

The Letter Box

SEES SUGGESTION ABSURD

Editor, Daily News:—
One can not conceive of anything more ridiculous or absurd, than the multitude of childish reasons advanced in the past two years by apologists of capitalism for the world industrial depression. And our local professional man's version that it was due to the labor government of Britain is in my opinion adding insult to injury. The so-called labor government was a minority in Parliament, checkmated on all sides by old traditional party members who are and have been the pillars of capitalism since its dawn, hence the labor government in itself was incapable of passing a single piece of legislation good or bad without the consent and approval of one or a portion of both of the old parties.

It is not necessary to be a world economist to know that. While I do not wish to insult the intelligence of your readers by assuming to tell them the cause of the depression, still there are a few economic factors that are known to us all that I think had a far greater influence on industrial stagnation than all the governments in the world.

Let us understand that world industrial activity is governed by economic determination, not by prime ministers or finance ministers. A Snowden, Mellon or Bennett budget has no effect on this universal law. But the law is governor of them all. This law is neither kind nor cruel, neither weeps nor rejoices, but commands attention and respect from all governments and all people. Hence human society has but one course to pursue. Comply or perish.

Capitalism, like all preceding economic systems has fulfilled its historic mission, and like all previous systems has nourished within itself the kernel of its own destruction. Britain's national government of today can no more ignore or defy present economic requirements than a mouse can defy a cat and live even though MacDonald, Baldwin, Snowden and Churchill are teamed together. It is not impossible for them to comply. But it is impossible for them to defy and feed the people.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor,
G. B. CASEY.

REPORT INCORRECT

Editor, Daily News:—
In publishing the evidence given at the inquest held at Terrace recently, I note that I am reported to have said that Mrs. Little was with me when certain discoveries were made about the ruins.

As this statement was not made by me nor is in accordance with the facts I would thank you to make the correction, which could have and should have been correctly given by your reporter.

I am, yours truly,
E. T. KENNEY.

Terrace, B.C.

SOVIET IS EASING UP

Stringent Luxury Edict of Russian Government is Being Modified

MOSCOW, Nov. 6—After having demanded the greatest material sacrifices from its people so as to concentrate on its agricultural and industrial program, the Soviet Government is beginning to relax the stringent measures invoked to drain the utmost in resources from the nation.

Closely following the widespread rumors that food rationing was to be abolished soon, government leaders in speeches during recent weeks have openly committed the nation to a policy of higher living standards for the masses.

It has been emphasized, however, that this will mean no let up in the economic "war" now being waged on all fronts to develop the country industrially and agriculturally. It is taken for granted that modifications in the hardships now enforced would be insisted by confidence that the five-year plan in general will be more than fulfilled.

From recent official speeches and published comment the impression has become general that leaders of the Soviet now feel that, at the present rate of progress, the country can afford to pay more attention to the human phase involved without detracting from the work of industry.

Morale of Workers

Furthermore indications are that the Russian leaders recognize the value of strengthening by such means the morale of citizen-workers

for the task ahead, the difficulties of which no one attempts to minimize.

From the outset of the five-year plan the people were called upon to subordinate material comforts and sometimes actual necessities to the economic development of the nation in order that the Soviet Union might be reasonably independent of other countries.

The output of "light" industry,

from which comes various commodities for home consumption such as foodstuffs and clothing, has been held to the minimum that maximum energy might be directed toward building up the "heavy" or basic industry.

Government leaders frankly admitted that only by this means could Russia hope to become a self-contained country and thus overtake advanced capitalist nations

from the industrial standpoint within ten years. The effect of this was the adoption of food rationing and the restriction of housing space in large centres to extremely limited accommodations.

The softening of this policy was first noticed several months ago when restrictions on the purchase of certain forms of merchandise were partially lifted. This was the initial step in what was evidently

intended to be the gradual betterment of living conditions all around.

SEAPLANE DEPARTS

The Gypsy Moth seaplane of the Northern B. C. Airways, piloted

by Desmond Murphy and with O. Rollag, air engineer, going as far as Stewart left at 1:30 p.m. today for Stewart whence it will await an improvement of weather conditions before flying north from there to Echo Lake on the Government Telegraphers line to bring out Operator Robert Quinn, who is seriously ill.

The weather was far from favorable at Stewart this morning for flying but it was thought advis-

able to have the plane there and ready to take advantage of the first improvement in conditions. There were indications of improvement this morning.

MANY PARTS IN AIRSHIP
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HORRIFIED

she studied this strange child's features!

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