

As I See It

by
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MP's Step Ahead

OTTAWA.—After listening to British political leaders for a month or so, I get a little smile sitting in the parliamentary galleries and witnessing our MP's in action.

Feeling I get when I come to Canada is always one of "too bad." Parliament, like the rest of institutions in Canada, is every Canadian-ratner a bit drab, but on the whole dependable and efficient.

This business of the welfare state.

Both sides in Britain both claim the credit for giving it to birth in the first place. They are all for children's services, old age pensions and whole cradle-to-grave social security schemes.

Things no longer say that oppose the principle of things. On the contrary, they say, "Put us in power and we will not only keep your welfare but administer it more efficiently than the Socialists do."

Compare all this with what has quietly happened in Canada. We never did have the free ideological arguments that they had in Britain—the reason, perhaps, that no other political movement has been nationally established in Canada on a basis sufficiently broad to make it a vital, real threat to the old parties.

Nevertheless we too have moved far toward the welfare state. In fact, when you get down to it the only place in Britain is still very far from us in her national scheme.

It seems to me to deserve the major credit for moving steadily in the direction of the welfare state. No fair-minded person would deny the fact that enlightenment has been high up in the Liberal party have actually finished the job of putting into effect many of the measures for which the CCF so faithfully plied.

It was not till I got to Ottawa that I learned any of the details of the government's old age pension scheme. I all knew that everybody was to get the \$40 at age 70 means test. What we did not know was how the pension was to be raised to provide the funds for all this.

The government seems to me to have worked out not too bad a plan for paying the shot. I think the CCF are right to press for payments into the fund under the 2 per cent income tax levy. I can't see any reason why a person making \$30,000 per year should pay more than one making only \$10,000.

This is a relatively minor point which will provide a good starting point in future elections while most people will think that Hon. Paul Martin's plan is a marked step ahead for the country.

It is true, as I have been trying to show for years, that the government is not "giving" anything under this scheme.

It is in fact nothing but a systematic and compulsory savings plan—modified a bit by the principle that the better off should help the worse off.

But it's a fine forward step; and the basis of a scheme which will no doubt be improved as time goes on.

White Race Split Seen For Africa

JOHANNESBURG (CP)—Leaders of South African thought are becoming more and more engrossed by an apparent tendency of the comparatively small white population to split into two opposing camps.

Prime Minister Daniel Malan, speaking recently of relations between the Afrikaners and the English-speaking population of the union, said "nobody will deny that race relations have deteriorated to an alarming extent."

The governor-general, Dr. Ernest Jansen, has also spoken of the trend towards division of the white population, whose total of less than three millions is faced not only by the increasing native population but by a vast native population outside the Union's borders.

"If one were to believe the newspapers and some politicians," said the governor-general, "co-operation is farther off than ever and racialism is rampant. Personally I believe there is far less real race hatred in this country than is often alleged."

Very Rev. Frederick Moore, vicar-general of the Pretoria Anglican diocese, wrote in an Anglican magazine that "iron curtains are beginning to descend between English and Afrikaner-speaking people, between those who support the government and those who do not; and, much more dangerously, between black and white."

Claiming that the government is seeking to entrench itself by means of an anti-democratic republic, which will accord rights only to Nationalist supporters, the rapidly-swelling army of critics sets up a clamor at every move which appears to be directed towards that end. The government and its supporters are not slow to reply.

So far Dr. Malan's policy of Apartheid has not come up to his expectations as an instrument for white racial unity. Aimed at separating South Africa's black races from the white and encouraging their separate development, this policy is viewed by Dr. Malan as "a powerful influence in establishing national unity on the firm basis of common conviction and including both white races."

One step in this policy, the alteration of the voting rights of South Africa's 50,000 colored voters, has had an opposite effect. Legislated earlier this year, the change was made possible by a house ruling that the constitutional entrenchment of colored voting rights was no longer valid.

Opposition MP's sounded the alarm. They pointed out that the constitutional amendment which safeguards the status of English as an official language in South Africa has also fallen away. They stated the ruling means that the South African parliament is free to withdraw official recognition of the English language by a majority of one vote, if it chooses to do so.

Dr. Malan and his ministers have given repeated assurances that they have no intention of interfering with the English language and other rights of the white population.

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English-speaking section and Dr. Malan has repeatedly challenged his opponents to show where such rights have been taken away.

