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'Both Sides' of Communism

WHEN a speaker from the far left wing proposes to give us "both sides" of Communism—which often means just the Red side—one wonders if the Russians get as much of both sides as we do.

The "let's be fair" attitude becomes a little grotesque when account is taken of the freedom that the Communist cause enjoys in this country. Besides those who expound its virtues from the public rostrum and in places of government, there is the very Red-colored press which operates in the open throughout Canada.

Since newcomers to the country, being strange to their surroundings and uncertain of their future, present the most vulnerable group, the bulk of Communist-line newspapers are in the foreign language category. There are 19 of these in Canada which follow the Moscow dictates without question, and an assortment of others which diverge only slightly.

If the 19 have a combined circulation of no more than 30,000, it is probably because propaganda is not generally so acceptable as news.

This is an example of the slant given to the Red press releases which they feature:

"Thousands and thousands of Ukrainians have perished, toiling to build Canada's wealth. The graves of unknown Ukrainians can be found in all parts of the country. It is on their bones that Canada's agriculture, coal-mining, ore-mining and metallurgical industries may be said to be founded."

In hearing about "both sides" of Communism, we would be curious to learn how both sides of capitalism are presented in the U.S.S.R. Our suspicion is that such a speech would have to be given in two parts—one under Communist patronage and the other in Siberia.

Prince Rupert Hibernates

SEASONAL habits of Prince Rupert are, of necessity, similar to those of a bear. As winter approaches it is obliged to withdraw more and more from the rest of the world. It has a hibernation period which is probably unique among Canadian cities.

The reason lies in the handicaps that winter imposes on our transportation services. The approach to the city by road and rail is subject to blockade by slides. Steamship lines curtail their operations as tourist traffic dwindles. Airline schedules are disrupted as shorter daylight hours reduce the opportunities for permissible take-offs and landings.

Although the circumstances affecting the first two services are without obvious remedy, it is not so clear why winter should be allowed to affect our airline connections. This will continue to be the case, however, just so long as airplane arrivals and departures must be made on water.

For land-based planes darkness offers no hazards where there is an airport equipped with the latest navigational and control aids. Under these conditions flying may continue on a 24-hour basis, with the result that bad weather during daylight does not necessarily cancel out all operations until the next clear day as it does here.

Failure to give Prince Rupert a better deal becomes all the more inexplicable when it is considered that we have less daylight in winter than most Canadian cities. This fact, added to the normal deterioration of weather, puts flying around here on a hit-and-miss basis which is entirely out of keeping with the city's merited position as a northern communications centre.

Perhaps at this moment the federal government is giving serious thought to resolutions calling for establishment of an airport here which were passed by the associated boards of trade meeting at Smithers last summer and our own Chamber of Commerce. There is, however, no evidence that a survey has been made to select a location, and time is growing short to prepare an estimate for the approaching session of Parliament.

It is inconceivable there should be any doubt or delay over this project. For the sake of the commerce and defence of this province, with the resultant benefits to the country as a whole, it is time that Prince Rupert be removed for once and all from its bush league position by this imperative step.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Cardinal's Rebuke

IF THE Social Credit party won the pending by-elections in B.C. the way would be cleared for the greatest federal election campaign of psalm-singing sacrilege and political deception ever attempted in Canada.

Manning and Co. would be there on Sundays with the fervid evangelical sermons (which would be fine if not perverted to politics). But Low and Co. would be around for the remaining six days of the week, and the brand of hot-gospel that they would hand out would hardly be such as is found in Holy Writ.

One feature of this psalm-singing political smoke screen is that it takes on in any given province whatever is the religion (with the most votes) in that province.

That explains why Mr. John Blackmore MP could excuse even the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and atrocities committed at Hong Kong. (There are several thousand Japanese-descended voters in his riding.) It also explains why in the Mormon districts of Alberta the Social Credit party is more Mormon than its founder himself. It explains why the current invasion of Ontario has the flaunted support of the PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE ORANGE ORDER. And it explains why the attempted Social Credit invasion of Quebec tried to be "more Catholic than the Pope" and why it failed utterly when it was exposed and denounced for sacrilege by the late Cardinal Villeneuve.

ON FRIDAY Nov. 7, 1941 the Cardinal wrote a letter to all Catholic clergy in Quebec, which was printed in a Canadian Press despatch in all daily newspapers the following day.

Cardinal Villeneuve declared: "I recommend that no priest gives support to Creditists' pleadings or organizers and I forbid the clergy to assist at public meetings dealing with Social Credit. I renew this disciplinary prescription. Laymen who affiliate themselves with Creditist groups do so at their own risk and expense."

The Social Credit will be worth no more and no less than the other parties. The Church, in all cases, does not attach itself to any party except the party of Jesus Christ.

