

The Grumbler

Grumbling is a harmless vent for some foolish discontent. —Old Mother Nature.

"It is too hot," grumbled Buster Bear. He was talking to himself.

"Last winter you were grumbling because your coat wasn't warm enough," said Croaker the Raven from overhead.

Buster looked up. The big black cousin of Blacky the Crow was looking down at him from near the top of a tall tree.

"What are you doing down here? Why don't you stay on the Great Mountain where you belong?" grumbled Buster. He was feeling out of sorts.

There was no doubt about it. He turned his back on Croaker and shuffled off between the trees.

Presently Buster came to a big old stump of a tree. In places it had rotted while the rest of it was as sound as ever.

There was the smell of Mouse all over and around that old stump. Perhaps some Mice were living in it or under it.

A Mouse would be only a bite for anyone as big as Buster Bear, but there might be more than one. Buster likes to pull over old stumps and tear them to pieces.

No one knows better than he does how to do it. Now he dug his stout claws into the old stump and pulled.

The old stump didn't move. Buster is as strong as he is big. He pulled with all his strength, but that old stump didn't budge.

It wasn't yet ready to be pulled over. The roots were still strong in the ground.

"Suddenly a big piece pulled out of the old stump. It was so sudden that Buster fell over backward. That didn't make him feel any better.

He felt more out of sorts than ever. He growled deep down in his throat. It was a rumbling, grumbly sort of growl. He glared at the old stump.

"Nothing there," he grumbled and shuffled away between the trees.

Once where the ground was soft he dug up a couple of small roots of a kind he was fond of. Somehow they didn't taste as

good in this hot weather as they would have tastes in the early spring. It set him to grumbling some more.

Nothing suited him this morning. He couldn't make up his mind where he wanted to go or what he wanted to do.

He just wandered about aimlessly. And all the time he was grumbling in that deep rumbling, grumbly voice of his.

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Rejects New Axis Deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Wednesday ruled out any joint Soviet-American "attempt to dictate to the world."

His declaration at a press conference offered assurance to America's allies that the U.S. has no intention of abandoning close co-operation with them in exchange for an exclusive effort by the two super powers to settle major world issues bilaterally.

It also amounted to rejecting an evident bid by Soviet Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev for a two-way deal between Washington and Moscow to order the state of international relations.

The president was referring both to proposals for studying international control of space missiles and for a visit to Washington by Soviet Defence Minister Georgi Zhukov.

The president did not rule out talks with Soviet leaders under any and all circumstances. Even when such talks may appear desirable, however, he made clear that allied countries would be consulted.

In an interview published in the New York Times Wednesday, Khrushchev said the United States had rebuffed Soviet efforts last July to arrange a meeting between Zhukov and American leaders. Tuesday Khrushchev was reported by the Times as saying that Russia was willing to bring space missiles under international control as part of a general agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union.

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Many Praises For Canada From Touring Mining Group

By FORBES RHUDE Canadian Press Business Editor HALIFAX (CP)—If a Canadian says something is the biggest you must excuse him—for it probably is.

The comment is from P. R. Human of Krugersdorp, Transvaal, South African delegate to the Commonwealth Mining and Metallurgical Congress, and is typical of the flow of compliments that have been descending upon the mining industry during the month-long trans-Canada tour of the congress.

"The Canadian has everything," Mr. Human added. "He has big things, he thinks big and he acts big—yet down at heart he is the same sort of person as mining people anywhere. Even the children think big."

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added, "if a man moves from one job to another, the result is your as one great project is piled upon another."

CLOSE WITH DINNER

The congress which opened in Vancouver Sept. 9, closed Wednesday night with dinner given by the mining society of Nova Scotia, with R. W. Diamond, of Trail, B.C., president of the congress, presiding.

Along with visits to nearby industrial and mining projects, the two days in Halifax have been taken up with farewell social gatherings as delegates prepared to separate after a month of close association.

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