary.



SENATOR'S A SODA JERK—U. S. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota spends his time during the recess of Congress helping out in the family's drug store in Huron, S. D. Although a graduate pharmacist and a partner in the business, Humphrey also pitches in behind the soda fountain, where he is seen lending a hand (and a dishcloth) to Delores Timm.

The two countries also are expected to work out trade and mutual assistance agreements. It is a moment of extreme satisfaction for Russia. The Moscow newspaper Investia, Soviet government organ, editorializing in general terms about the situation in the Orient, says "American imperialists are obviously underrating by a very wide margin the forces of the peoples' liberation movement in Asia." Maybe, but it strikes me America is pretty well aware of what is going forward in that theater. It only remains for us to make our Asiatic policy as complete as our awareness of the position.

OF course China represents only one phase of this Armageddon which is in full swing in the Orient between communism and democracy. However, it's a vital phase, and Mao's triumphal visit to the powers that be in Moscow is an important moment. However, while we shouldn't underestimate the importance of the development, neither should we overestimate it. Mao is delivering a very sound military success to Moscow, but he isn't delivering political domination of China's half billion people.

China is far from communized ideologically, just as it was far from being completely within Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist fold. Untold millions of China's people are loyal folk who aren't political conscious. They are interested in an ideology which fills the stomach. Nobody yet has given them what they want. It's seven years ago this Christmas season that I had a long talk in Chungking with General Chou En-lai, then Communist liaison diplomat to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government. General Chou, who now is foreign minister in Mao's government, tried to impress it on me that Chinese Communists were agrarians and that their ideology had no relation to Moscow.

SO we must conclude that this is a crucial period in the Chinese civil strife. It is one of the most vital in the whole Asiatic political upheaval.

Pendulum

Why Aussies Refused Socialism

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The unsetting of the labor government in Australia resulted from public rear over "left-wingism" and "the all-powerful state," says one of the men who sparked the victorious liberal and country parties. The voters wanted change, contends one of the losers, but some of them "don't know why." Reporting for the winners was Richard G. Casey, who was sworn in yesterday in Canberra as minister of supply in the Australian cabinet.

Casey said he believes that the defeat of the Australian labor party after eight years of power—coming as it did on the heels of a similar political change in New Zealand—will have at least some influence on the coming elections in Britain. His views were reported in an overseas telephone interview with The U. S. News and World Report, weekly news magazine published at Washington. "Free Enterprise" Casey's answers to questions put him by the magazine indicated that the political campaign was fought out along the lines of "free enterprise" as opposed to socialization and nationalization. He said his was "a free enterprise party and completely opposed to socialization."

He added, however, that "this does not say we are opposed in any way to social services." His party, he explained, had said it would not reduce the scale of social services. Asked if he thought the voters were "discontented" over any particular issues, Casey answered: "The issues were quite distinct. We were fighting 'left-wingism.' And the vote for us and against the labor government was very definite and very positive all over Australia."

More specifically, he added, "it was popular impatience with long-sustained bureaucratic controls remaining from wartime, and resentment at rather high-handed use of ministerial powers in administration." There are more than 500,000 producing oil and gas wells in the United States located in 28 states. Want Ads don't cost—they pay!

SIDE GLANCES



"It would be a dainty gift for my husband to give me all right, but you don't know how clumsy he is with the dishpan!"

Boyle's Column

Give Up \$10 an Hour In Country for Life in City?

NEW YORK, (AP)—When the Good Earth will pay a fellow \$10 an hour, should he leave the farm for a career in the city? The new king of the nation's junior vegetable growers has decided there is only one answer to that one: "I'm staying on the farm." City life holds no attractions for 20-year-old Russel L. Sears Jr., of Cummington, Mass., who was crowned champion of the National Junior Vegetable Growers association in Washington last week. He won the \$500 first prize by raising and marketing \$1300 worth of vegetables on a two-and-one-half acre plot. Several thousand farm youths competed in the contest, sponsored by the A. and P. food stores.

Sears, a six-foot, 200-pound junior at the University of Massachusetts, explained that he grossed the \$1300 by sparetime work on his father's 300-acre farm. "My father gave me a small plot to encourage me," he said, "and I worked it during vacation and on week-ends home from college." Spuds "My big crop was potatoes. I hired what help I needed, and sacked and sold the crop myself to grocery stores. I put in only 45 hours of my own time altogether, and the profit figures out at better than \$10 an hour."

Nation Today

U.S. Scientists Find New Ways to Nip Atomic Danger

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—United States scientists are finding answers to one of the most difficult and terrifying problems of atomic warfare. For three years they have sought a safeguard against the lingering and lethal radioactive poison created in some types of A-bomb explosions. The search has gone on since the underwater explosion of an atomic bomb in the Bikini tests of 1946.

Search The results of those tests started military and atomic energy commission (AEC) scientists looking for ways to prevent contamination of people and objects or to cleanse areas and objects of the poison. A new publication of the AEC on "handling radioactive wastes" and a summary of studies written by an army engineer show that the problem is not quite as hopeless as was once believed. The AEC report mentions that its Oak Ridge, Tenn., laboratories have been seeking better methods for decontaminating buildings, equipment and general areas. Then it comments: "This work will be useful not only in the atomic energy program but also to the armed forces in developing means of decontaminating equipment in combat zones."

