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Public Opinion . . .

Popularity of opinion polls is soundy based on human nature. Our curiosity about what other persons are thinking and policemen and admit that the result of the poll corresponds, in all probability, with public opinion.

When the subject of the poll is an election, public interest becomes warm, even heated. One might think that popularity of the polls would also in- ence with the ability of both the emcrease, but it seems to be the fact (al- ployers and the workers to get tothough this has not been verified statistically) that people resent opinion essary during the man-power crisis polls on elections even while they read and should not be abolished until we them. They may readily agree that are sure that there is no such crisis. the voice of the people is the voice of In any event, it should not be abolished God, but not that either is the voice without there being substituted of Gallup.

Resentment may spring from the fact that an election is something in which we are emotionally involved. We know that women and proprietors of moving picture theatres will continue to do as they please without regard to statistics. Unmoved, we can read the results of the polls on nail polish and double features, priding ourselves on belonging to the intelligent minority, or, if our opinion coincides with that of the majority, getting some satisfaction from the proof that the country is sound at heart.

But when the question is whether Hon. Samuel Slumkey or Horatio Fizkin shall represent the historic riding of Easanwill, the black magic that can forecast the result brings little comfort. There is no satisfaction in belonging to the intelligent minority when the secoundrels of the majority group are going to misgovern the country, and if one happens to side with the majority, the poll demonstrates that the result was predestined anyway.

The machinery of a democratic election is cumbrous and creaky, but magnificently human. There is enjoyment to be derived from mass meetings, vituperative oratory, editorials written in the white heat of partisanship. It is humilating to reflect that the same result could be obtained more efficiently by a pack of punched cards shuffled through a Hollerith tabulator. Infallibility may command respect, but never affection.

Post-war Employment . . .

The economic problem of the overseas veteran would be no problem at all if each small employer made a place contend, and towards Austria because gle against war in those days for one or two. And, in the case of it would run in with the general grain and the CCF is now trying to all veterans, this making of places of the country. The advantage of the claim credit for it. In Vicseek refuge on the payroll of a big assistance in this drive. corporation. These big corporations are necessary in some industries, per- bilities, Marshal Malinovsky may poshaps many. But the nation will do sibly not be satisfied to attempt only best, and individuals will be more self- one.

reliant, if the public remembers that the little businesses, the small employers, in the aggregate are extremely important factors in our economy.

National Selective Service . . .

National Selective Service was adopted to keep people from getting non-essential jobs and it has worked quite well for that purpose. It did not work well as a conscription scheme, for National Selective Service itself admits that a recent check showed 7,500 draft evaders in employment. As an employment agency, National is apparently insatiable. We do not Selective Service does not work well. It necessarily want to agree or disagree prevents a man from seeking an emwith them; we simply want to know. ployer or an employer from seeking Even if we have no personal interest a worker without going through the in whether the general public approves ceremony of National Selective Service. or disapproves of double-feature movies It prevents employers from advertising or blood-red nail polish, we will read for workers. It means a considerable a statistical analysis of the varied an- delay for the worker waiting around swers given by plumbers, postmen National Selective Service offices, only too often, in the end, to be given an "open permit," which merely is a statement that National Selective Service cannot find him a job, and that he had better go and find one for himself. It involves altogether too much interfergether. On the other hand, it was necproper Dominion Employment Service | services. so that a man seeking employment can get in touch with an agency which can place him in employment anywhere in Canada where such a man is needed. We suffered greatly during the depression from the lack of a really

In short, we do not want to hear statements that National Selective Son vice has been a brilliant success and must be kept forever, or charges that it has been a colossal failure, and should gard to the betrayal of Czecho. impressed by men who try to be abolished overnight. What we want have is to strengthen Hitler's of friendship towards the Soviet is an employment service of the gov- power for agression, strengthen Union felt by all Canadians in ernment, interfering as little as possible with the individual employer or work- Nazis that the great democracies Soviet policies. Stalin today er, but efficiently aiding to bring together employers and workers who ternational treaties, a far-reach- to the future for Canadian sercannot reach each other, through their ing drift of small states from vicemen is the road of unity on own channels of effort.

