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New Party deception

Since he first became involved with the New Party, Mr. Robert Strachan, British Columbia leader of the CCF, has taken great pains to make the point that within trade unions membership in the New Party will be voluntary; that no trade unionist will be required to support the party financially or otherwise against his wishes. It has been implied, if not directly stated, that political funds to be derived from an extra levy on members will be kept separate from ordinary union funds.

Undoubtedly the CCF leader sincerely believes this, but it is unfortunate for Mr. Strachan that the national committee of the New Party has let him down by kicking away all his carefully constructed props to hold up the argument that for unionists participation in the New Party's line of politics will be optional.

The Winnipeg Free Press has published a letter to trade unions in Canada (by way of their union headquarters) from the trade union section of the New Party "founding fund," showing just how much credence can be placed in the idea of "voluntary" support.

The letter states that the national committee for the New Party has established a founding fund of which $250,000 is to be raised in the trade union movement. The fund administrators are asking for $1 per union member "or as close to this as you can come."

As "practical suggestions" how a union or local should make or raise its contribution to the fund the letter offers these:

"(a) By voting money from your treasury just as you vote money for other essential purposes.

"(b) By voting money from your treasury and then campaigning among your members for a dollar per member or more to reimburse the treasury in whole or in part.

"(c) By raising money from the membership and then voting an additional sum from the treasury to make up your total contribution.

"(d) By setting up a New Party founding fund committee in your union or local and directing them to raise the objective of one dollar per member in every possible way."

From this it is perfectly plain that the New Party believes that union funds should be used. Thus the provision for trade unionists to "contract out" is nothing but a fraud.

What would it avail a member to contract out if the union may use its treasury, to which his dues contribute, for the support of the political party?

It now becomes obvious that every member of a trade union, regardless of conscience and political beliefs, will be in the New Party and paying into the pot whether he likes it or not.

The word "voluntary" as used by leaders of this movement becomes an instrument of deception. — The Victoria Colonist.

The Royal Navy's shame

The Royal Navy's decision to leave six colored crew members behind when the aircraft carrier Victoria visits South Africa has stirred a furor in the United Kingdom. Well it should.

This is an example of the shameful accomodations that will have to be made time and again if South Africa remains in the Commonwealth.

An Admiralty spokesman said the nine men were being left behind in their own interest to "prevent any possibility of their being treated badly in South Africa". Poppycock! If men of the Royal Navy cannot expect fair treatment in South Africa regardless of color, why should the Victorious call there at all?

The Admiralty spokesman protested vigorously that there was no policy of discrimination on grounds of color in the Royal Navy. But in the eyes of the world over, the Navy has allowed Prime Minister Verwoerd to project apartheid onto one of its great ships.

Such weak-kneed acquiescence in South Africa racism besmirches the great fighting tradition of the Royal Navy. It is intolerable.
— The Toronto Telegram

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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In the army before a battle we used to speculate furtively and privately on the possibilities of the morrow: who would survive, and wro would take over? Colonels and seconds in command did not often go west, so there was little likelihood of large, dramatic consequences. It was the company commanders and lieutenants among the officers, and the sergeants and corporals in the ranks, who were the subjects of speculation. There was no use speculating if you counted yourself among the casualties, for in that case it wouldn't matter. But as a rule, battles came and went, and there wasn't much change in the situation. Whoever was left did fine.

In a thriving business with which I am acquainted, three deaths among the top executives occurred in the past year. In business as in the army, there is always the private and furtive element of speculation as to the shape of things to come. The three deaths were thought to make a dramatic shake-up in the organization. But as far as I can see, everything is going on as usual in the business.

With what humility do the dead withdraw! Like figures in an antique drama, they fold their hands and bow backwards out of our memories, their faces hidden more with every backward pace until, in shadow, they are forgotten except by an effort of the mind. In business as in the army, the reinforcements are right at hand.

ALL ABOARD with G. E. Mortimore

"There's a funny thing about you," the man said. "If I ever come home tired, or sick, you're always a bit tireder than I am. You're always a bit sicker. How do you manage it?"

(I couldn't help witnessing this — but I won't tell you where or when.)

"I guess it's because you're always suffering from something," the wife said, "and I have to top you, just in self-defence."

"Hogwash," the man said. "It's a rare day when I complain about anything. Name one time."

"Today."

"All right, what other time?"

"Last Friday you came home and flopped on the sofa."

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"What about it? I didn't complain."

"You turned down the corners of your mouth and scowled at me, and you scarcely answered anything I said. You just grunted."

"Well, I remember last Friday, now you come to mention it," the man remarked. "And you know what? I really was going to say something about feeling tired that day, but you beat me to the punch. You met me at the door with a yawn. Very fast work, I thought. You told me about your own fatigue in great detail. After that, there was nothing I could say."

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"I wish you could have heard yourself when you had 'flu," the wife said. "You wanted some soup. Then lemon juice. Then . . ."

"You know, it would be handy to keep a pocket tape recorder and play it back," the man said. "The fact is that I refrained from asking for anything. I knew if I did you would use it against me later. Anyway, I wasn't interested in food, and that means I was really sick."

"Too bad you're not still sick," the wife said. "That's the only time you're in a nice temper. Now you are your old nasty self again. Wait until the next time you're sick, and weak. I'll jump on your stomach with my feet. Oh yes," said the wife, assuming what she felt to be a savage, ruthless expression.

"I'll pummel you all over," she hissed.

