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Volunteers Wanted...

With the invasion of Nazi-held Europe now a fact, many believe this the psychological moment and that the government should realize it to bring in total conscription.

Pressure is being brought to bear on all sides. The Canadian Legion has practically demanded that total conscription be immediately enforced, have practically demanded that the NRMA soldiers, well trained as most of them are, be immediately drafted overseas.

Why, then, does the government delay? Does it not realize its first responsibility in this crucial hour is to our Canadian Army overseas and to ensure that reinforcements be provided immediately the need arises?

One answer is that it is the Army overseas which is receiving consideration in this matter.

The boys overseas have expressed their opinion in this regard and have earnestly requested that the government withhold total conscription, as they themselves would prefer, as far as humanly possible, that their reinforcements be volunteers.

This attitude and reaction on the part of our overseas army can be easily understood and appreciated by all, especially by old soldiers and veterans of the last war who will tell you in no uncertain terms that a volunteer is worth a dozen conscripts.

An attempt is now being made and a campaign is now well under way to encourage every possible NRMA soldier to volunteer for active service, pointing out to them the fact that this is the expressed wish of our soldiers now in action. The response has been great and it is pleasing to note the personal satisfaction that comes over a soldier when he sews his "GS" badge on his left sleeve.

If and when voluntary enlistments fail to provide the required number of overseas reinforcements, total conscription will no doubt be enforced, and the remaining, if any, NRMA soldiers, will then be drafted overseas, whether they like it or not.

Rationing Freedom...

In theory, the freedom of the individual in a democracy in normal times is legally limited only at the point where its exercise would interfere with or impede the freedom of another. In wartime, freedom, like many other things, must be rationed, and at times it is in very short supply.

Practically, even in normal times, freedom is rationed more effectively by circumstances than by law. Anyone will be free to buy a ticket for a luxury cruise around the world when travelling again becomes attractive but many will still have to stay at home or put up with a less expensive vacation trip. Circumstances of purchasers will still make feasible the production of motor cars for a wide range of incomes, although anyone will be free to buy sixteen-cylinder limousines.

A possible hypothesis to account for the state of mind of some of those who desire a postwar continuance of wartime controls is that, in some respects, these controls have brought about economic equality. A wage-earner in a war industry has a better chance of getting permission to buy a new tire, if he needs his car to get to his work, than a millionaire who lives near a street-car line. The romantic theme of the Cinderella story seems to have come true.

The great difficulty of carrying wartime rationing of freedom into times of peace is that it would involve a moral judgment on the part of a government official. During the war, there is a standard which the oil controller, the rubber controller and others of our temporary dictators can apply or misapply in determining the relative merits of two citizens, namely which one of them is the more important to the winning of the war. But the peacetime standard would have to be which is the more useful citizen. Can civil servants be found whose judgment will be unanimously accepted in applying this broader standard? Only an angel or a fairy godmother can be trusted to judge between Cinderella and her wicked step-sisters, and neither the Civil Service Commission nor the patronage system provide for supernatural appointments.

LETTERBOX

COMMITTEE HELPLESS

Editor, Daily News:
The points raised in a recent letter from Mr. Collart regarding the proposed "Pioneers' Home" held a great deal of merit but the figures quoted therein were based, unfortunately, on a partial knowledge of the facts and consequently tended to be misleading.

In order to give the facts the widest possible publicity we would ask you to publish this reply in your columns.

In 1943 there were nine inmates in the "Eventide Homes," of whom four were old age pensioners. The municipality is charged for each of its residents in the Kamloops Home on a per capita cost basis. This charge may now be in excess of the \$39 per month quoted by Mr. Collart. However, to use his figures, our 1943 gross costs would have been \$4212 (9 inmates at \$39 per month). Against this we would have been credited with \$1440 (a old age pensioners at \$160 per annum) and, to carry out Mr. Collart's excellent suggestion of providing each pensioner with \$10 per month spending money, we would have expended a further \$1080. The net cost to the City in 1943 on this basis would have been \$3,852 compared with the actual cost of operations in 1943 of \$3,112.01. In fairness, it must be stated that the latter figure does not include any charge for lighting as the Dyer Block has only one meter and it is impossible to apportion the electricity used but it will be seen that even at \$20 per month, it was cheaper for the city to operate its own home in 1943 than it would have been to transfer the inmates to Kamloops. The city would also be responsible for transportation costs to that city for the occupants and for escorts or attendants where necessary. Should the population of the Home increase, it is quite possible that the per capita expenditure would be reduced through the savings that would accrue from quantity buying.

