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Boy Scout Week deserves public support

Boy Scouts are many things to many people.

To the eight-year-old, who is patiently waiting his turn to join the neighborhood Wolf Cub pack, they are the answer to his desire for imaginative fun and family friendship.

To the 13-year-old, who is stretching out of his short pants, the Boy Scouts are companionship, adventure and a challenge with a directed gang spirit.

To the teen-age bracket, Rover Scouts give guidance to youth starting out in adult life.

To the legendary "little old lady" the Scouts are the gentlemen who helped her across the street.

To the businessman, the Scout is a boy who can be trusted and one who has had that "extra bit" of training.

The Boy Scout movement is all these things and many, many more.

To highlight its multi-phased program, the Boy Scouts of Canada are marking Boy Scout Week starting today and continuing until next Sunday. The week calls attention to this growing boy-youth program and its goal of training good citizens. Most people know of Scouting but do not know how extensive it is or, perhaps, do not realize that they could help train their own and neighborhood boys.

Essentially Scouting is a citizenship through fun and adventure program which provides progression in a scheme which covers boys from eight to 22. In Canada there are now 275,000 members of which 36,332 are in British Columbia and the Yukon.

Here in Prince Rupert there has been a tremendous growth within the Scouting movement over the past few years. Dedicated men and women have enlarged their own groups of leaders and Scout, Girl Guide, Cub and Brownie groups are expanding annually.

Naturally public support is needed. Next Friday night at Booth Memorial Junior High school the Prince Rupert District Boy Scout Association is staging a Cuboree and next Sunday Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies will observe Baden-Powell Sunday at a service in the Senior High School, to honor the man who founded the Scout and Guide movements.

The Christian doctrines incorporated in Scouting by Lord Robert Baden-Powell are something that needs support more and more these days. So do the youngsters who try to carry them out.

Parliamentary divorce

For the duration of the present session the House of Commons at Ottawa has been relieved of the responsibility of passing upon the hundreds of divorce bills annually originating in the Senate. There can be no doubt that the act which makes the Senate sole arbiter was designed for the purpose of preventing a repitition of the CCF filibusters which so seriously held up the work of the House last year.

The CCF members were perfectly entitled to insist that each bill be scrutinized instead of batches of them being passed as a routine formality, which had been the prattice heretofore. They did no for the purpose of demonstrating the situation the Commons had got itself into by undertaking to handle the divorces of Quebec and Newfoundland — a purpose in which they undoubtedly succeeded. However, the effect of their insistence upon the rights of debate was to prolong the session and retard the passage of measures of importance to the entire nation.

Now it is being said in Ottawa that there is a plan to perpetuate the use of the Senate as sole parliamentary authority to grant divorces. If so, that will be only a partial solution of a vexatious and absurd situation. It would also make the Canadian Senate the most expensive divorce court in the world.

All this is brought about by the refusal of the provinces of Quebec and Newfoundland on religous and other grounds to recognize the institution of divorce or make provision for marriages to be dissolved.

On that account the vastly more expensive process of parliamentary divorce by way of hundreds of bills annually "for the relief" of betrayed spouses has been employed. It has been a burden on the taxpayers of the nation as a whole, for the sake of only two of the provinces, and has turned parliament into a solid machine grinding out divorce papers like tickets to the theatre.

Succeeding governments have backed away from this issue in fear of political repercussions. Prime Minister Diefenbaker's government is the first with enough courage to make a change. True, it is only partial relief, but it is a beginning on reform that no one else was game to tackle. In time Parliament, or the Senate, may be able to shake off this degrading function.

— The Victoria Colonist.

New exit from the tepee

Mr. Frank Calder, the first and only native elected to British Columbia's legislature, is in a unique position to press this argument that the province should assume jurisdiction over Indians here.

The British Columbia native — not a treaty Indian, as is the case in other parts of Canada — is placing increasing reliance on the province for education, for social services, for the solution of land problems and for other matters of direct concern to him.

