

Seasoned Timber

By Dorothy Canfield

CHAPTER FIVE

Continued

She threw herself on his mercy. She was a widow, she cried brokenly, giving her whole life to her fatherless boy. All she wanted was his happiness. If she had tried to deceive the professor, it was as any mother would lay down her life for her child, for...

"Hello, Jules. How do you do?" said Mr. Hulme in the first natural tone he had used. He stepped forward, holding out his hand. The boy took it in a nervously furtive grip. He tried for a manly bluntness with a "How do you do, Mr. Hulme," but his eyes cried, "Oh, rescue me! Help me to escape!"

"What was the matter?" "One of the kids in the dorm had a cello his mother made him take to school and I got to fooling around with it and never studied a lick for a month." His voice cracked ludicrously from treble to bass on the last phrase.

His mother flung up her hands, opened her mouth to cry out, and was cut short by Mr. Hulme saying, "All right, Jules, come along to Vermont. If you'd like to try us, we'll give you a try."

Mr. Hulme was a little late for his appointment with Mr. Wheaton but this gave him no concern, part of the Wheaton technique being to make callers wait—those who were not moneyed. After rising to twenty-four stories in a Gothic elevator and finding his way through marble lined corridors to Mr. Wheaton's velvet carpeted Italian Renaissance outer office, he sat looking down at his hat on his knee, bracing himself for the encounter before him.

"Mr. Wheaton will see you now, Mr. Hulme." With an inward, "Oh, he will help!" Professor Hulme followed the stony secretary into the Presence and was placed in a Louis XV armchair (which had cost, he had often calculated, as much as two months of his salary). The two men, silently despatching each other, shook hands and exchanged greetings.

Then the Principal got to business, began his report and in a moment was being told that he had made an enormous mistake in admitting a Jewish boy as a student. T. C. said in a rather loud voice, to run no risk of not being heard, "This particular boy I've just accepted struck me as very likable, and—for a boy—civilized. In my opinion it is a good thing to give our isolated Vermont young people some contact with natures that have good points different from their own."

"How do you mean—civilized?" Mr. Wheaton challenged him. "One of those precious, smart-aleck bookworms, I suppose." "Here's where I get his goat!" thought the school-teacher, yielding to a cheap temptation, and aloud, with a poker face, said seriously, "I wouldn't say he was bookish. I was referring to a certain sensitive fineness of personality—he was gentler to a tiresome mother than any Yankee boy would be—and he has a living perception of musical values. To come in contact with these qualities would be very wholesome for the esthetic ignorance and blunt roughness of most of our Vermont students."

Report Gains For Gen. Eisenhower In Midwest

(This story on the Midwest is the fourth of a series on the political outlook as newspaper editors and political writers see it at present.)

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (AP)—Gains for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower have been posted in all 12 states in the hotly contested Midwest by newspaper men keeping tabs on the trends.

In the whole crucial farm belt, editors and political correspondents believe only Missouri measured up in mid-October as likely to go Democratic if the election were held at that time. Missouri has 13 electoral votes.

All the other 11 states, with 140 electoral ballots—Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Ohio, Wisconsin and Governor Adlai E. Stevenson's home state of Illinois—were clocked as inclined or fairly certain to go Republican.

The electoral votes decide who will become president. Each state is allotted a number of electoral votes equal to the total of senators and congressmen it sends to Washington. The candidate polling the largest number of popular votes in any state wins all that state's electoral votes. For the whole of the U.S. there are 531 electoral votes and a candidate needs 266 to win the election.

The consensus of editors taking part in a second survey for the Associated Press is that Eisenhower and the Republicans have earlier check around Labor Day and since 1948. Four years ago President Truman pulled a surprise by picking off half the 12 midwestern states.

In Illinois and at other spots along the midwestern political circuit some of the Republican margins are so ragged that last-minute events or a swing of previously undecided voters could make a real difference Nov. 4.

Behind the apparent trend to the Republican banner in the last few weeks, editors see the clashed hands of Eisenhower and Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio. Newspaper men in nine of the 12 states cite the teaming up of the General and the Senator as a key factor in Republican advances.

Edits feel Taft's midwestern friends no longer are sitting out the campaign. Combining results of the second survey in the Midwest with those in the Middle Atlantic, Western and Southern States shows that newspaper men believe Eisenhower made a likely winner or held an edge in 24 states with 307 electoral votes—41 more than he would need for victory. The editors believe Stevenson had leads ranging from a shade to a comfortable margin in 15 states with 150 votes—15 shy of the winning mark.

Three states with 44 votes were considered a toss-up. Six New England States with 40 votes still were to be accounted for.

