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EDITORIAL

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April Fool's . . .

Today is April Fool's Day and, as everybody knows fied by the alcohol which is prop- to the people of Prince Rupert, the by now, there's no fool's day like an old fool's day. And erly classified as a poison. Medical members of the Star of the North April Fool's Day is old—so old, in fact, that historians science puts alcohol in the same No. 452 L.O.B.A. are supporting are unable to tell when it actually began.

Some say it is derived from the Huli feast among the narcotic deadens nerve sensibility. for this area. Hindus, held on March 31, when gullible members of the Even the nutritious malt used in | we believe that the more organ- at a merchant marine canteen. | what is happening in France; my world where American seamen go. tribe were sent on foolish errands. Others trace it to the the early stages of the brewing izations that register protest ancient Romans, who are reputed to have spent the day process has lost its food value against the lack of this commodin pursuit of Sabine women.

When later Aprils rolled around, and while their boy have been largely destroyed by ferfriends were off at war, Roman ladies sat under the mentation. The value of the re- valuable paper, we remain, myrtle-tree, bathing, crowning themselves with its leaves maining extract is spoiled in proand offering tribute to Venus-all because once, when portion to the amount of alcohol Venus was drying her hair when taking a dip, a satyr present. peeked from behind the bushes. Bashfully, say the poets, that alcohol retards thought, des "with myrtles she her beauties veiled, from whence this lays nervous response, decreases custom was entailed." Plainly, this did not happen on a endurance, curtails all kind of Satyr-day.

In pre-Renaissance times there were annual April feasts of fools, clowns and jesters. But nature students blame that spring feeling, for old-time celebrations of wears out rapidly, making it a bonds" comes from a few and very still pretty as a gold and ivory

the vernal equinox ended April 1. Whatever its origins, April Fool's Day was widely celebrated for centuries throughout Europe. In France the oaf who was sent to the bookstore for the "History off." He becomes contentious and of Eve's Grandmother," was called a "Poisson d'avril" or April Fish—sucker, to you. April Fool's pranks in tal or moody or hysterical. He be-Scotland were known as hunting the gowk—or cuckoo and the fools of the moment were consequently gowks degree. He becomes gullible, or, if you prefer cuckoo.

Fools in Britain were sent on "sleeveless errands"- disgust. maybe because they had to make the "vest" of an awkward situation.

A Communist Talks Sense . . .

We have been to a Communist meeting and heard canada cease to support this infrom Fergus McKean, released anti-Fascist, as patriotic dustry which is definitely not in those who die. and as sensible a war speech as anybody could wish for. harmony with social welfare in We think we are justified in saying this for Mr. McKean who not so many months ago was languishing in an internment camp where he was associated with German Nazis and Italian Fascists whose doctrines he came, as a result of the direct contact, to detest even further than he had before. He seemed to be quite sincere about what he was saying.

If what Mr. McKean said about Russia and the Soviet system is true we might well do with some of it. Soviet Russia, he declared, was not a dictatorship but the epitome of democracy. In Russia, he said, every one had to work and there was reward for individual service. There was no toleration for drones anywhere.

Mr. McKean also said that there was little to be gained by talking about changing the system while the war was to be won. Such discussions could only tend to disunite us at a time when there was need of the greatest measure of unity-capitalists, socialists, employees, workers all—in the great effort to win the war. First the war must be won. Then could come the setting up of the new system, the reconstruction in the planning of which there should be participation in proportion to the measure of effectiveness in winning the war.

It was sound wartime procedure that Mr. McKean propounded, a good deal sounder and more helpful than has been heard from certain other socialist groups which profess less radicalism than the Communists, groups which spend a lot of time and energy in political discussions which, to say the least of it, are not tending to unite us in our prime task of getting down to winning the war.

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FACTS ABOUT BEER

Editor, Daily News:

Among other faise suggestions in a recent brewer's advertisement we find this statement "Many of our soldiers, sailors, air-25c' men, and war workers are already being deprived of the nourishment and relaxation provided by a glass

Again brewers have proven ized. The Canadian Press is exclusively entitled to use for publication themselves to be no mean psycholing. A cloak of respectability and ed to in order to fix lies in the national mind. The only way to counteract misleading propaganda is to present the facts concerning beer as a source of nutrition and relaxation.

> Roughly, beer is 90 parts water, five parts extract, four parts alcohol and one part carbon dioxide gas. The food value of the small amount of extract is largely nulli-

We have absolute scientific proof efficiency and leads to gross inac-|cent citizens of Prince Rupert when movie queen, would have had to curacies. Luther Burbank said: "To I assure the mothers and wives of answer, "No." worthless, useless thing."

