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Prevent the Disease

IN UNDERTAKING to set up a committee which will examine the problem of juvenile delinquency, the local branch of the Business and Professional Women's Club has taken a step which all will applaud.

Although for reasons which probably few can explain Prince Rupert has been spared a serious attack of this disease, it is apparent that we are counting more on good fortune than preventive measures to avoid it. It is also apparent that there are areas in the city sufficiently rank to provide fertile breeding ground for an epidemic.

To judge from the number of court cases in which a mother or father is charged with neglect, there are too many children in the city who receive too little parental care. Left to their own resources, the young ones are certain sooner or later to get into trouble, for trouble offers an infinite number of diversions and usually makes itself quite accessible.

As Mayor Whalen observed, the correction does not seem to lie in the appointment of a probation officer. Such an official would not take over until after the damage had been done, and it has not been demonstrated yet that fear of a probation officer reaches back far enough to nip the act in the bud.

It is probable that the solution sought by the Business and Professional Women's Club rests somewhere among those children who are not yet delinquents but are in an environment where delinquency threatens.

If such children can be shown a convincing substitute for parental care, if they can be persuaded that someone is thinking of them even if Mum or Dad—or both—is not; if they can be made to believe that happiness does not lie at some point between them and the police, juvenile delinquency will not be a problem in this city.

At the same time, application of the remedy cannot be limited to one day or one year. The treatment must be continued as long as the cause of the sickness is there.

Thus the problem assumes more imposing dimensions than appear at first glance but members of the Business and Professional Women's Club should feel assured that they have the public's encouragement and support in taking it on.

If admiration and gratitude will help, we are sure they have these also.

Bonner—Strong Man

THERE is something about B.C.'s new Attorney-General, Robert Bonner, which suggests that one day he may be the strong man of the government, if indeed he is not already.

Aside from the importance of his position in which he will have a major part in framing new legislation, Mr. Bonner appears to be on solid ground by virtue of his own common sense. This has shown up well in contrast to the somewhat emotional attitude of some of his associates who seem to disdain the dreary problems of the present in favor of grandiose schemes for the future.

An example was provided after his election in the Columbia riding when he earnestly said that "we in Social Credit will do our best to warrant the confidence of the people." This is the kind of public utterance that is all too rare among the proclamations of the present government leaders who appear to suffer from slightly enlarged ambitions.

Of those afflicted with this malady, none is more obvious than Premier Bennett himself. In view of the fact that he has not yet proved Social Credit can efficiently govern B.C., it is extraordinary that he should now be making high-flown pronouncements about the party's march into Ottawa. For most of those who feel the province still lacks leadership, that sort of approach is altogether too fast.

A further clue to the Attorney-General's ability lies in his easy election victory over two strong opponents. One of these was George Keenleyside, a popular man in the riding who was considered by many to have an easy chance against an outsider like Mr. Bonner. It can be deduced from this that the new cabinet minister must have some appeal as a bright young lawyer who speaks a language that everyone can understand.

It is our opinion that we are going to see and hear a lot of Mr. Bonner.

As I See It



by Philpott Elmore

Where Angels Sang

NOT LONG AGO I stood on a hill, maybe the very spot between Jerusalem and Bethlehem where shepherds watched their flocks by night when the heavenly messenger proclaimed the birth of the Saviour, the liberator who came to bring "peace on earth."

As I looked across the valley, to the church which marks the spot where Jesus Christ was born, a strong wave of sadness seeped into my heart. For beside me were Israeli sentries, with machine guns pointed and ready. And on the other side of the No Mans' Land, between us and the holiest places of three religions, were Arab guns, pointing our way. All around us, lay the wreckage of the recent "little" war in which the sons and daughters of Israel held, with UN help, a part of the land which, the Bible tells us, God himself promised to them.

LOOKING back on it, I must confess, the burden of sadness was not so much due to the absence of peace on earth, which the angels had proclaimed on that spot, but because I suddenly, subconsciously remembered Jock.

Maybe it was because the Israeli guide who last year drove me all over the tiny land of Israel was also a Scot—Dave Sinclair—a Jewish boy from Glasgow. Like Jock, my guide had a Scottish burr which clings to his tongue like a Canadian burdock clings to a small boy's stockings.

But for all his burr, little Jock could sing like an angel straight from heaven, in those early years of this century when he used to walk through the deep, clean Ontario snow, from his house to ours.

