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Vancouver Again

Victoria is terribly worried over the fact that Vancouver has been stealing part of her bank clearings. It seems that checks of \$5,000 or over passing through Victoria banks are not credited to Victoria but to Vancouver as a matter of banking policy, thus robbing the capital city of about one half of its clearings, so far as the published results are concerned.

We can sympathize with Victoria. She is in competition with a monster that absorbs everything it touches. It absorbed the general offices of our railway and continues to take everything it sees or happens to hear about. Even our ideas are absorbed and promulgated as theirs. Much of our population has been stolen. It tried to get our dry dock and we have grave fears that some day it will ask for the inclusion of this progressive city within its municipal boundaries.

Cheering News

Victoria today is providing us with another editorial paragraph. The following is from the typewriter of British Columbia's most outstanding writer in the person of Bruce Hutchison of Saanich:

"A headline in this paper suggests that a provincial election may be held in the visible future. This will be cheering. We shall get very excited about the provincial election in British Columbia. Passions will be inflamed. Promises will be made, hopes raised, high principles stated. There will be pointings-with-pride and viewings-with-alarm. There will be rushings hither and thither across the country, marches into the interior of the province and back again, predictions of victory from every party in the field, denunciations of everyone.

"Meanwhile Europe will be passing from one crisis to another. The Orient will be in upheaval. Britain will be arming as fast as it can. Russia will be shooting conspirators. Japan will be in ferment. The United States will be in the group of labor war. Our civilization will be in travail. But still we shall get excited about our provincial election. It will look to us like the most important thing in the world. How wise was nature in building man in his present form so that he can always divorce himself from everything of real importance. He can keep his eyes off the universe by worrying over the affairs of a small planet. He can keep his eyes off the planet by worrying about the affairs of a province. He can keep his mind off everything by worrying about the weather. We should be thankful for these small worries.

The Letter Box

BELIEVES IN NO WAR MACHINE

Editor, Daily News:—
In regard to your editorial of February 2, "Canadian Defence." The question of defence in Canada is one of great importance to all Canadians and needs their deep consideration. The stand taken by the C. C. F. is worthy of the approval of every peaceful-minded Canadian and he need not be a Communist. The reason why the C. C. F.'s policy is correct is that first of all the C. C. F. is the representative opinion of the peace policy of members of the working class and that it recognizes the character of war. Secondly it understands its detrimental effect on the progress of human society. Thirdly, that wars are beneficial only to the trusts, bankers, financial monopolists and armament firms.

This should be enough to fight against it and much less allow the government to prepare for war.

The fundamental principles of war are first and foremost the acquisition of territorial rights to create new markets. That is war of one nation against another to submit them to their dictates so they can make profits.

Wars are a necessity to capitalism. They are its lifeblood along the profit motive. Capitalism, in order to live must expand, that is, with the basis of capitalist society it must find a place where it can make more money and consequently more profits. It must find a market for its surplus goods cannot be sold at home.

Trade routes are an example of what wars are fought for—empires, slaves and what have you. The whole world is staring us in the face of what wars are fought for.

The burden of wars is borne by the majority of the population of any country—the working people in general and not by those who seek it, who prepare for it or benefit by it.

The Canadian people are still paying 75c out of every dollar in taxes for the last war and I am sure they don't want to finance another.

Mr. Editor, you are not speaking

for the Canadian people when you say that British people will not support the C. C. F. but Mr. King. Ask the 33,000 ex-service men in Canada today that are unemployed and see if they want the government to prepare for another war. Ask the peaceful Canadian citizens if they are prepared to help Mr. King with his armament plan. The answer is in Canada the same as the answer given by the British people in England when asked on a peace ballot taken not so long ago. "No wars" was the reply.

Who made good, Mr. Editor, on the last war? Was it those who went into the front lines or those making clothes for soldiers or the farmers? Or was it the Morgans, Rochfellers, Holts, Vickers, Armstrongs, Krupps, etc., etc.?

