

WHAT GOES ON IN THE WORLD

FRANCE AND ITALY

The French and Italian Communist parties have a membership of not far short of three and a half million, and in both countries they have large blocs of seats in Parliament. Communists also control much of the organized labor, and there are party members and sympathizers in the two countries' armies and civil services.

So when there is a Communist move in either France or Italy, it means something far more serious than it would on this side of the Atlantic. And just as few or so ago chiefs of the French and Italian CP's said, in effect, that if Russia invaded those countries, the Communists must side with Stalin's armies.

Last July such statements should be made at this time is not quite clear—but there is a general feeling that they are part of the Communist effort to discredit the North Atlantic Pact.

Maurice Thorez, Secretary General of the French Communist Party, did not mince words. "If our country should be dragged, against its will, into a war against the Soviet Union," he declared, "and if the Soviet Army, defending the cause of freedom and socialism, should be brought to pursue the aggressors onto our soil, could the workers and people of France have any other attitude toward the Soviet Army than has been that of the people of Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia?"

In the debate which followed in the French National Assembly, the attitude of the anti-Communists was bitter and many called the Thorez statement treasonable. Premier Schuman even threatened to take steps against Communist chiefs for "trying to undermine the morale of the nation and the army." The upshot of the debate was a majority resolution commending Thorez, saying that his words were an insult to patriots who had given their lives to defend France's independence.

In Italy, the Communist chief, Togliatti, spoke a few days later, in almost identical terms. "I think that the Italian people—would have the courage to stick to the most efficient way to aid the Communist Party in the Soviet Army in order to give the aggressor the lesson he deserves," he stated.

These two statements are being interpreted in the light of the great East-West struggle. Both the French and Italian Communists are playing on the people's fear of being caught in another war, and Togliatti are apparently trying to hammer home the idea that the North Atlantic Alliance is a move toward such a war, and are opposed. The allies also seem to be pointing up that fact that in case of war—France and Italy would be torn by a terrible civil conflict.

GERMANY

When a British film organization made a moving picture of "Oliver Twist" the character of Fagin was based upon a picture drawn by George Cruikshank for the first illustrated edition of Dickens' novel. Last fall, when the United States, there were so many Jewish protests against the Fagin characterization that distributors deferred its release indefinitely.

To those in Canada and other countries who saw the film, it seemed to be stirring up a "tempest in a teapot." After all, Fagin was the only Jew—and there were a dozen or more characters of English origin portrayed as just as repulsive as he, without any patriotic protests from the Mother Country.

However, "Oliver Twist" seems destined—in this film version—to cause real trouble. A Sunday or so ago the picture was presented in Berlin, where anti-Semitism is still a strong force. The showing was interrupted by a demonstration staged by displaced persons and Berliners—and at a second showing on the Monday a group of some fifty Jews charged police lines and, after a short but violent riot, forced the management to cancel the show. The film has now been withdrawn from German circulation—possibly with good reason. One correspondent said that showing such a picture in post-Nazi Germany was "too much like leaving a bottle of whiskey in front of a recently 'whipped' alcoholic."

Man's Best Friend

Musical Arthur Nikisch used to be stopped on the street by innumerable admirers. Swearing ladies would kiss his hand and ladies of his garments from his body. They even begged for locks of his hair. To this he would be always amenable, mailing a few strands to each admiring applicant.

"At this rate," a friend warned him, "you will grow bald in no time."

"Not I," Nikisch answered with a wink. "My dog!"



It's All Done With "Mirrors"—Martha Mitchell isn't really skinning in the sky. It's simply that the cloudy sky above is reflected in the clear water over which she glides.

SPORTS & GAMES

by A SIXBIT CRITIC

Although, as we tap out these lines with two long-suffering fingers, the professional boxers have not yet decided yet, already the baseballists are beginning to work over the bookies from arm muscles weary with the toil of hitting foul from table to table between seasons, however, even more weary with the labor of trying to figure out the odds on the "fry" and other composites served at such orgies.

And with the hockey moguls promising to lengthen out their further their season, the golden era is fairly in sight—that much yearning after time when we shall be able to enjoy baseball every afternoon and hockey every night, all the year through. (We're trying to think of an apt quotation to stick in here, but the only one which comes readily to mind is the one that begins "Oh, Death where is thy—")

But that isn't what we started to talk about. Fired by the success of our amazing January prediction that the Toronto Maple Leafs would positively make the playoffs, we now give the faithful old crystal ball a few preliminary spins and try to gander into the future, especially as regards Big League ball.

In the American League, we must tell you that Cleveland Indians, New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox appear to be strictly minor properties—the lady whose names you used to forget in Sunday School when asked to name the books of the Bible—could have dishied out that sort of information.

Always original—even at the expense of trying to write common sense at times—we are flipping you some keep your eye on the outfit known as the Philadelphia Athletics as a distinct possibility of taking it all. (Two minutes out here for loud, raucous laughter.)

