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A Tough Job for the Dean

ONE OF the most enlightened and respected members of the clergy in Canada today is the Very Reverend Dean Cecil Swanson, of Vancouver. He is an understanding man of brilliance and humor whose services at Christ Church Cathedral draw a large and devoted congregation.

It is therefore with misgiving that we note the provincial government has appointed him to the commission which will look into the sale and distribution of beer, wine and liquor with a view to making recommendations for a new liquor law.

If this appears to be a contradiction, we must explain that our uneasiness is not caused by any doubt that the Dean will handle with competence the duties now asked of him. On the contrary, his easy and intelligent approach to all problems will undoubtedly prove a great asset to the board.

What does bother us is that he is being propelled into a thorny public matter in which he, as a clergyman, can hardly move one way or another without courting criticism.

Under the terms of the order creating the commission the members are not being asked to decide whether or not liquor should be dispensed by the glass in licensed premises, as the public has already made this decision by its affirmative vote in the June plebiscite.

Instead, the commission's function is to advise on the most suitable means of putting liquor sale and distribution by the glass into effect. But even in this limited duty there is considerable latitude, and it is here that the problem involving the Dean arises.

Should the board recommend a restrictive plan of sale, it may be argued that this was due to the influence of Dean Swanson and his position in the Church. Such reaction is certain to be coupled with comment about the expressed wish of the people being compromised, if not ignored.

Should the board favor a liberal plan, the Dean would be caught in the equally uncomfortable position of seeming to favor increased consumption. A middle-of-the-road course would hardly be any better as inevitably there would be large public groups claiming the board should have gone more this way or that and criticising its reasons for not doing so.

While we confess uneasiness about the Dean's position in all this, we admit our worries may be baseless in consideration of his remarkable personality and his gift for resolving all problems into simple terms.

Nevertheless, we think the government has made an unfair demand on his sense of duty.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Venezuela Spells Sales For Waiting Canadian Exports

By The Canadian Press

Looking for markets? Try Venezuela. Rich in oil and with plenty of dollars to spend, Venezuela, eighth largest of the Latin American republics, "spells sales opportunities," says the trade department.

Scouring foreign horizons for greater Canadian trade opportunities, the department devoted the entire issue of one of its publications, "foreign trade," to assessing the value of the Venezuela market—world's second-largest producer and leading exporter of petroleum products.

It found:
"Venezuela is one of a half-dozen countries to escape the crippling economic malady, the dollar shortage."

"It has the money to buy what it desires in the markets of the world. It erects no import barriers, imposes no currency restrictions."

"Soon growing iron ore production will boost its dollar income further."

LIKE A DREAM

To most exporters, faced with rigid import restrictions and dollar scarcities in many traditional markets, this appraisal of the Venezuela market would be like a dream come true.

And yet Venezuela, with a population of just 5,000,000, is selling Canada a lot more than she is buying from this country. The big item, of course, is oil. Much of Canada's oil comes from this Latin country.

For example, last year Canada sold that country only \$27,000,000 worth of goods, but

purchased an unprecedented \$136,000,000 worth, mostly crude petroleum. That gave Venezuela a trade surplus with Canada of \$109,000,000.

In that same year, points out the department, United States firms supplied Venezuela with \$435,000,000 worth of goods, covering more than 2,700 different commodities.

Venezuela is Canada's third-largest export market in Latin America. It is the United States' second-largest. Both countries get most-favored-nation tariff preference.

PAPER EXPORT

To focus the exporter's attention, the department made a detailed analysis of Canada's exports. It found that Venezuela takes Canadian newspaper and paper products and the outlook for increased sales of these "appears most promising."

It also buys Canadian dried salt codfish, canned meats, animal feeds, trucks and automotive parts, textiles and construction materials. In most cases, the U.S. is the big competitor, but J. A. Stiles, Canadian trade commissioner at Caracas, Venezuela's capital, notes that the country is "gradually recognizing Canada as a dependable source of supply."



M.C. WINNER—Governor-General Vincent Massey congratulates Lieut. Andre Therrien of the Royal 22nd Regiment after pinning the Military Cross on him during a visit to Valcartier Camp. Lieut. Therrien, Thetford Mines, Que., was awarded the medal for leading his platoon in daring raids into enemy territory in Korea last June and July. (CP PHOTO)



As I See It

BY

Elmore Philpott

● COL. Mc. RIDES AGAIN

I CAME back home from the U.S.A. a bit bewildered by the mood of our good and mighty neighbor in this year of 1952.

The great mass of the American people are still frank and friendly. They are, I think, as generous and kindly as any people on earth. But they are suffering from some strange uneasiness, right now.

"Why are we so nervous?" asks Joseph Henry Jackson in the San Francisco Chronicle for Sept. 12. "Nobody needs to be told that the Americans are getting more and more tense, that all of us are nervous in a sense we never used to be. Is it the atom bomb? Russia? Or if not these altogether, what then?"

My own guess is that this nervousness is mainly due to the fact that the United States finds itself in a position of unique world leadership—but also faced by a challenge which it is mentally totally unprepared to meet. It really only feels at home with problems which concern the Americans and the seas which protected "God's country" when Britain ruled the waves.

DURING the weeks my wife and I were south of the border the only solid news about Canada in the U.S. papers concerned the accident to the Canadian Pacific coastal ship and that U.S. silver coins were being discounted in Canada as high as seven per cent.

But meanwhile millions of Americans were reading such masterpieces as this which appeared in the Chicago Tribune of September 4:

TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 2—(Special)—American travellers in Canada since its separation from the British empire are

finding a new state emerging. The dominion government, or, as they call it, the Canadian government, is becoming a state government which grants no liberties to its people but effectively administers its internal affairs.

For national defense Canada depends entirely on the United States, letting its own armed forces degenerate into a militia status. It considers that it is directing its foreign policy through Secretary of State Acheson.

Many of its newspapers, such as the Montreal Star and the Toronto Globe and Mail, editorially are neither empire nor Canadian papers, but members of the eastern American string, such as the Washington Post and the New York Herald Tribune. They concern themselves with American politics much more than they do with Canadian politics. They have no interest in English affairs and their news is as recklessly distorted as that of Don Iddon in the London Daily Mail.

WHAT sobers me about this whole business is this: No nation's international attitudes and policies can be better, or more solid and sound than the information on which they are based.

If the United States either has no information about Canada or worse still, gross misinformation like the above what about her information on faraway countries? Yet the U.S.A. has a virtual monopoly on the power which makes for war or peace for all nations in the west.



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When the suit came up here the judge asked him why he finally went to court after all these years.

"I don't think she's coming back," Dorland replied. He got the divorce.

Canadian Pilots Down Red Jets

SEOUL (AP)—Six Canadian pilots flying jets are credited by the United States Fifth Air Force with five Communist MIGs destroyed, two probably destroyed and five damaged.

ROLY SAYS . . .

Speaking of the Alaska Music Trail concerts, Secretary Rowland Miles says:

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