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V-J DAY

IT IS THE SECOND anniversary of V-J Day, two years since the final phase of the fighting in the Second World War came to an end after a fierce blast of atomic energy upon unfortunate Japan.

Not only President Truman, as he said in his press statement today, had hoped that peace would be securely established by this time but so did we all.

On this occasion, which, to some extent, is antithetical to our V-E Day, when our own forces were released from combat, we pause again to pay tribute to two generations of fighting men who dedicated their lives and interests to the cause of peace.

Let us each take time from the day's occupation to recall that this date marks the anniversary of a war fairly fought and hard-won, a war paid for in blood, tears, effort and coin, a war never to be forgotten if we are to pursue at length a peaceful course.

IMMIGRATION

THE PEOPLE in the North-Central interior of British Columbia are talking up immigration again, says Vancouver Sun. This time they had a couple of provincial cabinet ministers on the spot to hear them, the spot being Prince Rupert, where the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia held their annual convention.

Up in those parts of our province it is easier to be conscious of the vast, empty spaces of Canada than it is for people who live most of their lives in cities. The country is still in the pioneer stage, with great wealth lying untapped all around.

To justify the roads and railways a much larger population is required and it seems a shame that when hundreds of thousands of people in Britain and Europe are turning their faces westward again to a new promised land, with all their skills and energy, that Canada, whose spaces and resources are still unharnessed to a large extent, can not organize to bring people and resources together.

A short time ago, The Sun suggested to Premier Hart that his government, without waiting for Ottawa's slow pace to mend, should initiate the example of Col. Drew's government, which is planning its own immigration, on a small scale.

BUT WE STILL GET BY

THE Right Honorable Winston Churchill recently remarked that the Labor government is driving Great Britain to ruin. Conceivably there was a political impulse behind Mr. Churchill's statement—though we must say we can't see that the Labor government has done Britain any good as yet.

Anyway, one R. O. Eaton, of Londonderry County, read about the Churchill groan, took pen in hand, and wrote the following to the London Times' famous letter column:

Remembering Mr. Churchill's recent utterances, it is interesting to note what other great men have said. William Pitt: "There is scarcely anything around us but ruin and despair."

Lord Shaftesbury (1848): "Nothing can save the British Empire from shipwreck." Disraeli (1849): "In industry, commerce and agriculture there is no hope."

The Duke of Wellington on the eve of his death (1851) thanked God that he would be "spared from seeing the consummation of ruin that is gathering about us."

Your correspondent, come to think of it, has been hearing for several decades now from various persons that the world and particularly the United States were headed for the dogs for a variety of reasons. Things aren't too bright at the moment, what with the prop wash from the late war still howling around our ears.

MARKS SYSTEM DOGS LOCAL KIDS EVEN TO SUMMER CAMP AT LAKELSE

However, Youngsters Enjoy Proficiency and Conduct Competitions Which Were Features of Summer Outings

Summer holidays allow little reduction in personnel responsibility, seventy children who attended the Kinsmen boys' and girls' summer camps learned during the three ten-day sessions at Lake Lakelse. Marks, the terror of school children, still pursued them in a modified way.

Marks is not an individual. Marks are those indefinite points which for some reason or other are considered indicators of conduct, even during the summer holidays. Marks' tentacles reached even to the sylvan shore of Lake Lakelse.

Marks are explained, and probably justified in this way. In camp, people fish, hike, play games, learn First Aid, undergo inspection, and do kitchen police as a part of the routine of outdoor living. Only, before it becomes routine, you are whisked back to Prince Rupert and somebody else takes your place in camp.

That is about the only virtue Marks possesses from the juvenile standpoint. You get away from them before they begin to undermine a fellow's reputation. At least, in summer camp. Still, Marks can't be ignored.

At school they appear, sometimes embarrassingly, on report cards. At summer camp, somebody, like R. E. Montador, Kin

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Occupants of the winning tent, besides Miss Klidal and Miss Sharp were Poullette Madson, Mary Greenwood, Marion Horne, Beverly Matteson, Margaret Giske, and Marjorie Way.

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president, remembers to turn them over to the newspaper and there they are for everybody to see. It's either O.K. or it isn't O.K., depending on how you and Marks got along.

For instance, Bernard Gerood, who attended the first camp, got along all right with Marks. He received 47 of them for general camp conduct, which was tops.

The Marks situation, however, carried a little beyond the point of personal glory. There was tent competition as well. Everybody was supposed to do their best so that the tent in which they lived received more marks than the others.

At the first camp, tent number one, one bunk being occupied by Bernard Gerood, topped the other two by a margin of 377 points, as compared with 358 for tent number three and 322 for tent number two.

At the second camp, tent number two, with Lance Theobald in the lead, won the inter-tent competition. Tent number two had 336 points while tent number one had 323 and tent number three had 213.

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First Social Function Held by Mining Camp Branch

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Dr. W. R. Walker, president pro-tem of the branch, opened the proceedings with a short speech of welcome. He then called upon D. L. Pitt, managing director of the Sliak Premier, for a few words. Mr. Pitt expressed his pleasure at being back home once more.

A no-decision boxing exhibition by Al Forrest and George Burlack was enthusiastically applauded. J. Ferguson gained the decision in his match with Mike Levitt. Alfie Tweed refereed both matches.

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performance while the pianist, George Nelson, played "Roll Out the Barrel."

Humorous stories were contributed by Alfie Teed, Harold Ponder, Sam Kirkpatrick, Bob Ver-rall and Billy Orr, each of which received their due mead of appreciation.

Harold Ponder as leader of the community singing, was in great form and kept things going on the move. Archie Jones was master of ceremonies and did a very excellent job.

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