But such a prediction isn't as wide of the mark as at first glance, it might seem. Last year the Athletics were in and out of top position all through the month of May stuck within reaching distance throughout August, and only faded in the stretch run. And Mr. Mack still has a pitching staff—Phil Marchiondi, Dick Fowler, Joe Coleman, Lou Brissie, Carl Scheib and a few like that—which is a distinct refutation of the old turf adage that "you can't keep a fast horse in a poor (paying) man's stable."

"With just a little more hitting power to back that sort of pitching staff, the Athletics might very well have travelled the entire distance on top last season. And the canny Conny Mack seems to have gathered just that bit of extra power, notably in Taft Wright, who was smacked out of a long ball for the Chicago White Sox, likewise Wally Moses, who will play a pinch-hitting role for Philadelphia, and could very well break up more than one close struggle."

In the National League, we're asking you to take a glance now and then at the progress of a team entitled the Chicago Cubs. We

we're not saying that a club which finished a lovely last in 1948, trailing the Boston Braves by 27½ games, will all of a sudden float to the very top. Still, unless we're more mistaken than it customary, those same Cubs won't finish the current scumper way down in the cellar.

The Cubs have been doing considerable trading and purchasing during the off months, and their infield should be a whole lot stronger. They will have the veteran Frankie Gottling—a great early season hitter—at third, which will help Andy Pafko go to the outfield, where he belongs. And Earl Verban, at second, should be far more of a help this season, as he only through last year's.

And the Cubs have made what appear to be tremendous strides toward greater mound strength. They have a fine lot of rookies, and have corded two capable starters: Dutch Leonard and Walt Whitburn. There's even a possibility that the ancient Mort Cooper might do a Cubs' trick and pitch a few for Charlie Grimm.

So, between now and next October, give an occasional look at Chicago Cubs and Philadelphia Athletics, if the nearest to feel-better you may not be following two contenders; but, heck, any of the minor properties—the lady whose names you used to forget in Sunday School when asked to name the books of the Bible—could have dishied out that sort of information.

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Ready To Sign The Newfoundland Union Bill—Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Governor General of Canada (seated) prepares to receive and sign the much discussed bill relating to terms of Union with Newfoundland. Attending the ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa are, from left to right, Dr. Arthur Beauchene, Clerk of the House of Commons; Senator Wihart Robertson, Government Leader in the Senate; Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent; His Excellency Viscount Alexander; Dr. Gastard Fautex, Speaker of the House; Senator J. H. King, Speaker of the Senate; Major General H. F. G. Leston; L. C. Moyer, Clerk of the House.

THE FARM FRONT

by Jona Russell

thirteen girls that got no alfalfa last fall. All their pigs within a few days after farrowing. Altogether this group weaned only thirty-nine pigs.

On the other hand, the group that got alfalfa weaned seven pigs apiece! The moral would seem to be that if your sows aren't getting plenty of legumes, you're tossing away a lot of potential profits.

And when I start pointing out morals, it's a sign that it's about time to pipe down for the week.

Actually "ringworm" isn't a worm at all. It's a fungus which grows best when animals are in damp, dark barns or stables. There are two things you can do to knock out this fungus. One is to keep your stock where there's plenty of light, ventilation and clean bedding. The other is to treat the disease if it develops.

Once the fungus starts, you can whip it by washing the dry scabs with a mild soap and a medium stiff brush. (This softens the covering which protects the fungus.) Then use a mixture of iodine, or plain iodine, lime-sulphur dip or Whitfield ointment for a few days. When the scabs are unusually thick, it's best to use an oil antiseptic, as the oil will help to loosen up the scabs.

After showing how those weeds losses have cost Canadian farmers more than rust, grasshoppers and all other pests and diseases combined, the film goes on to show how—under the impetus of World War Two—the research facilities of all Government and commercial agencies were stimulated to find the answer to the problem.

The film—its title is "The Triumph of 2-4-D"—is described as being of vital importance to every Canadian farmer and his family. It was produced only for farm sound projectors, and runs for a little over half an hour. And it is available—without charge—to farm organizations and other interested groups. Also if YOU happen to be interested, just write to BENOGRAPH, 100 Adelaide St. West, in Toronto.

Now for a little assorted information about this, that, and the other. Around about this time of year what is known as "ringworm" can give your livestock a lot of trouble. It shows up as small bad spots

New Tick Hatchery—As Harold Duggan lay in a hospital, bored with life and weighted down with his injured foot, a visitor remarked that the contraption looked like a chicken brooder. So Duggan decided to breed chickens. For 3 weeks he kept some eggs in a box and four chickens were hatched. The chickens were doing very well too, until the doctors refused to let Duggan keep them longer.

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The GREEN THUMB

Gordon Smith

GARDEN NOTES

TIME TO PLAN

The experienced gardener doesn't wait until the sun and soil are warmed before starting to get ready for planting. No matter what the weather is like outside planning can commence anytime, and there is fun and a value in this planning too.