His future, says Mr. Calder, depends on a closer formal alliance between the Indian and the province without recourse to the federal department as an intermediary. Conditions are bringing the native and the provincial authorities together in practical affairs. The legal change, he believes, should be made accordingly.

Mr. Calder points to the difficulties in the way of "solving" all Indian problems by enfranchising the native. By that process he ceases to be an Indian subject to special restrictions and special concessions and becomes a full citizen. But, says the member of the legislature, the change is too drastic for many. The older people are not ready for it and the regulations which separate the enfranchised person from his people on the reservation are emotionally unattractive.

Acknowledging these facts, Mr. Calder says "the Indian himself must meet the problem more than half way, if he is going to compete in this world."

The prospect is not so dim as it once was. The younger boys and girls who are going on to public high school and receiving the education available to all competent young British Columbians, are in favor of this integration, he states.

The approach, however, must be gradual. The older people cannot be rushed. The majority of Indians are not willing, and often not ready, to make the transition to full citizenship. But the trend is under way, aided by closer contact with services provided to an ever increasing degree by the province.

— The Victoria Times.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Kennedy backs Nehru in United Nations stand

By DAVID ROWNTREE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

United States leaders have often criticized India for its "neutralism" in great-power disputes but President Kennedy was quick to borrow Prime Minister Nehru's prestige to back his own view on The Congo question.

Nehru's statement that it would be a "disaster" for the United Nations Congo force to be withdrawn was just the kind of reference that Kennedy needed in his press conference last Wednesday.

Nehru's support of The Congo contingent must also have been a comfort to UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, beset by harsh censure by some other Afro-Asian countries.

Although Nehru rejects the term neutralist — he explains India is simply not aligned with the U.S. or Russia, not neutral on issues — the label has frequently been applied in a disparaging way in Washington and at UN headquarters in New York.

Hammarskjold may have had reason to be gratified by Nehru's statement that the UN should continue to function in The Congo — against the wishes of the Soviet Union — but with a fresh and effective mandate to use even armed force if necessary.

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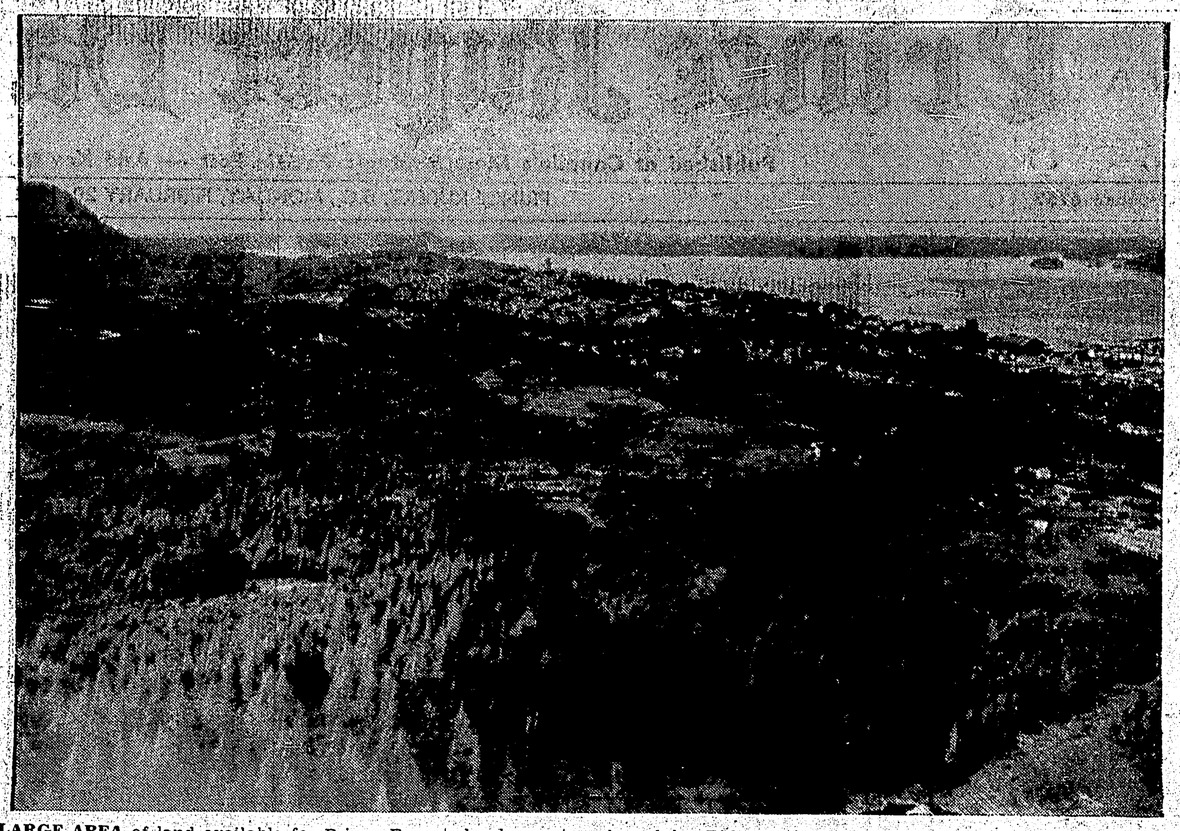
A clear mandate is what the secretary-general has been seeking and in his statement last Wednesday he declared:

