## In Peril on the Deep

MRECK of the United States Army transport VV Clarksdale Victory on the west coast of the Queen Charlottes, unfortunately, gives appearance of being one of the worst marine disasters, insofar and near the shores of a scenic Other nominations for the city as loss of life is concerned, in many years on this coast. Last week the wreck of the British freighter Langleecrag, with loss of ship and only two lives, was in the headlines. This week, tragedy has struck, with much heavier blow, virtually on our own doorstep.

The disaster of the Clarksdale Victory reminds us that those who serve on the deep are also in peril although the degree and percentage is greatly reduced from what it was not so many years ago-That the disaster struck so close to us impresses itself the more poignantly.

#### MIDDLE GROUNDERS

MADDLE GROUNDERS" is a term we are IVI hearing often these days. It is increasingly used to describe the large group of nations who are struggling to build some middle ground between Russia and America.

The great common interest of these nations is a desperate desire to keep the peace. Millions of their people have had such a searing personal experience of war that the belligerent talk often exchanged nowadays between Moscow and Washington starts them shuddering. Millions of people, particularly in Europe, have lived through years in which it was fatal to make a wrong choice in politics. Today they oppose anyone who would make them choose again. They do not want either Europe or their own lives to be made a battleground once more.

Millions also hold sincere middle-ground convictions. They naturally resist ideological drives from either Russia or America. Sir Hartley Shawcross, British delegate to the United Nations, put it bluntly a few days ago when he said that Britain would not permit herself to be "subjugated by either competing extremes of communism or of unbridled capitalism."

It would be easy to say that he was not in the last phase describing the United States, for capitalism in America is regulated in a dozen ways, and many Americans believe things would be better if . "free enterprise" were freer. But Sir Hartley did mean America, and his conception of its capitalism is mild compared with ideas prevalent in most of the world. And those ideas govern nations' nolicies. In any case, even the most friendly Middle Grounders put the United States down as "one extreme" in the division between communism and capitalism, between East and West. - Christian Science Monitor.

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

THE CENSUS FIGURES are taken at their I face value, it may be claimed that about 98 per cent of the people of Canada are professedly Christian. But at this time, when the Protestant churches are making special efforts to enlist the youth of Canada in church activities and membership, it is well that we should remind ourselves of the fact that there are millions of professed Christians in Canada who never attend a church service from one year's end to the other. This is shown by the following comparative figures for the four leading Protestant churches:

	Census	Membership
Anglican	1,751,188	800,000
United		739,079
Presbyterian	829,147	173,482
Baptist	483,592	137,474
Totals	5,268,802	1.850.035

Thus out of a total of 5,268,802 persons who were listed with the census takers in 1941 as belonging to those denominations, only 1,850,035 were enrolled as church members.

The Census gives the number of Roman Catholics in Canada as 4,986,552 (including Greek Catholics), of which figure 2,204,875 are listed for Quebec. As all Roman Catholics are regarded as members of the church, there is no way of determining the proportion of actual attenders, but it is generally admitted that Roman Catholics are more faithful to their church than are the Protestants.

The Christian churches stand for all that is spiritually and morally uplifting in our national life, and it is surely the plain duty of every citizen who calls himself a Christian to support the church to which he professes to belong. The tendency towards indifference or ignoring of the church is something that is to be deeply deplored and it cannot but tend to deteriorate national strength and character.

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## REPORTORIAL EXPERIENCES IN RUNNING

(W. J. R.)

The photograph of the Vancouver youth, Henderson, sentenced to die within a week, ap-

Once, in a province down east seconder. began with a love affair. Jeal- re-election. Ald. Youngs is profinally the firing of a gun seconder Ald. C. G. Ham. through a flimsy front door and There are now five candidates a fatal wounding. The young nominated for the four alderchap was tried and sentenced to manic seats-Ald. G. W. Rudderhang. This was a time prior to ham and August Wallin in addithe period when it became cus- tion to Messrs. Stone. Youngs tomary for an execution to take and Black. place in the provincial peniten- Mayor N. E. Arnold is the only tiary and nowhere else.

The country town, about a papers. hundred miles upriver was a place of peace. Obedience to the law was accepted as a matter of have him around. And would course. There was little or no he be there, at the last momcrime of consequence. But now, ent? There was fruit in the over the serene, God-fearing cell. community with its quiet, tree- The prisoner invited "Jake" lined streets, there was felt a to have a bahana with him. deep nervousness and apprehen- In the office of the morning sion. Right there, with stores, daily, a long distance phone schools and homey dwellings on call came from "Jake." It was ties and weddings helped to home, looking tired and unusubrighten routine life from year ally quiet. to year, a scaffold was about to Summing it all up in a chat be erected. And on that scaffold, with the boys after he had resta man, born and raised not so ed, he concluded with, "And I far away, would be hanged. The never tried a banana I liked raw horror of it.

