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Yes, British Columbia now stands on the threshold of the greatest era in its history. Gone now are the old quiet days. Arrived are days which offer new challenges and new problems which will have to be measured up as we gear ourselves to the new state of economic affairs.

It is hard to realize the vast influx of population that will be needed. That realization will just have to come upon us as it may. We should certainly be glad that we live in British Columbia—particularly this part of British Columbia—if we can keep up with it all.

One Man's Freedom

TO STEP outside a solitary prison for the first time in 17 months, to breathe free air, to feel the impartial grace of sunlight, to walk and talk in the light of one's own conscience, free from the stealthy shadow of the informer, free from the terror of the midnight arrest and the secret inquisition—this is one man's experience.

But to millions of Americans the importance of Robert A. Vogeler's release lies in his shaky but deeply felt warning that what happened to him in those dreadful months "could happen to anybody."

It could happen to anyone anywhere when the God-given rights of the individual are counted less than the real or pretended security of the state. For here is the essence of the great struggle of our times: the free individual versus the omnipotent police state.

Arthur Kostler has recently been arguing with some persuasiveness that it is foolish to think of today's struggle as between "left" and "right." We have seen hideous totalitarianisms arise on both left and right. We have seen sturdy democracies shift moderately to left or right without losing their essentially democratic character.

The more basic question is whether a nation—whatever the form of its politico-economic institutions—affords even the unpopular or suspect person those legal and moral safeguards which democracy has so painfully built up through the centuries. Nothing is easier than to take these rights for granted. Nothing is more tempting than to trade them for an imagined security in moments of panic.

Hence democracy faces the challenge of the police state both from within and from without. The pitiful figure of Robert Vogeler should stir in his countrymen a renewed fervor of devotion to that freedom of thought which must in time shake even the Iron Curtain—because it tolerates no iron curtains in itself.—Christian Science Monitor.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Ye, being grounded in love . . . may be able to comprehend with all the saints . . . and to know the love of God."—Eph. 3:17.

Blank Mind—Good Sleep

MONTREAL (CP)—The trick of getting a good night's sleep involves leaving your mind a blank—not by counting sheep—says Dr. Norman Viner, an authority on the subject.

Some reasons for lack of sleep are unavoidable, such as money problems, family problems, actual miseries of the day or a guilty conscience.

Another way to miss your beauty sleep and sit up all night is to chase sleep, says Dr. Viner, and a great many people do. Most of the offences against sleep are normal. Only where the lack of it is due to causes such as mental or physical disease does it need to be treated

on medical lines.

If a person has not been impressed by the suggestion of the ill effects of coffee before bedtime, a cup or two will not hurt, he said.

Be careful of sedative drugs, warns Dr. Viner. They may be useful servants, "but often they turn out to be very bad masters." Too many people rely on them until they cannot do without them.

If you want your beauty sleep have a clear conscience and a blank mind—and a comfortable bed.

AID LIGHT KEEPERS

FORT WILLIAM, Ont. (CP)—Tenders have been called for building two lighthouse keepers' dwellings, one on Lamb Island, 70 miles east of here, and another on Manitoulin Island. They will cost a total of \$30,000.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

AT HUNGARY'S BORDERS

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA.—Our first few days in Yugoslavia were cold and wet. But on the Sunday morning, when Col. Ernest Hogarth, Canada's military attache here, was to show us the rich land called Vojvodina, the sun came out warm and cheerful. We drove in the Canadian legation station wagon and took the main, paved road towards Budapest, because I was particularly anxious to see the Hungarian border country.

Col. Hogarth comes from Timmins, Ontario, and has been here three years. He speaks Serbian well, and impressed me as being very much on his job—besides being a most likable, keen young Canadian.

WE DROVE PAST Tito's farm, which used to be the king's. For several hours we feasted our eyes on the lovely, flat valley, lush and rich as any country I know.

Yet even here, last year, nature combined with Yugoslavia's foreign enemies, and half of the crop was ruined by drought.

The people are racially mixed in this part of Yugoslavia—which was annexed from Hungary after the First World War. There are some Slovaks and many Magyars. Many people speak German. All the people (unlike those in Belgrade) looked well-fed and well-clothed. Some of the girls were so attractively dressed, in native costume, that our girls hopped out and took photographs.

The men are the simple peasant types—with not a line in their faces. Some have pink cheeks, like grown-up cherubs. But some wear fierce-looking moustaches.

IN SEVERAL OF THE VILLAGES there were big parades. We were told that these were to commemorate the German attack on Belgrade in 1941. But we saw some very workmanlike civil defense rehearsals going on. From everything I have seen in Yugoslavia, I am sure that no aggressor would ever catch this country napping.

One significant item was a group of boys in their early teens, taking pre-military training, including rifle-shooting. From 12 to 20, every boy is so trained. At age 20, they enter the army.