". . . Were clashes between armed units to develop, the United Nations cannot permit itself to become a third party to such a conflict. But the use of force in support of cease-fire arrangements should not therefore be excluded.

". . . What I have recalled here are five points on which I have already taken a stand and for which I would like to have an endorsement which only in part has been forthcoming in the past."

Hammarskjold enumerated three other points — including an embargo on arms imports to The Congo — and bluntly told the Security Council that it alone could "determine the ends and decide the means".



LARGE AREA of land available for Prince Rupert development is shown above in aerial photograph taken by photographer J. R. Wrathall. Picture shows Prince Rupert's six-mile long harbor, the townsite on what appears to be the first plateau and then the wooded area of rock and muskeg bordered by Mount Oldfield and Hays Mountain on the left and Seal Cove on the right. At centre left, is building used as Royal Canadian Navy communications during Second World War. In centre is land cleared by Ridge Holdings Limited, for subdivision. City has granted firm right to build two display houses there and will install sewer and water connections providing Ridge Holdings makes substantial deposit. To right of subdivision area is Eleventh Avenue East ending in mink ranch at right and in lower right is top of Department of Fisheries marine ways at Sourdough Bay. — Photo by J. R. Wrathall

ALL ABOARD with G. E. Mortimore

A book of horrors published by the Polish government, tells the story of the Nazi death camps, in words and pictures.

The story has been told many times. But I think I have a tendency to close my eyes and ears to it, as being too ghastly to think about.

The Polish book brings the horror vividly to mind: mounds of starved naked corpses, the toothbrushes, shaving brushes and shoes of victims—tens of thousands of them—methodically piled up; poor naked children standing in line, with their ribs showing; old men impaled on barbed wire.

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I found the book in the newspaper library, and while I was looking at it, talked to a girl co-worker who was in there.

"I couldn't get in the mood to look through that book," she confessed.

"I guess the Poles want us to remember the Nazis, now that Germany is on our side," I said. "The Poles were the chief victims of the Nazis. But it's a good idea to remember that stuff."

For some reason, this seemed to make her angry. "If we haven't done anything about it, after 15 years, we should just forget about it," she said tartly.

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I can't tell exactly why, but her attitude sent me into a rage.

"Do you think you can blot out unpleasant things by pretending they never happened?" I asked. "By remembering these things, we help to make sure they don't happen again."

"You're just a ghoul, looking at that book," she said.

I have nothing but contempt for Nice Nellies," I said, and we glared at one another in mutual hostility.

