

SAYS PRESS URGING WAR

Charges that the metropolitan press of Canada and the United States is heading those two countries toward war with the Soviet Union through distorted political news reporting were levelled by Labor Progressive Club secretary Bruce Mickleburgh before an audience of 30 in the Odell's Hall Sunday night.

Employing the Iranian case as his example, Mr. Mickleburgh said that events in Iran and in the United Nations Security Council proceedings during the last three months constitute a "vastly different story from what appeared in the daily press."

"No matter what happens, Britain and the United States are determined to use Iran to pillory the Soviet Union and slander it," he asserted. "It is my opinion that the picture given in the daily press in Canada and the United States regarding the Iranian case in no way corresponds with the facts."

Although Britain and the Soviet Union had agreements permitting their troops to be present in Iran, the United States had no such agreement, he declared. When Britain withdrew her troops from the country last March, she did so by moving them 100 miles westward to the Iraq border.

"But when the Soviet retained troops in Iran until April, the fact that she did so was permitted under the terms of a Soviet-Iranian pact of 1921 was never recorded in the newspapers."

I.O.D.E. HOLDS CHURCH PARADE

More than 40 members of the city I.O.D.E. chapters attended a church parade at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday morning, hearing Rev. Basil Prockter deliver an address on the Empire in which he said that it was a bulwark for world peace. Assembling at the cathedral shortly before 11 o'clock, the ladies entered the church led by Municipal Chapter Regent, Mrs. D. C. Stuart. The standard bearers of four chapters carried the chapter banners. They were Mrs. S. V. Cox, Municipal chapter; Mrs. M. J. Keays, Queen Mary chapter; Mrs. Grant, Cambrai chapter, and Miss Joan Bird, Galloway Rapids chapter.

Mickleburgh charged. "It was made to appear as though Russia was in Iran on a strictly illegal basis."

Reports that the Soviet intended to attack Turkey early this year were given wide publicity by American and Canadian newspapers but, when the falsity of those reports was proven later, little space was given to correcting them, he declared.

"We have a situation in which the Soviet Union is blamed for all the evil deeds that the capitalist powers themselves are trying to do," he said. "The press presents political facts in an entirely different light because it is controlled by monopoly capital which also controls the gathering and dissemination of news."

However, he conceded, a "few newspaper men do keep level heads and redeem the integrity of the profession."

LETTERBOX

AN APPRECIATION

Editor, Daily News:
The members of the Sons of Norway Lodge, Vinland No. 28, wish to thank you most sincerely for your co-operation in the celebration of Norway's Independence Day, May 17.

Your splendid arrangement of the advertisements May 16 have been the talk of the town, among Norwegians and others too. Also your editorial of the same date was a master-piece and was indeed very much appreciated. Neither should we forget to thank you for your write-up following the celebration, indeed in good style and prominently displayed.

Once again we say thanks and remain

Vinland Lodge No. 28
Sons of Norway
Ethel Knutson.

ENCOURAGE IDEAS

Editor, Daily News:
I believe it is rather rude that we, as older citizens, have not replied to a prize 'teen-age letter' which was recently published in your paper. If we expect our youth to advance constructive ideas we should at least acknowledge their efforts.

I think the Chamber of Commerce should sponsor a column in the letter section of your paper so that any citizen can express his views constructively as to home, labor and government. I believe we have some good talent to cultivate and this, I think, would weed out the old scheme of party politics. The page in the paper would be the voice of the public. Our government representatives would be guided thereby.

I also believe that the city

CANADIANS AND EMPIRE

The British Commonwealth and Empire is the greatest force today for freedom, peace, security and decency and it would be a calamity to the world if ever it should be dismembered, Lieut. Col. J. T. Harvey M.C. told hundreds of students at the Civic

Centre Auditorium Thursday afternoon as the Empire Day demonstration of Booth Memorial High School was held. "It behooves us all to do our part in holding the Empire together," the featured speaker of the day admonished. He dwelt on some of the traditions and accomplishments of the Empire and mentioned several great statesmen including Macdonald and Laurier of Canada, Churchill of Britain and Smuts of South Africa.

