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Should have normal peacetime use

mass shelters in large cities, as has found in going back to the cave. purpose.

large populations.

cost of \$200 to \$1,000.

a chance of escaping wholesale slaugh- tion should begin with the assumption ter. But reasonable people balk at the that the deep excavations will have a thought of spending billions on under- normal, rational, peacetime use.

MHETHER there is any effective used. Aside from that, the normal defence against H-bombs is ques- mind can't take, without despair, the tionable; but if Canada is to build notion that human salvation is to be

been vaguely suggested, the same But shelters might conceivably holes in the ground should be design- make sense if they provided, as their ed to serve a permanent, peacetime main justification, an answer to the parking problem or even, with tun-The idea of total or near-total evac-nels, the urban traffic problem. In uation of population centres, which the London blitz of 1940-41 the city's has long been official civil defence vast subway system turned out to be policy in Canada, is not a policy at all the favorite sanctuary of hundreds of but merely whistling in the dark. thousands. Their occupation of sta-Defence Minister Pearkes has just tion platforms, though both unplanacknowledged its futility or at least its ned and illegal, was accepted by practical deficiencies as a plan to save authorities and undoubtedly saved many lives.

He now proposes that every house- Atomic disarmament, now looks holder build his own home shelter at a barely possible; and the idea of mass Outside deep shelters offer at least Meanwhile. every study of the ques-



Columbia federation, by a far from unanimous vote, adopted the recommendation of a committee that the CCF should be supported both politically and financially.

That decision by the parent organization of provincial labor unions does violence to the right of the individual to choose his own brand of politics. It doesn't matter which political party the federation decides to back; nor is this a case in which the democratic system of voting should prevail. That system is not always right—certainly not when it tends to infringe on the political freedom of the individual, as it does in this instance.

The fact that union dues will not be used to support the CCF does not make a wrong principle right. The scheme to finance political action by means of "voluntary donations" of

What was done at the B.C. Federation of \$1 each from union members is equally repre-Labor convention in Vancouver this week may hensible. No man should be asked to disclose cause more harm to organized labor than any by inference or otherwise what his political good it may do to the chances of the CCF in views may be; and a request for a donation to the next provincial election. Disregarding the support any named political party is tantasage advice of the president of the Canadian mount to a request for a statement as to Labor Congress a short time ago, the British whether or not the person approached supports that particular party.

> Apart from these matters of principle—so ably and pointedly expounded at the recent convention of the CLC as arguments against involving labor in politics—there is in the action at Vancouver serious risk to organized labor of internal disaffection. Although political action was endorsed by a majority, it is noteworthy that some 50 delegates representing a many times greater number of union members were against the federation entering politics. These men are not likely to feel happy about affiliation with an organization now pledged to support a political party in which they as individuals may not believe. The "voluntary donation" device in no way removes that conscientious objection.

-The Victoria Colonist.



DR. JOHN P. ZUBEK, head of the University of Manitoba's psychology department emerges

from a plastic capsule where he spent 10 days in darkness and silence testing the reaction

to isolation. He apparently suffered no ill effects.

LONDON—I still say that the state-owned British Railways are reasonably efficient, despite the insults that are flung at them by the ungrateful British public.

However, the British railway system, like other institutions, is subject to the national foibles. Some of its administrative machinery is ancient, rundown and cranky.

For example, the facilities for checking luggage. Recently I arrived in Paddington station carrying two heavy cases. Where could I park them? In front of me was a bank of storage lockers—but none of them had any keys. They were out

* * * I searched the station and found the place which British Railways call "Left Luggage" -a storage room. "Left Luggage" is one of the weak points in British Railways. At the

bigger stations, there is often in a hurry sometimes can't take the chance of leaving his luggage there, because he may miss a train or an appointment while he is waiting to

pick it up. But I didn't have to wait this time. A cheerful uniformed attendant took my bags and my money immediately.

