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Defending Freedoms

WHAT we Canadians strive for in the existing international crisis is, basically, the defense of our freedoms. To assist in the mobilization of the nation for that defense the federal government is asking for certain emergency powers. Danger lies in the fact that these powers are admittedly difficult to define. The government asks the authority to apply price or other controls and to take any action open to it under actual war conditions except censorship, detention and deportation of persons, and spending of public money without parliamentary approval. The threat to our freedom is that much of this authority would be wielded by orders-in-council rather than by approval of the membership of the House of Commons.

As the history of Ottawa's actions in the recent war established, a government invested with special order-in-council power becomes reluctant to submit its acts to the slow-paced examination of the House.

Recently Dr. J. A. Corry, professor of political science at Queen's University, noted this danger in a speech to the advisory council of the National Liberal Federation and proposed some methods of ensuring the responsibility of our government to Parliament and the people. The main point of Dr. Corry's suggestions was that if Canada is again to suffer order-in-council government, parliamentary committees should be appointed to examine the effects of government orders "on individual rights and freedoms."

Here is a practical suggestion to which members of every Canadian political party might well lend support lest we some day find that in our final battle for the survival of democratic freedoms we have lost more than we have gained.

The Best You've Got

"IF I'D GIVEN my family half the intelligence I gave my business I shouldn't be the lonely, homeless man I am," the divorced corporation president confessed. Like many others he had taken for granted those nearest and dearest to him. He had treated the very essence of his life with hit-or-miss methods which he would never dare to apply to his business.

This all-too-typical story is told in the April Reader's Digest by I. A. R. Wylie who draws the moral that the love and friendship which are the best of life need the best we've got—all the time.

If you want to have and hold love, you've got to watch the little things, says writer Wylie. Love is an exacting task, not made up of occasional glamorous gestures but of a steady self-discipline, a sensitive awareness of what hurts, what pleases. To prove the point, the author cites examples: a famous composer left his wife forever because she drummed on the breakfast table with her fingers; a girl who would have gladly died for her husband lost his affection because she wouldn't powder her nose or keep appointments on time.

Many know from everyday experience that these irritations aren't trivial, and they can sympathize with the woman who told the Reader's Digest author: "I wouldn't care so much if Jim failed me in a crisis, if only he would be pleasant when there wasn't one."

But, someone may ask, shouldn't you be able to put off your best manners at home and rely on those who love you to understand and forgive? The answer offered in the article, "The Best You've Got," is that you do so most unfairly and at your peril. You don't win love with your moods, weaknesses and foibles, and you cannot expect to keep it with them. An explosion of home tantrums nets nothing but the weary job of picking up the pieces. And, whether you realize it or not, there is a little less each time that can be mended.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."—Phil. 4:5.

Building Fine New Residence

Excavations are under way for one of Prince Rupert's finer new homes on Fourth Avenue East in the Armstrong Properties area.

The eight-room residence is being erected by R. C. Hutch for J. T. Harvey, local barrister. It will have a commanding harbor view. Plans provide for modern construction with the latest appointments in residential design.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

BOMBAY REVIEW

BOMBAY, INDIA — After sweating and sweating for several days, during plane trips, I take back my slighting remarks about the dhorthi, the nether garment of the Indian male. I realize now that it is an early form of air conditioning.

While I sat stewing yesterday at Hyderabad I saw one enormous gentleman ever more suitably garbed. He was swathed in what looked like a loose yellow bandage, hung from the shoulders, but with plenty of bare hide showing through. He was a cool customer in more ways than one. They had called the departure of the plane for Delhi, and Mr. Yellow Sheet was Delhi bound. But he and his retinue calmly continued to eat the breakfast which is provided in the plane fare. When an exasperated official protested the corpulent Big Shot shrugged his shoulders, ate a few more mouthfuls, then got up.

