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Socialist Reverse

A NET GAIN of 621 council seats was made by the Conservatives in the election in England and, as a result, Winston Churchill is calling for a general appeal to the people, without delay. The result of the poll, undoubtedly, was emphatic and, while not directly affecting the government, is enough to justify the Atlee administration in devising ways and means to restore lost ground and public confidence.

There is no surprise about Churchill making the most of the opportunity to capitalize on what appears to be a most definite turn away from socialism.

TIMES CHANGE

WITHIN A MONTH, four physicians in Vancouver have refused to respond to calls when requested to do so because of the lateness of the hour. In one case, lack of attention was suggested as the reason for a death. Times and systems change. Once, in Canadian life, more particularly in the country, the doctor had no hours and precious little real money. It may be that way yet in some districts. At any rate, he turned out when notified, no matter if the hour was midnight and snow falling. In that event, he took along a shovel and used language that could not be repeated in a parlor. Often he would not be home again for a couple of days.

CANADIAN BOOK WEEK

THIS IS CANADIAN BOOK WEEK which is designed to bring to the attention of the people of Canada the fact that Canadians can write, and have written many worthwhile books. These last two or three years especially have seen some excellent books published in Canada. Books by Canadian authors on poetry, travel, history, music, painting, as well as good fiction are available to the reading public.

The Prince Rupert Public Library is endeavoring to do its part in drawing attention to the many Canadian books on its shelves, by a special display arranged for Canadian Book Week. Among Canadian authors in our library are names such as McLennan, Jaques, Carr, Roy, Groves, Raddall, to mention only a few.

This would be a good opportunity to mention a donation to the local library by the Prince Rupert Branch of the Canadian Club. This was used entirely for the purchase of Canadian books, including the following: "Fresh Wind Blowing" (Grace Campbell), "Continental Revue" (Winifred Bambrick), "New Secret" (Lillian Beyman), "Growing Pains" (Emily Carr), "Canadian Democracy and The Economic Settlement" (H. Cragg), "Wind Without Rain" (Selwyn Dewdney), "All This to Keep" (Maida Parlow French), "Remember Me" (Edward Meade), "Who Has Seen the Wind?" (W. O. Mitchell), "Welcome Wilderness" (Grace Tomkinson).

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World Food Problem Is Considered

United Nations Body Is Starting Deliberations

By ADELAIDE KERR
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y.

The World Food Council—a body of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization—convenes for the first time in Washington today to grapple with both present and future problems of getting enough food for the world to eat.

The 18-member council represents the 54 countries which now belong to F.A.O. The United States, Canada and the United Kingdom are members of both. Russia does not belong to either.

Part of the purpose of F.A.O. is to find ways of producing more food and distributing it more evenly over the earth, so there will not be potatoes and grain rotting in the fields of one continent while people die of starvation in another.

Feeding the earth's population of more than 2,000,000,000 with anything like adequacy is a problem mankind has never licked yet, and one it never even tried to solve until the United Nations tackled it.

The council was created to cope with a present crisis and to deal with serious long-range problems. F. A. O. experts say the world faces a most critical food emergency throughout 1947-48. The 1947 harvest failed to produce as much food as expected and a lot of other conditions combined to make holes in the world's bread-basket.

Europe had zero weather which froze the wheat. It was planted again in the spring but the harvest was poorer than usual. The United States had a bumper crop but spring floods and summer drought hit corn and some other cereals. Rust reduced the wheat crop in India. Some Latin-American areas did not plant as much in grains as before. Canada had a drought and heat which cut the production of wheat and some coarse grains.

In 1946-47 the world produced almost as much rice as before the war. But complications arose because production fell off in southeast Asia, where millions live chiefly on rice. Although production rose substantially in the United States, Brazil, Egypt and some other non-Asiatic countries, prevented the solution of Southeast Asia's dilemma.

The world's 1947 oil and fat exports, though greater than the year before, are still only 3,600,000 tons compared with a pre-war normal of 5,900,000.

PRODUCTION SLOW IN RECOVERING

Prospects for a production recovery do not look too bright. Many war-torn countries still lack the seed, machinery, fertilizer, manpower, roads and transportation to produce the food they might. Many are riddled by political troubles which retard their agricultural progress.

