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Life everlasting

Tomorrow morning, approximately 1,929 years ago, the Son of God died on a cross at Calvary. He was executed after a weak Roman ruler endeavored to find favor with the people he governed, freed another prisoner, Barabbas, to satisfy the mob and washed his hands of any responsibility for Christ's fate. The Roman soldiers carried out the wishes of the Jews, nailed Jesus to a cross between two crucified thieves and later plunged a spear into His side. Thus was the scripture fulfilled "that a bone of him shall not be broken" and "they shall look on him whom they pierced."

While He was on the cross Christ asked for forgiveness for the Jews and the Romans, asked His Father why he had forsaken Him, given one of the disciples to His mother as a son and committed his soul to God. In such manner He completed a chain of events that began 32 years before when he was born of a virgin in Bethlehem, grew up as a carpenter's son who was wise beyond mortal ken, taught a new version of God's will and then gave His life that others might live.

Of all Christian observances, Easter, from Good Friday until Easter Sunday, is the most significant of all. With Christ's death, His release from the tomb, His appearances and eventual ascension, Jesus gave us hope beyond the grave. He gave us a promise of further life for a good life. He removed the necessity for a fear of death, replaced it with a hope for an everlasting future.

At Eastertime we are reminded that above all we have the promise of Our Saviour to uphold us in time of stress, time of need, trial, tribulation or death itself. That promise rings out today as surely and clearly as it did nearly 2,000 years ago:

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Fine, sweeping statement

Speaking at Ajax, Ontario, the other day, Mr. Hazen Argue, the CCF leader, made the statement that one-quarter of Canada's houses are substandard and obsolete. This is one of those fine, sweeping statements that politicians go in for, especially when they are not speaking in Parliament and have no one to call them to question.

But what, actually, does such a statement mean? If a house is substandard, it must obviously be substandard in relation to a standard which is recognized and defined. If it is obsolete, it must be obsolete in relation to something that is defined as not obsolete. Mr. Argue's statement, though it may be true, is singularly free of such definitions.

There may be a need for new and better housing programs in each of Canada's major cities, and in some other areas as well. But the problem requires a little more definition than Mr. Argue gives it. Without that definition, what is most obviously substandard is his statement itself. — The Winnipeg Free Press

An unkind cut

That sinister Communist, Ernesto Guevara, Cuba's national bank president and economic czar, has hardly reciprocated for all the nice things Trade Minister Hees had to say about Cuban businessmen. A report from Havana quotes Major Guevara as saying he is disappointed over the "hard bargains" driven by Canadian businessmen, and he wonders if Canadians are trying to "capitalize" on Cuba's quarrel with the United States.

It is ever thus in dealing with Communists. They are motivated solely by self-interest. When the Canadian government finally woke up to the game the Cuban government was playing and started to view the matter realistically, Cuba's interest in trade with Canada suddenly evaporated. — The Edmonton Journal

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

UN needs Africa more than Africa needs UN

By DAVID ROWNTREE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

It has been said that Africa needs the United Nations more than the UN needs Africa.

If, as seems likely, many African politicians might agree privately with this, it may appear illogical and ungratful that there is so much criticism of the UN operations in The Congo from Africans.

The Congo government at Leopoldville exhibits the most obvious lack of reason when it tells the UN it is time to pack up and go home because the Congolese are in control of things.

Premier Joseph Ileo of the Kasavubu regime coupled his latest statement in this vein with the afterthought that of course UN financial and technical help would still be welcome.

As for the Russians their position is, if possible, more irrational than it was six months ago. They want Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold dismissed, Moise Tshombe of Katanga and Gen. Joseph Mobutu of Leopoldville arrested and all Belgians thrown out of the country. All this is to be done at the same time — within one month — as the UN force is withdrawing from The Congo.

Not surprisingly, such a muddled program gained little support in the Security Council and can expect little more in the General Assembly.

In this climate, demands for a tougher stand by the UN are gaining ground.

Prime minister Nehru says he might have to withhold 3,000 urgently-needed Indian troops unless the UN reoccupies the ocean port of Matadi, by force if necessary. The loss of Matadi, from which Sudanese and Canadian troops were routed March 4 and 5, has hampered the whole UN operation.

President Nkrumah of Ghana wants the UN to take over complete authority in the tangled nation, disarm and control all Congolese troops, release political prisoners, convene parliament and supervise new elections.

While Western countries generally support proposals for more vigorous UN action, they resent being asked to foot the bill while letting others — "primarily Africans", in Nkrumah's phrase — carry it out.

