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War Seems to Be Nearer

Anthony Eden, who resigned his post as Foreign Secretary in Great Britain in 1937,

in protest against the appeasement of the Fascist Government in Germany, refers to the recent Communist' capture of Czechoslovakia as the "second surrender" and urges the Western nations to integrate their efforts for "preserving what is left of freedom and of maintaining

is left of freedom and of maintaining peace."

The Communists, having taken charge of Czechoslovakia, have instituted a policy of repression. Foreign broadcasters have been denied access to the radio and intety-seven foreign publications have been banned. At the same time, control over the Czechoslovakian press is being tightened with the Ministry of Information dominating all publications. Magazines are being suppressed and editors expelled from associations of journalists, which means that they will be unable to secure employment.

The reaction of the people of the United States to the Communist capture of Czechoslovakia has been somewhat ominous. There is generally a recognition that the nations of Eastern Europe are seeing the Russians repeat the pre-

We have called atten-Save the tion to the economies Envelopes! Still practiced in Great Britain despite the fact that the British were on the winning side of a war to save civilization.

of a war to save civilization.

Sir Stafford Cripps, who holds a key position in the British Government, warns the nation that it faces the possibility of bankruptcy by summer. This might be dismissed as idle political banter but what would you think if you received a letter from Great Britain sent in an envelope, on which are printed these words:

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"War Economy: Open by slitting along the flap edge. Re-use envelope by sealing with economy label to cover old address and postmark."

The people of this country can hardly The people of this country can hardiy imagine such economies in the midst of their free spending. The wonder is that the people of Britain do not begin to doubt the benefits of winning a war for the maintenance of civilization and the free economic system.

You may be wondering why there are so many unsolved problems down in Washington. The answer lies in the politician's customary attitude during an election year: because his eye is on the ballot box, he dislikes to take a stand on an issue which has two sides.

A bit of homespun philosophy: never put off till next week what you should have done last week.

gram of Adolf Hitler. Democratic freedom, as we know it, is being ruthlessly
suppressed. Populations, containing
many anti-Communists, are being incorporated into the Russian sphere of influence and, under the rigorous methods of
the Communists, will become little more
than pawns of Russian policy.

The question now disturbing responsible statesmen in the United States, as
well as in Great Britain and France, is
whether the Russians will be content with
their expansion, after they have completed the gobbling up of Finland, which
seems to be underway. There is no evidence, at the present time, to indicate
that the Russians will not attempt the
same tactics in other areas of Europe and
the conviction is gradually growing in
western nations that unless the rulers of
the Kremlin are stopped, the Communist
regime will seek to incorporate all of
Europe into the Russian sphere.

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It is not a pleasant observation, but one would be somewhat blind to world events not to recognize that recent occurrences have edged the world closer to a possible conflict. Neither the United States nor have edged the world closer to a possible conflict. Neither the United States nor Great Britain can be expected to sit quietly at home and watch the Communists take over other populations in Europe. Certainly, Democratic statesmen are beginning to wonder whether they will have to go to war again to preserve the liberties and freedoms which have come down to mankind as the gift of the Anglo-Saxons.

No honest discussion of the present international situation can omit the possibility of warfare much earlier than hitherto assumed. The danger exists that the Russians may press their aggressive campaign much further and, if they do, the danger of war will become imminent.

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As we view this situation, it looks like the United States has to make up its mind very shortly whether it is going to tell Russia just how far she can go, and to decide what the U. S. will do if Russia gets tough as a result of this ultimatum.

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50 YEARS AGO March 11, 1898

Speaking of maple—don't tap your trees if they are located be-tween the walk and street. There's only a narrow hand of soil around them, so they get little early spring supply from them you are asking for dead trees to dot our city.

TWENTY YEARS AGO March 8, 1928

March 8, 1925
A Birmingham landmark, the Baptist Church at Willets and Bates, is being dismantled to make way for a new building. The new church will be erected at an estimated cost of \$150,000, taking about 10 months.

B. J. Meirow was named president of the Birmingham Lions Club at their first election held Wednesday noon. Atthough new, making its influence felt in the city affairs.

Mrs. Rackal Van Every, 82, died at her home here last week. A resident of Franklin and Birmingham for more than 60 years, as he came here as a young woman, of this section from wilderness to city.

Plans are being completed for the annual frolke of the Birming-ham Fire Department, The dance will be held in the LO.O.F. Hall tomorrow night.

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FIVE YEARS AGO March 11, 1943

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Two Pontine men, who staged a free-for-all with two bus drivers at the local station were arraigned in Justice F. S. Hascall's court Wednesday, charged with assault and battery. Both pleaded not guitty and were held for trial.

Navy musicians will play here this week in a concert given under the auspices of the Birmingham auxiliary police. The affair will be held in the Community House on March 22.

You Can't Win

TE YOU TRY TO WORK WITH "EM ----

Theatre managers are having trouble with "chashers". A group of boys, all school students, have taken to entering the theatres through the back door, mingling with the audience, and seeing the shows free.

People's

Language of the Community House on March 22.

Birmingaham teachers are ending the current school year, with a promise of pay hikes when the new term begins in September. The teachers were informed of Dwight B. Ireland etting by Dr. at March 1,1948 in general and the Birmingham in the part of the Community of th

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By The Duchess

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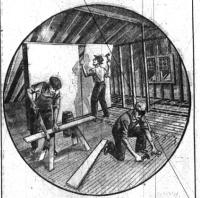
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To vote at this election all persons must be registered in the Chy by Tuesday, March 16th, 1948, at 8 o'clock P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

Citizens of the United States, 21 years old, wh have resided in the State of Michigan six months and in the City of Birmingham twenty days at the time of voting are eligible.

TO REGISTER, call at the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building on or before Tuesday, March 16th, during business hours. The City Clerk's office will be open on Tuesday, March 16th from 8 A.M. until 8 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

address in Birmingham to another address in Birmingham, since he last voted, may cause his registration to be transferred to his own and the second s Any registered elector who has moved from mingnam, since he last voted, may cause his regis-tration to be transferred to his new address by send-ing to the clerk a signed request, stating his present address, the date he moved thereto, and the address from which he was last registered, or by applying in person for a transfer at any time before Tuesday, March 16th, 1948.

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