LETTERBOX

TRADE UNIONS AND SOCIALISM

Editor, Daily News:

Your editorial "Trade Unions and Socialism" has caused a certain amount of interest and amusement among those trade unionists to whom you would have us believe you are concerned about. First permit me to ask a few questions. In whose interests is this publication (Canadian Business) issued? Is it the Canadian Manufacturers' Association? Wherever did you know of any organization without ambitious men at the top? Do you think that trade-unionism and politics can be separated while our economic welfare is wrapped up in both? And do you think that this is something in the nature of an experiment, when a similar set-up has prevailed in Great Britain for years? Sir, believe me when I say that the day is fast approaching when the interests of the majority of Canadians will be of more concern than a few members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Does your article mean to imer that you are afraid this move will ruin trade unions when the C. M. A. for years has lobbied against labor legislation. I believe if this move were not to strengthen trade unions the C. M. A. would sit back and wait for the inevitable. The inference to a dictatorship under socialism should not pass without comment. I would ask you to read the Regina manifesto of the C.C.F. be honest with yourself and let your conscience be your guide. Thanking you for your courtesy in publishing this letter.

JAMES NICOLL.

SUPPORTS BONDS

Editor, Daily News:

As chairman of the Prince Rupert Labor Progressive Club I want to most heartily endorse the Fifth Victory Loan campaign and to urge any one who has not already done so to buy their bond new.

It is true that the Nazi forces are reeling, waiting for the knock-out blow. It is for us to deal that blow with the utmost speed and power of which we are capable. To allow the Nazis to delay the hour of their doom means to allow them to gut Europe as they did Naples, Kharkov and Gomel.

Every additional bond will help reduce the cost of the war and lives and men. Workers and progressive people in particular are all-out in support of this drive.

BRUCE MICKLEBURGH.

TEACHING SCRIPTURE IS URGED

If the Ten Commandments are out of date as some people infer, the results of violating them are very much in evidence declared Evangelist P. T. Balmer Sunday evening in the Oddfellows' Hall. Continuing he said: "We are fighting for peace, we are praying for peace but in one way only can it be obtained according to Isaiah the prophet in chapter 48, verse 18 'O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea.'" The pastor quoted a statement made by a noted writer, "Although our generations prides itself on discoveries and inventions concerning natural law it must bow its head in shame for its ignorance of God's Ten Commandments. Our knowledge of science has filled our prisons, penitentiaries, reform schools and hospitals. It is high time for our generation to learn that God has a moral law which must be individually obeyed, else we bring suffering and death upon ourselves."

It was taken for granted that the children of today did not know much about the Ten Commandments, hence the urge to exhibit them in the public schools, continued Pastor Balmer. Others advocated reading portions of scripture without comment or explanation by the teacher. What benefit to the children would this procedure give, asked the speaker. A child might question: "Who is God? Who is the Son of God? What is sin? What is the atonement? And what is baptism? If the teacher is to abide by the rules the questions would be unanswered. If it was necessary and right to read the Bible in public schools it was also necessary and right to explain it to those who had a right to ask questions, said the evangelist. But most likely the teacher, however learned, however diplomatic, however, respectful of the convictions and opinions of others, would find it defficult to prevent personal belief from influencing such interpretation. Soon he would be teaching doctrine of some particular church and religious controversy would ensue. The evangelist said that the home was the first place to teach religion (Deut. 6:6-8) and, if the home was Godless then it was the church's business to take over the program and not the public school and state-paid teachers. To the Apostles was committed the great commission of teaching and explaining the scriptures (Matt. 28:16-20; John 21:15-17.)

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Basketball Buzz

Absence of Booth Memorial High School from the Prince Rupert Basketball League raises speculation in cage circles as to what kind of season the High School will have.

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Stripped of all but two or three members of last year's strong entry in the area loop, the school team has naturally been weakened but there are doubtless still enough players to form a good quintet.

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At present there are two other basketball squads beside the school—Co-operative Fishermen and the Fraser Street Tigers—and possibly these three teams will be able to operate as a league.

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Inter-house basketball is still expected to be played at the High School this season if arrangements can be made.

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HE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

Sergeant Joseph A. Gregory, M.M., has fought the good fight . . . not only in this war but in the last conflict in which he enlisted before he was fifteen years old, served three years in France and was twice wounded.

Today Sergeant Gregory is home in Canada. Behind him is the epic of Dieppe in which his daring sorties against snipers' positions and his gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying on despite a severe wound, which later cost him his eye, won him the Military Medal.

Sergeant Gregory is still "carrying on" as a member of the Recruiting Staff of M.D. 13, Calgary. He has two sons in the service, a sister in the C.W.A.C. and his brother was also wounded at Dieppe. Here is what the Sergeant says of Canada's Fifth Victory Loan:

"I'm out of action now and my two boys are taking my place. I'd like to know that they won't suffer from lack of equipment. Back up the boys who are in action fighting for us at home. We can fight for THEM by purchasing more and more Victory Bonds."

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Now is the time for you, too, to fight the good fight . . . to show your faith as our boys showed their heroism . . . to fight with your dollars as they fought with bullets . . . to buy Victory Bonds on a scale *above and beyond the call of duty.*

Remember, although Victory is now in sight it may yet escape us unless every one of us has the courage and devotion to see it through to the end. That is why Canada's Fifth Victory Loan is a vital challenge to all of us . . . a bugle calling for our best and finest effort.

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