LIKE every true artist, Jock had a decent respect for his art. He would wait for our entire tribe to assemble. At first he also demanded to know "Where are the sarvints?" Only after arrival of my sisters, whom to the long-time glee of the boys he mistook for "sarvints," would Jock start. Meanwhile, we had to tidy up Jock's runny nose. But when he burst into song you could believe with all your soul the story of the angel near Bethlehem, some nineteen centuries earlier. Jock had fair hair and blue eyes, like a real Sunday-School-card angel. And his voice, when he sang his inevitable "Jerusalem" was something straight from heaven. You were with Jock when "last night as I lay sleeping, I dreamed a dream so fair, I stood in old Jerusalem, beside the temple fair." And you stayed with Jock until, like an angel or night-gale, he reached the heavenly crescendo "It was the new Jerusalem which will not pass away."

LIKE MILLIONS of other boys, from Christian homes, Jock lost his life in the (first of the) world wars. What was one, of that vast, lost host?

Strange, it seemed, that on the very hill where the shivering shepherds heard the "glad tidings of great joy," Jock's song, and Jock's lone fate should cut through my heart like a knife.

But as I looked across the barbed wire to the church on the spot where the Prince of Peace was born, a great question surged through me. "How long, O Lord, how long?"

Luckless Mayor Topples From Greeting Bench

VANCOUVER @—Vancouver's "hard luck" mayor had another bad day but came up smiling.

Welcoming delegates to the Federation of Agriculture annual meeting, Mayor Fred Hume said:

"We can get along without mining, we can get along without lumber and we can get along without fruit. But we can't get along without food."

Some of the delegates laughed, but that wasn't all. The mayor sat down and toppled over backwards. He had pushed his chair over the slightly raised platform.

He blushed and told the audience: "This is 10 a.m., not 10 p.m. . . . everything is strictly normal."

Since he took office two years ago, Mayor Hume has had several accidents, including a broken arm shortly before the 1951 royal tour.

Report From . . .

Parliament Hill

By EDWARD T. APPLEWHAITE, MP (Skeena)

A new session, the seventh of this Parliament, opened on November 20, and again I propose to send these little weekly columns to your newspaper which has, in the past years, so generously donated the space for them.

As I have done in the past, I shall just pick out a few little incidents which perhaps may not have made the Canadian Press despatches, but which I find of interest, and I shall also from time to time express my own opinions—I suppose I should add, "which are not necessarily those of this newspaper."

One of the first things I did after arriving here last week was to look into the situation of the proposed sale of the Dominion Government Telegraph and Telephone Services in Central B.C. I find that a tremendous amount of work has been done during the summer by representatives of the Government, of Canadian National Telegraphs and of the B.C. Telephone Company, arriving at valuations of

existing equipment, foreseeable expansion needed (immediate and future), revenue and expenditure estimates and so forth. Very large sums of money are involved. I was greatly encouraged at the thoroughness with which the whole matter was gone into—but I do not expect any further definite action now. I regret to say, until certain rate applications have been considered by the Board of Transport Commissioners, possibly January.

The great annual meetings which some Liberal Associations have been holding are manifestations of an esprit de corps and a strength of conviction that I am sure are not enjoyed by any other political party in Canada. The important point is that we Liberals have never allowed ourselves to think that merely by winning elections we are achieving our goals. Other parties marvel at the continuing spirit of the Liberal party and at the fresh, vigorous manner in which we as a party approach and solve new problems.

And when it comes to leaders in such men as Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Mr. Duncan MacTavish, O.B.E., Hon. Ralph Campney and Hon. James Sinclair we can take justifiable pride.

Certain private members' bills have already been introduced and so far they are all practically the same as those we had last session. Among the first of them was Stanley Knowles' (CCF) bill to amend the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act to provide for the voluntary and revocable check-off of union dues. As I stated last session I shall vote for this bill.

Fred Larson, Liberal from Kindersley, Saskatchewan, has made one of the best private members' speeches so far in the Debate on the Address. He paid a very sincere tribute to the new members who had moved and seconded the Address. Dealing in a masterly fashion with the Canadian picture as a whole he pointed out that geographically, as he has said before in the House, we are split by miles and miles of area separating the various portions of the country one from the other, and it is very easy for us to drift into a position where we are sectional in our outlook.

He took a good-natured little dig at the Conservatives when he mentioned that in Saskatchewan they recently had a little contest about who was going to run that province, and the party which might form an alternative government at some time in this country was so short of candidates that Larson did not see how it could even feel that it could form an alternative government to the one in power today.

Gordon Graydon, Conservative, interjected that the Liberals were short after it was over too; to which Larson agreed, but pointed out that at least we tried.

FLORADORA!

