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Bright Aspect

A brighter aspect of the reconversion picture in Canada is the contribution of labor-management committees within industry. A wartime development, they are now being sponsored by the federal government as one means towards easing reconversion troubles.

These committees, there are 419 of them representing 300,000 workers, are separate from the collective bargaining agencies. They are formed of people directly engaged in production and usually have an equal representation between employers and employees.

Many a valuable suggestion for war production originated from

these bodies. The same approach to the problem of transferring back to peacetime standards may ease many of the Dominion's industrial pains.

Returning to Normal

Controls are being lifted from prices in Canada. The beginning has been made by removing restrictions on a list of 300 luxury items. They remain on such essentials as rent, wages, food and clothing.

Canada was the first of the democratic nations to adopt the policy of the overall price ceiling. That it paid dividends is obvious. Price increases have been lower than in any other belligerent nation.

The contrast between Canada of World War I and the Dominion of today is something to see, and more than murmur thanks. It was mid-1920 before the soaring cost of living headed downward. The cost of living chart for this war approached table top shape soon after the ceiling went into effect in 1941.

Compare this with other countries! It's a comparison to be proud of.

UNDERMINE FRIENDSHIP

Bruce Mickleburgh on Espionage Investigation

"Behind this manoeuvre," said Bruce Mickleburgh, speaking at a Labor-Progressive meeting on Sunday night on the federal espionage investigation, "lies the policy of British, and especially American, imperialism, to use Canada as a base for imperialistic military adventures against the Soviet Union. In order to do this they have to try to undermine the deep friendship of the Canadian people for the Soviet Union, as well as smash the labor, veterans' and people's movement for peace."

"Mackenzie King has involved himself in the dangerous game of trying to make a Finland out of Canada but he should be warned by the fate of Rysto Riili, former president of Finland and of the Bank of Finland."

The speaker dealt extensively with a number of what he termed previous "spy scares" during the past 28 years. "The spy scare, the witch hunt, the red bogey, were the traditional answer of finance capital to an upsurge of democratic opinion," he declared.

"Today imperialism is weakened but, within the reduced orbit of imperialism, the influence of American imperialism has become dominant. American imperialists, faced with fantastic contradictions in their own system, aimed to convert Britain into a junior partner in its plan

to subjugate the whole world.

"Imperialism, and not Communism, as Bevin claims, is the root of the war danger in the world today. The Soviet Union, the new people's governments in Europe, the colonial peoples fighting for freedom, and the Communists and people's movements throughout the world are the backbone of the struggle for peace—that is why our finance capitalists are frantically trying to stir up the people against them all."

"The great mass of the Canadian people desire friendship with the Soviet Union which is in the best interests of both countries. That is why the spy scare is aimed not only at the Soviet Union but against the best interests of Canada and that is why we are indicting this vicious policy and calling on Canadians to repudiate it. Actually, most of the people I talk to have seen through it already while labor leaders from coast to coast have spoken up against it."

"Labor must be the backbone of the fight for peace. In order to play their role in this, Prince Rupert unions must clean their ranks of Trotskyites."

Sounds Warning Against C.C.F.

Mickleburgh characterized the Trotskyites as "the vanguard of the imperialists within the ranks of the working class. Wherever

they go they leave a trail of wreckage in their wake unless they are expelled. They boast of wrecking the Socialist Party of the United States. If local C.C.F. elements who are working with them are not careful they will find that they will wreck the C.C.F. One doesn't have to be bright to see the effects of their activities in certain local trade unions."

He outlined the history of Trotskyite activity throughout the world and quoted from a Trotskyite paper being circulated locally and summed up by saying "on every issue their program coincides with the objectives of finance capital, except that it is camouflaged in radical phraseology. They are the leading anti-Soviet agents among the people and the fight for peace demands that they be expelled from the labor and people's movement."

After appealing to those who were willing to fight "shoulder to shoulder with us for peace, decent living conditions and eventual socialism in Canada" to join the Labor-Progressive Party, Mickleburgh concluded by saying: "There will be no war with the Soviet Union if all the people of Canada gather themselves in a great democratic coalition around the labor movement and erode the power of the Canadian monopolists. Only a handful of men actually, linked with their British and American brethren, are breeding war and economic crisis. We must

Port Essington Man Is Buried

Funeral took place here Saturday afternoon of Eric H. Fosman, for many years a trapper in this district, whose death had taken place at Port Essington at the end of the week. Rev. A. O. Aasen, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, officiated and members of the H. acted as pallbearers.

demand open trials are an end to the atmosphere of secrecy, the sharing of all scientific and technical information with our Allies and peaceful relations with the Socialist sixth of the world."

Chairman Stan Boshier announced a collection of \$34, after which two resolutions were passed from the floor.

One called on the government to take steps to halt what was termed "a dangerous campaign of anti-Soviet incitement" and to re-establish and strengthen friendly relations between Canada and the Soviet Union, while the other called for the reconstitution of the local Canadian-Soviet Friendship Council which speakers declared was not functioning.

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Lunch Counters Being Discontinued on Local Railway Line

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Recently Canadian National Railways announced the replacement of one of the older coaches on trains on this line by a newer type air-conditioned coach with a smoker and ladies' smoking and wash room of comfortable dimensions.

All passenger carrying equipment on this line is now air-conditioned except one coach.

Look Into Harbor Board for Rupert

Reporting for a committee which had been delegated to look into the possibility of bringing the port of Prince Rupert under the National Harbor Board jurisdiction with a view to making possible the more efficient development and use of its facilities, Frank Skinner informed the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce at its meeting last night that the committee was still in the information finding stage. Answer to inquiries which had been made was being awaited.

Whifflets From The Waterfront

At the conclusion of the present voyage on which she sailed from here at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Vancouver via the Queen Charlotte Islands, Union steamer Cassiar, Capt. Lorne Godfrey, will be withdrawn from service at Vancouver for annual overhaul. She will be relieved on the Island run by the steamer Cardena, Capt. Alex McLennan, sailing from Vancouver March 12 for Prince Rupert via all Queen Charlotte Island points including Skidegate and Masset Inlet points. The steamer Catala, Capt. Ernest Sheppard, will take the Prince Rupert-Skeena River route coming north this week in place of the Cardena. The steamer Venture, Capt. E. Suffield, which was in port today southbound from Stewart to Vancouver, will continue on the Prince Rupert-Stewart route for three more trips.

Passengers arriving here Sunday morning at 5:30 on the Cassiar from Masset included party of delegates for the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia convention at Port Simpson who proceeded to the northern village on the Venture Monday morning.

Two C.P.R. coastal liners were in port yesterday afternoon—the Princess Adelaide and Princess Norah. The Adelaide arrived in port at 39:30 from Vancouver and waypoints, sailing at 10 p.m. on her return south. The Norah arrived at 4:15 from Skagway and other Alaska points, sailing

LOG SCALE IS HIGHER

Total sawlog scale for January and February in Prince Rupert forestry district was 12,859,660 board feet, an increase or more than 5,000,000 board feet over the first two months of 1945. Pole and piling cut for the same period was 1,061,364 lineal feet, while during January and February, 1945, it was 272,851.

The month end summary of timber activity issued by District Forester J. E. Matheson shows the following breakdown of species cut for sawlogs during February:

Cedar, 298,415 board feet. Spruce, 2,573,811 board feet. Hemlock, 418,637 board feet. Balsam, 104,162 board feet. Jackpine, 205,868 board feet. The pole and piling cut was composed of 432,471 feet of cedar, 2,981 feet of hemlock and 215,745 feet of miscellaneous types.

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