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Moving Moral Forces

PRESIDENT TRUMAN of the United States and Pope Pius have agreed that moral forces of the world must consolidate their strength if there is to be peace and security on this continuously troubled earth. That is becoming more simply apparent every day. No one can deny it but, unfortunately, while we may agree, there are few who accept the fact that it is for each and every one of us to do something about it. We listen to the statements of great men, agree that there should be moral improvement in our relationships but, not applying it to ourselves, leave it to some one else to do the improving. It is all very well for us to go on concerned only with our own interests and pleasures. Most of us accept the situation complacently. If we are not disturbed, we are content to let the other fellow, if he will, make the effort that is needed to make it a safe and secure world, a peaceful and happy one, and a better world for all.

Meantime, it is well that statesmen and prelates go on telling us that the practical exercise of moral forces is necessary for the better world. But we must accept the fact ourselves and so regulate our own acts and living. Re-moralization is a slow process and, unfortunately, the forces of demoralization move with cunning, speed and treachery and their wiles are sometimes as pleasant as they are sinister.

But there is something that each and every one of us can do by thought and action to make the world a better place. And the sooner we start doing something about it, the better.

CIVIC CENTRE FACILITIES

WITH THE CIVIC CENTRE Association capital fund steadily growing and the Civic Centre itself, on a sound financial footing, paying its own current operations so far at least, there is naturally discussion as to what it may be desirable to undertake in the way of new capital improvement of civic centre facilities. Two major projects are most frequently heard mentioned—a swimming pool and an artificial ice rink.

It may not be the ideal time just now to embark upon any major project—the Civic Centre administration has learned by experience that it has paid to be not too speedy—but it is not untimely to assess public opinion, go into pros and cons and hear what the people think. Discussion of the subject at this time should be of interest and the Daily News is not unwilling to publish some views on a matter in which almost every citizen today has an interest one way or another.

LANDMARK IN LABOR LAW

DECISION OF THE British Columbia Court of Appeals that a trade union is a legal entity and can be sued constitutes a turning point in the history of Canadian labor relations.

The labor movement in Canada has consistently sought wider recognition of the rights of the worker. What labor leaders have with equal consistency overlooked is that such rights as they demand must be accompanied by certain responsibilities.

In business, the right of a group of individuals to associate in order more effectively to achieve their objectives, has been accompanied by the responsibility of the corporation for the action of its directors. The right of the corporation to sue and to be sued is a well-established principle of law.

Organized labor, whose objectives are no less clearly defined, and whose right to associate in order to achieve its objectives has also been a long-established principle of law, has hitherto not been answerable to the courts for whatever actions the individual union may have happened to adopt. Since the unions are not infrequently the holders of large sums of money collected in the form of union dues, it seems only appropriate that such resources, just as the resources of a corporation, should be a bond for their proper conduct.

The British Columbia Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, upon the interpretation of which the decision of the Court of Appeals rests, provides for a government-conducted strike-vote before a work stoppage is technically legal. While neither the legislation nor the decision of the court are binding outside British Columbia, the precedent thus set is certain to have a sobering effect upon union policies throughout Canada.—Financial Post.

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REPORTORIAL EXPERIENCES

(W. J. R.)
"Look up Mark Twain. He won't be long in town. Should be good story."
So spoke the boss on a mid-summer afternoon way down east, when the provision of live copy for the linotypes was beyond all question, the duty of the hour.

We had never met Samuel Langhorne Clemens. Yet there was a happy friendship, though more in fancy than fact, with "Huckleberry Finn," "Tom Sawyer" and other minor celebrities who rambled through the fascinating pages of his books. One suddenly recalled "Roughing It." Now there was a sprightly yarn of crossing the plains on a stage coach, and bumping right on down to Virginia City in Nevada, in mining stock until he had an armful big enough to fill a trunk.

And lo! Here was the great man himself.

Mark, we discovered, was aboard a yacht with fellow guests who had come up to the Maritimes to escape the annual scorch in the United States. The visitors had been strolling around and by this time had doubtless returned to the boat.

