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EDITORIAL

Vote and Vote "Yes"...

We have been doing what we can to urge a "Yes" vote in the manpower plebiscite on the coming Monday. At the risk of appearing repetitious we make this final appeal to the people of Prince Rupert to give their answer in an overwhelming affirmative.

The ballot paper asks "are you in favor of releasing the government from any obligation arising out of any past commitments restricting the methods of raising men for military service?" In discussion of the referendum however, the question of the plebiscite has assumed much broader implications. While the ballot paper does not say as much, the question implied in the plebiscite has come to be accepted as whether or not Canada is in favor of a total war effort.

We may or may not admire the action of the government in putting the question before the people when it might have taken the necessary action itself but, now it is being asked, there appears to us to be only one way for all loyal Canadians to answer and that answer, we say, is "Yes."

There is reason to believe that there has been strong, if under cover, campaigning for a "No" vote. Possibly, many people have been unwittingly led away from the issue by red herrings and subtle propaganda. Some, of course, may welcome an excuse to vote against a total war effort.

Certainly, those who feel critical of the government and its war effort can by no stretch of the imagination feel that they will be hurting the government by voting "No." Such a vote would only be asking for a continuation of the lethargy and inefficiency with which some accuse the government of so far pursuing the war effort. Those who are critical of the government should be the most keen to put the government "on the spot" by voting affirmative.

There are some who fear that many who would vote "Yes" may be pathetic and just fail to turn out and vote. Those who have not sufficient sense of responsibility to see that they vote on this very important matter are certainly not very estimable citizens in this time of crisis. It would be difficult to understand such crass disinterestedness or indifference—such lack of responsibility of citizenship.

Again let us urge everybody to turn out and vote and for obvious reasons, vote "Yes." Let us in Prince Rupert, who feel that we are doing so much in the war effort, show emphatically by our votes where we stand.

The Horticultural Society...

It is very gratifying to see the Prince Rupert Horticultural Society, in spite of activities and distractions of these busy war days, deciding to carry on—even though its functions may be on a curtailed basis.

Even if the Horticultural Society does nothing more in the meantime than to maintain the community of interest among gardeners, it is well worthwhile for it to keep going. With much community development and transformation, it is all the more important that the gardens should keep pace and in this connection the Horticultural Society can carry out a very important function.

The Horticultural Society has already played a leading part in civic improvement through encouraging activity and interest in gardening. There is even more important work for it to do in the future. Evidently, the members appreciate this deciding to carry on.

MRS. EVE IS PRESIDENT

Plebiscite Rally In Stanley Park

Named Head of Ladies' Music Club
At Annual Meeting This Week
The annual meeting of the

Ladies Music Club was held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. L. McIntosh, Cliffside, Fourth Avenue West, when officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Honorary President, Mrs. R. L. McIntosh.

Honorary Vice-President, Mrs. Shelford Darton.

President, Mrs. W. F. Eve.

First Vice-President, Mrs. E. J. Smith.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. T. A. McWaters.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. W. Martin.

Librarian, Mrs. R. G. Large.

Pianist, Mrs. Thomas Dixon.

Is Ruled Out By Civic Authorities
In Vancouver As Contravening
Regulations

VANCOUVER, April 25.—Civic authorities have ruled out an affirmative manpower plebiscite rally which was to have been held by the United Plebiscite Committee in Stanley Park on Sunday. Such would be in contravention of park regulations, it has been ruled.

MILD ALASKA

The southeast coast of Alaska enjoys mild temperatures even in winter but has a heavy annual rainfall.

Letter Box

"GOTT UND VOLK".

Editor,
Daily News:
A certain book under the above title is published and distributed among the people of Germany in large and repeated editions. The purpose of the book is to make clear to the people the new relation between Nazism and Christianity. It is not known if the book is published by the Nazi leaders as such. It is plain, however, that the publication and large distribution of the book have the support of the Nazi leaders.

The undersigned has made translation of a few very striking and telling statements found in the book. The statements are pointed and appear with the precision and definiteness of the New Order:

"We Germans are the first to be called by fate to break with Christianity. The church has had time to begin the amalgamation of mankind into one higher and purer and constantly rising race. A thousand ties bind us to the Christian Church. But, one stroke shall set us free.—To make the Germans strong and ripe for this stroke is now our most holy aim.

"Wherever there is fighting for the German soul, there also are two lines of battle. These battle lines are clear: One is called 'The Christian Church'—the other is called 'Germany'.—There is no third line. And there is no compromise.

"We are those who attack. The front of the Cross has one strong wing and one weak wing. The strong wing is Roman Catholicism. The weak wing is Protestantism.—We fight both.

"We do not intend to tear down the cathedrals. We will fill them with a new spirit. The suffering, agony-twisted image of the Crucified shall disappear. Our heroes shall carry the sword in hand, instead of the cross on the back.