In particular the West is exasperated that Africans should parrot the Communist line that "white" countries with troops in The Congo are cloaking a NATO "colonizing" operation in UN clothing.

A Canadian delegate told the UN General Assembly's budgetary committee Tuesday this is "too absurd."

But what is absurd to Western ears may not be to African or Asian.

REPORT FROM PARLIAMENT By FRANK HOWARD

For two or three years now the CCF has been campaigning for a public inquiry into the operations of the drug industry. I, myself, have been given the responsibility by our Caucus to head up this campaign.

We attempted on February 3 to have the Prime Minister refer the question of such an inquiry to the Banking and Commerce Committee. Prime Minister Diefenbaker's answer, as of this date, was as follows:

"I do not think I am in a position to give an answer to that question at the moment. The determination of what the banking and commerce committee will look into is naturally within the jurisdiction of that committee and the house".

Following upon this we attempted to have the Banking and Commerce Committee take the initiative by recommending such an inquiry to parliament. Accordingly I moved the motion set out below in that Committee:

"That this committee recommend to the House that it be empowered to examine and inquire into the entire matter of the production, distribution, and sale of drugs and pharmaceutical preparations of all kinds, and in particular whether the cost to the consumer of the said drugs and pharmaceutical preparations is reasonable."

There was a considerable amount of argument in the committee which rotated around such things as: whether or not the motion is in order, whether or not that was the right committee, whether or not the committee was capable enough (a rather sad admission) and similar arguments all of which were designed to prevent a vote on the motion.

Between Hazen Argue and myself we were finally able to convince the committee that the motion was in order. The chairman subsequently withdrew his ruling that it was out of order and it was referred to the Steering Committee (executive) for consideration and report.

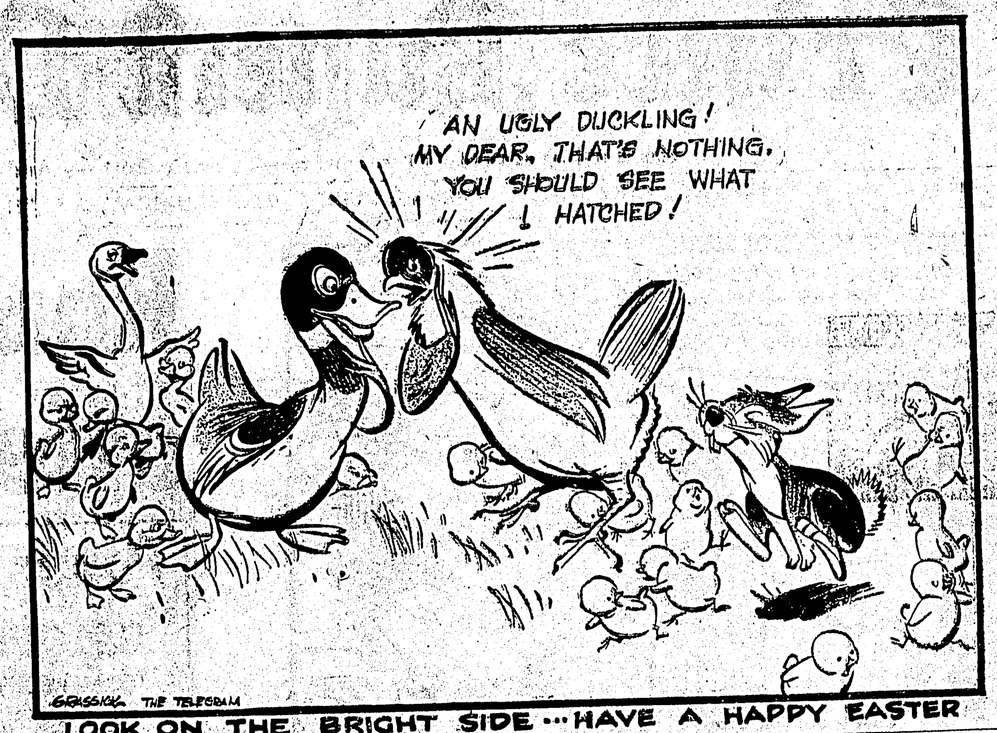
So far the Steering Committee has not met so we are not in a position to even guess what will occur but it looks as if we have won the first round.

It remains to be seen whether or not the government majority will consider the welfare of our society from the point of view of bringing justice and lower prices to the consumer.

A Bible Thought for Today

With the same measure that ye mete withal shall it be measured to you again. Luke 6:38.

