

# WHAT GOES ON IN THE WORLD

by Norman Blair

**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 could on this side of the Atlantic. And just a week or so ago chiefs of the French and Italian CP's said, in effect, that if Russia were to invade Germany, the Communists must side with Stalin's armies.

Just why 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 an aggressive war against the Soviet Union," he declared, "and if the Soviet Army, defending the East, should be forced to fight against the aggressors on our soil, could the workers and people of France and Italy be expected to stand with 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-Communist was bitter and many called the Thorez statement treasonable. Premier Chateau even threatened to bring legal 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 condemning 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, Palmiro Togliatti, spoke, a few days later, in almost identical terms. "I think that the Italian people should have the evident duty to aid in the most efficient way the Soviet Army in order to give the aggressor the heaviest blow," he stated.

These two statements are being interpreted in 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. Thorez and Togliatti are apparently trying to hammer home the idea that the North Atlantic Alliance is a pact of aggression against France and Italy. To those in Canada and other



It's all done with "Mirrors"—Martha Mitchell isn't really skiing in the sky. It's simply that the cloudy sky above is reflected in the clear water over which she glides.

# SPORTS & A SIXBIT CRITIC

Although, as we tap out these lines, the professional hockey races haven't by any means been decided yet, already the baseballists are beginning to work out the kinks from arm muscles weary with the toll of hitting food from table to mouth at between-season banquets, also stomach muscles even more weary with the labor of trying to digest fried chicken and other comestibles served at such orgies.

And with the hockey moguls promising to lengthen out still further their season, the golden era is fairly in sight—that moment when the season ends and the players are 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 sting.")

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 win the Stanley Cup, we are now giving the faithful old crystal ball a few preliminary spins and make a guess into the future, especially as regards Big League ball.

In the American League, we might tell you that Cleveland Indians, New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox appear to be strictly contenders; but, heck, you can't know the man prophets—the lads whose names you used to forget in Sunday School when asked to name the Books of the Bible—could have doled out that sort of information.

Always original—even at the expense of trying to write common sense at times—we are now trying to keep your eye on the outfit known as the Philadelphia Athletics as a distinct possibility for 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 (saying) man's stable."

So don't put down our hint to watch the Athletics this coming season as just the idle wanderings of a morbid imagination. In fact, if you hear of any of the future books offering—say 35 to 1 or better against them, take a couple of tickets on our behalf. We're positively pay off just as soon as we get the proceeds from that Irish basketball receipt we're treasuring so carefully.

In the National League, we're talking you to take a glance now and then at the progress of a team entitled the Chicago Cubs. No-

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# SHORT STORY

**The Young Old Folks**  
By Matthew P. Christopher

"There!" Dave said. "The ceiling's faded. Now you've got new stairs, new walls in the living room and bedrooms, and a new porch. He lifted his chin and finally, something like a cold giant entered at his mother. 'Anything else you going to do?'"

Drusilla glanced at him warily, clutching her arm. "Dave!" Dave shook his head. "There you go! Ever since you bought this place that's all you and Dad have been doing—fixing and fixing until Fall, and that the little things will not be hidden by the fall."

"I don't have anything to do," she explained. "So I thought I'd come back and visit awhile. Dave's sleeping. Mother said you're going to put in a new kitchen floor. What kind of Oak?"

"Oh, no. Mother did not mean that. It's just to sand the old floor, then put on an inlaid linoleum. She left soon for her. Dave would get up and not find her there."

When he woke there was still bread in the toaster and Drusilla suggested a little ride through the country.

"The road down toward the lake," she said. "We haven't seen the Acklins so long. And Mrs. Ackling has been so sweet to me!"

"Oh, Drusilla, I love Dave! It's so good to see you! Come around the house. John is back there, working on the tractor."



All 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: left to right, Dr. Arthur Beauchamp, Clerk of the House of Commons; Senator J. H. Robertson, Government Leader in the Senate; Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent; His Excellency Viscount Alexander; Dr. Caspary Fautoux, Speaker of the House of Commons; Major General H. F. G. Lestock; and L. C. Moyer, Clerk of the House.

# THE FARM FRONT

by John Russell

Now I don't really know if this information will be of use to any of you, but I'm pressing it along just in the off chance. A Canadian firm has put out a movie film, which sounds from the word 'I've' to be interesting and instructive.

Filled in full natural color, and with sound, it's an authentic presentation of what goes on out the farm in terms of yield, dockage, and cash. It shows how the weeds, stumps, and brush are cut, how the land is prepared, and how the crops are raised. It's a real eye opener for anyone who's interested in farming.



With bigger seed like beans, peas, corn, etc., spacing will be easy, but it is much more difficult with the fine seeds of carrot, lettuce or alfalfa. Such things can be spaced in rows. One will need a little dry sand and sowing the mixture. In any case, no matter how carefully you sow some later thinning as the plants develop will be advisable.

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**Grounds for Divorce**  
A classed as appeared in the Edmonton (Alta.) Daily Herald: "Notice—I will no longer be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife. (Signed) L. B. B. I am responsible for any debts I may contract. (Signed) Mrs. L. B. B."

A supposedly happily married Kentucky wife used her husband for divorce because "I didn't like the way he treated his mother."

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By TOM GREGORY

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HOW TO REMEDY THIS—IN HOW WEATHER WHEN DOUGH IS SOFT, TAKE A LARGE BOTTLE AND FILL WITH CRACKED ICE. POUR CRACKED ICE OVER ROLLING PIN. IT WILL ALSO COOL THE DOUGH AND IMPROVE THE FINISHED PASTRY.

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