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New Democratic Party the loser not Mr. Argue

Mhile former CCF-New Democratic * CCF and labor throughout Canada.

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For 22 years Mr. Argue served the CCF party well and faithfully and did his utmost to obtain the most he could for the farmers of Saskatchewan. It is not hard to see that of all the different groups welded into the newlyformed socialist party, that the farmers were going to be the least contented with the CCF-NDP union. Last year we talked with a well-known labor official who had attended the founding convention of the NDP. "How do the farmers feel about it?" we asked him, "are they going to go the western farm spokesman and along with this merger with labor?" which ever party Mr. Argue joins will "Oh everything's fine," we were as-' gain. The only loser is the New Demosured.

thing is not fine.

It stands to reason that farmers Party leader Hazen Argue's sud- and union officials cannot by nature den resignation may have shocked be the happiest partners. Basically a quite a few socialists across Canada, farmer is a free-enterpriser. He works his move, when analyzed is not as sur- for himself, he puts in the hours he prising as all that. The New Demo- wants, he starts work when he wants cratic Party hierarchy and the Cana- and if he wants to work 12 to 14 hours dian Labor Congress powers behind he does just that. If he makes good, he the NDP throne, can label Mr. Argue is certainly a capitalist, he hires men Tilludas Escariot if they wish, but they and he expects them to work as he are not fooling too many people. It is worked. To protect himself he may natural, that they should smear Mr. have joined co-operatives, but in doing Argue because what other excuse have so he still worked for himself as well they to offer when a former CCF stal- as the whole. The farmer is indepenwart finally sees the light and be- dent individual who doesn't take kindcomes disenchanted with the marriage ly to the regimentation that entered of convenience forged between the politics when labor became a full partner in the CCF. Above all, the farmer doesn't like to be part of a voting bloc, any more than many members of trade unions do not like to be singled out as a person who either will on won't contribute to a political party through union legislation. A man's political as the whole. The farmer is an indepenleanings, the way he votes are supposed to be sacred in Canada. The farmers want to keep it that way.

Whether or not Mr. Angle joins the Liberals doesn't really matter. He has already said he wants to remain cratic Party and it would not surprise Well, it would seem that every, us if others in the labor-heavy NDP didn't follow Mr. Argue's example.

in regard to their efficacy, the government-

spending method has perhaps more. It is

charged with being slow in its effects, debt-

creating and self-perpetuating long after its

method into practical politics by proposing that

he be given stand-by authority, subject to Con-

gressional veto, to counter recession by re-

ducing temporarily all individual tax, rates by

Canadian Tax Journal, publication of the

long been urged by a large group of economists.

an carlier era on quick expansion of public

works to counter recessionary developments

gave way in the post-war years before an in-

creasing consensus that tax reductions were

more feasible, quicker, and more effective for

this purpose. Moreover, tax cuts would avoid

the wastes which might result styom efforts to

change the rate or level of public works outlays

ever, seemed either to be unaware of the ex-

rates would remain in effect for six months,

perts' consensus or to disagree with it."

subject to revision or renewal,

"Those responsible for public policy, how-

Under the president's proposal the reduced

"The basic substance of this proposal has

"For a variety of reasons, the emphasis of

Canadian Tax Foundation. He says:

in a short period of time.

Norman B. Ture, director of tax studies,

not more than five per cent in each bracket.

President Kennedy has brought the tax-cut

PREFERABLE TO "PUMP-PRIMING".

Tax cuts better method of circulating money

By FORBES RHUDE Canadian Press Business Editor However, if tax-cuts have question marks

need has passed.

In times of recession pressure is put upon governments to spend money on public projects in order to boost employment. "Pump priming", it used to be called in the

great depression of the 1930s. Little practical consideration has been given,

however, to another way of putting money into circulation --- one which, according to its proponents, would be effective immediately. This other way is by cutting taxes. This

method immediately puts money into people's hands and the assumption is that they will spend it. Perhaps it hasn't been used because it is as National Bureau of Economic Research, Wash-

yet an untried method and therefore might be ington, comments on the president's proposals something of a gamble; and perhaps, others in the current (January-February) issue of the comment acidly it is considered much simpler to take money from people and spend it for them than to give it back to them so that they can spend it for themselves.

Another reason why it hasn't been used may be that only relatively recently would it have been effective. In the 1930s taxes were low and a tax cut wouldn't have put much money into circulation --- it would have meant little to the individual or the economy. With today's high taxes, however, the picture is entirely changed; a tax cut would release great sums for individual spending.

