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Speech From Throne

THE international situation is in the thoughts and on the lips of every person in more or less degree these anxious days. We are all being affected thereby directly or indirectly and, in the course of the next few months, we will be feeling the impact even more greatly.

It is quite natural, therefore, that the international situation and the "increased danger" of world war together with the steps that must be taken to meet the struggle for world peace and order—whatever form they may take—should be the transcendent factor of the Speech from the Throne which was presented by the Governor General at the opening of Canadian Parliament yesterday. We shall hear as the session proceeds—a lot of it in the budget speech—just what we as individuals are going to have to face in taxes—direct and indirect. We shall also be hearing of restrictions and possible controls that are deemed necessary in our everyday living to provide the funds for defence and to check the trend of inflation.

Canadians, naturally, expect that emergency business and measures will be the principal matters to receive attention at this session.

A Canadian Press dispatch says that "less important measures" such as additional benefits for certain classes of pensioned veterans and war widows, complete revision of the Indian Act and possible constitutional amendments to open the way for a more adequate old age pension system may also be introduced. It is too bad that a world situation has arisen which relegates such matters as these to the "less important" class. However, it is satisfactory that they are not being forgotten for it is important that something should be done about them whether or not there are wars and rumors of wars. Wars may come and wars may go but domestic problems like these will always be before us until they are settled.

Gambling

VERY few people will take the present drive against gambling seriously, because very few people know what constitutes gambling in the eyes of the law and fewer still know why they shouldn't indulge in it.

To the average citizen, it appears that doing certain things in some places is gambling, while doing the same things in other places is lawful amusement.

Bingo in the public square is gambling, but bingo at a carnival is lawful.

Playing poker for money in a dingy basement is gambling; but doing it in your own home or in a swank club is quite legitimate.

Buying lottery tickets through the mail is gambling; but buying tickets from school children for lucky draws at their school is good citizenship.

Betting on the races is gambling; but not if it is done at the race-track and the government is given a rake-off on the price paid.

How many people in Canada today were ever taught the evils of gambling or can give any good reason against it? And how many people have had their first experience of gambling at church socials, or school gatherings, or charity drives?

With all this confusion of thought, or absence of thought, about the gambling evil, it appears that the present drive is premature. It resembles an attempt to put out a fire before locating the seat of it.

If we really want to stamp out gambling, the place to begin is in the homes, the schools and the churches, where the minds of the children are being formed.

If we can raise a generation of citizens who don't believe in gambling and are opposed to it on principle, the job of stamping it out will be greatly simplified. Otherwise we might as well forget it.

Scripture Passage for Today

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."—John 1:14.

DRASTIC TREATMENT
DURBAN, South Africa, (P)—To stop his wife from smoking, an African native named Patrick tried to cut off the two fingers with which she holds a cigarette. The magistrate fined him \$25.

LONG SERVICE
AUCKLAND, N.Z. (P)—Six women employed by the Colonial Ammunition Company here have a combined total of 245 years' service. The eldest, Miss Margaret Barclay, M.B.E., has been with the company 50 years.

Fear of Germany Behind Russia's Foreign Policy

By TOM REEDY

BERLIN (AP)—A foreign diplomat in Berlin tells this story of the days when he was stationed in Moscow:

Joseph Stalin, talking with several envoys of the then friendly governments, commented with a sigh: "Germany is the greatest problem in the world."

One of the diplomats, surprised, said:

"You can't mean that. This is 1947. Germany is beaten and ruined."

"That's the way it appears now," the generalissimo said. "But wait a while. It will not stay that way. Before long Germany again will be our worry."

The official who tells this anecdote prefers to remain unnamed but it can be said he is not prone to exaggerate.

He concludes:

"The entire Soviet policy in Europe is based on the fear of the Germans. Everything they do stems from that. The Kremlin knows how close the German armies brought it to disaster. Just about one more real blow and the Nazis would have destroyed the Communists, probably for all time."

He continues:

"The Russians never indulged much in the so-called denazification after the war. Why not? Because, they think Nazism is Germanism and you can't knock it out of a German. All you can do is forbid it. That's what they do in the East Zone."

"Now they see the moves to rearm West Germans. To them that means rearming Nazis."

For what? Against Communism.

This is why, in this diplomat's opinion, the Soviet arm's official newspaper, 'Taegliche Rundschau', often refers to the German problem as "the most burning question" before the world powers.

Some other foreign diplomats share this reasoning:

1—By pinpointing on Germany, the Kremlin is directing all its guns against rearming the west.

2—By skirting Asiatic questions, the only losers in Korea are the United Nations forces and the numberless Chinese Reds.

These circles are pondering now whether Stalin's fear of Germans in uniform is so great that he would trade Korea and Indo-China for security on his European doorstep.

