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Too Valuable to Scrap

If we are to get the work of this country done and especially if we are to do the national defence job now necessary, the services of many older and even retired people will be required. We just haven't the manpower in Canada today or in sight to produce as much as we need if we retire everyone at 60 or 65.

Moreover, only a very small percentage of these older citizens in these times of rising prices can afford to be idle even if that were their desire.

Under the circumstances the Federal Government is right in urging private employers to take on older men and women wherever possible. But, as the Ottawa Citizen points out, 'the Government itself could give a lead.'

Instead the Government spurns the services of these people. It is almost impossible for a person even as young as 45 to get a position in the civil service. The authorities argue that employing older people interferes with pension plans. So it does with those of private companies.

Surely pension plans can be rearranged, either to make special provision for older workers joining the staff, or to have them excluded from the plan entirely. These people, in a great many cases, have a real contribution to offer for private or public service.

Experience and accumulated knowledge make them more fitted to hold certain jobs than younger men and women. In jobs requiring long training and long memories a man or woman at 60 or 65 is actually more valuable than when 20 years younger.

To eliminate arbitrarily all older workers from production is a luxury few countries can afford even in normal times. 'Decidedly it is something a growing country like Canada cannot afford and especially cannot afford just now.'

A Legend And Moral

In an editorial appearing in the January issue of 'The Butcher Workman' official publication of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, dealing with anti-Semitism in the United States, the following legend is related:

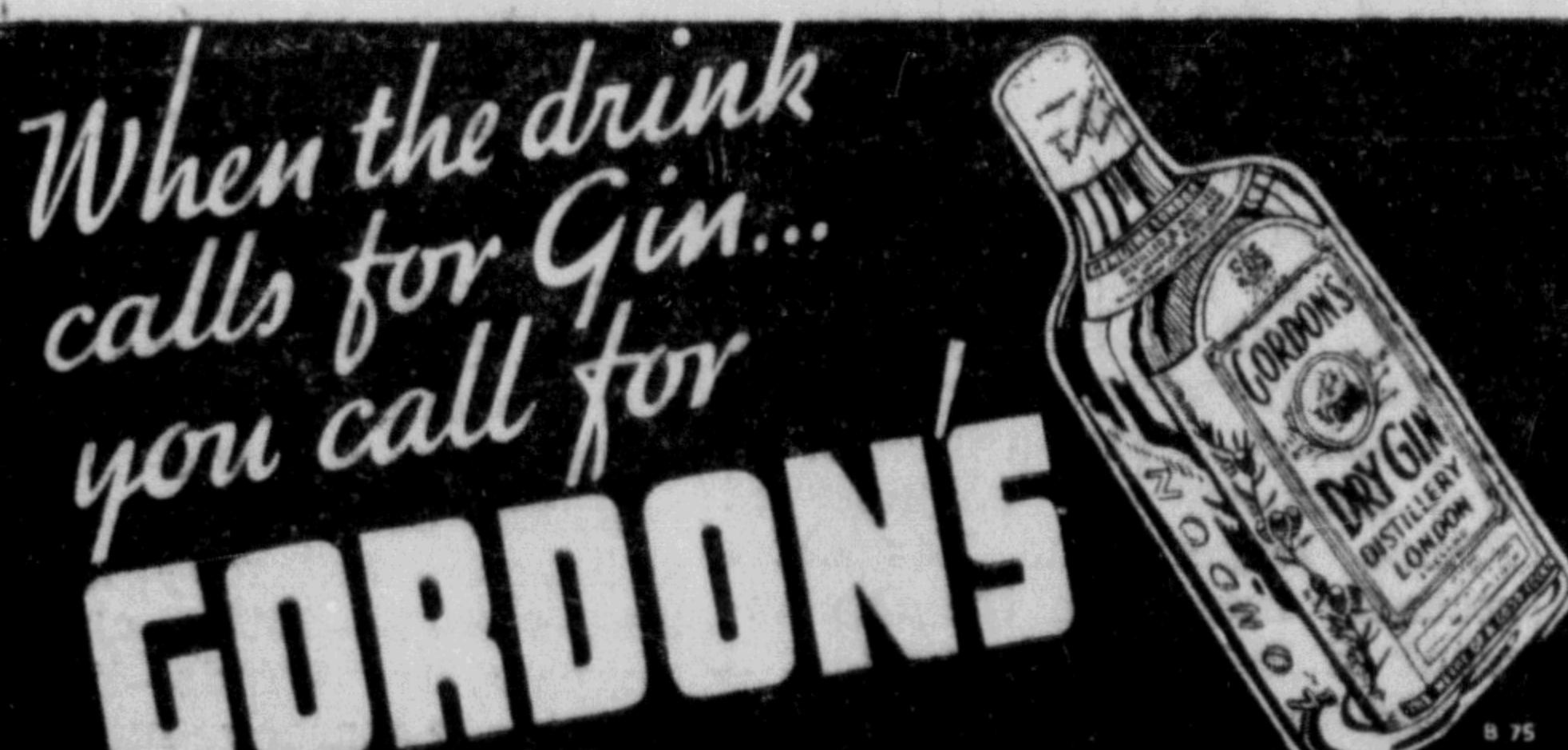
'There is a legend that came out of Germany in the dark days of Jewish persecution under Hitler. A pastor, acting on Nazi orders to purge the Jews from his congregation, said from the pulpit, 'All of you who had Jewish fathers will please leave and never return.' A few worshippers arose and slipped out.'