"Don't try to henpeck me," the man said. "You need all your energy, just for living. Don't forget how tired you are. Dark circles under your eyes and beginning to look permanent."

"I'm not tired at all," she said angrily. "Look, there's some roast beef on top of the stove. Help yourself. I'm going to bed and read."

"Ouch, that's hot," said the man, reaching down the chimney. I heard him whistling some tune.

"Night-night, old sleeping sickness," he called up the stairs.

A Bible Thought for Today

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23.

All life is under law, and we can forfeit life by violating law. Every year a score of thousands of people die because they have violated the speed laws enacted by government. Higher laws are for our protection too.

PIPE AT 90 — Lighting up is a great satisfaction for Mrs. Sigrid Nohr of Burnaby. Just turned 90, she's been smoking a pipe since she was 17, and sees no reason to change now. She came here from Sweden in 1906. — CP Photo

CNR IN NEW ERA

Will they meet the challenge of the times

From the Prince George Citizen

Now that the Canadian National Railways has officially come to town and been welcomed with open arms by businessmen and taxpayers alike—as well they should be—it will be interesting to see how well the company takes up the challenge of the times.

Business is slow in North Central B.C. at the moment. Very obviously several important new payrolls are needed, and some of the industries already here require the pumping in of new blood.

It must be fervently hoped by many citizens that the "new" CNR will be able to do the priming necessary.

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Certainly we have every reason to think the CNR is embarking at long last on an all-out search for business. The company has just spent more than a billion dollars on a thorough modernization and reorganization program. By its own admission, it is one of the best-equipped railroads in America today.

But as the company's director of public relations, Charles Harris, said in a recent statement, its "reputation isn't based on appearances alone." It wants to be known "as a company interested in providing good service, and merchandising it with modern marketing methods."

This, then, is the test.

Prince George needs more industry. Can the CNR help to encourage the advent of this industry? Will the company offer rates that will make this area of Canada so competitive that industry cannot afford to stay away?

In many respects the people of North-Central B.C. live in the highest-cost area in the nation. Freight rates have a good deal to do with this situation.

West of Prince George lie superb fishing waters, some of the finest mountain scenery in the world, a good Pacific seaport that could be a gateway to the Orient, and at Lakelse one of the best natural hotsprings on the continent. The area offers a huge tourist potential, the seaport provides a golden opportunity for world trade, the resources along the route holds promise of a new industrial empire.

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One encouragement needed to help bring this area to full prosperity is transportation rates that will enable its products to reach the markets of the world at competitive prices. Still another is salesmanship.

The "new" CNR should be able to provide both.

APPOINTMENT OF G. P. Woodside as general manager of Brentwood, the $10,000,000 regional shopping centre that Webb & Knapp (Canada) Limited is building in Greater Vancouver at Burnaby, was announced in Vancouver earlier this week. Mr. Woodside, former general manager of The Prince Rupert Daily News, assumes his duties immediately. Prior to the opening in August of Brentwood, British Columbia's largest shopping centre, he will observe and evaluate management practices in major shopping centres in the United States and Canada. At Brentwood his management duties will include supervision of such functions as promotion, maintenance, traffic control, service and coordinating of all central activities. He will also spearhead Brentwood's community and tenant relations.

The lighter side

Because no school financed by taxpayers' money can afford to flunk out too many students, the educational system has designed a method of grading so that most children get some kind of passing grade. The height in strained encouragement occurred when a teacher added this note to an otherwise poor report:

"He contributes nicely to group singing by helpful listening."

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The Editor,
The Daily News:

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When my brother Richard Adkins was missing after the explosion of his boat off the north end of the Queen Charlotte Islands, last fall, every able body from Old Masset scoured the seas and beaches for his body. They lost valuable fishing time and paid their own expenses.

I wish to thank all the good people through the medium of your paper.

James Adkins,
Port Edward.

Quote, unquote

Hal Stebbins:
"Only a fool thinks the public is a fool."

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Samuel Johnson:
"Praise, like gold and diamonds, owes its value only to scarcity."

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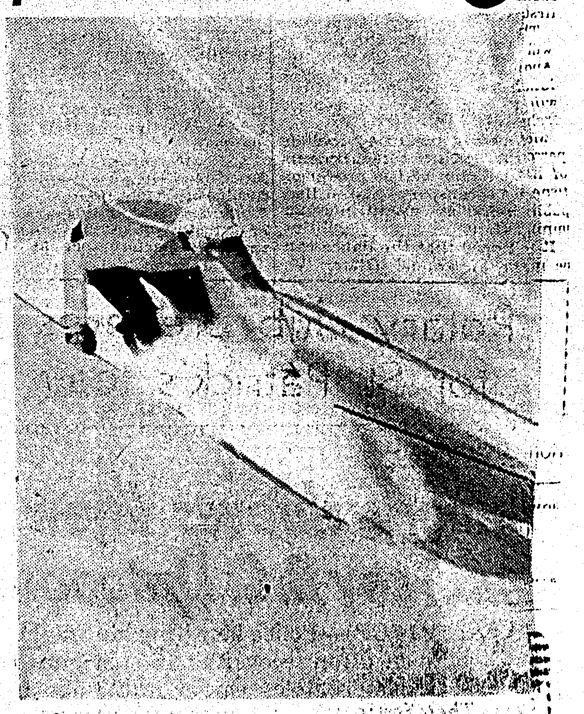

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