I would have nothing to say about it if once again the leaders of the Social Credit party in our province did not appear to want it understood that they have the approval of the clergy and that their movement is a religious crusade.

Whatever may be in the system itself, it cannot make use of the church any more than (can) a new system of bookkeeping or geography. And let these abbots cease, if they want to be taken seriously, to prove their theories with (church) banners and conceptions.

The church should separate itself from such chicanery and I do it openly.

IN ALBERTA last summer I heard of a Social Credit woman heckler who broke up a meeting addressed by a noted speaker of another party by shouting over and over again "O Jesus give us a Social Credit government."

That blasphemous female should have been quietly shown to the door and gently reminded "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

The outcome of the dispute will determine the pattern of early 1953 negotiations between the B.C. Electric Railway Co. and 3,000 SRU members.

Seal His Fate



TB SEAL CAMPAIGN gets underway today when the Prince Rupert Soroptimist Club mails to every city householder 200 of the little Christmas seals which carry a message of a continual fight against one of Canada's worst enemies—tuberculosis.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Potash Deposits on Prairies Opens New Agricultural Phase

By The Canadian Press

A new phase in prairie agriculture has opened with the discovery and development of valuable potash deposits near the Saskatchewan centres of Vera and Unity, about 150 miles northwest of Saskatoon.

LETTERBOX

CCF, LIBERALS
SHOUL JOIN HANDS

Editor,
Daily News:

I notice Elmore Philpott is advocating the abolition of the thin veneer wall separating the CCF and Liberal parties.

To my way of thinking, such a move would only make common sense, as an examination of the working policy of the CCF only reveals the history of the Liberal party since its inception, but more pronounced in recent years.

Mr. Winch claims the CCF party differs from other parties inasmuch as the CCF holds to the approach of socialism.

From my observation, consciously or unconsciously all political parties are drifting that way due to economic pressure. Napoleon said years ago the world rolls on its stomach—a statement to be remembered by political observers and leaders.

Therefore, any political party that does not connect its policy to the stomachs of the people is doomed to failure, regardless of name.

Remember, no person can tell the whole story of the struggle of civilization and its accomplishments because he does not know it. In fact, it's well to remember that no person anywhere knows the whole truth about anything.

Moreover, if he did he would soon find himself in a very uncomfortable position because human society does not relish that rare faculty. It much prefers smug opinions and comfortable assumptions. It seems to prefer it indirect and in camouflage; it prefers to believe in elaborate and complex systems of ideas which may have little relation to actual fact. That is a human trait.

However, since most people appear to imagine social reform is in a degree of socialism, please allow me to contradict that assumption. Socialism is a political science and science only reveals the nature of things. Therefore socialism decrees that our present economic system (capitalism), is founded on the exploitation of labor, and that labor is robbed of the product of its toil at the point of production. And that rent, interest and profit can find no place in a truly socialist system of society.

Many people think municipal or public ownership is in a degree socialism. Nothing can be further from the truth as all workers well know who may be employed by such concerns, they being subject to the same degree of exploitation as those employed by private corporations or persons engaged in wealth production through wage labor in any form.

For example, compare the workers employed by the CPR and those employed by the CNR—you will find them all the same. Therefore, from a worker's standpoint there is little choice between the two. But from the

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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

It is reported that reindeer have returned to Scotland for the first time in 50 years. By this time, Santa should be involved in some sharp bargaining in the highlands.

An Alberta rancher has not denied the story saying he has a chicken that perches every night on the horns of a cow, remaining there until dawn. Not exactly a cock and bull yarn but darn close to it.

CLOSE NEIGHBORS!

In case you're interested: Canada has eight rivers over a thousand miles in length, the Mackenzie, Yukon, St. Lawrence, Nelson, Peace, Saskatchewan, Columbia, Churchill. (Port Arthur News-Chronicle).

We think the Skeena, Fraser and Stikine should at least be given respectable mention.

Can you remember away back when there used to be something a man felt he couldn't afford?

MORE THAN LIKELY!

Again we hear the old-fashioned family doctor has disappeared. Possibly, he's gone with the old-fashioned family.

More than half of November gone. Come bare limbs and all that sort of thing. Of course, having been here all along, and looking quite captivating.

Discouragement of the afternoon cup of tea in England is being briskly fought. And why not? The custom is growing right here in Prince Rupert as well as elsewhere in Canada. More power to it!

Korea Trip, Risks Don't Worry Ike

SALINA, Kas. (AP)—Senator Frank Carlson (Rep.-Kas.) said president-elect Dwight Eisenhower was not worried about the risks involved in a trip to Korea for a personal look at the war situation.

"While many of us are concerned about his safety, he is not worried," Carlson told the Lions Club. "He has risked his life before doing his duty and is not afraid to do so again."

Carlson, a campaign advisor of Eisenhower, said the president-elect made up his mind to go to Korea long before he announced his decision.

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