IT IS AMUSING AND ENLIGHTENING for a westerner to get the different reaction of the personal-service class here. They are openly appalled and I suspect downright disgusted that a white-haired old man like me should be travelling around India all alone. They just cannot understand anyone from the rich west doing such a thing.

You soon learn here that in this land where labor is so cheap the personal-service people have worked out an elaborate system of compelling anyone better off to "share the wealth." They have an elaborate, but unwritten code, of what is done and what is not done. The room bearer, for instance, would not dream of tidying up the bathroom. The man who tidies up the bathroom is not the same chap as sweeps up the hall.

In fact, every institution like a hotel has so many people around it that you wonder how they possibly all live.

The answer is that they live on a scale which by western standards is bare existence. On about 25 cents per day a poor family can "get-by" very nicely.

WHEN YOU GO TO A NEW town, and the hotel people see you are a foreigner, they greet you like a long-lost friend. You soon find that these people are the fiercest, most furious critics of the new regime in India, and would hail with the greatest delight a return of the British Imperial raj. The many bearers, etc., who served the Americans would be even more glad to see them back in India (I suspect even at the cost of another war). For they frankly tell you the Americans were even better "masters" than the British. By "better" they mean more generous hand-outs.

ONE KEEN YOUNG MAN in Bangalore regaled me for an hour with his tale of woe. He could not say anything bad enough about the present Indian government.

"India government man no good," He went on to explain that whereas in the old days a British official might give jobs to five or six "boys," the new Indian official, holding exactly the same appointment, might hire only two or three.

I asked this chap why he vainly kept on trying to get "bearer's" jobs when there were too few of these to go around? Why did he not seek jobs in factories?

He could get a job in the leather factory tomorrow, he said, at about 40 rupees a month. But to get the job he would have to pay a bribe to the foreman equivalent to about one month's pay. He had no scruples about paying the bribe. But where was he to get 40 rupees bribe money?

I HEAR THE SAME STORY everywhere here, and as I want to give the full picture I think I must mention it.

On the whole, the achievements of this new regime in India are remarkable. But the outcome of the events in India is clouded by a widespread habit of petty graft and personal dishonesty.

We in the west have the occasional very rare experience of attempted short-changing, say at the wicket of a busy movie theatre. Here in India, I am sorry to say, in a single month I have been short changed not

Services in the Church

DIRECTORY

Services in all churches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday School at 12:15 except as shown.

ANGELIC CATHEDRAL
4th Ave. W. at Dunsmuir St.
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Sunday School 2:00 p.m.
Canon Basil S. Procter, B.A., B.D.
Rector (Blue 753)

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5th Ave. E. at Young St.
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(Green 812)

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436 6th Ave. West
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Sunday School 12:15
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C.O.: Capt. W. Poulton
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Sunday School 2:00 p.m.
(Black 269)

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Pastor: E. Solland
(Black 616)

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Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m.
(Blue 427)

REGULAR BAPTIST
629 6th Ave. E.
Pastor: Rev. Leonard A. Thorpe
(Blue 603)

THE LETTERBOX

WANTED—PIECE OF MUSIC

Editor, Daily News:

I have been asked to try and locate a piece of music and have been wondering if any Old Country people could help me find "The Sign of the Cross" that used to be played before every Christmas in England forty years ago much like the Passion Play in other countries. The music wanted is in the last scene and runs something like this:

"Shepherd of Souls that stumble by the way
That shelters all who seek his loving breast."

It seems strange that such music should disappear. It has been searched for in every music store in England, also here, but up to now the search has been unsuccessful.

If any one knows where there is a copy, it would be appreciated if they would contact the Daily News.

MUSIC LOVER

EXPLOITING RENTS

Editor Daily News:

It is a disgrace the way that landlords and landladies are taking advantage of the pulp mill being here. In all my travels this is the first city I have come across where the landlords are so grasping and greedy for money.

I understand that, before the pulp mill came here, Prince Rupert was little more than a fishing village. I will certainly have no regrets in leaving.

You have always wanted Prince Rupert to be on the map. Well, it certainly is right now for its avarice and greed.

