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THE RIGHT TO STRIKE

HEN C. Gordon Cockshutt re-Cently before the Canadian Chamber of Commerce pointed out that there is a difference between the right to strike and the wisdom of doing so he uttered a truth which has been too little realized before recent strikes called attention to it.

There has been and still is a vast amount of confusion in human thinking about rights. To some a right must be reasserted continuously and stridently. It must be exercised on every possible occasion, regardless of the consequences to the community, to other individuals or groups or even to those exercising it. They see a challenge in every question and an infringement in every action of others.

When Mr. Cockshutt declared his recognition of the right to strike he was setting forth a belief now generally accepted throughout democratic countries. It is no longer in dispute. But it has not always been so. Organized labor fought a long battle for recognition of that right and the habits of thought acquired during the conflict still motivate many union actions.

But recognition of the right to strike does not mean that it can and should be used without the most careful consideration. As Mr. Cockshutt indicated, the wisdom of using the weapon is another matter altogether, one that is solely concerned with the immediate benefits to the worker and not with any basic principle that was formerly the subject of conflict.

These past few years and especially during the past 12 months unions have shown a strong tendency to take strike action possibly without weighing carefully the prospects of gain or loss. Outcome of recent strikes show the necessity of using good judgment.

When business management ventures on a new undertaking it always examines its expectations with care. They balance possible gains against possible losses. That is what business does when it undertakes a new venture and it is what Mr. Cockshutt meant when he pointed the difference between "the right to strike and the wisdom of doing so."

As Others See It . . .

So you can sell your house for a "big profit"? But where is the profit in selling any article for \$1 if another like it will cost you two?

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TOKYO TRIALS

WITH the hangman's noose ending It the long episode of Nurenberg, a few persons here and there may wonder what is happening to the war criminals in Tokyo. For a variety of reasons, the Tokyo trials seem a second-rate affair. Deprived of the opportunity to set a new historic precedent, as the German trials did, they lack the reasoned dignity of a high moral issue. From the first hasty and haphazard arrests last year, and the ensuing bewilderment of lawyers and investigators lost in the little-known intricacies of Japanese politics, the proceedings have had a somewhat amateurish air which has not been lost on the more astute Japanese.

Among the latter the complaint is frequently heard that the real Japanese war criminals have not been arrested. The difficulty is that there is no well-defined group of responsible men, as in Germany. Recent official documents read into the proceedings show that supposed liberals like Prince Konove were thoroughly implicated in the plots leading to war, as well as the avowed warmongers like Tojo. Yet it is reliably known that General MacArthur for many weeks kept Konoye's name off the war criminal list because he hoped to see him emerge as the "liberal" leader of a new

A further difficulty lies in the fact that under the Japanese system it is seldom the titular holder of high office who exercises real responsibility. The locus of power is apt to be the Vice-Minister rather than the Minister, through the connection of the former with the permanent bureaucracy. With this bureaucracy largely unchanged today, and some of the most assiduous militarists cosily ensconced as members of the "demobilization boards," it is impossible to dismiss lightly the charge of the Russian member of the Allied Council that the Japanese General Staff is still continuing to operate to a certain degree.

In acrimonious retort, the American member of the Council stated that if evidence of war crimes or illegal activity by any Japanese military personnel were brought to the attention of the Supreme Commander, he would be glad to consider it. This misses the point of the present legal proceedings in Tokyo, which, if they prove anything, prove the complicity of the whole militarybureaucratic group in Japan's planned aggression.



SCHOOLS LACKING IN NORTHERN ONTARIO-Twenty miles from Timmins, Ont., Nighthawk Centre is without schools and parents must deal with their own education problems. Henry Chennett, 12, stables "Queenie" after a day's plowing. The nearest school is 10 miles away. The farmers are reported to be giving up hope of having decent schools and are looking forward to reform through the royal commission on education.

LETTERBOX

DRY DOCK COSTS

Daily Newsest to you to hear a little story duties be assumed by the city about the Prince Rupert Dry treasurer's office. Dock and Shipyard, giving a reason why it is inactive even if everyone is howling about its in-

Our company ordered a new one-inch logging cable from our Prince Rupert supplier and, because we had no man here who could splice cable, we asked our supplier to have an ordinary eye splice put in, in Rupert, before they shipped it out. The dry dock did the job and charged \$17.75 for just straight labor on putting in one eye splice. We protested but they would not come down.

Then we noticed in the paper that on the Paul Bunyan Sports Day in Port Alberni on September 2, Bert Laird of Comox Logging Co. at Ladysmith put an eye splice in a 11/8-inch line in tafson. 3 minutes 36 4/5 seconds, and the second prize was 3 minutes 511/2

If the dry dock's charges are all so absolutely unreasonable as this, it is a wonder they get, any work to do at all. Almost any organization would make a compromise on a charge like that

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REMOVE COACHES PORTSMOUTH, England (9)-Three railway coaches, marooned at the end of a pier in 1941 when a bomb blew a hole on the landward side, have been removed by crane.

NEW WORK SET-UP (Continued from Page 1)

to prepare a single sheet asses-

sor's roll. 4. That the position of poll tax collector not be filled at the Perhaps it might be of inter- present time and that these

> The following appointments were approved:

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East and West Should Become Better Acquainted

G. A. Hunter, home from a business trip east in the course of which he attended the annual convention of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, expresses enthusiasm about the mutual benefits to be derived from better acquaintanceship between West and East as can be made possible through attendance at such national gatherings as the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

'The East is not prejudiced against the West so much as lacking in knowledge and understanding of us," he thinks. "They feel we are a long way off and are detached. Personal contact with them is what we need to remove their indiffer-

Mr. Hunter expressed gratification at the sympathetic support he received from delegates from Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary and the Peace River in certain representations he made to the convention relative to the development of this port in the national interest. He was assured of this support being continued.

Mr. Hunter will recommend to the bodies he represented closer poppopopopopopopo contact with the national organizations and strong representation at their national gatherings. "We cannot live to ourselves and fight our battles alone if we are going to advance," he said. "We should organize and co-operate. Then we will get somewhere."

Mr. Hunter found the eastern cities busy and crowded but industry and business hesitant and indecisive owing to uncertainties owing to industrial unrest. The Clerk, Grade "B"-Miss C. E. steel and soda-ash strikes just ended had had a seriously dis- & turbing effect on post-war reconversion through the slowingup of production. There were indications, however, of fuller appreciation of the need of better labor-management understand-

> The local newspaperman encountered weather conditions varying from 86 above in Buffalo to 20 degrees of frost in eastern Saskatchewan. It was good to get back to the temperate Pacific coast, he said.

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