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Bewildered People

WE DEMOCRATIC people find ourselves bewildered. We are pricked by strange fears. Every man and woman seems, as never before in the history of the world, to feel an individual personal stake in the political restlessness which is making havoc in our peaceful lives, says the Royal Bank monthly letter.

Development of knowledge and the great number of our inventions complicate living. Conditions have been revolutionized for the better, and yet we are not happy. We may not be able to put into words the difficulties we feel, but we do know that life is for most of us a continuous process of getting used to things we hadn't expected.

In all our experiences, we started out with ideals of what should be, but these have developed into frustration and then bewilderment. We find that compromises and adjustments have to be made, and we become confused as we try to keep the changes within the bounds of our principles and culture.

We have made the word "progress" include a whole system of philosophy and politics. The civilization of our century allows the average man to partake lavishly of an abundance of things. He is surrounded by marvellous machines, healing arts, fatherly governments and comforting privileges of all kinds.

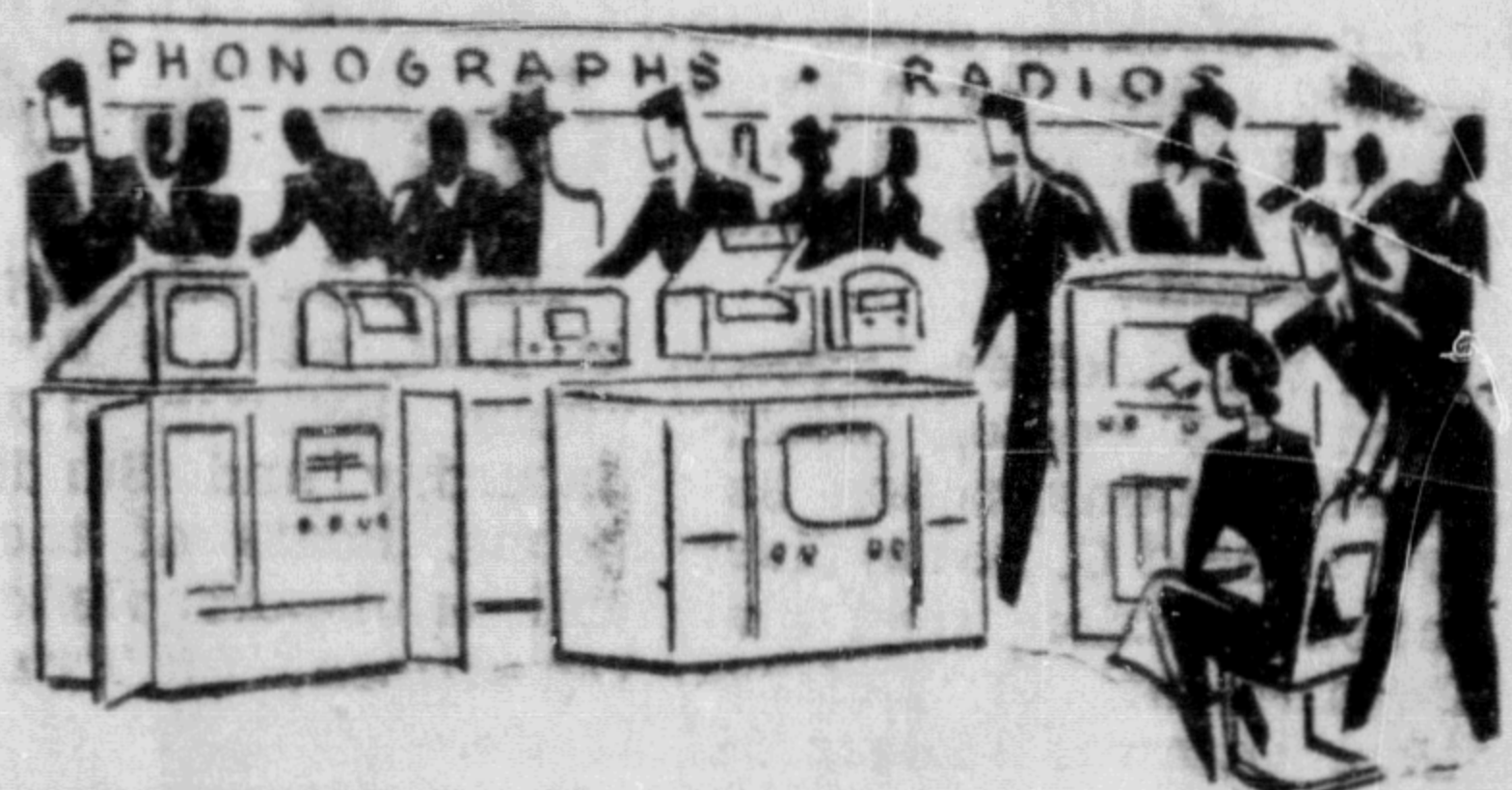
Where is the principle to be found that will appeal to all people? That is likely the most momentous question before us today. Of some things we can be certain, but they are mostly negative: a uniting principle is not to be found in nationalistic movements, political dogma, secular peace programs or economic panaceas. The principle we seek must be ethical and universal, something appealing to the highest moral sense to which people of various cultures have attained. It needs to be strong if it is to overcome the obstacles which social usage and selfish impulses will put in the way of its cultivation.

No signatures on paper and no outward rites can take the place of a true spiritual culture, which is described by Arnold J. Toynbee like this in his Civilization on Trial: "the inward force which alone creates and sustains the outward manifestations of what is called civilization."

