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## The Public and the Unions

THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE of Public Opinion otherwise known as the Gallup Poll of Canada, recently took a sample poll of the public across the Dominion, and these questions were asked: Do you think communism is a very serious threat, a fairly serious threat, or no threat at all, to our form of government here in Canada?

Thirty-four per cent thought it was a very serious threat, 33 per cent felt it was a fairly serious threat, and the remaining 33 per cent either thought it was no threat at all, or had no opinion.

The poll showed that 67 per cent though it was a threat to the Canadian way of life, and the 34 per cent who thought it was a very serious threat, belived that Communists dominate the Labour unions.

This is a very powerful warning to unions, when over one third of the population is antagonistic, to labour unions because of Communistic domination, as unless the unions win the sympathy of the population to their legitimate aims to better conditions for the workers the cause of the unions is either hopeless, or it precipitates violent disputes with employers during the course of which evrybody

If the argument is used that those who believe that unions are Communst dominated and controlled, belong to the employing or capitalist class, that is ridiculous, for the employing class does not come anywhere near 34 per cent; it is a very much lower percentage.

The Gallup polls work on a marginal basis of error-allowance of 3 per cent, and in every poll taken the error margin keeps well within that limit, thus a post furnished an almost accurate reflection of public opinion. But it isn't any wonder why a large section of the general public believes that unions are Communist controlled, when it observes some of the methods used by unions in disputes with employers, and reckless disregard for others rights.

In British Columbia there is a new labor law, providing for the regulating of employer-employee relations in that province. Certain procedure must be used before a strike can be authorized. Heavy penalties are set in case of an illegal strike, up to a maximum of fifty dollars fine per day for each worker on strike.

On June 9 a Canadian Congress of Labor Laundry Workers Union went on strike illegally; twentytwo women workers were convicted and fined, one dollar fine, and one dollar costs. Encouraged by this very low penalty, a large wood workers union now announces through its national director that it intends to disregard the law, and will pay no attention to it in connection with the union's relations with the employers. In effect the director said they were going to use union methods, law or no law, and the union would go its own way in an emergency dispute.

This is sheer defiance of the law; callous disdain for the rights of the public, and a bold and brazen challenge to the authorities. If the Province of British Columbia does not deal firmly with this threat of defiance, then it might just as well hand over the powers of government to these unions, for that in effect is the attitude of the unions. They assume they are bigger than the law, bigger than public rights; only their interests matter and in the defense of democratic self-government, B.C. must teach the truism that law is the cement holding the body politic together, and unions like every other group in the community come under the law or be penalized for its violation, and the rights of other citizens and groups must be protected by the government as the representative of all; against such brazen defiance and flaunting of law, government authority, and citizens rights.

### THIS AND THAT



"But George, when I told you we were expecting a visitor at our house, I meant my mother is coming."

CORONER TAKES ISSUE Editor, Daily News:

Your news item under the

When on August 28 I was Although all this is common notified, as coroner, that a death knowledge there seems to be had occurred at the hotel in great deal of concern among of question, I found, on arrival not citizens. I myself fell that Dr. only an unkempt room in which Lane is far better equipped to Mr. Jardine had died, but an un- say whether there should be kempt house, to say the least chlorination or not than either

inspector to report conditions | Why do we bother to have a Both I believe were out of the Health Inspector if we don't fol-

ust 28; the inquest was held as some believe or we would not August 29. That conditions had not improved since the reporting of the death was attested by the signatures of six good men or under the direction of Sgt. caused me to write. Potterton. The inspection referred to as having been made by what you meant by the trifles the Health Officer, Sanitary Inspector and the Sergeant was made on September 5, a whole Let me tell you here and now week after the finding of the that what you or other people jury and the publication of the may call trifles are very serious verdict. Surely ample time was matters to some of us. given to prepare for this inspec- Another thing I'd like to know tion. I am advised by the City Clerk that "in view of this report, no action has been taken

by the council." But Sgt. Potterton goes further and according to your report which I quote: "Sgt. Potterton reported that this room was cluttered and unkempt the day the douth was reported but that on the same day he had inspected other rooms in the building and found them as clean as at the present inspection." May ask, did the Sergeant inspect the hall leading from the front common sense to laugh off. door to the stairs, the stairs and the long hall between the rooms upstairs? Did he inspect the toilet upstairs with its door standing wide open both on the 28 and 29, with its litter and dirt? Was there a light of any kind other than the little day- ing boat from this city soon will light through small windows at operate on Lake Tanganyika in either end of the hall? Is he so efforts to provide more protein deficient in the senses both of food for natives in Northern sight and smell that he believed Rhodesia. The prevalence of the the place to be clean?

If the Grandview Hotel has keep cattle there. been brought into a sanitary condition then the object of the jury has been attained. None, I believe had any "Axe to grind," and judgment may well be left to the people of Prince Rupert, to decide whether the credit is due the jury named below, or any official of the city for any improvement made. Certainly the members of the jury should be commended for their publicspiritedness. We need those men and more like them. They are:

Don Forward, foreman; R. E. Benson, Peter McCormack, Verne Moore, Joseph Delinks, Thomas

Thank you Mr. Editor. M. M. STEPHENS.