"Progress is reported on the development of strippable films which can be used to cover contaminated apparatus and, if necessary, placed by remote control." At other laboratories, it says: "Similar coatings have been developed for painting hot laboratories. From time to time the contaminated paints can be removed, and the laboratory walls do not thus become permanently contaminated." Hot Atomic experts use the word "hot" to designate anything that is dangerously radioactive. The "hot" ships in the Bikini tests were those sprayed with salt water made radioactive by the underwater burst of the bomb. At Bikini, various experimental efforts were made to cleanse ships of the radioactive contamination. Lt. Col. Richard D. Wolfe, army engineer, in an article appearing in the current editions of two unof-

Ticklish

South Asia Parley Won't Slap Commies

MANILA, Dec. 20 (AP)—Plans for a conference of Southeast Asian nations in March are almost complete, informed sources said today. But it probably won't end up as the anti-communist front it started out to be. Sources close to President Elpidio Quirino said his original idea of a strong union to oppose the spread of communism in Asia has been watered down considerably. For this they cite two reasons: the Red military sweep in China and the probable recognition of the Chinese Communist regime by British commonwealth nations.

Quirino and Chiang Kai-shek, the No. 1 man of Nationalist China, drafted the basic framework for an Asian union at a meeting in the Philippines last July. Chiang later went to Korea to confer with President Syngman Rhee of the republic of South Korea, who had been an enthusiastic supporter of Quirino's original proposal. The United States never warmed up to Quirino's suggestion that it be the keystone of a Pacific counterpart to the North Atlantic alliance.

The U. S. made it plain, however, that the Asian countries were free to go ahead on their own without American underwriting. Later, the U. S. issued a white paper on China, writing off the Chiang Kai-shek regime as a failure. Quirino has been reported revising the complexion of his proposal. It was described as non-communist instead of anti-communist. Chiang and Nationalist China were quietly eased out of the picture.

Whether Chiang or the remnant Nationalist government will be invited to the meeting in the Philippines in March was not disclosed. The sources said Burmese recognition of the Chinese Red government would not bar Burma from attendance. Indications point now to a working liaison between nations on the fringe of Red China rather than any strong stand which would alienate any South Asian nation. TELLING THE EDITOR Letters printed here must not be longer than 300 words, must be written on ONE SIDE of the paper, and must be signed by the writer. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

remove paint and part of the surface of the material. "The second approach is that of decontamination without affecting character or quality of the surface; this method includes the use of chemical solutions to dissolve the contaminants and carry them away. "The third method involves the means of preventing contamination, including such devices as the interposition of a water film on the surface which mechanically impedes the attachment of contamination to the surface itself."

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Doctor Says

Pain Killers Have Made Big Treatment Strides

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M. D. Up until lately not much could be done to prevent pain. If a soldier was injured on the battlefield, he had to stand the pain until nature took its way. If a limb had to come off the surgeon removed it as fast as possible or the patient fainted. The victim of toothache had to grin and bear it until the tooth was removed. Nowadays we take for granted the quick and almost complete relief from almost any kind of pain — as soon as a doctor can be brought to the scene. Usually this expectation of relief can be granted promptly, thanks to the discovery of a whole group of drugs which reduce pain or cause unconsciousness. The drugs which lessen pain are called analgesics.

Anesthetics Used Morphine One of the oldest analgesics is morphine. Aspirin is a kind of mild analgesic drug, and there are many others. Anesthetics are supposed to eliminate pain altogether. The general anesthetics cause unconsciousness — the pain just is not felt at all. In this group are included several gases — ether, ethylene, chloroform and laughing gas, or nitrous oxide. Some drugs which have this anesthetic effect can be injected into the veins rather than inhaled. Of course, all the general anesthetics must be given with great care, as it is no simple matter to take away consciousness for long periods of time. General anesthesia, however, is one of the great boons to humanity. It permits operations and manipulations which would formerly have been impossible because of the pain.

Local anesthetics are substances which cause absence of pain in a local area for a long enough period of time to allow painful procedures to be carried out at the same time that the patient is fully conscious. Most of these are given by injection through a needle. For certain kinds of operations local anesthetics are better than the general ones. The Doctor Answers QUESTION: Is there anything wrong when taking iron capsules for this blood which causes the waste from the bowels to be black? ANSWER: This is normal. The elimination of iron in the stool causes a black coloration.

November Fire Losses Up

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Fire losses in the United States during November totaled \$52,116,000, an increase of 8.6 per cent over October's \$48,914,000, the National Board of Fire Underwriters reported yesterday. November losses were 0.8 per cent higher than the \$52,949,000 reported in November, 1948. Total destruction by fire for the first 11 months of 1949 stands at \$60,257,000, a drop of 6.4 per cent under the \$64,717,000 listed for the like period of 1948.

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