A niggardly merchant who skimps in quality is soon out of business. If you want friends you must show yourself friendly.



LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE ... HAVE A HAPPY EASTER

Holy Week Message

From THE UPPER ROOM — Copyright

Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. (John 19:28.)

No physical suffering is more torturous than burning thirst. Men have been known to exchange gold gladly for a single cup of cold water. Thirst has driven men mad. Men have committed murder for a drink of water. We cannot live without it. It is the absolute essential for all living things.

Spoken from the cross, the Saviour's words, "I thirst," represent the cry of universal need. He, too, experienced burning thirst. In calling for water, the Son of God identified Himself with all mankind. He knew our greatest physical need.

Above and beyond our longing for refreshing water, there is a much greater need, spiritual refreshment for dying souls. We so often live in moral and spiritual deserts. The hot, angry sun of sinful pride, selfishness, godlessness burns down upon us. Our souls are in danger of perishing. Christ Himself brings the cool, soul-satisfying water which gives new life.

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It is finished. (John 19:30.)

Dying on a cross on a day we now call Good Friday, Jesus said, "It is finished". Did He mean simply that His physical suffering was at an end? Did He mean merely that those who had sought to put Him to death had accomplished their objective?

It is not in keeping with the character of Jesus for "It is finished" to refer only to His personal suffering and His physical death. His words contain deep spiritual meaning.

For long centuries man had been aware of his need of a saviour. To meet the need, God the Father sent His Son to mankind. In Him man's need is forever met, his search ended: "It is finished".

A few hours before Jesus was crucified, He had said in the high priestly prayer: "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." He had put into operation the divine plan of redemption.

"It is finished." What rich overtones of joy and triumph find outlet in these words because Jesus has fulfilled the Father's purpose and accomplished His work for man's eternal good!

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Many people think of themselves as everyday heroes. They tell stories in which they appear in the role of knights battling against dragons and infidels and pirates.

Their enemies are the Boss, the Customer, Sickness, Debt, Husband, Wife, Child and Inanimate Object.

"And there I was half way down the stairs, when Joe dropped his end and I had to bear the whole weight. Two hundred and fifty pounds. Well, he picked it up again, but by that time my arms were just about torn loose from their sockets. Then it was three more flights of stairs down and two more flights up to the new place."

If it's a woman listening, she is expected to make female sounds of approval and admiration.

A man is required to be amazed at the feat of strength or brain-power, whatever it is.

"Well, there was this big truck booming down the hill at me. Right in the middle of the road was a boy on a bicycle. On the other side was a parked car, away out in the road. I couldn't stop."

"Goodness, what did you do?" she asks, just as if she really wanted to find out.

"Threw 'er into overdrive and stamped on 'er and the old bucket whistled through the gap like a goose heading for the nesting grounds."

"Gosh, terrific," says the girl, who in fact has quit listening and is wondering to herself what time that appointment with the hairdresser was.

But you can see the man bristling with pride at the vision of himself that he has just conjured up for this nice listener. In his own mind he has already edited out the awkward details, such as the fact that he was going too fast and not looking at the road. He sees an idealized, clean-cut and unreal figure of himself at the wheel.

"So she has been giving me nothing but trouble all the time, wanting the eggs turned over and the French-fries cooked more than ordinary and oh! I tell you! just a pill. And three extra glasses of water. After all that, you know what? She eats only half the egg and stubs a cigarette in what's left of it. That's all, brother. I bang down her coffee on the table. Then you know what?"

"What?"

"I go out and take off my uniform, and I throw it to the boss. 'Here, catch,' I says. 'People eating Ugh! Keep 'em, brother.' And out I walk, and I never went back."

So ends the saga of the damsel who broke out of the prison tower by her own strength and daring, and walked to freedom over the bodies of Dragon Boss and Dragon Customer, whom she slew at one blow.

It's a battle all the way, against Giant Debt, Devil Car, Witch Wife, Demon Husband and all the other wild, fierce creatures that set upon a traveller in this dark country.

Usually, however, the hero wins.

Exception to the expert

An expert now says fourth-grade French
Could well be dropped from classes.
I disagree, I think it's fine;
For when my daughter passes,
We can converse with ease,
no doubt,
My French is fourth-grade
. . . just about.
—Louise Darcy.

Employment questions and answers

In this column we publish questions about unemployment insurance and employment, together with answers which may be of interest to you.

Following are some questions with answers received from the Unemployment Insurance Commission. If you are uncertain about any point do not hesitate to send in your question. We will obtain an answer and publish it in this column.

