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Community Chest Needed

EXASPERATION of main street businessmen at the constant demands being made upon them for donations first to one worthy cause and then another in a seemingly constant procession points up again to the necessity of some such thing as a Community Chest being instituted in this city.

Under the Community Chest idea, which operates in the most of cities of Canada, a central committee, often Board of Trade sponsored, is set up which surveys and assesses the various causes that will be requiring financial support through public appeal, approves the amounts that will be required each year, makes a total budget and then proceeds to raise the requisite fund.

The plan is a simple one—to consolidate all the demands and, instead of frequent individual campaigns, to stage one general drive for a large consolidated fund from which allocations will be made to the various needs.

Of course, there may be some exceptions such as the annual Red Cross drive but the general effect will be to permit the people of the community to budget their charitable subscriptions. An important thing, of course, will be to eliminate the many individual drives which are such a nuisance not only to those who are canvassed but to the canvassers themselves.

In other words the whole matter is put on a business-like and really effective basis.

It is quite apparent now that these campaigns are becoming of such frequency that a resistance is being built up and applied.

Another important effect of the Community Chest would also be that canvassing could be so arranged that all the people of the city would be reached and not only the long suffering downtown business houses which are now the constant victims,

There are plenty of people in Prince Rupert, we believe, who are just as able to give and give substantially as are these business people—and in the multiplicity of small drives which we are now enduring many of these are often missed altogether.

An Acceptable Change

CANADIAN National Transportation is to be congratulated on changing its regular twice a week bus run between Prince Rupert and Smithers from night to day.

At the outset when the service was inaugurated, the Daily News suggested that it would be more useful, more comfortable and more popular if it was run by day instead of night.

It is to be noted with satisfaction also that the newly announced service will fit in well with the about to be instituted six days a week train service, the bus running on the off train days of Sunday and Monday.

Hard Work

A FRIEND suggests that the Industrial Revolution added more to the prosperity of the human race than any other event in history.

This is probably true if we confine ourselves to modern history. But we are reminded that thousands of years before the Industrial Revolution, Adam and Eve were turned out of the Garden where they had been living a life of social security; and were told that from then on they would have to work for their living or starve.

It was this harsh-seeming discipline, and the fact that man accepted the situation and went to work, that made it possible for him to survive on the earth; and has given him all the prosperity he ever enjoyed.

Without the strengthening and civilizing effect of hard work man would never have dreamed of an industrial revolution, much less brought one about.

Scripture Passage for Today

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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Answer to Communism

LONDON — The British MP's international conference to promote world government is now running smoothly in the groove.

Perhaps I should say in two grooves, for there are two tracks in the twin evils of our times—war and poverty.

One committee, under Lord Beveridge, is rewriting the resolution on the political side. The general conference is now dealing with poverty, especially in Asia and Africa.

Canada is doing a good, practical job, both in the committee and the general sessions. Mr. Speaker Sparkes of Newfoundland and Senator Byron Horner (Liberal and Conservative respectively), are both on the Beveridge committee.

ROY KNIGHT, CCF MP for Saskatchewan, today made the first public speech by a Canadian at the actual convention. He did a good job, too.

Mr. Knight had an unlucky break in one respect. He followed Leslie Hale, a British Labor MP, who looks like John Bull in the very flesh. They call him the fastest talker and slowest thinker in the British Parliament. But if his type of thinking is slow, then what this old world needs today is a large helping of the same type of slowness.

For in one of the finest speeches I ever heard anywhere, anytime, he showed the conference just how, under peace of world law, the vast sums now wasted on competitive armaments might be diverted to raise human standards of living everywhere, but especially Asia and Africa.

Roy Knight explained that all of the Canadians who had come to this conference were unofficial, but how his parliamentary Conservative and Liberal colleagues were there, too.

BUT he gave the general CCF approach to the question of food surpluses in one country and food scarcities in another. He told of what Canada had done in the past and what he believed she might reasonably be expected to do in future. He explained that the individual farmer could not be expected to make the personal sacrifice entailed in any large-scale plan to transfer food surpluses. But he told how the Canadian nation as a whole could probably be depended upon to contribute substantially on a planned basis of peace with plenty.

Mr. Knight really roused the convention by stating "Communism is an idea which cannot be contained by force or violence, but which can be overcome by a better idea." He went on amid sustained applause from the whole convention to develop the idea that the world government idea was better and stronger than Communism provided. It was linked to something real and practical in the way of raising living standards everywhere, but especially in the most depressed countries.

SIR RICHARD ACLAND introduced the main resolution on a plan to overcome poverty. He made it clear that this plan was far from being "peanuts" or small stuff. Yearly contributions from each country would be at least five times greater than they were in the UNRRA Plan at the end of the Hitler war. But he pointed out that these were a mere fraction of what most countries are now spending on armaments in the mad race which, unless overcome by world law, would destroy us all.

He also dealt most frankly with what some call the "Wall Street nightmare"—what happens to our Western economies when peace breaks out.

Only by some such vast welfare plan as we are now discussing, he said, could Western lands find the outlet for the vast surplus production now being poured into the bottomless belly of the monster of war.

LAST NIGHT on the bus coming home from the big dinner at the Dorchester, Senator Horner introduced me to a fine Scottish lassie. She turned out to be Janet Murray, the Conservative candidate up for election in Dundee.

This morning across the hall I saw her hair next to the newly-arrived tall, dark, handsome young delegate from Yugoslavia.