Dr. Malan has said "today, after more than a generation, you cannot enforce bilingualism in any state department without violent reactions on the opposite side, in spite of the clear obligation resting on all South African governments to treat both official languages on a footing of equality."

A speech by the grand president of the Sons of England, H. G. Bailey, illustrates how deeply suspicion has taken root in some quarters.

He said that the Sons of England and all English-speaking South Africans would never allow an isolationist republic, modernized with Hitler techniques, to cause an exodus of English from South Africa. "We will fight for a free and righteous South Africa as long as God gives us strength." He made it clear that he meant a constitutional fight which would be "hard and unrelenting."

Discussing his party's republican aims, Dr. Malan has said that a republic will not be forced on South Africa. It will come only as a result of the clear and unequivocal expression of the people's will and will be based on the principle of equal rights for the two white sections of the population. "It is also not anti-British nor a retreat into isolation," he said.

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once was confined almost entirely to the winter, vacation business has been booming. The associations say that Miami Beach, for instance, had more visitors on July 4 this year than on Washington's birthday, the traditional peak of the winter season.

An unofficial survey of summer business this year gives a good indication of the trend. For the country as a whole, summer resorts had 10 per cent more business than in 1950. But in Florida, formerly regarded only as a winter resort, summer business was up 12½ to 15 per cent.

But what about the weather—wouldn't you roast by going to a winter resort in summer or freeze at a summer resort before or after the regular season?

The association recently compiled the following list of average temperatures of resort areas for the month to six weeks immediately preceding and immediately following the regular season: New England, 65 degrees; the Great Lakes, 66; Pennsylvania, 59; the Gulf Coast, 72; Southern Arizona, 73; and Southern California, 80.

Cape Cod, for example, in early autumn has most of the vacation attractions it had in the summer. The climate at the Great Lakes resorts in late September and October often is at its very best, with the air clear, invigorating and pollen-free. Weather bureau records show Miami Beach's temperature averages only 16 degrees higher in summer than in winter.

And the off-season vacationer isn't merely an asset to the holiday resort. His business benefits the whole community.

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NEW HOCKEY FANS—Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh were all smiles during the National Hockey League game in Montreal Monday night between Montreal Canadiens and New York Rangers, won by the Canadiens 6-1. Mayor Camille Houde (right) accompanied the royal couple to the game. (CP PHOTO)

America Market For NZ Goods

By J. C. GRAHAM
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AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP)—While most of the world's major food-producing countries are tending to reduce exports going to large internal consumption, New Zealand's policy still looks to a steadily increasing export surplus. With this prospect ahead the Dominion is showing growing interest in future markets overseas.

A. P. O'Shea, general secretary of the Federated Farmers of New Zealand, believes the greatest potential market for the country's surplus food products is North America.

"I am certain that New Zealand would always endeavor to see primarily that the people of Britain obtained sufficient food from New Zealand for their requirements," he said in an address. "On the other hand I believe New Zealand can expand her primary production enormously. With these two considerations in mind it is unwise to depend on the United Kingdom to purchase all the supplies of foodstuffs we produce."

"We have had spectacular increases in production. Twenty-five years ago we exported about 5,000,000 carcasses of lamb annually. Now we are exporting about 12,000,000. Twenty-five years ago we exported 60,000 tons of butter. Total the figure is about 140,000 tons."

O'Shea said New Zealand had the ability to produce a further 8,000,000 lamb carcasses and 60,000 tons of butter annually. He did not believe that Britain could absorb that much extra. On the other hand North America had enormous resources and great unexploited wealth. In the exploitation of this natural wealth the people must have an enormous advantage in ability to attain a high standard of living and hence the continent can be regarded as a future market for additional food.

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Still Talk Fight Card

Joe Ward Hopes Nick Schmeling Can Bring More Than Two Fighters

Negotiations are being continued between Joe Ward of Prince Rupert and Nick Schmeling of Prince George for a fight card in Prince Rupert the latter part of November when Mike Ratz, Prince George, would meet Mous Morrison of this city in a headline middleweight event.

November 17 or 24 are being mentioned as possible dates for the card.

As a semi-wind-up event, Chuck Place, another Golden Clover from Prince Rupert, may be matched against Larry Brewer, 135-pounder of Prince George.

However, Ward said yesterday that there might be some difficulty in rounding out a card here if Prince George can only send two fighters and he is awaiting further word from Schmeling on this point.

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