I've cooled down now, and I think we were both right. Remember what happened, punish any torturers and murderers who remain at large; try to trace the reasons why a civilized nation with a fine record of achievements in the arts, sciences and humanities, fell victim to the domination of an evil, sadistic and power-mad clique.

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Then forget malice; but remember that given the same circumstances, a similar thing could have happened to any nation.

But the spectators can forget more easily, I imagine, than the people who lost fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters or children in the death camps, and were in camps themselves.

I have never seen those camps, except in pictures. But I imagine that no matter how earnestly the survivors try to blot the memories from their minds, they cannot do it.

Letterbox

THANKS

The Editor,
The Daily News:

The Italo-Canadian Club would like to take this opportunity to thank your newspaper, particularly your social editor, Grace Brown, for the generous and helpful coverage, both before and after, of our highly successful Venetian Night Masquerade Ball. The fact that the event was such a success was in no small way attributable to Mrs. Brown's interests and efforts.

We would also like to publicly thank the many groups and individuals who also helped make the ball a success.

Last but not least, we would like to thank all the wonderful people who, through their own efforts at costuming, made the masquerade completely thrilling.

We can honestly say that the Italo-Canadian Club of Prince Rupert enjoyed the wonderful response of those who attended almost as much as they themselves enjoyed the dance.

Needless to say, the profits from this venture will go a long way toward helping us complete our Golden Jubilee Fountain Plaza.

Vernon Ciccone, chairman,
Dance committee,
Italo-Canadian Club.

Greatest sport story ever told

From the Ubyssey

Three years ago at a small Eastern Canadian university, there was a youngster on the football squad who was no great shake as a player, but whose personality served as a morale booster for the whole team. The coach was deeply fond of the boy. He liked the proud way he walked arm in arm with his father on the campus from time to time. If the team was far enough ahead, he even let him get into a game occasionally for the last few minutes of play.

One day, about a week before the big finale home-coming game, the boy's mother called the coach on the phone. "My husband died this morning of a heart attack," she said. "Will you break the news to my boy? He'll take it better if it comes from you." The coach did what was necessary, and the boy went home sorrowfully.

He was back three days later and came straight to the Coach. "Coach," he begged, "I want to ask something of you that means an awful lot to me. I want to start in that game on Saturday. I think it's what my father would have liked most."

The Coach hesitated, and then agreed. 'O.K., son, you'll start, but you'll only be there for a play or two. You aren't good enough, and you know it." True to his word the Coach started the boy—but never took him out. For sixty full, jarring minutes he played inspired football, running, blocking, and passing like an All-American and sparking the team to victory.

Back in the dressing room, the coach threw his arm around the boy's shoulder and said, "Son, you were terrific. You stayed in because you belonged there. You never played that kind of football before. What got into you?"

The boy answered, "Remember how my father and I used to go about arm in arm? There was something about him very few people knew. My father was totally blind. This afternoon was the first time he ever saw me play."

The lighter side

Two elderly spinsters bought a farm and went to see the farmer about stocking it with chickens.

Timidly they said they wanted 500 hens and 500 roosters.

The amazed farmer explained that 50 roosters would be sufficient for 500 hens.

Embarrassed and blushing modestly, the elder spinster spoke up determinedly and said, "No, we want 500 hens and 500 roosters. We know what it means to be lonesome!"

Quote, unquote

National Revenue Minister George Nowlan in Hansard:

"I received a letter . . . from a constituent (who) felt he knew me so well he started 'Dear George.'

"He said he started working last spring, worked all summer and last fall.

Then he said: 'Last week I went to the unemployment insurance office and asked for my unemployment benefits. What do you suppose they did to me, George? They offered me a job.'

"He said: 'George, why did they play this dirty trick on me. You have to do something about it.'"

Short sermons

Give some guys an inch and they'll measure it.

Women have three ways of meeting a domestic crisis. Suing for divorce, having a good cry or rearranging the living room furniture.

His idea of a balanced diet is a highball in each hand.

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