Believe Russian Delegate To U. N. Eased Out
By FRANCIS W. CARPENTER
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 27 (AP)—There's a vacant chair in the high councils of the U. N. It is that of Konstantine E. Zinchenko, the highest ranking Russian on the staff of Secretary-General Trygve Lie.

Zinchenko reports he is ill in Moscow but diplomats wise in the ways of Soviet ailments speculate the illness is mostly diplomatic and he will not return to the U. N. Zinchenko is the assistant secretary-general for the Department of Security Council Affairs. He went home on vacation in July and has not returned.

He was expected back in September but sent a cable announcing his return was delayed by illness. About 10 days ago Lie wrote asking when he was returning—and has had no answer, informed sources said. There is a strong chance that Zinchenko is being relieved of his duties in the usual Soviet fashion because he was not forceful enough to suit the Kremlin. Zinchenko was appointed to the \$22,000 post in 1949 after another case of illness delayed the return of Arkady A. Sobolev and finally caused his resignation. Zinchenko seldom appeared in the news. He preferred to stay in the background in the best tradition of the Soviet-trained diplomat. If the Russians decide to nominate a replacement for Zinchenko, they will run into a problem. The Russians put Lie on their most choice black list when he sided with the United States and the U. N. majority against the aggression in Korea and prevented his re-election by a veto. However, they could not stop an extension of his term to Feb. 1, 1954, and they announced they would deal with him no longer. All communications addressed to him from the backwoods. When the time came for the usual hand-to-hand battle over wages, the fight was hotter even than usual, the second dip of the depression and troubles with investments serving as plain proofs of the rightness of Mr. Wheaton's ideas of thrift. Mr. Wheaton, running his eye down the faculty names, frowned, cried, "All that money for a teacher of the words a miser." "That's just poppycock, T. C. The place for girls to learn homemaking is at their mother's knee. Now cut out those two salaries for that fool Manual Training and Domestic Science and there'd be enough to pay a real salary to a crack-jack athletic coach that'd put my dear old school on the map." (To be continued)

Western Barley Growers Get Final Settlement

OTTAWA, Oct. 27 (CP)—Western barley growers selling to the Canadian Wheat Board will get an average of 14.729 cents a bushel as a final payment under the 1951-52 barley pool, the Trade Department announced Friday. Cheques will be distributed next Wednesday.

Under the pool, 130,634,822 bushels of barley was delivered for sale by the board during the crop year ended July 31 last. The final payment will come out of the \$19,241,000 left in the pool treasury for distribution. Most of the barley last year was low grade. The final payment averages to 14.016 cents a bushel for no. 1 feed barley, which formed the bulk of deliveries. The final payment on no. 2 feed barley will be 17.415 cents a bushel and no. 3 feed, 15.991 cents. It works out to 13.2 cents a bushel for no. 3 Canada, western six-row barley.

The final payment is in addition to previous payments made to farmers on delivery to the board and brings the realized price for no. 3 C.W. six-row barley to \$1.2933 a bushel, about two cents lower than received in the previous year. This price is based on deliveries to Fort William and Port Arthur, after deducting carrying charges in country and terminal elevators, drying and reconditioning charges and board administrative expenses, but not including a one-per-cent prairie farm assistance levy. The corresponding realized price for no. 1 feed barley is \$1.2116 a bushel.

The \$19,241,000 to be distributed under the barley pool is in addition to \$24,746,000 recently distributed to Western oats growers as the final payment under the 1951-52 oats pool. This brings the Wheat Board final payments under the two pools to \$43,987,000. But the biggest payment to Western growers is yet to come—the final payment for wheat. An announcement likely will be made within the next two weeks.

U. N. come merely as "The Secretariat." There is likely to be no successor to Zinchenko unless the Russians knuckle under and send a letter to "Mr. Lie" containing the name, for the diplomats here speculate that Lie will not appoint one of his top officials simply on the basis of a communication addressed to "The Secretariat."

Purge Underway In Communist Party In Russia

By William L. Ryan
NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (AP)—The rise of Georgi Maximilianovich Malenkov has struck terror into the hearts of Russian Communist Party members, to judge from the Soviet press' treatment of the recent party congress.

Malenkov appears to be conducting a widespread purge. The 1,200 Communist big shots who were delegates to the congress which ended in Moscow Oct. 14 listened in silence while Malenkov lectured them severely, told them the party ranks had grown sloppily and carelessly. There would be no more of it.

Seeming more Stalin's heir-apparent than ever, Malenkov in his keynote address to the congress was interrupted many times by what the Soviet press, in bold-face bracketed lines inserted in the text, referred to as "Stormy, long not-falling-silent applause."