One gamble in the tax-cut method is that people might not spend the money; they might save it. This virtuous alternative, while strengthening individual financial positions and making more money available for investment, presumably would defeat the purpose of increase spending for which the tax cut was

Victoria Report by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA - The session goes along with plenty of talk, and not much concrete action a bill here and there, but of not much importance. This is a session far removed from an election, so the government can afford to take it easy. There's not too much necessity to make a good impression, 200

By the time you read this, there'll have been four weeks of speechmaking --- in what are called the Throne Speech and Budget debates. They're not debates at all; if one hon, memher should interrupt an hon, member who is making a speech Mr. Speaker would shush the one who butts in.

MLA's, in these so-called debates are supposed to stick with the Throne Speech and the budget, but hardly anyone over does. They mention the Throne Speech and the budget in passing, and then get along to discussing everything under the British Columbia sun.

If you're a government supporter you automatically say everything in the Throne Speech and the budget are wonderful, too good to be true; if you're an oppositionist you say the Throne Speech and budget are terrible - massive deception, as Opposition Leader Robert struchan puts it.

It was ever thus, of course, and I don't supit will ever change. Elected representailves like to talk; they do their duty in this way and they want the folks at home to know they're right on their toes when they come to this capital, not lying around idly, walking in ino apring glory of Beacon Hill park or sipping

cocktails in all the dim little hide-a-ways that are now supposed to brighten up life in otherwise dull Victoria.

Democracy is a long drawn-out process; new laws and change only come after much verbal travail in the Legislature. So, I suppose, all the legislative talk and arguments are worth

The Premier has, so far, been mostly silent, except for his budget address, and the odd catcall to oppositionists who annoy him. I don't think the Premier's going to do any more talking than he must this session. He will, however, I feel sure, make a long, theatrical and fighting speech on his hydro-electric pollcies. He knows he's going to sink or swim on these policies. He's determined to swim, and he'll take every opportunity to defend these policies. Indeed, he'll deliberately manufacture opportunities. The Premier never misses a bet. He has an uncarny knack of knowing the rightmoment to Jump.

Mr. Speaker Shantz has not had too tough time, so far, this ression. Your MLA's are behaving themselves fairly well, though Health Minister Eric Martin one day blufted out that oppositionists have eesspools for minds.

Perhaps, at last, a session will turn out quietly, as the Premier always says every session always will. There is, however, under the comparative calm, I somehow feel, a smouldering bitterness between CCFers and Liberals. Joined together in opposition, and the Social Credit side of the House.



NO FREE RIDES, LOLLIPOPS

Tampering with free enterprise sometimes proves risky business

From Liberty Magazine In the province of Alberta, no merchant can give a free balloon or lollipop to a kiddy. A free trip to Hawaii offered by a radio station, was ordered cancelled. Newspapers were sternly warned against publishing any advertisement that offered any free incentive to customers. A gas station in Edmonton was stopped when it gave away drinking glasses as an advertisement.

A Calgary shopping centre was told to stop showing free cartoons to kids, or offering free merry-go-round rides.

The ancient and honored Hudson's Bay Co. (incorporated 1670), each year runs an annual "Bay Day" promotion at their Calgary store. This year, they offered free bus transportation to everyone in the city. They hoped many free riders would stop at their store; and the remainder, bound elsewhere, would think kindly of them. They arranged to rent the entire city bus system for an hour, last Febru-

For 10 days before the sale, in huge newspaper ads, the store told Calgarians about their free bus rides. The day before the sale, the store ran full page ads, too . . . regretfully cancelling the free rides. The provincial government said "no."

Oddly, only one of the company's scheduled free giveaways was permitted that day. Patrons were allowed to telephone orders, collect, from anywhere in a 100-mile radius of Calgary. No one has ever suggested any connection between this governmental oversight, and the fact the Alberta government owns and op-

tem, and collected the tab. Asked how the government was getting along enforcing its anti-promotion laws, one senior licensing officer privately guffawed: "Oh, we're having a terrible time. All the

erates Alberta's telephone sys-

merchants who objected to stamp plans thought this law they requested would just apply to stores giving stamps. Now they find it applies to their own promotions too. And they're screaming."

Summed up in the Calgary

"Some people thought that a ban on trading stamps meant merely a ban on trad ing stamps: they called on the government to keep the people from hurting themselves. They may now consider the old axiom, when the government lengs a hand, it nearly always takes a fist full."

And surveying the plight of city store keepers. Calgary's ex-Mayor Don McKay urgenttelegraphed a warning about tampering with free enterprise to a British Columbia legislative committee last March, as it sat down to consider anti-stamp laws in that



Creatures that perish in the light



Copyright: Canada Wide What must be the feelings of a composer of a beautiful song or melody, such, for example, as those in Camelot, when he hears, not long after the re-

to it? Barely has the lovely composition won the hearts of the public when along 🥙 come the "individualistic" pop singers, all vying with one another to see who can soup it up and dis-

record business do

lease of the piece.

what the fast-

buck boys of the

tort it most effectively. The final indignity comes when the jazz performers take hold of it. Jazz has created little material of its own. It relies very largely on squash-

Quote and unquote

Hansard: Mr. Diefenbaker: I like interruptions from the hon. gentleman (Mr. Pickersgill). Whenever I want to get a laugh anywhere across Canada, I just mention his name. Mr. Hellyer: They cry when we mention yours.