'Then the pastor said, 'Now all of you who had Jewish mothers please go and do not return.' Again a few of the worshippers left. Then suddenly all those who remained turned pale because they saw the Christ figure on the cross above the altar loose himself. The Savior stepped down upon the altar and vanished from the sanctuary.'

The close relationship between Christianity and Judaism could not be better illustrated than by this legend.

Scripture Passage for Today

'He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.'—Rev. 22:20.



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As I See It



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BANGALORE VISIT

BANGALORE, INDIA
I came to this relatively cool spot in Southern India to see an old friend—Konando Rao of the Servants of India Society.

This is one of the most remarkable organizations in all the world. A few people join it, such as men and women join the Catholic orders in our lands. That is, they dedicate their whole lives to the service of the order.

The Servants of India are few in number but extremely powerful in effect. Unlike their Catholic counterparts, they do not practise celibacy. Mr. Rao, for instance, is married to an American lady. But they do all their work with a minimum of expense, and live on a most modest scale.

I HAD NO SOONER reached my hotel room than a telephone call came from Mr. Rao. Would I like to go to tea, and to hear the Chief Minister speak on the world outlook?

'Certainly.'
Not long afterwards I found myself sitting under an enormous shade tree where it was as cool as it was under the biggest banyan tree in the world—which I had just seen in Madras.

About 70 or 80 men and women ate cookies and drank tea. Then, just when we all thought we were going to hear the Chief Minister, he sent over to me and asked: 'Would I speak in his place?'

Probably those there were a bit disappointed but anyway I gladly told them my little story. How some of us in Canada thought about India—and why even yet we did not believe that a third world war was utterly inevitable.

Granted that two great blocs were now rolling towards each other; and granted that past history shows not a single case of where such an armament race, such as is now on, had ended in anything but war. But there was also a new factor in operation. That factor was that there was not a single country on earth that was sure of what its own people would do in event of another world war. India was a mighty base from which might go forth a new kind of force which would halt the drive toward war.

I tried to make the point—that just as Gandhi had demonstrated a new kind of force against which the more familiar kind of physical force was of no avail, so in the international field India might apply the same principle. Anyway, it might be worth trying.

As the particular society was devoted to harmonizing different races and religions, I told a bit of our experience in Canada. I quoted Andre Siegfried that in Canada what we had achieved, after about two centuries of trying to get the French and English to live together, was 'modus vivendi, without cordiality.' But I said that while neither French nor English really relished the two-culture nation, we disliked it a little less with each passing year. I figured that in another 20 years or so we might actually achieve 'vivendi WITH cordiality' instead of modus vivendi, without it.

A HINDU OPENED THE meeting with a prayer and a Christian missionary closed it. I figure they must be gluttons for punishment in these parts, for they have asked me to speak on the world scene at greater length again this very afternoon.

BANGALORE IS MORE plainly marked by evidences of British influence than other spots I have visited so far. For instance, in dress, in Madras, everybody wears as few clothes as possible.

Here I noticed that all the men at the meeting yesterday wore European-style jackets.

I am shedding garments in every direction. Have just bought myself two pairs of shorts. Also—sorry, family, sorry—have had to have my slacks let out as 'closing the gap' is becoming as big a problem with me as it is for India.

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Looking up mileages equivalent, say, Toronto to Montreal,

To Improve City Parks

Roosevelt Cairn Surroundings To Be Beautified—\$4500 Asked by Board

The three-man parks board—Prince Rupert's first—will try to touch the city's finances for \$4500, they decided at last night's meeting.

This amount was given as an 'absolute minimum' if city parks 'are to see any improvement in the future.' Immediate expenditure deemed necessary by the board was about \$3300. Balance would be held in reserve.

The board approved hiring a supervisor for the Gyro swimming pool in McClymont Park for the summer months at \$600. Extra washrooms will be installed near the pool at estimated cost of \$800.

A parks supervisor will be employed for five months and applications will be received immediately. Salary is to be negotiated with the board.

ROOSEVELT PARK
At an estimated cost of \$1200 a one-room building, 18 by 25 feet, will be moved to Roosevelt Park to be made into living quarters and, by means of partitions at one end, will leave room for public toilets.