Even after a few beers a man is unfettered mentally—which pugnacious. He becomes sentimencomes affectionate to a disgusting coarse and talkative - a butt of ridicule and an object of pity and

Are these results of taking food? Is this the kind of relaxation we want for a nation at war? Do we want accidents, let-downs, poor health or dulled brains among our soldiers, sailors, airmen, war work-

What we need today is not a time of war nor in time of peace. depressing let-down of our inhibitions. We need relaxation which is recreation — that kind of play which will enable us to face our work without that "morning after" feeling. We need a fortifying and rebuilding of character, a rejuvenation of manhood and stamina; a restoring of God-given physiological and mental activities to such an extent that we can command and dictate to them-make then serve us instead of allowing ourselves to be tyrannized and victim= into the saucepan as the snow fell

Tolerance has its limits. Canadians shall have less and less to milk scald as the clock ticked 2 do with an industry that waves flags, buys bonds and then advertises its patriotism one day, while undermining national stamina everyday— an industry that has one-time program as a Hollywood sacrificed truth for profits.

THE SHEPHERD.

DEMAND MORE MILK

Editor, Daily News:

In view of the fact that we be lieve that canned evaporated mill has become an absolute necessity group of narcotics as ether and the demands of Dr. McDonald for chloroform (methane series). A a greater supply of this product

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BEER AND BONDS

Editor, Daily News: I know I am writing for the deuse liquor is to the nervous system those who have donned the unilike placing sand in a watch. It form that the slogan "No beer no filmdom's most beautiful blonde— seamen's Service. every possible comfort and freedom. We further assure you that the best of equipment and we shall "Buy Bonds until it hurts." This is

the least we can do. Two hundred young men, English and Canadian, gave their lives last night over Berlin and the Ruhr. Did they have a slogan?

"We are the dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset

glow Loved and were loved, and now

In Flanders Field." (or Berlin).

VETERAN.

Hot Milk at 2 a.m. in New England Kitchen Caps Day for Madeleine Carroll

By ADELAIDE KERR

(Associated Press Staff Writer) NEW YORK, April 1 (AP)-Madeleine Carrol pou ed the milk through the darkness beyond the kitchen window. Watched the a.m. Sat down and sipped italone in the kitchen - as she thoughtfully reviewed her day.

A day far removed from her movie star. No cameras, klieg lights or fans in sight. But work. And plenty of it. Work

as special representative of the United Seaman's Service (the USO of the U.S. Merchant Marine). Morning meeting with a group of girls who wished to make a donation. A bout with the mail at the New York office. Speech at the London blitz a little more than a "The United Seamen's Service Town Hall Club. Appearance on year ago," she told me. "Since then has established headquarters for her daily radio program "Made- I have felt there was only one them in several ports and our leine Carroll Reads." Dinner on thing of importance — helping to aim is to establish similar headrun. And an evening as hostess win this war. I'm concerned about quarters in every seaport in the

End of Perfect Day

since the carbohydrates (starch ity the sooner adequate supplies full of servants to pamper a in Paris." prima donna. No deft French maid Thanking you for space in your to dab cologne on that famous quite naturally. Before my hus-"marble brow." Instead a commu- band joined the Marines, he car-STAR OF THE NORTH LODGE ter's train to Connecticut, caught ried government cargoes from on the run after midnight. And Pearl Howe, recording secretary. hot milk alone in the kitchenat 2 a.m.

> "Is this a glamor life?" Madeleine Carroll asked herself. Even connection I met Admiral Land, season. This is an increase of 36 a cat, looking at the one-time

few disgruntled men and the maj- picture—says she has "completely ority of the workers resent it. Your given up the movies." And that menfolk are fighting to protect us means giving up the trappings and common language "the governor is civilians who are still enjoying glamor which surround a throne. Madeleine Carrolf, born in Engand of a French mother and an we shall see they are provided with Irish father, queened it in Hollywood for years, after she joined the American film colony in 1934. After seven successful years she left Hollywood in January, 1941. Six months later she married Sterling Hayden, sailor and blond

> leading man of the movies. Now, while her husband serves in the United States Marine Corps, she lives in Norwalk, Conn., with her mother-in-law and shuttles back and forth to New York We shall not break faith with for her daily radio program and her work for the United Seaman's Service.



Sister Was Killed

"My sister was killed in the allowed." mother's people are there and 200 My job is to get recognition and At the end of the day no house orphans I adopted are in my house sympathy for the seamen. After

"The job 1 have came about lost the war." Florida to the West Indies in his Nyasaland government reports schooner. I did his shore business that 84,000 South East Africans and wound up his affairs for him are registered as peasant proafter he entered service. In this ducers of tobacco for the 1943 head of the Maritime Commis- per cent over 1942. sion, and when I asked him what I could do in the war effort, he For the woman once known as asked me to help with the United

> "I was glad to do it. I have towards increasing food producsailed with my husband and I tion the island's agriculture deknow how seamen are treated in partment has appointed a crops port and how few places there officer to deal with the proper are for them to stay. Some hotels ordering of crop programs.

have signs, 'No dogs or seamen

all, if we don't have them, we've

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