To me it symbolized what this conference means in drawing the world together.

This conference seems to me to be the forerunner of the peaceful, positive answer to the real world threat of Communism. Till



STRIKE IS OVER—Imperial Tobacco Company workers shoulder Leopold Barrette, president of Montreal Local 234 of the Tobacco Workers International Union, in celebration of the end of their six-week strike. More than 3,700 workers in Montreal, Granby, Quebec, and Hamilton were involved in the walk-out for higher wages and shorter hours. (CP PHOTO)

Timber to Yarn in Canada Celanese Plant

Cellulose From Watson Island to be Made into Finished Product at Edmonton

High alpha cellulose from the Columbia Cellulose plant at Watson Island will be transformed into acetate yarn and staple fibre at Edmonton when the multi-million dollar plant now under construction is completed.

The plant now being constructed by Canadian Chemical Co. Ltd., which like Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd., is an affiliate of Celanese Corporation of America, is scheduled for completion in 18 months and will cost more than \$50 million.

When it is in operation the complete acetate process, from

timber to the finished yarn, will be carried out in Western Canada.

Initial capacity of the Alberta acetate plant will be 25 million pounds of cellulose acetate flake annually. Of this output 15 million pounds will be manufactured into yarn and staple fibre for sale to Canadian textile mills.

The Edmonton development also a petro-chemical section that will consume 75,000 gallons of butane and propane daily in producing a wide variety of chemicals.

Acetate acid and acetone from the petro-chemical unit will be utilized in the cellulose acetate and yarn plants, but many other important chemicals, which are not as present manufactured in Canada, will be made available to industrial users in this country.

"The output of the petro-chemical unit," Harold Blanke, president of the company, said recently, "will include more than sufficient quantities of formaldehyde and pentaerythritol to meet domestic demands, leaving some available for export."

The formaldehyde will supply the plywood glue market in British Columbia, replacing imports of the product from the United States. Pentaerythritol is used in a wide range of air drying and baked finishes on automobiles, stoves, refrigerators and other similar items. The entire Canadian requirements of this material are at present imported.

"Numerous other chemicals will be manufactured at the Edmonton plant, including propylene glycol, used in permanent anti-freeze products, methanol, chief component in non-permanent anti-freeze; acetaldehyde, an ingredient in insecticides; and mixed butanols and isobutanol, used extensively in quick drying paints.

"Plans for the Edmonton plant envisage the development of Canada as a major supplier of cellulose acetate."

McRAE CRITICAL

The same meeting heard Jack McRae M.L.A. for Prince Rupert attack Hon. E. C. Carson, minister of public works, for his policy in regard to road development in north and central British Columbia, particularly the highway between Prince Rupert and Terrace. He criticized the government for catering to Vancouver and pointed out that of 23 Liberals in the Legislature only two were from the Vancouver area whereas there were a solid six in north and central British Columbia. He declared that these six were united in their desire that more should be done for roads in the north, and they would be heard.

Arthur Ash, M.L.A. Saanich, admitted that the time was not too distant when the Liberals would be appealing to the people on their own. He wished to voice protest at statements that were being made by Progressive-Conservative members of the coalition government, "The Liberals." Mr. Ash declared "had always honored the coalition pact" but the same cannot be said of the Conservatives in the past few months. He too criticized statements in particular of Hon. R. C. MacDonald and Minister of Finance Anscomb.

now the Western world has had no real answer to the challenge of Communism. This, many of us think, is it. With it Communism can be contained and eventually converted to Democracy.

ray.. Reflects and Reminisces

"Does daylight saving end this week-end? we enquired this morning, over the telephone, feeling that the party asked would surely know, if anyone would. "I'm not quite sure," came the reply. "Better ring up the Daily News."

SAVED SOMETHING

Anyway it will give a grand feeling coming down to work next Monday morning with all hours extra rest behind your belt and the dawn a little less grey. While daylight is about all we've managed to save this summer, it is possible to become accustomed to what feels like a needless affliction.

Things are picking up. There will shortly be a daily train service. Already there's a daily flight between Prince Rupert and Terrace, and twice a week bus between Prince Rupert and Smithers. And if there was any necessity for a steamship on the Skeena, where there once were many, doubtless that would be forthcoming, as well.

IN DEMAND AT LAST

Old Family Bibles are being rediscovered today, as never before. Each may disclose a birth certificate. And this could forthwith produce forty bucks per month in the shape of a pension. And you don't run away with the notion that this sudden interest in the Book of Life is due the Gospel. Nothing of the sort! It's explained by hard cash and nothing else.

During September 635 families received allowances in British Columbia, where 529 entered other parts of the dominion. And five months of winter just around the corner which may mean nothing to some folk. However they know their own business best. We do ours. Let'er drizzle.

FULL VALUE

More school books have been ruled out of date this fall. So it's been up to the impatient looking head of the house to buy text books that can be contemplated without reproach. A family of any size is a costly business. When we lugged books to school, the same identical volumes served successive kids—as they grew gradually older. It can be honestly said that as long as they held together there were full value given for the money.

In future, the Skeena River highway bus will drive in daytime instead of night and, as a consequence, should double the business. There are few other parts of Canada to match in scenic vistas the miteage between Prince Rupert and Smithers.

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Aluminum's ability to withstand the elements is one of the advantages which make it increasingly popular for walls, roofs and architectural embellishments. An aluminum cornice in Montreal was taken down recently — undamaged after being exposed to the weather since 1895. Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd. (Alcan).



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