Trying to think up suitable questions to ask, we hot-footed it to the docks, overtaking Billy Quinton, from a rival paper, and on the same assignment as myself. A solitary officer was pacing the deck. He waved us back as we moved up the gangway.

"No one allowed. That's definite and final. Anyway, ship's sailing soon" (or words to that effect).

"Will Mr. Clemens be coming ashore?"

"Not likely . . . He went once. The hills fagged him."

"Would you mind if we loitered on the wharf for a while, inquired Quinton, with elaborate politeness.

The yacht was constructed in such a way that from shore, the interior of the saloon was clearly visible. Evening was coming on, and there were indications of approaching dinner. Soft lights heightened the luxurious effects of the appointments and furnishings. By and by, the press, on the outside looking in, noticed the coming of a small group and one was a man somewhat carelessly dressed. His movements were slow and languid. He was holding what appeared to be a well sweetened briar pipe and now and then he would use it to point with, in the conversation.

It was not unlike the screen, before the days of talking pictures, but hear nothing. The man with the pipe was Mark indeed. There was no mistaking that undisciplined head of shaggy grey hair; the drooping grizzled moustache, the keen, inquiring expression.

What were they discussing? Well, a cheery subject is always

good form at dinner. Now and then, there would be a chuckle. It looked that way. Twain might have been responsible. And as they supped and chatted, the yacht cast off and slipped away through the twilight.

HERE'S A RADICAL IDEA

"Of all the countries of the world only the North American countries are staying with free enterprise," a columnist wrote the other day.

That may be a good deal of an exaggeration, but even if it were true it would be nothing new.

North America has always been a free land . . . peopled by radicals who actually believe that men can do their own planning for themselves and rise as high as they can go.

The reactionaries of the old world can't get away from the idea that people are made to be driven like sheep, to be regimented, controlled, their economies planned for them, their lives pressed into narrow ruts from which there is little chance to escape except by emigration.

North America has always been the land of opportunity for freedom hungry people.

And the "unplanned economy" of free enterprise in North America produces the greatest abundance the world has ever known. It seems that North Americans, who cling to the radical idea of personal freedom in spite of all the Socialist theorists tell them, get along pretty well in planning their own lives under the Opportunity System.

"Here's a Radical Idea" is sponsored in this newspaper by the British Columbia Federation of Trade and Industry. 0-3

THIS AND THAT



ROTARY CLUB TO AID PEOPLE OF BRITAIN

A drive to collect useful articles of clothing and foodstuffs for the people of Britain will be undertaken by the Prince Rupert Rotary Club in the near future under a plan approved at the club's weekly luncheon at the Commodore Thursday afternoon.

Under the plan, the club will contact a city in Britain of similar size which also has a Rotary Club. Shipments of clothing and foodstuffs will be made to the British Rotary Club which will be responsible for their distribution.

The project was broached to the local club by President Lee Gordon yesterday and met with unanimous response by the members.

Entertainment at Thursday's luncheon consisted of a report on this year's district conference at Seattle by P. H. Linzey,

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MORE PUPILS IN SCHOOLS

Four More Teachers Added in Inspectorate—Prince Rupert, Stewart and Massett

Two additional teachers at Prince Rupert and one extra each at Stewart and Massett, making a total of 78 teachers in all in the inspectorate, reflect an increase of school population in this district as another school year commences. It is stated by E. E. Hyndman, inspector of schools here.

The increase of teaching staff in Prince Rupert includes a relieving principal for the elementary schools and one new teacher for King Edward School. Massett and Stewart will each have three teachers now. Massett, with a total school population of 57, has a full-fledged High School division now. Stewart continues as a superior school with enrolment totalling 48.

Only one school in the inspectorate is now without a teacher—this being Queen Charlotte City.

Charles Durham is returning on tonight's train to his home at Usk after spending a few days in the city with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blackhall, Graham Avenue, Westview.

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