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### Economics, Christianity

WHAT ARE ECONOMICS and politics anyway? They are ways of organizing society towards certain ends; unless the ends are those for which man is made the plans will not work. Before we can expect to succeed with economic planning we must have some definite idea about the nature of man. What is man? What is he here for? Where is he going? This is where religion comes in because Christians have a distinct view of man rooted in the belief of the reality of God . . . that there are certain laws which God has given to govern man's conduct and his relation with his fellows. We are now living in a world which has virtually lost faith in God and, consequently, has set aside his laws. Those who have lost faith in God have consequently lost faith in a future life. They have nothing to live for beyond what they find here on earth. Material things have for them become all important just at a time when they have become most insecure and life most precarious.

What we need most of all is better men and women. It is the heart that needs changing because we are at heart self-centered. This is not confined to any one class. The casual conversations in one circle would give one the impression that our troubles are exclusively the fault of the workers who want more wages for less work, and in another circle that the fault lies with the "Boss Class" who want easy money. There is much "ambulance" work to be done, and this will occupy time and attention. It is made necessary because society, as a whole, has discarded the moral laws of God. At the same time it is our job to insist over and over again that we can only discharge our economic and political responsibilities as we regain faith in God and recognize the true nature and destiny of man.

### HERE AFTER SEVEN YEARS IN ORIENT

After spending seven years in South China, Edward Mah Chong Ghee, eldest member of a well known family of business men, returned to Prince Rupert by air yesterday afternoon. Ghee Mah, who lived here from the very early days and received his schooling in the city from the first, intends now to remain in Prince Rupert. He has many interesting experiences to tell of

life in the Orient during the height of the war years. He was engaged in business in Hong Kong when the Japanese captured that city. About a month after the fall of Hong Kong, he made his way to Canton. He also spent some time in the Portuguese-owned city of Macao. He would have been here sooner but for the restrictions of Pacific travel during and since the war. He notes many changes in Prince Rupert.



**OVER THE FENCE**  
By W.L. MacGraw

"Here's a quote for you," said the old timer as he leaned on the back fence. "It reads: 'The philosophy of Communism and the philosophy of organized labor can not be harmonized. One is destructive. The other is constructive.'"

"Who said it? Some fascist, as the Communists call them? No, it was the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, an A.F.L. union."

"To me it makes sense. What's the aim of organized labor? To get constant better wages with more buying power, and constantly better working conditions. Organized labor wants to make people happier, more contented. It wants to enrich the lives of working men and women. Don't we all?"

"Does the Communist want that? No. What he wants is to create discontent, bitterness and trouble to bring nearer the day of revolution. He'd rather see people out on strike than working happily. He'd rather see them poverty-stricken than comfortably housed, fed and clothed, so they will believe him when he says they have nothing to lose but their chains."

"I can understand a labor union letting a Communist in as a member, if he leaves his political ideas outside. I can't understand any union letting Communists run its affairs. It just isn't sensible."

"The aims of Communism and the aims of organized labor don't mix any better than oil and water. They don't mix—period."

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### LETTERBOX

#### DISGUSTED MOTHER

Editor, Daily News.  
May I, through your paper register my disgust at the appalling condition of our roads and sidewalks. If ever our city fathers had tried to push a baby carriage over these thoroughfares (Alfred Street, for example) every day, I'm sure they would expedite the repair work. Why can't we have gravel paths instead of stony trails and broken down plank walks? And concrete roads instead of pot-holes and bumps? Let's get modern! The other day, my poor old buggy gave up the ghost after only a year's use, and the back axle broke with a weary sigh. So my young son and I were temporarily grounded until it was fixed. I should send the repair bill to the city council, but maybe none of them are mothers, so they wouldn't understand. After all, we young mothers

are raising Prince Rupert's future citizens and are tax payers, so aren't we entitled to a bit of consideration? My mother bounced me along these roadways when I was a baby, and now I bounce my young son along. It's getting mighty tiresome, believe me!

Come on, Rupert, wake up and fix our roads, so we can be boosting our city instead of apologizing for it. Visitors wonder why we put up with such roads. And so do I.  
—"One of Many Disgusted Young Mothers."

Mr. and Mrs. J. Pinniger and daughter left by train last night for Vanderhoof. After a brief visit there they will proceed to Stuart Lake where they will spend two weeks vacationing.

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### REPORTORIAL EXPERIENCES

(W. J. R.)

A chance visitor, this week, viewed Prince Rupert and said he found a similarity to Montreal. He meant it too. But what he had in mind was topography. But it stops there. When Prince Rupert is about three centuries old the likeness will be nearer the truth.

Montreal has a background—a mingling of history and big business—the blending of education and contrasting cultures, cosmopolitan point of view, church and art, and a certain tolerance and breadth no other Canadian city has. Criticism is accepted as a matter of course. Old "Moreau" is sufficiently populous and venerable not to worry, and seems to thrive on it. Life in the Herald office years ago gave one an insight into affairs. Assignments sent men into all sorts of places any old time and under varied circumstances. Some were pleasant as well as memorable.

ence. And certainly, more understandable and interesting. Associations, friendships were easily cultivated in a centre where an undercurrent of amiability—even gaiety—seemed to belong. The Herald office stood, at that time, in Victoria Square from where one looked across to Beaver Hall Hill winding its way up to St. Catherine Street, the shopping hub. Members of the staff were jolly fellows who knew their town and began their week-ends, Saturday mornings. "Fitz" was there—"Fitz" the cartoonist who passed away, years later, while employed on the Vancouver Province. His brother George Fitzmaurice, lived in Prince Rupert in early days, and died here. Another of the writing crew was B. K. Sandwell, dramatic critic, now of Saturday Night, who once dropped in at Prince Rupert and gave an address here.

Montreal has a mountain rising behind her streets and squares. So has Prince Rupert—a point of similarity, so to speak. But here, there is no illuminated cross shining on its summit the night through. In that respect, there is a difference.

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