"The best way we can contribute to the Empire is to be good Canadians — right-thinking, decent and honorable," Col. Harvey said. British, French, Scandinavian and other countries could be well blended into one great Canadianism.

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Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., presided. Ald. N. E. Arnold spoke briefly on behalf of the city and the program included vocal solo, "The Empire is Our Country," by Benita Windle, piano duet, Mary Adecock and Gwen McRae; vocal solo, "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," and "Thank God for a Garden," Mrs. G. L. Brown; physical fitness display by girl instructors of Rup-Rec; chorus, "Our Own Dear Land" and "Our Canada From Sea to Sea," Grade VII girls; song, "United Nations," Joanne Langridge, Lorraine Youngman and Pat Tumilson; chorus, "Lord of the Lands" and "The Land We Love," Grade VIII girls; solo, "Land of Hope and Glory," Mrs. J. W. Oak. Accompanists were Mrs. J. W. Oak, Mrs. E. J. Smith and Laverna Linney.

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We are not attacking the principle of co-operative trading; but we do stand for equality of taxation. We believe that all enterprises, from great organizations handling farm produce to small country stores should bear their share of taxation whether they are operated by co-operatives or privately owned by one or more citizens.

Here are a few facts we would like you to bear in mind:

—The business turnover of co-operatives was more than \$527,000,000 in 1944—an increase of 50% over 1943, and more than double the 1942 turnover.

—Co-operatives have an investment of more than 40 millions of dollars in plant and equipment, and total assets of more than 200 millions.

—Co-operatives are engaged in buying, selling, processing, manufacturing, servicing; in flour milling, oil refining, the manufacture and distribution of farm implements, printing, publishing, the business of owning and leasing property, bus transportation, home building, trucking, rural electrification, telephone service, etc.

Expansion through non-payment of Income Tax
The rapid expansion of the co-operatives in recent years has been due to the fact that they have escaped paying income tax.

Privately owned businesses have paid Income and Excess Profits Taxes ranging up to 100% of their profits. Co-operatives claim they have no profits. What they call "savings" are either added to reserves or paid out as "patronage dividends" to their customers. A Royal Commission has declared that co-operatives do make profits, and recommends that these profits be taxed. But this Commission has also recommended that profits paid out to customers as "patronage dividends" be allowed as an expense in computing taxable income.

Are all profits to be tax-free?

If such a recommendation were to become law, it would leave the door wide open for the payment of all profits as "patronage dividends". Co-operatives would still continue to escape the payment of income tax. "Patronage dividends", which are paid out of profits, must be placed in the same category as dividends in any privately owned business.

Revision of The Income War Tax Act, insofar as it concerns Co-operatives, will come before the current Session of Parliament. It is of utmost importance that such revisions shall bring tax equality to all groups. We urge that the income tax payers of Canada insist that their elected representatives in the House of Commons see that the heavy burden of income tax is shared fairly by all.

The Income Tax Payers Association has no objection to the principles of co-operative trading. It should be the right of every Canadian to trade as he desires. Our object is to ensure that no section of business unloads its share of income taxation and cost of the war on other business or on individual income tax payers.

JOIN THE I. T. P. A.

All income tax payers (except employees of income tax exempt concerns) are eligible for membership in the Income Tax Payers Association. If you wish to become a member, sign and mail the attached application form and enclose membership fee of \$1.00. Mail either to Winnipeg or Toronto.

**Income Tax Payers Association,
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You can assist in correcting this unfair tax situation by writing immediately to the Government urging equitable application of Income Taxation to all forms of business.

Fill out and mail the attached form. No postage is required.

Hon. J. L. Hiler,
Minister of Finance,
Ottawa, Canada.

I respectfully urge:

1. That the Government apply income taxation on exactly the same basis on all forms of commercial enterprise, including co-operatives, Crown companies, municipal and governmental enterprises and mutual concerns.
2. That patronage dividends, and like payments, be disallowed as an expense before arriving at taxable income.

Signed—Name.....
Address.....

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