THE COUNTRY THROUGH which we drove is the zone through which invaders would surely come if this country were attacked from the east. Of course, it is ideal tank country—made to order for a tank attack in force.

But neither in the zone nor anywhere else in Yugoslavia did I see or hear anything which would suggest to me that anybody considers a war imminent, though the Yugoslavs don't take anything for granted.

WE STOPPED FOR A SNACK in a hotel near the Hungarian border. It was full of peasants sipping their beer. This, like all other hotels, is "nationalized." But it did not seem to make any difference in the way the waiters were bustling about. (Incidentally, I notice that they are just as anxious to take tips in these theoretically Communized hotels as they are in the Capitalistic West.)

Later, we came upon a village where a dance was in progress. About 30 girls were on the floor, with maybe 20 boys. The boys wore ordinary western dress, but some of the girls flaunt immense bustling dresses. The girls were young—10 to 16.

These dresses add a certain piquancy to the dance. As the lassie swirls and whirls, the dress whirls, too—the hoops putting real zip into it. So the maidens keep one modest hand rearwards, to keep things under sufficient control. Some of the girls actually needed two hands for those hold-down jobs. In such cases, the lad dances with his two hands on his partner's hips.

WE SAW ONLY TWO COLLECTIVE farms in this lush land—and we saw plenty of good livestock. One Yugoslav breed of hog has near-fur on it, so long-haired its fuzz seems.

We saw more cows in one day than we saw in all Italy; in fact an unsolved mystery about Italy is: what produced the milk we drank for we never saw one cow outdoors?

COUNTRY PEOPLE ARE DIFFERENT from town people everywhere. The country people we have seen in Yugoslavia are also different. In the rich Vojvodina



SIGNS DECLARATION—Senator W. Rupert Davies, president of the Kingston (Ont.) Whig-Standard, assumes his post of High Sheriff of Montgomeryshire, Wales, by signing the declaration. Left is Col. G. R. D. Harrison, Under Sheriff, and on the right is Magistrate E. J. Roberts. (CP PHOTO)

New Supply Of Newsprint

LONDON (CP)—Raw materials which hitherto have gone to waste are to be used to meet Britain's critical shortage of newsprint.

W. J. Curtis-Willson, president of the Newspaper Society, in making this disclosure at the annual meeting of the organization, said a new process had been developed for the production of pulp for newsprint and other kinds of paper. The new source of supply would become available this summer. He did not disclose details.

"It will only be a trickle, but behind the venture are tremendously powerful concerns," Mr. Curtis-Willson said. "And, if as I firmly believe, this trickle of pulp proves that we can make newsprint from raw materials at present untapped, we shall have embarked upon a new era for our newspapers."

He warned that the price of imported newsprint would continue to rise and at £60 (about \$180) a ton many of the smaller newspapers would pass out of existence.

"That is what it means unless we come to their rescue," he added.

SOURCES OF SUPPLY

Referring to world sources of supply, Mr. Curtis-Willson said annual production of newsprint came to about 9,000,000 tons. The United States with a population of some 160,000,000 took two-thirds. The other third was left to the 2,500,000,000 in the rest of the world to share out.

Lord Woolton, chairman of the Conservative party, and principal guest of the society, deplored the current restrictions which had necessitated a drastic cut in the size of British newspapers.

"I do not believe it can be a good thing for the public life of this nation that there should be this severe restriction on the quantity of news now printed," Lord Woolton declared.

"There are some of us, at any rate, who are not very anxious to control you. Some of us think we have had a bellyful of controls."

NO TURNS

PORT ARTHUR, Ont. (CP)—If the Ontario Municipal Board approves, traffic officers will institute a "no turn" regulation at the corner Arthur and Court Streets here May 15 on a trial basis.

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Following recent notification by Burns Lake that it could not accommodate the convention, Quesnel had been considered but now word has been received that that Cariboo town will also be unable to handle it.

W. J. Scott, president of the Associated Boards, has now suggested that the convention be held "in or around" Prince Rupert.

Executive council of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce will consider the matter.

It is possible the use of a coastal liner may be obtained to bring delegates here from the south and provide accommodation for them with a possible side trip to Ketchikan.

CHIGWELL ROW, Essex, England (CP)—Firemen fighting a grass fire here looked enviously at a nearby farm. There farmers were trying to plow land water-logged by recent rains.



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At the end of each week the film is returned to Chalk River for examination. As the nurse handling the needle gets more radiation than the doctor who only has to insert it in the patient, she wears a film bracelet at her wrist as well as at the waist.

Nurses are only permitted to do the actual handling of radium for two-month periods. Then they are put off this work for four months.

At the Dunlap Clinic the needles are kept in a massive lead safe and are filed according to the amount of radium they contain. By operating a dial the nurse can remove the

desired needle. Nurses and doctors wear gloves when handling radium. There is no glove that is able that is not permeable to the rays. Long forceps are used to hold the needles while treatment rooms in lead on little carriers.

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