"Regarding baptism and confirmation, we declare: We will adopt the newborn children into the National communion—not as Catholics not as Protestants, but as Germans.

"Regarding marriage: In the future there will be only one German marriage rite. That will not take place in the name of the church.

"Regarding the Bible: Take the Old Testament and burn it in the Holy Places. —(The Church) — Thank God for the Fuehrer.

"Regarding civilization: The age of the Christian civilization is at an end. Only German civilization has significance from now on.

"We are Germans, therefore can not be Christians. The Germans have had two loyalties, one earthly and one heavenly. As long as a German has two masters, he can not find the way to eternity. From now on a German has only one—the Fuehrer, not the Savior.

"Regarding education of the children and the young: Each day and hour that our youth spend in church are lost. We have as our aim to instruct the young how to tear the Christian faith out of their hearts. Only Germany has room there.

"How do we intend to instruct our children? Only as if they had never heard of Christianity."

No commentary to the statement is necessary. What Nazism is doing in Norway these days proves conclusively that the ideologies enunciated in the book mentioned are definitely and brutally put into practice.

J. H. MYRWANG.

LEGION AND PLEBISCITE

Editor,
Daily News:
The Canadian Legion does not agree that the forthcoming plebiscite is necessary but the government of Canada has decided there shall be one and the Legion is working for and voting "yes" 100 percent.

So far as the Legion is concerned in the plebiscite, we are not interested in party politics but are profoundly concerned about winning this war.

In October 1941 the Dominion Command of the Legion got out a program for "Total War" and urged the government to accept it. Some of its features have been acted upon but the whole program cannot become operative unless a "yes" vote prevails.

Contrary to what some people think, voting "yes" is neither an endorsement nor condemnation of Mr. Mackenzie King but a means of saving ourselves from destruction. If we are to win this war,

we do not mean winning the war for Winston Churchill or Mackenzie King, but for ourselves. To preserve our own lives, the lives and freedom of our children, then we must have "Total War".

Total war means every man and woman must contribute to the maximum of their capacity in such positions as they are best qualified to fill. It means co-operation between the workers and management in the production of munitions and other war necessities. It means compulsory loans without interest. It means profit must be taken out of our war effort. It means our fighting forces must be sent anywhere to fight the enemy where they can be fought to our best advantage and that an intelligent form of enlistment must be by selection and not as at present (for forces outside Canada) by the haphazard method of volunteer enlistments. Why not?

Australia has declared for and is working towards "Total War". Great Britain is moving in the same direction. China is second only to the Soviet Union war program and Russia has had a 100 per cent total war policy in effect since the first day Hitler's hordes invaded that country.

The Canadian Legion believes we can win this war only by all the Allies adopting the principle of total war. Our special interest is in Canada's program and at present Canada is not pulling her full weight.

If it were just another war where the victors change national boundaries and set huge indemnities for the defeated to pay, the Legion would not be taking any part in it but this is a war with only two possible endings. We either end up as free peoples or fascist slaves.

If we have any doubt about the fate that awaits us if we do not win then let us look at the plight of the peoples in the conquered countries. Let us remember Hong Kong where defenceless men were bayoneted to death and women maimed.

Let us not be led astray by smoke screens or rumors of confusion emanating from ignorante or fifth columnists, but rather let us do our duty by voting "yes", then demanding Total War and Victory.

CANADIAN LEGION.

WORKERS VOTE "YES".

Editor,
Daily News:

Last night's headlines which raised the possibility of an Allied invasion of Europe were very welcome and it is hoped they will become reality in the near future.

The way to victory in 1942, not 1943 or 1944, as Donald Nelson would say, is to open the second front in Europe, to crush Hitler between the Red Army and that of Britain and the United States. Gen. McNaughton has indicated that Canadian troops overseas are "a dagger pointed at the heart of Berlin". Before this dagger can be plunged home it must be assured of replacements. Canada must go on a total war basis if we are to play our part in safeguarding our homes, trade unions, education, our hopes for the future, none of which would survive a Fascist victory.

That is why the Youth Committee is calling on the young workers in Prince Rupert to go to the polls on Monday and vote "YES" for the kind of Canada they believe in, a Canada they will never see if Hitler triumphs. As usual, the Quislings and Fifth Columnists have sown the seeds of confusion. They would have some of us believe that this is a political issue and that the way to protest against what we don't like is to vote "NO". Nothing could be further from the truth. It is the "YES" vote, the vote for action, that exposes inefficiency and corruption where it exists. A "NO" vote is a vote for Hitler and his friends, the Quislings and Fifth Columnists, who do not want total war against the Axis but prefer to have us wait for invasion in our own countries so that they may pick us off one by one.

A "YES" vote is a vote for peace, for freedom and for security.

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Housewives can help by voting at that time. Employees are legally entitled to two hours off for voting.

Take your neighbor to the polls. Above everything else, however, make sure you cast your ballot.

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