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Tells About Russia Today

Dr. Durant Gives Interesting Lecture in Vancouver as Result of First-Hand Knowledge

VANCOUVER, Feb. 7.—"If I could have come back from Russia and told the American people that it was a paradise I would have been the idol of every woman's club in the country, and should have had vast audiences everywhere. Hindus himself told me that there is hardly a city in American which would not welcome the story of Soviet success rather than the story of misery, despotism and sadness that exists there."

This was one of a number of statements at the commencement of Dr. Will Durant's address on "Russia As I Saw It," at the Vancouver Theatre, which aroused a small section of the audience to pronounced opposition, and heckling. That audience, over which R. J. Cromie presided, filled every seat in the house.

It was while the lecturer (whose wife is a Russian immigrant) was describing the tragedy of starvation, poverty and misery which he and his wife found when they visited the first considerable Russian city, Omsk, that the interruptions from the gallery became so vocal that Dr. Durant, during a momentary silence, said:

"I had presumed when I came here that Vancouver was a city which has inherited the British traditions of courtesy to a speaker."

"I have promised you twenty minutes at the finish, when you can ask me any questions, and when any Communist among you can occupy the platform if he likes. Let me assure any Communists in the audience that no man can sympathize more than I do with them, because I have suffered the disillusionment of having been taken to Russia."

This answer was greeted with a voice from the gallery: "Go on with your miseries." "All right," commented Dr. Durant, as he resumed his seat. "If that is your attitude of mind it will be useless for me to attempt to do what I have been brought here to do—give you my impressions of Russia as I found it."

A Challenge

But this was the final interruption, and the audience gave the speaker a huge round of applause as he stood up again. From then on he was given a very good hearing. As he resumed he said: "I feel that our system is leading us into as great a tragedy as that of Russia. God knows if they could show us a way out we would accept it."

Dr. Durant did not paint the whole of the great Russian experiment in sombre colors. Some things that the Soviet had done, he said, in the midst of all the terrorism and tragedy that prevailed there were of permanent value.

Some Benefits

It was the first great attempt in the socialization of agriculture. It might be described above all else as an industrial revolution. "It has brought a certain unity and peace to the many warring nation within the great Russian zone. It has brought education to a people traditionally untutored and industrial discipline to a people naturally lazy."

It was producing a new generation which might be unlike anything the world had ever seen. He was strongly in favor of the recognition of the present Soviet government by his own country despite the fact that that government was the most vicious and tyrannical government on earth today, because such recognition would enable the American people

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to break down some of the barriers that isolated them intellectually. Among other points which Dr. Durant made were the following:

Deportations

"There have been more deportations to Siberia in any month under the present regime than there have been in the history of Russia since the time of Ivan the Terrible."

"Stalin, a man of admitted courage and astounding will power, has destroyed all the elements of capitalism which Lenin had introduced with such beneficial results during the closing period of his regime and he has done this in face of the disaster and starvation which has accompanied the change, and in the face of repeated appeals from committees who have waited upon him from all over the country."

At Gun Point

"Wherever I went in Russia the military had complete control. All the grain is taken from the peasantry at the point of the gun. Conscription such as is unknown in any other country is in force in Russia, and there is compulsory military training in all the schools."

"One of the greatest tragedies in Russia is that there are no alternatives." Until within the last two months no Russian could leave Russia, and the new regulation which enabled him to get out by the payment of the equivalent of \$250 could not really make any difference, because such a sum represented a fabulous amount to the average Russian."

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Montreal Having Medical Session Of Great Import

American College of Physicians Meets in Canada to Discuss New Discoveries and Beliefs

MONTREAL, Feb. 7.—The year's accomplishments in the field of medical science is being reviewed at the annual clinical session of the American College of Physicians assembled on Canadian soil for the first time and opening yesterday.

A thread of physiology both normal and pathological runs through most of the papers, indicative of the increasing importance physiological studies are taking in medical work. The physiological activity of the cell is presented from both a theoretical and practical standpoint while the difference in chemical constitution favorable to various diseases and the manner in which diseases may be influenced by altering body chemistry will be discussed thoroughly.

The John Phillips Memorial Prize Oration was given last night by Dr. William B. Castle of Boston for his series of studies showing the relationship of gastric digestion to the pathogenesis of anemia, the demonstration of the role of extrinsic factors in hematopeiosis, and finally in the demonstration that the extrinsic factor in pernicious anemia can be obtained from yeast as well as meat, suggesting that it is closely related to Vitamin B.

The prize will be presented to Dr. Castle at the Convocation of the College tomorrow night. At the Convocation Sir Andrew Macphail, professor of the history of medicine at McGill University, will deliver an address on "The Source of Modern Medicine."

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The Charlie Chase comedy was cleverly funny, so different from the ordinary run of short comedies. It seemed almost a pity to have two comedies so good on the same program.

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