This letter, Mr. Editor, has dealt only with the financial aspects of the case but it must be remembered there is an added advantage to our pioneers when they are able to remain among familiar surroundings and within calling distance of their old friends and acquaintances.

HEALTH AND RELIEF COMMITTEE
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ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.
(By Dorothy Garbutt)

My spies—Caspar and Desmond—have been on the job again and they tell me that Lieutenant Margery Langley, who was commanding officer of the CWAC's here for a short while around Easter time, is now in England. Another Prince Rupert arrival there is Captain Rapson who was padre here for a short while. I think, if I recall correctly, he was the padre who tied the fatal knot for Sergeant and Mrs. Ralph Grieves at the CWAC barracks in March. They also tell me that the local postal corps boys should be interested in the fact that Lieutenant O'Shaughnessy, who was with them at Work Point, is also overseas. Now that's a right smart mess o' news, isn't it?

The Service Wives' Club met Thursday afternoon in the ladies' lounge at the "Y." There was a large attendance with three new members and for one horrid moment it looked as though there would not be enough cake to go around, especially when Chester demanded a piece for answering 'phone calls while I was in with the ladies. Mrs. Sargeant won the raffle this week which was donated by Mrs. Pavey. The refreshments were served by Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Gomez.

The player piano isn't so popular as we expected it to be. Trouble is you can't put a nickel in it and let it do the work for you. You actually have to press the pedals—and hard too—and that's work.

Don Forward is off on his holidays. He has gone down to Vancouver to be with his wife and three young sons. Scotty Malcolm has returned from the east and the first sight of his young daughter.

By the way, I forgot to ask the service wives about the snaps we took on the picnic. I could do with the negatives to finish before I leave at the end of the month. I want something that looks like British Columbia in my collection.

Allan Kergin arrived in the city on last night's train from his medical studies at Toronto to pay a brief visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Kergin.

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STUDIES IN SLEEP NEAR FRONT LINE IN ITALY—When tanks of a company that was to take part in a new offensive and strike towards high country in enemy territory in Italy bogged down, the men simply took advantage of the delay by resting. Here we see a study in sleep as the G.I.'s strike grotesque angles. Some sought fox-holes for their nap, others just stretched out and snoozed.

TERRACE

Mrs. Maxstead and child of Toronto are visiting at the home in Terrace of Mrs. Maxstead's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dover.

Set and Mrs. Lloyd Johnstone and their child are spending furlough at the home of Mrs. Johnstone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Kenney.

Mrs. Holmes and her sister, Sophia MacLaren, are holidaying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. MacLaren, their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank of Prince Rupert are spending a few days in Terrace renewing old acquaintances.

Brief showers have freshened crops but conditions are too dry and indications are that another dry spell is beginning.

Strawberries were off to a good start but the price control people have placed a ceiling on the berries which effectually stops retail sales.

Fuel prices in Terrace seem to be mixed up. Nobody knows whether firewood is to be six dollars or anything up to twelve. At the former figure the effect is likely to be another fuel shortage alarm, same as was experienced last winter.

SOO-SUD NOTES

A "flying ambulance" service will be instituted in northern Ontario by the Forestry Department, Dr. R. P. Vivian, health minister said in the Sault. The service is badly needed among isolated bush men and prospectors.

A reception party which included Mayor W. J. McMeek and other civic dignitaries greeted Premier and Mrs. George A. Drew, who visited the Sault recently.

From 16 primary schools in the Sault 4,750 children poured forth to begin their summer holidays last week.

When you have some important information about the forces, think twice before mentioning it, especially in public places. Then talk about something else.

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METEOROLOGICAL RECORD

Navajo Indians put the weather forecast on their silver bracelets—with different symbols for varying weather conditions.

PSYCHOLOGICAL FINDING

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MRS. KASPAR IS REGENT

Women of Moose Elect New Officers for Year

The first meeting of the new year of Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 211, Women of the Moose, was held Wednesday with the new officers in the chairs as follows:

Graduate Regent—Margaret Tohn (pro tem, Gertrude Hagan).

Senior Regent—Amy Kaspar, Junior Regent—Jessie Harvey.

Chaplain—Elizabeth Adolph, Recorder—Dorothy Balmger, Treasurer—Minnie Lundstrom, Guide—Jean Munroe, Assistant Guide—Helen Speer, Argus—Isobel Startup, Sentinel—Alinda Varfeldt, Pianist—Sophie Carr.

Immediately following the meeting a very successful dancing party was enjoyed by the large crowd which attended.

Miss Edna Dobbie, R.N., arrived today from the south. She will visit with her sister, Mrs. Hanna, in the city before proceeding to her home at Copper City.

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