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## Firm stand needs to be taken with Freedomites

HE time has come for the federal Kootenays. and provincial governments to stop pussy-footing around with the Sons of Freedom sect of the Doukhobors. No other group or individual in Canada can take the liberties with the Canadian law as do the Doukhobor Freedomites. As a whole and one by one they defy the entire Canadian system of law and order and stretch the most tolerant Canadian's patience to the

: Why, at this late date, the Canadian government adheres to the tenets ileges, is beyond comprehension.

days when Peter Veregin ruled this rebellious sect, the Sons of Freedom have made no effort or showed no sign of wanting to become Canadian citi- tary peace. This has been documented zens. From the day they entered Can-throughout the stormy history of the ada under the protection of a Liberal sect. A firm stand, calling on the promise more than three decades ago, Freedomites to declare, finally, their the Sons of Freedom have defied Can- intention to accept citzenship-with all adian authority, brooked no interfer- the resulting responsibilities, or get ence with their Russian-born habits out appears to be justified. and have deliberately gone out of their way to avoid becoming Canadians. ernments have an obligation to the They have shunned our schools, our great majority of Canadian citizens to laws, our citizenship, our way of life. In addition and as protest against imposition of Canadian way of life on some of their members they have the path they choose to follow. The burned down schools, bombed railways Sons of Freedom ought either to acand bridges and in general contributed cede to these wishes or be deported en to confusion and consternation in the masse.

# VICTORIA REPORT By James K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—One of the great political crises in the history of British Columbia came in 1932-33, in the height of the depression, when Conservative Premier S. F. Tolmie was pressing Liberal leader T. D. Pattullo to form a Union government—but with Tolmie in the driver's

Pattullo wouldn't go for it, which caused Tolmie to hang on to office until the last possible minute, thereby ensuring his own defeat, even if the restlessness and discontent of the times would not have done it.

As early as September of 1932, a worried Tolmie wrote to a not-too-worried Pattullo, asking him to join a Union government "under my leadership". Pattullo refused. He was far too smart a politican to get caught in any wishes. such marriage of convenience. And he was right. Had he joined Tolmie he would never have become Premier, any more than Con-· servatives R. L. Maitland and Herbert Anscomb could become Premier, once they became junior partners to the Liberals in the coalition of 1941-42.

In March of 1933 Tolmie again wrote Pattullo with the union government suggestion: "In asking you to do this I am placing the interests of the province and the welfare of our people before any political consideration. Such a union, I feel, would do much to meet the present unrest-I think this is one time when we should forget partizanship for the present, and associate ourselves for the benefit of the people."

To which Pattullo gave Tolmie a loud "No". Tolmie was so determined to enlist Pattullo in a union government that he sent two of his top ministers, Harry Pooley and Sam Howe to personally interview Pattullo, to beg his , later for the same reason. co-operation.

Apart from the mass jailings in a provincial government camp on Pier's Island in the 1930s and later imprisonment of their leaders nothing has been done during the last 20 years to curb their lawless passive resistance.

It is time action was taken against the sect as a whole. Russia apparently doesn't want them, so that their claims about the Soviet Union offering them. a better way of life have fallen flat.

Their actions have also cast a shadow over orthodox Doukhobors of a lame-brained scheme of an equally from whom some of our finest citzens soft-headed Mackenzie King, in allow- have come. That any racial group ing the Doukhobors such wide priv- should be allowed to practice a separate way of life, fighting all efforts From the outset, ever since the to integrate them and their children into our type of living, has become intolerable.

Concessions achieve only momen-

Both provincial and federal govprotect their wishes for a free and democratic way of life.

This majority has clearly indicated

"They (Pooley and Howe) suggested an appeal

should be made to the electorate conjointly by

yourself and myself, under your leadership,

and that following the election you and I should

conjointly select a cabinet. I informed your

representatives that I could not consider such

a proposal, and expressed the further opinion.

that such a union would insure, and deserve

of dealing with the immediate present, you

appear to be mostly concerned as to the pos-

sible outcome of the approaching election.

do not share your alarm. In any event, it

"I am not questioning the sincerity of your

"There are groups and individuals who agree

is the business of the people to express their

intentions when I tell you frankly that the

man in the street looks upon your proposals

with neither you nor me, and I do not think

that it would be in the public interest for

you and men to join in an attempt to exclude

legitimate minority interests from having rep-

March of 1933: "I respectfully suggest to you

that the best service that you can render this

province at the present time is to immediately

call a general election, and have the issue

The election, however, didn't come until

Curiously, Pattullo became Premier bécause.

nearly eight months later, and out went Tolmic

he wouldn't join the Conservatives, and he

was ousted from the Premiership eight years

Here was Pattullo's advice to Tolmie in

as a means to hang on to office.

resentation in the Legislature."

and in went Pattullo.