People live, work and play in the same premises as the hard-living miners of 50 years ago. The Floradora saloon and dance hall, once the liveliest spot in town, now is the Alexandra Hotel and cafe.

The plush seats, hardwood floors and velvet curtains of the Auditorium, once the camp's pride, have been gathering dust. Yet, year-round mining, senior citizens say, would send Dawson speeding back on the map.

Anyone who blatantly declares "there's nothing left up there" may be invited to apologize. It is true there is an aura of the past, but it is also a fact today, that the further passage of time will give a glamor that cannot disappoint.

THE LETTERBOX

SUPPORTS PARKING LAWS

Editor, The Daily News.

Congratulations are in order to you on your recent articles regarding car parking. Not only the newspaper deserves a pat on the back but also the Mayor and city council.

It is about time the car drivers of Prince Rupert realized that we are no longer driving in a village but in a growing city. If they find this half-hour parking on Third Avenue so inconvenient, I suggest they sell their cars and make room for those drivers who are foresighted enough to keep pace with the times.

The writer fully realizes that this half-hour parking could inconvenience certain businesses on Third Avenue with regard to loading and unloading supplies. I feel sure if a driver could not handle his load in the half-hour parking limit, a telephone call to the city hall explaining the circumstances would grant him special permission for the extra 10 or 15 minutes required.

Let's quit knocking what our city fathers are trying to do and try co-operation and constructive criticism for a change; appoint ourselves to the "Prince Rupert Boosters' Club" and see if we can't become eligible for the proposed Good Citizenship award.

CAR DRIVER.

Only 33 of the 125 species of tree in Canada are softwoods, but they comprise over 70 per cent of standing timber.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Senator A. Neil McLean of New Brunswick has two qualities as a legislator which make his performance always vital to close spectators although not always pleasing to the Liberal government which in general he supports.

He is always nothing if not practical. And he is always independently minded, never slavishly partisan.

Those two traits are sufficient to guarantee wide Parliament Hill interest for any project which he may bring forward.

PRICE SUPPORT

At the present time Senator McLean is raising the intriguing question as to whether the federal government should continue agricultural and fishery price support policies indefinitely, or should adopt policies which, while they might involve some initial cost, ultimately would make price supports unnecessary.

He is raising the issue in connection with his one-man crusade to secure an adequate fish-packing plant for the west coast of Newfoundland. The Department of Fisheries has turned him down on his first request. The refusal has just had the effect upon Senator McLean of arousing his fighting qualities.

The senator has pointed out that the federal government is currently spending upwards of \$1,250,000 annually in Newfoundland to support fish prices. He says that the reason this subsidy is necessary is because Newfoundland is selling its fish in Brazil, Cuba, and other Latin-American markets which import it in its lowest-cost form, mostly salt packed and in brine.

As himself the world's largest fish export packer, Senator McLean says that he abandoned these low price markets many years ago in favor of outlets which wanted a superior tinned product. He is confident that if Newfoundland would adopt a policy of processing their fish so as to meet the standards of modern markets they would have no difficulty in selling it at prices which would make any support payments unnecessary.

NEWFOUNDLAND RIGHTS

The Fisheries Department turned down the McLean project on the ground of the expenditure it would entail. The New Brunswick senator, who was a major factor in the campaign to bring the island into Confederation, has an answer for that one. He points out that the per capita debt resting upon the Newfoundlanders before Confederation was \$100. After Confederation it was \$1000.

The fact that the Newfie people have shared this larger per capita debt by joining Confederation gives them a right, in Senator McLean's view to government facilities of a standard available elsewhere in Canada. That includes, he says, a west coast fish processing plant. He's determined to see that the Newfie people get one.

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Final Count Announced In By-Election

GOLDEN, B.C. @—Final count in Monday's Columbia by-election, won by Robert Bonner, attorney-general in British Columbia's Social Credit government, has been announced by Returning Officer W. Lumsden.

Figures are: Mr. Bonner, 1,146; George Keenleyside, Liberal, 445; and Chris Madison, CCF, 390.

Social Credit also took the Monday by-election in Similkameen, the seat going to Finance Minister Einar Gunderson.

Standing in the 48-seat house is: Social Credit 19, CCF 18, Liberal 6, Progressive Conservative 3, Labor 1, vacant 1.

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I have lived in the City of Prince Rupert the past 11 1/2 years, employed as a machinist at the Prince Rupert Drydock and Shipyard during that time.

For the last five years I have been Secretary and Bargaining Agent for the Marine Workers and Boilermakers Industrial Union in Prince Rupert.

If re-elected I will continue my efforts in the best interests of the city ratepayers.

Alderman J. W. Prusky

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