A good Canadian seed catalogue and a Government bulletin or two will prove invaluable. Despite all the time-worn jokes about the seed catalogue, these publications are packed with real and vital information. With the bulletins, they will tell you when the various flowers bloom, the colors, and whether they are hardy or tender and safe to plant in your neighborhood. Heights are also given and the type of soil best for each variety. Get this information on one go ahead and plan real borders and other layouts, can be done any time, and there is something in bloom right through until Fall, and that the little things will not be hidden by the fall.

With the vegetables, the catalogues and bulletins will help in the planning and also in getting satisfaction when the garden starts to yield. One will learn from the descriptions whether certain varieties are hardy, half-hardy or tender, and how many days from planting to maturity. All this is vital information. One will also read about brand-new discoveries in the vegetable line, improvements in old standards.

NOT TOO CLOSE

Common mistake of most gardeners is to plant too close together. This is not only a waste of soil, but it also encourages weevil or poor growth. With shrubbery and trees, the result is a jungle with not too much shade about the house and weak growth that is liable to fall a prey to heavy storms. With annual flowers and vegetables, proper development is impossible, the vegetables are liable to be stringy and tough, flowers bunched so

ITEMIZED!

An artist who was employed to renovate and retouch the great oil paintings in an old church in Belgium rendered a bill of \$67.30 for his services. The church warden, however, required an itemized account and the following was duly presented:

For correcting the "Ten Commandments"	\$ 12.00
For renewing heaven and adjusting the stars	7.14
For touching up purgatory and restoring lost souls	3.06
For brightening up the flames of hell, putting new tails on the devil and doing odds for the damned	7.17
For putting new stone in David's shield, enlarging head of Goliath	6.13
For mending shirt of prodigal son and cleaning his ears	3.39
For embellishing Pontius Pilate and putting new ribbon on his bonnet	3.02
For putting new tail and comb on St. Peter's rooster	2.20
For explaining and replying left wing of the Guardian Angel	5.18
For repainting and replying high priest	5.02
For taking the spots off the son of Tobias	10.30
For putting earrings in Sarah's ears	5.26
For decorating Noah's ark and new band on Shem	4.31
TOTAL	\$67.30

P.S. He got the money.

TOP SCRATCHING

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LITTLE REGGIE

By Margarita

Reggie was a little boy who had no driving experience, finally managed to bring the bus around a right angle. No one was hurt.

DO YOU REALLY CALL ME CRABBY?

Do you sometimes feel that people are beginning to think you are high-strung—always tense and nervous—so that you fly off the handle easily?

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Many women find it hard to control their nerves are "bad." Yet it's not unusual for a high-strung woman's mind to be overactive. It's not a matter of balance—especially during the functional changes of the face in pregnancy, menopause, and middle life. That's when a good tonic like Dr. Chase's Nerve Food can do so much good by helping to restore your nervous energy. It will help you feel better, look better, rest better at night.

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Grounds for Divorce

A classified ad appeared in the Edmonton (Alberta) Daily Sentinel. "Notice—I will no longer be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife. (Signed) L. B."

Just below it appeared a rebuttal: "Mr. L. B., does not have to be responsible for any debts I contract. He can't even pay his own. (Signed) Mrs. L. B."

A supposedly happily married Kentucky wife used her husband for divorce because—"I didn't like the moose evenly by mixing with a little dry sand and sowing the mixture. In any case, no matter how carefully we saw some later thinking as the plants develop will be advisable.

FIRST JOBS

There are some outdoor jobs that can be started almost as soon as the temporary information restraining her from striking him; attempting to take his life; hiding the silverware so he couldn't see him; hiding his ashtray; destroying his clothes; forbidding him to listen to baseball broadcasts; barring his friends from their home.

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14-YEAR-OLD BOY STEERS RUNAWAY BUS TO SAFETY

WINS DOW AWARD

DONALD USNIK OF PORT ARTHUR, ONT. guides vehicle through traffic

A PASSENGER bus had stalled on a grade while the driver was phoning the emergency brake gave way and the bus started down the street. 14-year-old Donald Usnik tried the foot brake but couldn't make it work. As none of the other passengers offered to help, Donald grabbed the wheel and started to steer. After some narrow escapes in heavy traffic, the youngster swung the bus around a corner onto an incline. His courage won him The Dow Award for bravery.

1. As the bus started to roll down the busy main street, Donald ran to the front and tried to work the foot brake. It failed and he grasped the wheel.

2. Several times, as the speed of the bus increased, Donald had to swerve suddenly—once narrowly missing a line of parked taxis.

3. The gallant boy, who had had no driving experience, finally managed to bring the bus to a halt on a slight grade. No one was hurt.

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BY MARGARITA

HEY REGGIE—WHERE YA GOING? TO HANG OUT WITH A SNOWMAN!

LOOK OUT—DON'T PLAY WITH THE NEW MACHINES!

By Arthur Pointer