Pattullo told his mind to Tolmie: "Instead

"Twice she tried to get help, once from her doctor and once, when her husband began to change color, for the respirator crew of the fire de-Pattullo gave his reply in a letter to Tolmie:

partment. "She pleaded and cried hysterically, but could not get the line. When the doctor and fire department arrived, her husband was dead.".

That's one thing I have noticed about party-line hogs. They're stubborn. The more often you lift the receiver, the longer they keep talking.

They feel that they are being bullied. They make up their minds to hang on longer, so as to show their independ-

The party-line hog is a selfish and unpleasant kind of

lead a telephone-user to hang up after there had been two or three clicks to indicate that someone else wanted to talk. To the telephone - hog, however, decency is an unknown

What need is there, in any event, for a telephone conversation to go more than five

or 10 minutes? A women's magazine recently printed a handy tip to housewives: install a blackboard in your kitchen, so you can write questions and answers silently to the children without interrupting your telephone conversation.

Why not ring off, talk to the children or cuff them smartly, and let someone else use the phone for a while? Things have come to a sad pass, when a magazino advisos housowivos

how to hog the telephone. There are two ways to check the telephone hogs: Pass a law similar to those in the United States, laying down heavy ponalties for people who refuse to yield the line in omorgoncies; and put a time limit on ordinary calls. Anything over five minutes would have to be paid for, at a rate growing progressively steeper. A system similar to this, bolleve is in use in some parts

of Britain. Sharp measures may be needed to pry telephone barn-

TIME and PLACE.. Or the live that lies in a

QUEEN OPENS

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MONTREAL

—CP Newsmap.

woman's eyes.

a triumph.

And lies and lies and lies.

The public did not think

much of this but the editor

considered that he had scored

While this townsite fight

was interesting from a by-

stander's point of view, and

some of it may have seemed

the country. When railway

construction was completed,

none of the new towns had

made any substantial progress.

It had been expected that the

old town of Hazelton would

move and form the nucleus of

the people of Hazelton stood

pat and refused to move. Peo-

ple who had invested in the

locations both east and west.

for a good many years. How-

should, Hazelton will then

new town on the railway.

TOWNSITES

By Sperry "Dutch" Cline Early in the townsite boom,

BRITANNIA'S INLAND CRUISE—The royal yacht Britannia will carry the Queen this

summer on a 3,000-mile cruise up the St. Lawrence River and through the Great Lakes,

Lawrence Seaway at Montreal June 26 until Her Majesty and Prince Philip leave the yacht

section of the seaway near Cornwall where on June 27 the Queen will unveil a plaque at the

then drive along the north shore of the St. Lawrence, boarding the Britannia at the Iriquois

air, the Britannia sails to Sarnie to pick up Her Majesty for the remainder of the cruise.

area. Then the Britannia sails from Port McNicoll to Chicago for a July 6 visit and back

through Lake Michigan for a stop at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., July 8, and on to the Lakehead.

This map details the Britannia's cruise from the time the Queen opens the St.

After the seaway opening, the Britannia will take the Queen to the international

After this ceremony, the Queen and Prince Philip will motor to Cornwall for lunch,

Stops at Brockville and Kingston are also listed on the royal itinerary before the

While the Queen is visiting Ottawa and points in western Ontario by land and

The cruise will take her to Port McNicoll for a July 4 motor tour of the Muskoka

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By G. E. MORTIMORE

Twenty-four states of the

U.S. have adopted laws com-

pelling telephone party-line

users to give up the line for

This fact comes from an ar-

ticle entitled "Is Your Tele-

phone Really Private?" by

Leonard Gross, in the current

If they refuse to yield,

party-line hogs can be sum-

monsed before the magistrate.

ago, a baby died while its par-

ents tried to make an emer-

gency call to hospital and two

women refused to give up the

"In Marin County, Califor-

nia. a few years ago, the wife

of a chef went through a

nightmare argument with the

other subscriber to her party

line while her husband was

fighting for his breath and

"In New Jersey a few months

an emergency.

party line.

Pageant magazine.

at the Lakehead July 9 to fly to Calgary.

yacht enters Lake Ontario to sail to Toronto.

the editors of the local papers took sides in the raging townsite controversy and soon there was a bitter rivalry. One editor hinted that his rival was not always truthful. This led to a retort by the accused, in which he referred to his accuser in a more definite and less polite term. This caused the first-mentioned editor to appeal to the local poet laureate of that day for a skit on the general situation. He stressed the fact that it must not be personal as he had no desire to libel anyone, but that it must show that untruths regarding the townsite battle were of common occurrence. Some days later, he published the following:

Where Rocher De Boule's peak looks down, On Skeena's flood with icy

Where giant cliffs repeat each Lie rival villages

Like actors all well-taught and versed, Each with stories oft

rehearsed. Their village striving to make

Lie rival villagers. Like Ananias, known of old, With ads and stories oft retold, With visions of ill-gotten gold, Lie rival owners. Serene and calm each village

Life soft white clouds on

summer skies,

### Too many signs

From The West Coast Advocate

Improvement in the highways of the province has resulted in the demand for 60 mph, and we agree that the change was in the best interests, however, and set the limit on all open highways at 60 m.p.h., not just some sections, and thus eliminate all but necessary signs.