All right so far. But after I left, I realized that it would be fairly late in the day before I could pick up the cases. So I *telephoned Paddington station to ask what hours the left lug-'gage department was open. "It's open 24 hours a day" said the person who answered the telephone

When I came to fetch the cases. the left luggage wicket was closed, and its shutters drawn down. I asked an official what time it would be

a long queue of people waiting

· --CP photo.

peered 'out. "We're closed," the "But the telephone operator

said you were open 24 hours a "We don't take any notice of

We close at this time to add up

But after grumbling a little to assert his rights, he fetched my cases after all British Railways, like many

to check their bags. A person "It's open 24 hours," he said. "Just rap on the shutter." I followed instructions. The shutter rolled up and a face

what telephone operators say.

our accounts."

other British enterprises, are an odd blend of high efficiency and crotchety, stubborn slow-

Labor's freedom

From The Winnipeg Free Press

the United States had made vast gains and secured formidable power by its independence of the state, by its freedom to pick and choose between governments, parties and policies, by its right to bargain on equal terms with management regardless of any government's convenience. It would surrender most of that independence and power if it made itself first the ally and then, inevitably, the tool of any political

The Canadian unions seem unlikely to make such a mistake. But even if they do, the COF's political strategy will not work for long. In Canada

Labor in both Canada and, and the United States the attempt-has often been made to deliver the labor vote to one party or another and it has al-, ways failed. The labor vote on a national scale is not deliverable. For the worker, organized or unorganized, is first of all a citizen who votes as he pleases.

Lighter side

All some girls know about cooking is how to bring some guy to a boil.

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Britain ponders currency

European common markets will be to change tical money system.

One of the many wonderful things which the early Napoleonic regime accomplished before Napoleon, like Mussolini after him, began to devote all his country's energy to warwar the installation of the metric system. This system, with a basic unit of 10, has enormously simplified the measuring chores in every coun-

try which has adopted it. The young idealists of the United States had introduced the decimal money system in 1786, but they unfortunately retained all the

other British measurements. From France, the complete decimal system spread through Europe, from Scandinavia to Siberia, from the Baltic to the Mediterrancan; it was adopted in Latin America, in Canada, in Japan and in Nationalist China. In 1961, South Africa and Australia will

The British have clung to a system which, world.

One of the several things that Britain may like so many things British, is a compromise be forced to do under the pressure of the between several systems. Twelve pence make a shilling, but it takes 20 shillings to make a her ancient, charming and absolutely imprac- pound (and 21 to make a guinea). These measures are complicated by the coinage below the first paper money (10 shillings); the coins are the farthing, half-penny, penny, threepence, sixpence, shilling, florin (2 shillings),

This change might easily prove superior

The Packsack
of Gregory Clark One of my neighbors suf-

fered a heartbreaking experience when one of his sons, who has been a bit of a problem even in his schooldays, became involved in a most disgraceful incident including car theft, an attempted holdup, and a trip to jail. It was one of those cases in which a youth of good

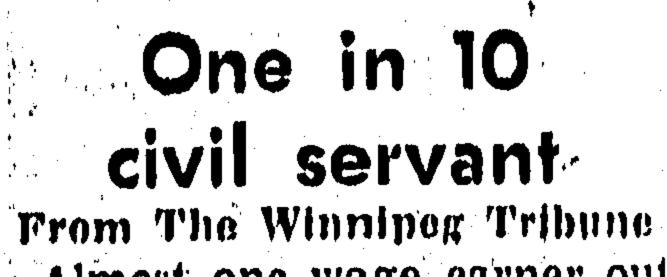
family starts running with a gang of reckless youngsters of h

varied backgrounds in which good background seems to be so easily swamped. There is an element of rascality in all of us which is easily ignited by one real rascal.

With another neighbor, I called on the unhappy man. "Well," he said, "we've had two weeks in which to try

to accustom ourselves to the facts, though "it is like a bad dream. At first, we thought we couldn't face the music, and we immediately started planning to pack up and move to some strange city and start all over again. But the night watchman down at our plant is a wonderful old philosopher. He set me on the right track. "He explained to me that I am so indebted to so many people, hundreds of them for letting me feel superior, that I owe them their turn to feel superior. This disgrace will make so many of my relatives, friends and acquaintances feel superior to me that I am paid off, in full, for all the times t have felt so smug and superior to so many others."