No one on the staff of the morning paper covering the case and published in a city a day's journey away had ever witnessed extreme punishment. No one wanted to. "Jake" could have declined the assignmen but it was clear he was expected to follow instructions. "Jake was not his real name but somehow it fitted his style and he had no objection. He looked after marine news and sport and could go anywhere.

He stepped off the train, a stranger in town and just then was a time when an unfamiliar face was studied. The rumor grew that the official executioner had arrived. Later, when "|"Jake" had returned to the office and mentioned this, he gave a grim chuckle.

"Me, to be taken for him. Good

The gallows was built. The newspaperman introduced himself to the sheriff, minor officials and finally met the prisoner himself-a concession given after earnest requests. The one chiefly concerned welcomed Jake." Both were young and

could talk the same language. They discussed hockey, hunting and kindred subjects. The accused asked "Jake" to remain as long as he could. He wished

Leaves School Trustee Field to Seek Aldermanic Honors

William F. Stone, who served peared on the front page of a as a member of the board of Vancouver daily not so long ago, school trustees during the past Since then, a reprieve to March year, will be a candidate for has been allowed. There were aldermanic honors at the munifrequent letters to the press. cipal election next month. His People were interestd in his nomination papers were filed case. It might have been be- with Returning Officer H. D. cause of his youth, 17 or there- Thain, his proposer being W. J. Scott with A. S. Nickerson as

river lived a farm boy of about council yesterday afternoon were the same age. He found himself Ald. T. N. Youngs and Ald. in a jam and never got out. It all Thomas B. Black, both seeking ousy followed. There was a posed by S. D. Johnston with P. dance. Brooding, and more jeal- H. Linzey second. Ald. Black's ousy-also more dancing, and proposer is W. M. Watts and

mayoralty candidate yet to file

every side, where picnics, par- all over. Next day he was back



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scene of the foundering of the ore at the time.

carrying a corgo of high grade Port Edward cannery will shortly

#### during the week-end, was the Urge More Freedom For English Bobby

LONDON, (P)—Lifting of re- the chief complaint strictions on a policeman's free- element of restriction dom to marry and abolition of freedom of a member of pay parades is urged by a comforce to marry when at mittee which investigated local he wished." conditions of police service in

The committee said

# What You Should Know

about

# TRAVEL RATIONING

# Why?

Canada's supply of U.S. dollars will no longer stretch far enough to permit all the purchases of goods and services or all the travel in the United States that has taken place in the past. It is, therefore, necessary to reduce our expenditures of U.S. dollars in many different ways. As one of these steps, the Government has decided that the use of U.S. dollars for pleasure travel spending must be reduced. To ensure this reduction in a way that is fair to all, an annual "travel ration" has been established. As in the past—a Form H permit is required by anyone taking out of Canada more than \$10 U.S. or more than a total of \$25 in Canadian and foreign currencies.

### Pleasure Travel

Regulations now provide that the maximum amount of U.S. dollars which any Canadian resident may obtain for pleasure travel purposes is \$150 per year. In the case of children of eleven years and under, the amount is \$100. There is no restriction on the number of trips as long as this annual allotment is not exceeded. Any U.S. dollars obtained for one trip and not used on that trip must be brought back to Canada and exchanged for Canadian dollars at a bank immediately on return. No credit for these funds can be allowed against the annual ration for subsequent trips.

### Business Travel

Applications for U.S. dollars for business travel must include a certification by the employer that the travel is required in his business interests. Reasonable amounts of U.S. dollars may be obtained for this purpose.

### Travel for Health or Education

Applications for U.S. dollars for travel for health or educational reasons are to be made on special forms available at chartered banks. These applications will be forwarded by banks to the Foreign Exchange Control Board for consideration. Applications for health travel must be accompanied by a medical report on forms which can also be obtained at chartered banks. The Department of National Health and Welfare will act as advisor to the Board in reviewing these medical reports.

### Border Travel

A Canadian resident wishing to make visits on which he will not be taking out of Canada more than a total of \$25 of which not more than \$10 is in U.S. dollars, may purchase from his bank for this purpose up to a total of \$10 in any calendar month This is in addition to the annual travel ration.

### Personal Purchases of U.S. Goods

A Canadian tourist should remember that the new restrictions applying to imports from the United States govern his personal purchases there. He may not bring back any merchandise which has now been prohibited or which may now only be imported on a quota basis. The list of goods covered by the new import restrictions is an extensive one. Tourists contemplating any particular purchase in the United States would be wise, before leaving the country, to ask Canadian Customs Officials it this purchase will be admitted.

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