Professor J. V. Poapst, University of Toronto:

"It is better for a businessman to look at those phases of his enterprise that he finds unpleasant before his creditors force him to do so."

Bristol (England) Evening World, in The New Statesman: "Many of the owners, reluctant to part with their pets, i have made up for it by sending them Christmas cards and writing them letters with a special request to Mr. Howard to stand outside the pen reading the letter to the dog. and to pin the card on the

The lighter side "Diddy, what does it mean when it says in the paper that

Mr. Smith went to the conas a delegate r largo?" "It means he didn't take Mrs. Smlth."

Today in history

By The Canadian Press

Feb. 20, 1962 . . . Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced enncellation of this Avro Arrow jet interceptor program three years ago today-in 1050. The Avre plant' at Malton, Ont., Inid-off 13,800 employees.

1000-An appoal court up- lan hold conviction of a Wood+ stock, Ont., Negro woman on a charge of practising voodoo+

1437—King James I of Scotland was murdered at Porth.

ing old familiar airs through its rituals. The sensation of those of us who are not capable of appreciating jazz, on hearing the jazz treatment of some well - remembered melody, is almost the same feeling we experience on returning to the scenes of our childhood and finding everything faded. shrunken, decrepit and slummy. Or worse, like revisiting an old familiar summer resort, all its beauty and serenity vanished, and given over to hot dog stands, juke boxes, largegarish signboards and decayed

With the classics

In Xanadu did Kubla Khan A stately pleasure-dome

Where Alph, the sacred river, Through caverns measureless

to man Down to a sunless sea. So twice five miles of fertile

ground With walls and towers were girdled round: And there were gardens bright

with sinuous rills, Where blossomed many an incense-bearing tree; And here were forests ancient

as the hills, Enfolding sunny spots of greenery. ---Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

conditions, however, the employee can elect to continue contributing to unemployment insurance. Employers are not required to contribute to unemployment insurance for employees who make an election. and they may deduct both the employer and employee share of unemployment insurance contributions from the employee's pay. An election to remain insured must be made on a special form obtainable from any National Employment 01-

fice, An employee who elects to remain insured has the same right to unemployment insurance bangfit as any other in-sured person. Unentime insurance deductions from the pay of an employee who is not employed in insurable employment, may be refunded if an application for such a refund is made within two years.

One of the drags From the Warren, Indiana,

Unemploymen

questions and

answers

with answers received from the Ch

Q. Last year (1960-1961))

did not draw any benefit. How

have to draw full benefit?

A: To qualify for regular

benefit you must have 30 con-

tribution weeks in the 104

weeks prior to the date of your

claim, eight of which must be

in the 52 weeks preceding your

claim, or since your last claim

began, whichever is the short-

er period. An additional re-

quirement has to be met when

a person established a claim in

the 104 weeks prior to his new

claim: 24 of the 30 contribu-

tions referred to above, must

be subsequent to the com-

mencement date of the previ-

ous claim, or in the 52 weeks

prior to the new claim, which-

ever is the longer period. If

you did not have a claim in the

two years preceding the date

you established your claim, you

would be authorized one week

of benefit for every two con-

tribution weeks made on your

behalf during the 104 weeks

immediately prior to the com-

mencement date of your claim.

salary of \$500. I have heard

that I could not draw unem-

ployment insurance benefit if

I were laid off. Is this true? If

so, is my employer right, when

he deducts unemployment in-

surance contribution stamps

from my salary? Can I get a

refund of what has been de-

ducted, if I am not eligible for

A: A salaried employee earn-

ing more than \$5,460 per year

is not employed in insurable

employment. Under certain

Q: I am getting a monthly

many contributions must

interest to you:

it 24 or 30?

in this cotumn we publish ques.

. . . It is apparent that one of the drags holding back the free enterprise system in the United States is high tax rate on businesses and business men. A lowering of the rates. as President Kennedy has hinted he might favor, and other aids to business growth and expansion, would do much to revitalize the American economy, and encourage the reinvestment of capital. More jobs would result from this.

SPECIAL MEETING All Persons Interested in PISTOL SHOOTING There will be a Meeting at Mr.-S. Currie, 1136 - 6th Ave. East

Wednesday, February 21, 1962, 8:00 p.m.

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Porsons wishing to make any such improvements are advised to apply to the City Engineers Office, City Hall Efor information on permissable methods and material.

> City Engineers Office, City Hell, Fabruary 15, 1962.