But when Malenkov got to that part of his speech dealing with party discipline, a section taking up several thousand words of stinging remarks, he was not interrupted. Even before the speech started, Malenkov's glorified position was clear. Reported Pravda: "At the appearance of G. M. Malenkov on the tribune, the delegates greet him with stormy, continuing applause. All rise."

The delegates rise in advance of a speech for nobody else—except Joseph Stalin himself. Thereafter, through speech after speech, the Communist leaders referred back not only to Stalin, but practically every one used a similar phrase in referring back to the rising crown prince, the words, "as Comrade Malenkov has pointed out." Malenkov's speech was reprinted for distribution in 3,000,000 copies, as against only 1,000,000 for other top leaders.

The party was given to understand that from now on nobody will become a Communist Party member who has not come up through the ranks of the Komsomols (Young Communist League). In turn, nobody becomes a member of the Komsomols without first having been a member of the Young Pioneers, the organization for children. The point is that only the thoroughly indoctrinated will become party members in the U. S. S. R. Admissions, even from the Komsomols, to the ranks of "candidate" members of the party will be strictly screened. In the Soviet Ukraine alone, by Pravda figures, 69,000 candidates have been lopped off the rolls.

CANADA'S PEAK
Highest mountain on Canadian territory is 19,850-foot Mount Logan in the Yukon.

To Put Granites Vs. Iron Question To Vote Shortly

MONTREAL, Oct. 27 (CP)—The Canadian branch of the Royal Canadian Curling Club, governing body in Eastern Canada, Saturday decided to put to a vote the matter of granites versus iron for the Governor General's Trophy.

The trophy, top doubles event in Canada, is one of the few remaining iron events. The Jubilee Trophy is another. A spokesman for the branch said competing clubs will be asked to vote on the matter, but that iron will be used again this year.

During the meeting, it was announced that R. F. Dick Walsh, a past-president of the branch and of Montreal Thistle, had been named vice-president of the Royal Canadian Curling Club in Scotland. Named to the executive of the branch for the coming year were: President, George Calder, Lachine; vice-presidents, Angus A. Stewart, Montreal Heather, R. E. Woodwards, Lachine; secretary-treasurer, R. E. Raguin.

Competitions this year: Centenary—Montreal clubs only, finals Dec. 19-20. Jubilee (iron)—All-branch, finals in Montreal, Jan. 16 and 17. Governor General's Trophy—All-branch, finals in Ottawa Feb. 7. Edinburgh Trophy—All-branch in Montreal Feb. 21 and 22. Elgin Trophy—International in Montreal, March 12, 13 and 14. Royal Canadian—International, finals in Montreal March 26 and 27. Gordon International Medal—International, in Montreal March 28.

Canada To Send Four Skaters To World Ch'ships

TORONTO, Oct. 27 (CP)—Canada will send a four-member team to the 1953 world figure skating championships at Davos, Switzerland, Feb. 7-15, it was announced Sunday.

The skaters, chosen at the annual meeting of the governing council of the Canadian Figure Skating Association, have had previous international experience. All from Toronto, they are: Suzanne Morrow, 21, who placed fourth in the world championships this year at Paris and sixth in the Olympics at Oslo. She will compete in the women's senior singles. Peter Firstbrook, 18, seventh in the world and fifth in the Olympi-

Burgess Bedtime

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"I've seen a mother Snake swallow her babies so, what we have heard is true!" cried Peter. "Did she say why she swallowed them?" asked Mrs. Peter. "No," replied Peter, "I didn't ask her. But, of course, she did it to keep them safe."

"I don't doubt she was keeping them safe—for herself," declared little Mrs. Peter. "What was the danger that caused her to swallow them?" Peter looked a little foolish. "I didn't see it," said he, "I forgot to look."

"The only danger probably was that mother Snake might go hungry," declared Mrs. Peter. "Don't you believe she swallowed them for their own safety?" asked Peter. "No!" declared Mrs. Peter flatly. "I think she swallowed them because she was hungry. You saw those little Snakes go in; but did you see them come out again?"

Peter shook his head. "No," said he. "No, I didn't see them come out. I-I-I," he stopped. "You what?" demanded Mrs. Peter. "I forgot to watch. I was so excited I rushed right over here to tell you. I thought you ought to be told," said Peter. "That's just like you, Peter Rabbit!"

NEVER THIRSTY
The Koala bear of Australia never drinks, but gets enough moisture from the eucalyptus leaves on which he lives.

REAL SHEEPSKINS
The parchment used for writings in the middle ages was sheep or goat skin, steeped in lime and then scraped.

bit," said little Mrs. Peter. She looked disgruntled. "What good does it do to see them go in if you don't see them come out. My guess is that they are right down in that mother's stomach this minute. If they are not, where are they?"

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