F. A. O.'s chief, Sir John Boyd Orr, says: "We are in a jam until the 1948 harvest." But even if war-torn countries are restored to pre-war

MARGARINE IS FAVORED

Chamber of Commerce Thinks It Should be Manufactured And Sold in Canada

Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce went on record emphatically at its regular monthly meeting last night as favoring the manufacturing and sale of margarine in Canada and will accordingly cast its ballot in a referendum of constituent members of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce on the subject. The national chamber policy on this question will be determined from the aggregate expression of opinion.

The resolution upon which the referendum is being taken was presented at the recent annual convention of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and is as follows:

"As the cost of living is governed by the price paid by the consumer, we believe it is essential that industrialists and producers endeavour to hold prices at such a level as will give them a fair margin of profit. We further contend that only free enterprise or competition will tend to reduce prices. One item in the cost of living stands out of reach of many and will necessitate reduced competition by many more. We refer to butter. The present system denies the basic use of free enterprise and lowers the standard of living of many Canadians. If it is true that democracy functions in this country, there is no justification for a separate policy of protection for the dairy industry. We therefore advocate that the Canadian Chamber of Commerce exert its full influence with the federal authorities to authorize and permit the manufacture and sale of margarine in Canada."

Discussion of the matter brought out the general opinion that the only reason for the banning of margarine in Canada was political, a catering to the farmer vote. This was the only country in the civilized world where margarine could be neither manufactured or sold. The consensus was that margarine was equal to butter from a nutritive standpoint and that there was no good reason why it should not be available here.

food production, the world still will have food worries. It had them before the war and since then the earth's population has increased 175,000,000 and many of its people have changed and bettered their food habits.

The new food council's main job is to take over the International Emergency Food Council's work of recommending allocations of scarce foods.

An allocation of food to a country does not mean that it automatically gets it, however. Allocation simply means that a certain amount of food in country "A" has been earmarked for country "B." It is up to "B" to finance the deal by trade, loan or other means.

Another important job of the council is to review the food and agricultural policies of different countries to prevent waste.

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OLD AND NEW LORD MAYORS OF LONDON—Sir Frederick Wells, 63, right, is pictured after his election as the new Lord Mayor of London. With him is Sir Bracewell Smith, retiring lord mayor after the election at the city Guildhall. Both are in the robes of office.

LETTERBOX

PIONEERS' HOME

Editor, Daily News—
I surely was surprised to read in the Daily News about the incident of Ald. Casey at the Pioneers' Home. I know quite a few of those old gentlemen at the home and have often talked to them about how they are getting along. I also know Mr. and Mrs. Montehall and how happy the old men are to have them in charge. They were my neighbors once and I think the city was surely fortunate to have them take charge of the home. I might have to go there myself and I am sure I would be glad to be in the care of Mr. and Mrs. Montehall. I say again they are entitled to a great deal of credit.

I would also like here to say a word of appreciation to the Rex and Grand cafes for the good meals that were so generously given men back in the thirties. They may be Chinamen but they are also "white" and our white people could learn a lot from them for kindness and generosity.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, and the staff of the Daily News,
FRED OLSEN.

FAIR PLAY

Editor, Daily News—
I have read the article in your paper under the heading "Ald. Casey Reprimanded." The article states that the caretakers of the Pioneers' Home, Mr. and Mrs. Montehall, had offered their resignation and that Ald Casey had offered his apology to the Pioneers' Home committee. In my opinion any apology should have been made Mr. and Mrs.

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Education Week

(By a Pastor)

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." This is "Education Week" and, as I think of it, I am reminded of the words of Henry Van Dyke, when he said:

"Four things a man must do, if he would keep his record true; Think without confusion clearly, Act from honest motives purely, Love his fellowman sincerely, And trust in God and heaven securely."

A true education involves the whole of man. A school or college provides a diligent student with knowledge, that is, with weapons which he may use wisely in his place in life. But its best contribution to a student, is enabling him to think clearly, to see the issues involved in a given situation and to act from his own convictions.

But a walking encyclopedia, though he may make good marks in written examinations, is useless in life, if he cannot use his knowledge or skill in practical affairs. The real man is within. There is the source of action, humanly speaking. What are the motives? For instance, warmakers are well-trained men but are their motives honest and pure?

Again, each man has his own desires, feelings and affections. Experience teaches us how little, comparatively, upon reason, and how largely, comparatively, upon the heart, depend the issues of living. Love for a cause or a person is the greatest of all motives and provides great driving power and direction. At its best it must be for others.

Van Dyke's "Trust in God securely" was no after-thought. Nor was he simply saying that it was necessary for a full-chapels rounded life. It was more vital than that. It was put last because it comes first, and is a



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