Applications will be received by the board from those desiring the one-room accommodation rent-free, in lieu of minor supervision duties of the park. Board will supply light, water and fuel, and will give permission to tenant for operation of a concession.

Outlet valve of the swimming pool is to be repaired at a cost of \$300.

'In the past city parks have progressively become worse,' said Pat Forman, arguing for the estimates. 'Last year we spent under \$3000. It wasn't enough.'

Ald. George Casey, chairman of the board, advised the committee to go slow in spending money, of which they had so little. It should not ask for too much because 'you won't get it.'

'If we don't ask for it we won't get it, that's sure,' said Art Murray. 'We have everything here to make adequate parks. Other cities have them. Why shouldn't we?'

And if the money wasn't available for park improvement, 'why have a parks board at all?' he asked.

Beautifying of Roosevelt Park will begin with immediate landscaping of an area around the cairn, erected by the city several years ago in honor of the man after whom the park was named.

'Nothing has been done there. The cairn is overgrown and the whole area looks shoddy,' Mr. Murray said. 'As soon as possible steps should be taken for landscaping and fencing off an area around the cairn.'

The city engineer will be asked to draw up plans for an initial survey. Money for the work will come from the park fund reserve of which there is now \$5000, Ald. Casey said.

C. Herry left on Wednesday's plane for a trip to Vancouver.

A Vienna specialist, now employed with the Indian Department and recently here from the Hazelton agency, Dr. L. M. Markin, returns today from a medical patrol in the Port Simpson district. Dr. Markin is a woman surgeon and eye specialist with the department at Miller Bay.

I find this one: Ahmedabad to Jaipur, 327 miles, single fare, 72 rupees. At 4.45 rupees to the Canadian dollar, that works out at a pretty reasonable rate. Bombay to Calcutta is 1035 miles and costs 220 rupees.

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It is the democratic privilege of the people in this country to express their opinions and views on matters which concern their community and country. Through the column, a new feature of the Daily News, the people of Prince Rupert will be given the right by answering a direct question to exercise this question.

Question of the day:
"SHOULD JAY-WALKING IN PRINCE RUPERT BE PROHIBITED?"

Answers:
MRS. THEODORE NELSON, 855 First Avenue West: 'Yes, I think it should be although I don't often myself. If offenders are caught I think they should be given a warning the first time and fined the second time.'

ARNOLD JONASEN, 13, 365 Eleventh Avenue East: 'It should be stopped I guess. I drive a bike and often nearly run into people who step on the street from behind cars. And I would like to ask a question: How much right has a bike on the street? Why should car drivers knock over my bike when I park it at the curb?'

MRS. FLORENCE SMITH, 646 Fulton Street: 'I think it should be prohibited but there should be a law, too, to have motorists stop at intersections when pedestrians are crossing.'

MRS. J. F. BUTLER, 445 Seventh Avenue East: 'Why, I do it

THE LETTERBOX

FIREMEN'S POSITION

Editor,

Daily News,
Regarding the wage negotiations between the city and the Prince Rupert Fire Fighters Association, yesterday's Daily News reports Mayor G. A. Rudenham as follows: 'The city raised its offer from eight to ten per cent to meet half-way the demand of 12 per cent. . . . The firemen refused and have applied for a conciliation hearing. We consider this report erroneous and definitely misleading.'

The firemen's original demand was for wages equal to those of the Vancouver Fire Department with an increase of 20 per cent. The city's final offer previous to our application for a provincial conciliation officer was eight per cent.

R. Forgie, the conciliation officer, met with the city wage committee on the evening of his arrival and obtained a new city offer of ten per cent. The firemen's bargaining committee

all the time but I guess it's dangerous advice. I think it should be stopped and punished by a fine. I'd better mend my ways.'

ALFRED SCHULTZ, Fraser Street: 'It might be hard to do here, unless they have the police on the streets pretty steady and have a lot of signs up. And they should mark the streets where people can cross. Yes, I think jay-walking should not be allowed.'

SHIRLEY SMITH, 216 Ninth Avenue West: 'I don't know. It would be pretty hard to stop it here because of the way the streets are laid out. There aren't many defined intersections where most of the traffic is found.'

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then met the city wage committee, with the conciliation officer presiding, and reduced their demands to only the amount of increase granted to the Vancouver firemen this year: when was \$30 or about 12.8 per cent of our salary, plus other consideration which would amount to about two per cent. This offer was rejected by the city.

The following morning the firemen's negotiating committee called a special meeting of its members and, in a final effort to bring negotiations to a successful conclusion, dropped the two per cent concessions requested and offered to settle for a minimum of 12.76 per cent on wages.

This compromise offer was also rejected by the city so the firemen again found it necessary to apply for the

International Association of Fire Fighters Local No. 500

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