Building on such a spiritual base does not mean that man will renounce the activities of life or stunt his natural faculties or scorn science and improvement. On the contrary, as was so eloquently said in the Encyclical Letter of Poper Pius XI in 1929, "He thus ennobles what is merely natural in life and secures for it new strength in the material and temporal order, no less than in the spiritual and eternal."

Scripture Passage for Today

"Let not mercy and truth forsake thee."—Prov. 3:3.



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Reflects and Reminisces

More young Canadians have become more sea conscious in the past 35 years than perhaps in any previous part of the Dominion's history. They have trained to qualify as men of the sea, lived on fighting ships, shared in combat and seen the world. Prior to 1914, few indeed could have said that much.

LET'S HAVE IT

Suspension of a small weekly in Anchorage makes one think of another distant sheet, and wonder if the Dawson News stays as healthy as ever. Born and brought up in the glamor and glow of a vast gold strike, it printed the tale of the Klondike—right on the ground. The News wrote countless yarns, and best of them all should be the story of its own life.

It seems one can be stony broke, half-dressed and half-starved and pretty blanketed blank blank miserable in the South Sea islands. It may all be true, but hundreds of novelists, short story writers and poets must have had a shrewd notion of what the reading public wanted. They craved leisure, love and luxury, and whatever else might be fancied.

USE YOUR TONGUE

A most important part of public speaking training is to gain enough confidence in oneself to be able to get up anywhere to speak one's mind. So said Geoff Hill, at the Junior Chamber banquet. It's valuable advice, and can't be remembered too often. To be tongue-tied, though gifted, leashed and widely experienced is to go through life under a grave handicap. Ability to handle oneself on his feet gives a far-reaching advantage. Many a man is astonished when discovering he can speak.

Seventy-three Sons of Freedom, for the present dwelling in the penitentiary, are eating again. They had been on a hunger strike for five weeks. By that time, not the slightest persuasion was necessary to cause consumption of cups of richly fortified eggnog. The Sons couldn't but admit the stuff was simply fine for a starter.

Canadians who are perhaps not giving much contemplation to finance minister's remarks a month or more ago, are risk-taking being reminded, as time wears along. It is not so simple, or easy to buy a new car, or change for another. Nor will the encouraging of credit continue indefinitely. Most of us know something about prescriptions which are anything but pleasant to taste but often they give you a healthier feeling later on.

THIS TIME IN SKEENA

Suggestions are heard that Canada's park system, vast and beautiful as it is, might well be further diversified. In a land like this the project is not without advocacy. A new out of doors area is merely a matter of time, or as populations grow. Another national playground, this time somewhere along the Skeena River need hardly be urged.

The flag of the Communist People's Republic of China bears the date Aug. 1, 1927, when the Communist revolt started.

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Prairies Need More Rain

WINNIPEG.—Throughout the western crop region, temperatures have been moderate during the past week, with only scattered showers reported from any province, according to the weekly crop report of the department of agriculture of the Canadian National Railways.

Heaviest rains occurred from Radville to Willowbunch in southern Saskatchewan and between Portage la Prairie and Amarant in Manitoba. More rain is required at many points in Manitoba and Saskatchewan to replenish topsoil moisture and to maintain crop prospects at present standards.

No change has occurred in the Okanagan fruit area. Weather has been dry and windy. No damage is reported from any cause.

Are Heading For Kitimat

Norseman flying boat of B.C. Central Airways was here yesterday ferrying to Kemano Bay men who arrived from Vancouver by Canadian Pacific Airlines. Eighteen in all will join the service of Aluminum Co. of Canada.

During the past week some sixty men have been handled through here enroute to Kemano Bay, being transferred by CPA to Central B.C. Airways.

Due to heavy traffic in air passengers, Canadian Pacific Airlines flew an extra early flight from Vancouver, landing here at 11 a.m. Friday. The extra return flight was made in the afternoon, making three in all for the day.

RAT'S STRANGE LOOT

LONDON.—A diamond ring, found in a rat's nest beneath flooring at Woolwich Arsenal, was lost 10 years ago. Arsenal was restored to its owner, N. Vaughan, who still works at the arsenal.

Services in the Church

Saturday Sermon

The Gift of Faith

(By Rev. Basil S. Procter, Canon of St. Andrew's Cathedral)

The gift of Faith is not like the gift of some kind of skill or ability. It is not something that some people can have and other people cannot have. It hasn't anything in common with the ability to distinguish colors or pick out a tune. Those who say they wish they had Faith like some other people have

Faith have a very false idea of the nature of Faith. Faith, of course, means Faith in God and in Christ. It does not mean anything in connection with race-horses, doctors or politicians.

Faith is one of the cardinal virtues, and nobody has these by nature. We are all born and can grow up without them although it is tragic when we do. They are not things which you either have or do not have on account of who your parents were. The three cardinal virtues are Faith, Hope and Charity. If you want any of them badly enough they can be yours. The assurance is that those that seek will find, and to those who knock the door will open. So if you haven't any Faith it is because you have considered so far that you can get along without Faith. People who can learn from nobody's experience but their own often chase for years such will o' the wisps as success, money, parties, the great outdoors and so on . . . all good things in their way, but not as substitutes for God.

So I say to you and to myself on the basis of Divine promise that Faith is mine if I really want it. Hope is mine if I really want it. Charity is mine if I really want it. It really is as simple as that. There aren't any ifs or buts. You don't have to be worthy and you can't be worthy.

anyway . . . any more than you can be worthy of sunshine or water or friendship.

And Faith is essentially a living thing since it is our contact with the Source of All Life. Thus as we receive it are we enabled to march forward on the Eternal Road bound for Great Adventure.

"Friends and Loves we have none Nor rest nor blest abode But the Vision of the City of God At the other end of the road." (Maesfield)

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