He has promised to take me down some night this week to meet the night watchman; and do you know, I am looking forward to it.



Almost one wage earner out of every ten in Canada is a civil servant. There is no use bewailing this fact since it is the direct outcome of the level of services demanded by Canadians from their governments. There may be some slack that bould be taken up in the civil service but even the utmost efficiency probably wouldn't reduce the number of government employees a great deal,

From the

Ingersoll (Ont.) Tribune Hitting the meen and other modern aclantific foats such as anhipyomonts like radio, TV innd super-sonic speed are all vory woll but we still believe nlumbing has that Indoor thom all beat as far as the day to day life of the average human boing is concorned.



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INTERPRETING THE NEWS France, Algerian rebels moving toward pact

Canadian Press Staff Writer

Although the chances of a quick end to the war in Algeria are remote, both the French government and the Algerian rebels are slowly

moving toward an agreement. Neither President de Gaulle nor Ferhart Abbas, leader of the rebel "government in

exile," can afford to move too boldly, Both have fanatical supporters to keep in check. Both men know that any gesture that those supporters consider too conciliatory could undo much of the efforts of the last few weeks to stem the flow of blood that began in Algeria November 1, 1054.

For this reason, Abbas felt compelled to deny an interview which the conservative Paris weakly Jours de France published Tuesday, The interview reported Abbas as saying he was ready to go to Paris to negotiate a cease.

Abbas may have felt that others in his provisional government were not ready to make such a concession—which is one of de Gaulle's prime demands. There were also reports that Abbas let slip a possible negotiating point before he should have.

Abbas insisted earlier that the price for peace was recognition of their kovernment-

Do Gaulle's offer of self-determination was the most he could afford to glyg. The army in Atill behind de Caulle but Italaury Wet atill has to be woord.

Prench settlers in Algeria and ultra-rightwing depulles in the National Assembly did not want free elections, but integration of with France-meaning that at any

and half-crown (2.5 shillings). What is proposed now does not involve

really great changes. The guinea would disappear and there would be 10 pence to the shilling, 200"pence to the pound. The pound would be worth 1,000 "mills"; a penny would rate 5 mills, a shilling 50 mills.

to the older decimal system because 20 is a better number to work with than 10; it can be divided by two four, five and 10, though 10 can be divided only by two and five.

The changeover would be a tremendous job and tremendously costly, but Britain might wind up with the best money system in the -The Montreal Gazette.

By DAVID ROWNTREE

time 30,000,000 Frenchmen could outvote 9,000,-

000 Algerian moslems. When Abbas supported de Gaulle on selfdetermination, he also criticized other aspects of the general's plan: That if Algeria voted for independence it would lose Sahara oil, that the vote would be taken under police and army pressure, that the Algerians' de-

cision would have to be ratified by the French. Everything now seems to hinge on nothing happening in Paris or Algiers to upset the present calm or impede each side from modifying its attitude.

Proper aid

From The (London) Farmer's Advocate The deficiency payment of the federal government is an attempt to turn back the clock. We agree that in the fast-changing conditions of farming today some help should be offered Tarmers in making adjustments. But it is important that such help should not be somothing that may got farmers into an even worse situation in the future.

Special fares on the railroads are welcome. it is refreshing to see the railways striving to holp themselves with what is a very real economic problem, They cannot, of course, offer the speed which is the main, although not the only, attraction of the airlines, but they can offer the public a first-rate, efficient service with courtesy and comfort the first -The Onlgary Herald.

In 1705, the British government ordered a regular issue of lime juice to sailors in an attempt to curb sourvy, During the days of sailing ships. when a vessel might not touch port for months, the discose was common among sallors. It was not until the discovery of

vitamins in the 20th contury,

however, that it was learned

that acurvy results from the

lack of Vitamin C, in which

citrus fruits abound.