On all sides you hear the same exclamation: "Isn't it terrible the high rents we are forced to pay?"

I ask: is that going to benefit your town working such hard-ship on the average working man? Surely there is more to life than grasping the dollar from our fellowman.

When I say hardship, I mean hardship—the true meaning that these people do not understand.

If I feel embittered it is because I am in the same position as a good many others here are. I know what it is to have the better part of my pay check go for rent.

DISGUSTED

George Stewart Kincolith Mayor

George L. Stewart was elected chief councillor for the Kincolith village in elections held there this week.

Other councillors are W. G. Barton, secretary; Abel Stewart, treasurer; W. H. Stevens, Francis Watts and Herbert S. Doolan.

Use Classifieds for Results.

only once but several times. Once, in a post office, the official took my 10 rupees for stamps, did a dozen other jobs before he finally gave them to me, then loudly swore by all the gods that I had never given him any money.

Saturday Sermon

Destroy This Temple

(By Rev. Basil S. Procter, St. Andrews Cathedral)

I do not think that anyone should be under illusions about the position or standing of the Churches of Christ anywhere in the world today. Powerful forces stand opposed or entirely indifferent to the cause of Christ and these are not limited to one hemisphere or to one political or economic ideology. And while it is true that in many parts of Europe and Asia, Christian Churches are being suppressed or subordinated to the State, it is equally true that in the West, few who are important or would like to be important have much time for unqualified Christian allegiance. This is an age when generals plan and launch offensives on Sundays, ministers of state hold their international conferences, captains of industry, labor leaders, educational bigwigs and so on, have much more important things to do for the most part than worship and learn from the God-Man of Nazareth.

For all this, both in East and West, the human leadership and membership of the Christian Churches must accept much blame. They, too, like the people who are passing them by, have been too concerned with themselves in those parts of the world where the heat is really on, is that it matters little what happens to organization, to buildings, to money and to personnel. The enemy is faced with a strange and uncanny strength which comes into evidence when the Church is to all human intent, weakened and disabled. This strength is not a human strength. It is not the stubbornness of the persecuted, but a new song and a new creative energy and spirit. It is the old challenge and prophecy of the Christ, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will build another." It is the new and current evidence of the Meaning of the Resurrection.

When the Church forgets that she is expendable like her Master, the world has means of reminding her that she is worthy of no better treatment than He was.

And the issue of the event over and over again since the first Easter has been the dawn of a new day for the world which He has redeemed, and for the Church which is His Body.

Water System For Kincolith

Kincolith village is on its first step to becoming a "city."

A domestic water system costing in excess of \$20,000 will be installed at once, according to P. Earl Anfield, superintendent of Indian Affairs.

Returning from a tour of inspection with Assistant Superintendent W. B. Bailey, Mr. Anfield was impressed with the new housing that is going on at Kincolith.

An engineer will be arriving to install the pipes and equipment already laid out for the installation of the water system, the source of which will be a dam in the Kincolith Creek, Mr. Anfield said.

Preliminary plans for the decennial census, which will begin May 1, were made by the department officials.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Rivett and son Arnold returned yesterday aboard the Chilcofin after a vacation trip to California.

First Presbyterian Church



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Organists: Mrs. E. J. Smith, John Currie

Sunday, April 1, 1951

Morning Worship—11 o'clock.

Sunday School—12:15

Evening Service—7:30

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536 Sixth Avenue West

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Rev. Lawrence J. Sieber

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

Sermon: "Lead Us Not Into Temptation"

Children: "Spring Will Come"

Junior Choir: "Yield Not to Temptation"

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship

Sermon: "The Unavoidable Christ"

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Quebec to Montreal. A diner, general passenger manager, CNR announced. Following the state reception in Ottawa, the special train will be operated to those cities. On his arrival in Ottawa, French President will be welcomed by the Governor Viscount Alexander, and Minister L. S. St. Laurent will address Parliament in the capital.

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