The picture of the giant Russian bear quivering over the divided, perplexed and embittered Germans appears contradictory on the surface.

But those who share that better point out one curious fact: The Soviets were the first to arm a police force of Germans. They

built this quasi-infantry force quickly in 1949 into a 50,000-man force with light tanks and heavy artillery training. But since that time, Allied intelligence sources say, the figure of 50,000 has remained static.

One conclusion is that the Soviets are yet unwilling to create an effective German military force. Those who think so note that every company of these alert units is sprinkled with watchful Russians.

On the political side in the Soviet zone, the accent is constantly on Soviet-German friendship.

The Soviet troops are barracked away from populous centres. There is a wall between the great bulk of the Russians and the Germans that has been put there by the Soviets themselves.



FRENCH PREMIER—France's Premier Rene Pleven will visit Ottawa this week to confer with Canadian government officials. Mr. Pleven, who met Prime Minister St. Laurent during the latter's recent visit to Paris, will travel to Ottawa after current conferences with U.S. leaders in Washington. (CP PHOTO)

Daily Health Hint

Pneumonia is a communicable disease. No one should enter the sickroom of a pneumonia patient except if he or she is responsible for the care of that patient.



"These feel just right. Do you have a size smaller?"

Protest Coast Freight Hike

Exception was taken by the Prince Rupert Liberal Association, at its annual meeting last night, to the continuing increases in coastal shipping freight rates from Vancouver to northern points and a resolution was passed requesting E. T. Applewhite M.P. to take the matter up with the proper authorities with a view to obtaining redress. It will be especially requested that a basis be established whereby special consideration may be given to carload shipments. (At present the rate is the same whether shipments be large or small). The meeting also suggested that something be done in the way of bringing coastal freight rates under some form of control such as applies to railway freight rates.

The matter was brought up by H. F. Glassey who felt that coastal freight rates were increasing beyond reason and were having a marked effect upon the cost of living.

A. D. Ritchie felt that the position of the shipping companies should be taken into consideration. They were having to meet "terrific" increases in fuel, wages, insurance and large expenditures in meeting new federal fire regulations. He agreed, however, that something should be done in the way of lower rates for carload lots.

BIG PRODUCTION

Gross production of Ontario's forest industries in 1950 was more than \$500,000,000.

Members Want To Hear People

J. D. McRae, MLA for Prince Rupert, told the Prince Rupert Liberal Association at its annual meeting last night that it should meet more frequently and, instead of mulling on the street, people should take matters up with their parliamentary representatives so that they might be kept fully aware of what was wanted.

"Take fuller advantage of your members!" exhorted Mr. McRae. "Send us resolutions! Give us your complaints! That's what we're here for."

The meeting then proceeded to unburden itself on a number of matters.

A. D. Ritchie objected to the suggestion that the government might cut the one cent share the municipalities received from the 3c social service and municipal aid tax. W. D. Smith moved and the meeting adopted a resolution calling upon the government to increase the share it gave the municipalities from the S.S. and M.A. tax.

G. F. Lyons criticized the efficiency of the administration of hospital insurance and had a resolution calling for proper business administration of all government departments. After some objection had been taken on various grounds, the resolution was withdrawn. Mr. Lyons called the system of paying hospital insurance premiums four times instead of once a year "stupid," entailing more office work and routine.

Waste Of Manpower

Restriction of the employment of persons over forty, as is the case in the federal service, and forty-five, in the provincial, was condemned by the Prince Rupert Liberal Association last night and J. D. McRae M.L.A., was asked to lend his support towards having such "discriminating and unjust" restriction removed in the government service and that the government, in making ap-

POPULATION INCREASE
PRETORIA, South Africa.—The statistics office here announced the European population of the Union of South Africa has increased by 611,000, or 10 per cent, in the past 14 years. The total population is 12,320,000, compared with 9,620,000 in 1936.

WOMEN WORKERS
Women comprise one-third of the total industrial workforce in Copenhagen, capital of Denmark. To deny employment to women over 45, declared A. D. Ritchie, constituted the greatest waste of intelligence and experience.

A TEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

Do You Want...

Artificial Ice made available for sports in Prince Rupert?

Would You Favor...

A combination skating and curling rink?
Ice for skating only?
Ice for curling only?

Would You Back Financially

A two-thirds size hockey surface at \$75,000?
A regulation size hockey surface at \$250,000?

(Signed)
NAME

ADDRESS

Mail to Daily News,
Ice Arena Poll

(Postal and Street)
Adult Student
(Please check)

Broadway Cafe

Western Foods

Best Food
Finest Cooking
Hours: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
For take home orders—Phone 200

WALLACE

Pharmacy

PHONE 79

HOURS:

WEEK DAYS:

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

SUNDAYS:

12 Noon to 2 p.m.

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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