Q. I am a married woman who works in a shop and am paid by the day. I contribute to unemployment insurance. I also work in the house for my husband doing housework and painting. He pays me a salary. Can he put stamps in my book?

A. No, your husband cannot insure you. The Act specifically excludes employment where the employer is the husband or wife of the employed person.

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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As a guest in a friend's home, I was waked in the morning by strains of soft music. It was a clock radio by my bedside: no great novelty, but my first experience of it.

As I lay in comfort listening to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Spring Song," I thought of the alarm clock my grandfather invented back in the 1860s when he was in his prime as an inventor of collapsible easy chairs, suits of harness that would fall from the barn ceiling onto horses, instant harness, sort of: and many other disastrous devices.

This alarm clock had the usual bell. But the spring activating the bell in the process of running down also wound up another spring. And when the bell ended, the other spring was released, and a small hammer fell on a cap or primer such as was still used in those days for muzzle loading guns. This cap went off with a terrific bang, a quantity of fulminous smoke billowing out of the clock.

If this did not wake the sleeper, there was a brief pause and then two spiral springs affixed to the legs of the clock came into operation, and the clock began a violent jigging motion which would certainly cause it to fall off the dresser or table on which it stood.

"But," protested my father, "it would smash!"

"No farmer," said my grandfather, the inventor, "would risk losing a clock worth six dollars. He would wake up."

But it never got past the planning stage.

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Short sermons

She was newly wed and after she put her cake in the refrigerator couldn't understand why it didn't get any frosting on it.

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Youngsters brighten a home; they never turn off an electric light.

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The female of the species is much faster than the mail in getting the word around.

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Life can be a bed of roses if you put in a lot of spade work.

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Too bad we can't stay at 18 because it's then we know all the answers.

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Marriage: Just another union that defies management.

The lighter side

The door was falling off the hinges, but finally Pops got around to fixing it. "Say, Junior," he called, "get me a screwdriver, will you?"

A few minutes later, Junior returned.

"Gee, Pops," he said apologetically, "I've got the orange juice, but we're all out of vodka."

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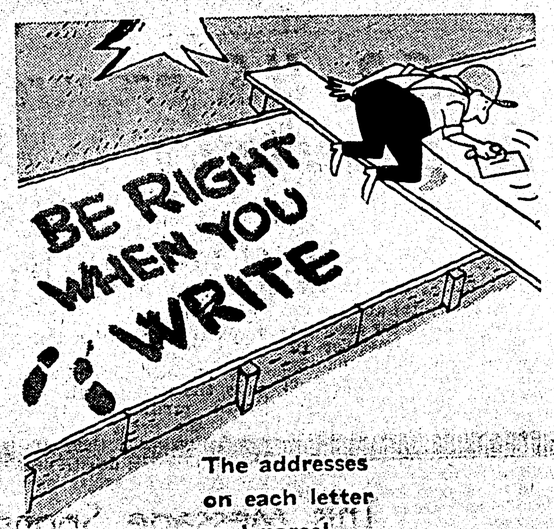
"Listen, Captain," said the perspiring police officer, "we have been giving that ventriloquist the third degree for an hour and a half, and a plain-clothes-man, three cops, and a detective have confessed to the crime. Shall we go on?"



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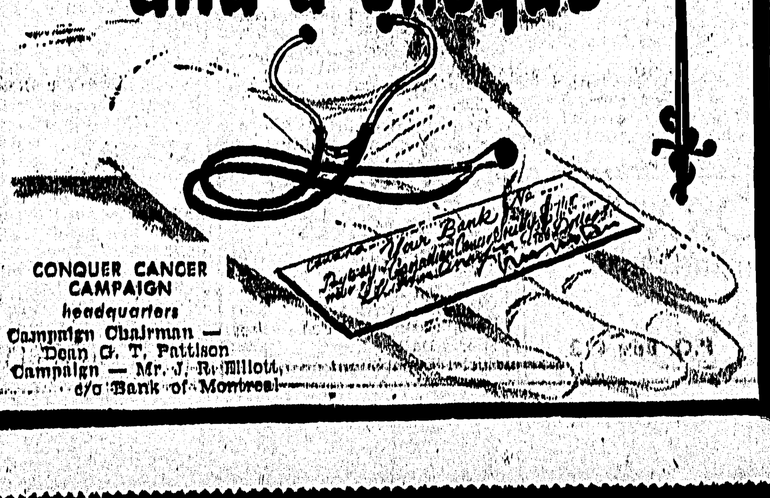

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