Yes, the step taken by the C. C. F. is a correct one. They represent the Canadian working people.

The best defence against war is no war machine.

And as for Russia, one only has to read and study the speeches made by the Soviet representative at the League of Nations in Geneva, Maxim Litvinoff, and it will give you the answer as to whether she wants war or not.

Russia was the only nation ever to demand total disarmament on several occasions at the League, but Mr. Editor, what was the reply of your capitalist peace makers? Two of the leading members of the League said it was baby talk and foolish, even fantastic to talk of disarmament. So what, Mr. Editor! So much for Russia!

Wars are the enemies of the British people. The price of peace is not strong defence but no war machine and much better than all that, a government of the C. C. F. and progressive minded people of Canada.

Against the war mongers and a peaceful Canada.

GERALD PATRICK MURPHY.

DEFENDS COMMUNISM

Editor, Daily News:—
I hope you will allow me to correct some very wrong statements in the letter which appeared in Wednesday's Daily News signed Bernhard Treiberg.

He states that the C. L. D. L. organization also gives itself the title Communist Party, Prince Rupert Section. To this I wish to answer that any one looking for journalistic fame must first get real facts and real facts this promising journalist could obtain from us if he cared to come to us for information. The Communist Party has existed in Prince Rupert since 1932. Its aims and purposes cannot be explained in a brief letter of this description but it never called itself Canadian Labor Defence League. It existed without having a hall all these years and now, since the need for a hall is so pressing, we have rented a hall and given no false information to the public.

The members of the Communist Party of Canada are the only ones participating in the work of that party. Members in the C. L. D. L. are not requested to be Communists. They may have any political conviction or no conviction as long as they believe in defending the workers and their interests. Since the C. L. D. L. was established in 1925 it was made clear, that since companies employing workers for profit, had well trained lawyers in their service to sponsor the interests of these companies, it would also be necessary for the workers to have an organization whose specific purpose it was to look after the interests of the workers whenever injustice or discrimination was evident. The C. L. D. L. is still working for the same aims.

The Communist Party stands for Communism a theory which is expressing the thoughts and interests of all workers, yes, all people who are being squeezed to the wall by this system. It is not a doctrine invented by some mysterious wizard for his own aggrandizement. The Communist Party here in Prince Rupert stands for those interests and no others.

Information we have about the writer of the letter mentioned above leads us to think that he has never been a member of either one of these organizations, that he possibly has some grudge towards some individuals of some organization. This, however, should not lead him astray to the extent of giving the public false statements which only can lead to ill feeling among citizens in this city.

A. WALLIN.

SPORT CHAT

The Sons of Norway Lodge will be staging a tournament on Mount Oldfield on the coming Sunday if weather is favorable. There will be cross country races for younger and older men as well as for ladies. A ski jumping competition is also planned.

William J. Alsford, Tottenham Hotspurs' international halfback who joined the club's ground staff when 15, has been transferred to Notts Forest, second division football club.

Just to prove his rightful position at the top of the winning jockeys' list for the season, W. Blizard rode home five winners and placed third in another race in one day in Brisbane, Australia. He didn't place in his seventh attempt.

England's first open-air artificial ice rink was opened recently at Wembley and, if it is successful, the promoters intend to erect others in provincial centres.

Coach Bill Chandler of the Marquette, Milwaukee, basketball team is handling a "melting pot" squad. Forwards Paul Sokody and Glen Adams are Hungarian and British, George Hesik, centre, is Bohemian and guards Erwin Graf and Dave Quabius are German and Norwegian.

Sympathetic To Hospital Plan

The Prince Rupert Gyro Club, at its regular business luncheon yesterday, expressed sympathy for the local new hospital project and reappointed Dr. R. G. Large as its delegate to the financial campaign organization. Other matters of club business were taken up at the meeting including receiving of committee reports.

ALBERNI DUE TOMORROW

The new lighthouse tender Alberni is due here about Friday from Victoria with Capt. Harry Ormiston in command.

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