"GLAD TIDINGS" The word gospel formerly meant good story or glad tidings.

CHLORINATION Editor, Daily News:

We are fortunate in Prince heading "Health Officer Refutes Rupert to have a District Health Rider to Jury Verdict" in your Officer. One whose duty it is to issue of September 22 would ap- see that our people are propear to suggest that the jury had | tected from epidemics if at all exaggerated conditions found on possible. One way of doing this August 29 last at the Grandview is to chlorinate the water being consumed.

With the help of the two offi- "One Against Chlorination," Aldcers then in the house I tried in erman Brooksbank or any other vain to contact the medical number of people too numerous health officer and the sanitary to mention.

low his suggestions? Surely The death was reported Aug- chlorination is not so poisonous

> "LAUGH IT OFF" Editor, Daily News:

Your editorial in Sept. 18th and true chosen as jurors by, issue on quote, "Laugh it Off

First I would like to know just you spoke of which you say could be dispelled by laughing it off

is how can we go on laughing things off as you so kindly put it and better our conditions for ourselves and families. It seems to me the present government is following your policy a little too closely and one of these days they will be fighting it off instead.

You had better put yourself in some of our shoes and see what kind of a laugh you would give. I can name several cases besides my own that I would like to see you or anyone else who has any

Disgusted Mother Mrs. Verna Scully Dorean.

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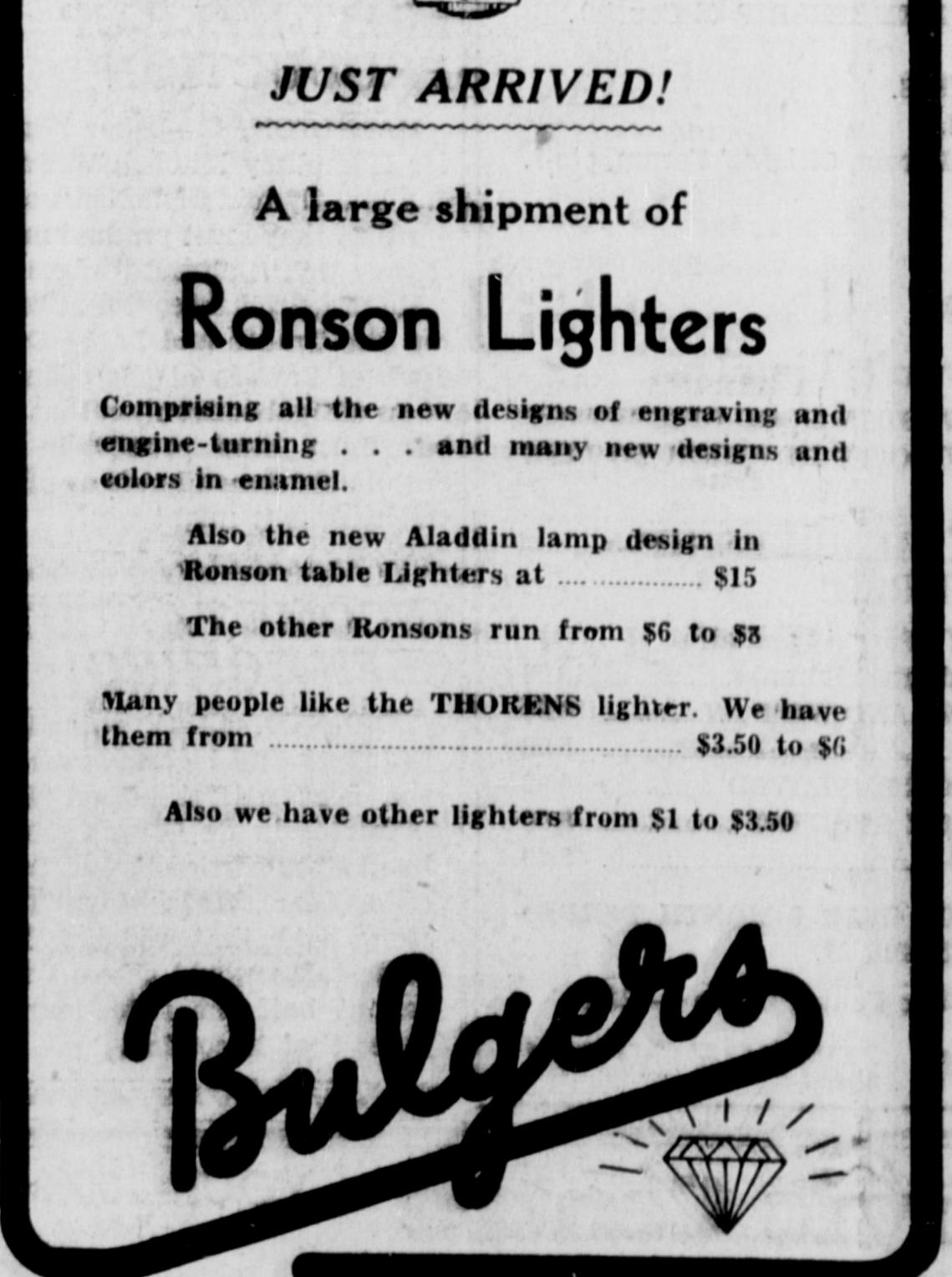
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