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TOKYO TRIAL

THE TRIAL against 26 of Japan's alleged major war criminals is under way in Tokyo. In addition to waging aggressive warfare, the Japanese are charged with violating international law by an attack without a war declaration.

In the main, the charter under which the trial is being held resembles that laid down for the Nuremburg proceedings. But no single party such as the Nazi party is indicted. And the list of major war criminals brought to trial is far from inclusive, though it embraces four former Premiers, most of the Pearl Harbor cabinet, three Axis pact negotiators, and the general who engineered the Manchurian aggression.

It is expected that individual war guilt in Japan will be much more difficult to prove, due largely to the wholesale destruction by Japanese bureaucrats of vital incriminating documents at the war's end. Mainly what is needed, however, is the will on the part of the nations concerned to pursue justice without regard to political considerations or distinctions between individual diplomats, militarists, and industrialists.

IMPROVING ELECTIONS

APINIONS of representative per-Usons and organizations now are being sought with a view to helping legislators determine the type of electoral registration to be used in British Columbia.

Questionnaires which were authorized at the last session of the Legislature have been mailed and it is expected that these will be completed and returned by July 15.

There may be a choice of four systems:

The present federal government method; provision for perpetual registration; compulsory registration and voting; the present British Columbia system.

Under the existing system enumerators make a house-to-house canvass and one member of a household may register all others. In rural areas applications register at enumerator's headquarters.

The perpetual registration plan provides for use of the current newlyrevised voters' list as a base and builds up a permanent list. Once registered the name will always appear on the list provided a vote is cast at every election or application is made for reinstatement after failure to vote.

Compulsory voting involves two combinations: compulsory registration and voluntary voting; or compulsory registration and compulsory voting. The latter may follow the Australian system which has resulted in 95 per cent of the electorate voting. Fines are imposed for failure to cast a ballot.

The present B.C. arrangement calls for registration by sworn affidavit by the voter. Under it voters have made little use of the courts of revision each year, but a revision prior to election is provided for new applicants and changes of address may be registered.

Sixteen questions are asked in the questionnaire, including choice of any of the four systems, or modified forms thereof; whether returning officers should be permanent employees; whether candidates should be required to make deposits (and how much); and whether absentee voting should be abolished.

WEATHER DISASTER

THE TORNADO disaster at Windsor, Ontario, which we report today, reminds us that such a quirk of nature may visit any place unexpectedly to bring death and disaster. The Windsor area is known to be normally one of the most pleasant and tranquil of all Canada as far as weather is concerned. No one would have ever anticipated a meteorological holocaust to descend upon it such as was experienced last night.

Like the disasters of war and pestilence, the violence of weather can hurl itself anywhere without notice. Like death itself, one cannot tell where it might hit next. It might happen here.

Norwegian Artist-Patriot Hopes To Live Here, Paint Scenes

A talented Norwegian patriot, who figuratively went through the five-year German occupation of his homeland with a gun in one hand and a drawing crayon in the other, is casting a professional eye over central British Columbia scenery and he likes

"It is just about the same as can still chuckle grimly over Norway, only the trees are big- some of the discomfitures imger," commented Bjorn Selvig, posed on the Germans by his whose amazing talent in black friends. Such an incident is iland white drawing has already lustrated in one of his drawings won him an offer to exhibit in It is a pencil drawing of a har- backward to prevent escape of the Toronto Art Gallery after | bor scene in Oslo showing a Ger- animals captured for food. only two weeks in Canada. "I man freighter standing halfshould like to stay here perman- shrouded in mist. ently and do landscapes and character studies."

White-haired and soft-spoken, ed. "They brought it to Oslo for Mr. Selvig and his blonde, pleas- repair. Ordinarily the work ant wife, Johanna, are visiting would have taken about a month his older brother Gunnar Selvig, and a half but, because of Nor-120 Fifth Avenue West. Gunnar | wegian sabotage, that ship stood hopes to have his brother's 30 there for more than two years. I black - and - white and pastel had plenty of time to draw it." drawings of Norwegian land- Another drawing shows a scapes and portraits put on ex- mountain farm with rugged hibit in the Civic Centre soon.

Actually, it will be the second Mr. Selvig points out a mountime that they have been exhib- tain and says: "An American ited in Canada. They were shown bomber crashed there in Septwo weeks ago at Port Hope, tember, 1944 with 11 people Ontario, where Mr. and Mrs. Sel- aboard, one a woman. The Gervig stopped to visit another bro- mans dumped their bodies into ther, Thor.

These 30 drawings, masterly wegians erected a large cross limned pieces of the Norwegian mountain country with a few character studies, are really a form of defiant expression by Former Local Mr. Selvig against the Germans | Man's Picture who ravaged his country and sought his life. Rather than subn it to using his talent to do pro- father, the late Jack Selvig, paganda work for the Nazis, he resident of Prince Rimert for 16 went underground in April, 1940. years, who returned to Norway It was while hiding in the mountains 100 miles north of Olso that great skill which probably never the majority of his drawings will leave the family. were made.

However, his hatred for the tion, Mr. Selvig created a design Nazis was also expressed in an- for silverware symbolizing Norother and more dangerous man- way freed from bondage. This ner. During the occupation he design has since been cast in was in charge of collecting and silver in the form of cream distributing arms and ammuni- spoons of considerable beauty. tion to the underground patriot groups in his district.

"We had many a dangerous brush with the Germans," said Mr. Sedvig, as he stood by the woman who shared his hiding. "We have seen many of our friends captured and put to death by torture."

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Both Mr. and Mrs. Selvig are agreed that, if it is possible, they will take up residence in Canada and probably at Prince Rupert.

"This is a magnificent country for an artist," Mr. Selvig says. There is much that I should like to paint around Prince Rupert, and particularly around Kitwanga where I stopped when we drove from Terrace on Sun-

their early years," Mrs. Selvig

said with pity in her voice.

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is misspelled? Guiless, guinea What does the word "insidions" mean?

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