By eliminating the signs, a driver is enabled to concentrate his attention on driving his vehicle. The only signs needed are those cautioning a driver to reduce his speed at curves, bridges and the like. A driver needs all his attention for the road and the multiplicity of signs and other distractions tends to defeat their purpose of increasing highway

#### Only salvation

From The Ladysmith Chronicle,

The authorities are much too tax when they do find that a young driver is lacking in judgment. There are innum. arable cases where young men have been permitted to continuo driving after they have domonstrated that they lack this essential quality and even when their licences are suspended the periods of suspension are often much too short.

Both the courts and parents must come to realize that getting tough with those young mon during the critical years from 16 to 25 may be the only way to save them and others from serious injury or death.

Historical style From the Ottowa Journal

It was the great fashlon at the turn of the century to adapt historical styles to now buildings, a fashion that has been honored in Canada almost to the present day. We have, therefore, classical railway stations and banks made after the Groon and Roman ideal of alegance.

Rank and circumstance

From, The Christian Science Monitor

A three-star general with a single order and a single act won the gratitude of seven enlisted men and deserves the gratitude of the entire defense establishment-whether every corporal and commander appreciates it or not.

Lieut. Gen. Robert W. Burns, commanding general of United States forces in Japan, learned that the men, all on emergency: leaves, had been "bumped off" a Military Air Transport Service plane to make room for a lieutenant colonel and his family bound on ordinary leave

-presumably "vacation." The plane was already half an hour on its way from Japan to Hawaii. General Burns ordered the plane recalled, and then. drove from his quarters to the airfield and personally saw to it that the men got aboard.

A quick Air Force inquiry found that Lt. Col. Charles H. Platt had not intentionally "pulled rank"—that the incident stemmed from "administrative error." Barring some future disclosure it is likely that all concerned were victims of that ancient military adage: "If it ain't in the book, it can't be done"—unthinking

adherence to regulation and

It makes sense that in the armed forces precedence should keep step with responsibility in line of duty. And it is not illogical that the rule should carry into off-duty affairs, permitting a host of small but patentially embarrassing situations to be solved by rank instead of by person. But such a rule serves only if it is broken for good cause: And it is healthy for national as well as armed force morale to have it broken by an officer with three stars on his shoul-

How did General Burns learn of the situation? One of the seven enlisted men telephoned. him personally. Was ringing up a lieutenant general an act of brashness or naivete? Neither, we think. It sounds like smartness and, probably, experience. The desperate deed would have been to roust out of bed a brand-new top sergeant.

Georg Friedrich Handel, the great composer who died in 1759, was a skilled player of the organ and harpsichord.



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### INTERPRETING THE NEWS

## Probe in Nyasaland violence may please few

Canadian Press Staff Writer The findings of a secret inquiry into vialence between white and black may have a decisive influence on the future of a territory that hopes to become an independent member

of the Commonwealth. The political status of the Central African rederation is far outside the terms of reference of the commission headed by Mr. Justice Patrick Devlin. It is solely concerned with the strife that has taken the lives of some 50' Africans in Nyasaland since the start of the

The inextricable link is provided by the neknowledged fact that the rioting took place because there are Africans in Nyasaland who want no part of the proposal for racial partnorship offered by Prime Minister Sir Roy

Welensky as the basis for the federation. Welensky himself is subject to conflicting pressures. The 220,000 white inhabitants of Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland nervously cling to political power over African residents with whom they must somehow live in harmony.

Many of thom supported Weldnaky's United rederal Party in its partnership plan with no clear idea of what it meant beyond the firm conviction that the whites would remain the 

By. ED SIMON

sonior partners. Welonsky himself has been deliberately vague in his definitions. His immediate concern is not the acquiesconce of the African majority but the approval: of the British government, without which his plans for independence in 1963 cannot go for-

Some of the evidence to be sifted in enmorn by the Devlin commission will come from man seeking to convince it that the riots were femented by a dangerous minority of Africans seeking the violent everthrow of a plan supported by the majority of their country-

Other witnesses are equally intent on establishing the incidents as attempts to suppress a non-violent effort by the majority to resist white domination. The commission is dealing: with a dispute that is basically political and no terms of reference, however restrictive, can keep politics out of it.

The secrecy of its hearings is intended to protect witnesses giving controversial evidence from reprisal, a contingency that could apply equally to informers on both sides and that will add to the commission's difficulties in establishing their credibility.