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NO TIME FOR NONSENSE

Judged by the comments of Allied statesmen and the stern faces of the men who are devoting their time and talents to the erection of an international structure that will prevent future wars, the announcement of final victory over the Axis will find a world in an extremely sober mood—with a realization that winning the peace, too, will be a testing time immeasureably more exacting than anything in history. Last night the local city council discussed the matter of celebration of the forthcoming Armistice Day.

Anyone who remembers Nov. 11, 1918, remembers that it was a day of jubilation. But we venture to predict that even if the Allied leaders have any definite concept of what form the next armistice will take—whether marking the end of organized resistance, or the signal for the beginning of a protracted battle with a Hitlerian underground movement-it will find us in a different mood. Armistice Day in 1918, for all the undertone of sorrow and all the lives lost, was something like a football victory. There were bands and noisemakers and confetti and dancing in the streets. But we are likely to view the next Armistice Day as one that marks the passing of a crisis in a long and serious illness and the beginning of a protracted convalescence.

Twenty-six years ago the fight was won. Hohenzollernsm had bitten the dust; never was its like to rise again—or so we thought. Only the very cynical or the very far-seeing doubted that. Verily the war to end war had itself ended. Today we can already envision the tremendous job that lies behind the peace-problems of frightening magnitude all over the world. And these problems are problems for Canadians to contemplate with ordered thought and stern resolve. Removed from the actual scene of conflict as we have been, we cannot escape the backwash. And it is well that we know how sick the world has become, and how contagious that sickness can be. Perhaps knowing that will enable us to help nurse it back to real health this time-even though the colossal nature of the task leaves no time or inclination for dancing in the streets next Armistice Day.

In any event, our city fathers and others, while making all appropriate arrangements for thanksgiving exercises, should realize by this time that returning warriors will want to know how their future has been considered, what preparations are being made for their absorption into the warp and woof of civilian life. Men and women doffing the uniform will not be interested in city celebrations. They will be looking for some signs of progress-for a longoverdue manifestation of practical vision and civic pride. We should keep our feet on the ground.

ONWARD CANADA!

Word that the great white Vimy Ridge memorial in France, Canada's tribute to her dead of the First World War, is little damaged sends a wave of relief across our Dominion.

The bitterness that swept Canada early in the present conflict when reports were current that the Germans had desecrated the memorial has been tempered, but does not swerve the Allies from their purpose of bringing the Reich and her cohorts to their knees.

Canadians have twice stormed up the heights of Vimy Ridge. In 1917 the fighting Canucks first captured the ridge and this victory thrilled the free world. That victory, commemorated by the memorial, is equalled by the latest triumph in France over the hated Hun.

There remains only the need for Canadians to rededicate themselves to the ideal for which our men fought and died in the last war and in this.

Isn't it time Prince Rupert organizations got together and decided on what version of "O Canada" this city will sing at its public meetings? The two versions are all too frequently heard clashing. It makes a bad impression on visitors.

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FAVORS LIBERAL-LABOR GOVERNMENT AT OTTAWA

Editor, Daily News:

Most of us want full employment, rising living standards, social security and decent homes in the post-war years.

The Tories have found in John Bracken a leader who can talk glibly of all these things. Yet for all Bracken's fair words, Toryism in Canada is still as

reactionary as it was under "Iron calculate on gaining power at wins only 36 per cent of the erals, C.C.F., and Labor-Pro- in the power of the laboration of Heel" Bennett.

as well as anybody else that the ing" tactics of the C.C.F. pre-Tories can never gain majority venting a majority Liberalsupport among the Canadian Labor coalition. They see Brackpeople. As a matter of fact, the en as premier of a minority old Conservativ party of Sir John government like that of Drew A. Macdonald is dead. The pres- in Ontario or as head of a reent day so-called Progressive actionary coalition with Quebec Conservative party cannot pre- Nationalists, right-wing Libertend to be a national party. It als and others. was unable to openly run a single candidate in either the Quebec or Alberta elections.

Ottawa. They bank on the "our-"Honest" John Bracken knows selves alone socialism-or noth-

grave warning that such a pos- the government even though his mons will be Tories, Liberals Yet for all that the Tories ada. The pro-Fascist Duplessis legislature. This is because Lib- larger the better!). It lies with- St. Paul's Hospital, Van

votes yet captures the govern- gressives, who together hold a bers to defeat the n the C.C.F. leadership, which for been able to unite to form a and other groupings, the sake of its self-advance- government of progress. ment, centred its main attacks on what it afterwards admitted to be the most progressive government in Quebec's history, helped defeat Godbout and elect Duplessis.

Similarly, in Ontario, the

ment. The partisan tactics of majority of seats, have not yet By uniting with those

Thus in Canada's two largest jobs for all in the provinces the Drew-Duplessis period, the Labor ment axis holds sway and is already ensure a coalition government striving to lay the groundwork which will relegate the for a new depression in Canada to the position of a l by upsetting any progressive minority opposition moves at Ottawa.

The Quebec elections are a Tory Col. George Drew holds In the next House of Comsibility hangs heavily over Can- party is in a minority in the and a large Labor bloc (the

prepared to tread the government Labor work a partnership for the n in Canadian history. BRUCE MICKIE



TOU can't have one without the other... you can't I share in the Victory unless you are ready and willing to take your place with the boys who are earning it.

The fight is overseas—in the face of the enemy—and you must be an overseas soldier to get into it.

So get that GS badge on your arm right away.

There's still time—and there's a place for you in the Canadian Army—for all the young men who want to be fighting soldiers. And when you come home again you'll be one of the boys to lead the Victory Parade.

Join up now... and go GS!



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