Russian Drive in Hungary . . .

The Russian crossing of the Danube south of Budapest opens up big possibilities. Marshal Malinovsky has three Every Canadian knows. possible ways through which he can develop his offensive:

He may drive up the right bank of ing report: "Chamberlain did the river towards Budapest, in order to the only thing he could have, encircle the city from the south, in stated J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., conjunction with operations already federal leader of the CCF party, taking place towards the north.

He may move northwest towards eign policy at a meeting of the Lake Balaton and the Austrian fron- Knights of the Round Ttable in

He may prefer to drive due west Patterson, K.C., thanked Mr. across Drava in the direction of Zag- Woodsworth in behalf of the

In the case of the first two suggested drives the going should be good because towards Budapest there would be few natural features with which to would be profitable to all concerned. third course would be that eventually But if we look on the veteran's prob- the drive would link up with the Parlem as a job for Government or the tisans in Croatia and make the position very small number of very large em- of the German Forces still remaining ployers, the overseas veterans really in YugoSlavia even more precarious. have cause for worry. There is already The Russian bridgehead across the Sava too much of a tendency for people to would furthermore be of considerable

With three such attractive possi-

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SPEAKING FOR FORCES Editor, Daily News:

heard with some interest LAC from this movement. Archibald, CCF candidate for To hear LAC Archibald tilting Between wars there had been a this riding announce that he windmills against Canadian fin- substantial tourist traffic. A was going to describe what was ance-capital one would think number of personal anecdotes a on the mind of the boys in the that he was in favor of Social- contrived to make Mr. Berner's

Canadian Navy, I must confess he starts talking about New the series of half-truths and that the Labor-Premier of New TO THE CITIZENS Zealand, Hon. Peter Fraser, TO THE CITIZENS my eyes popped when I heard Zealand, in spite of the fact

curity against Fascist agression. The first thing the men in the What are the facts?

service demand from those In September, 1938, Tim Buck who pretend to speak for stated in the Clarion with re- them is honesty. They are not Slovakia: "The only effect it can cash in on the immense feeling the fanatical belief among the order to put over basicly antiare afraid, provoke widespread works in unity with Roosevelt breakdown of confidence in in and Churchill and the only road the orbit of French influence the part of all sections and toward the Rome Berlin axis classes to assure full employand open the door wide to ment and rising living stand-European war with Hitler in a ards. The boys who are giving much more favorable position." their blood to buy this unity

Did history vindicate this will not stand for it being disposition of the present leader of rupted by pseudo-radical phrasethe Labor - Progressive Party? mongering.

What did the CCF have to say? The Calgary Herald, Ocwhen he discussed the recent world crisis and Canada's forthe T. Eaton Company dining room at noon today . . . H. S. club 'for his acceptable view of the recent crisis."

Many, many similar quotations could be given but space forbids. The fact of the matter is that it was the left-wing labor move-



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ways, in speaking before the Prince Rupert Gyro Club at lunalready established a fine record ger. large trains.

way in March 1914 and described leaving the city. toria, where the men and wo- a trip through the interior bemen on the picket-line actually youd Smithers that summer stopped the scrap-iron being when the train had gone off the shipped to Japan, and in other track not less than 11 times in a places, the labor movement is day. At that, the line had been well aware that the CCF leader- but in shape and had played a On listening to the radio I ship consistently stood aside part in the First Great War by carrying airplane spruce east. ism. Indeed he goes so far as talk the more interesting.

However, as one who was for to say that there will be no Frank Skinner, president of years active in the labor move- future for servicemen until we the club, was in the chair and ment prior to joining the Royal have such a socialism. Then there was a good crowd of mem-

FOUR YEARS AGO IN THIS WAR

By the Canadian Press

Dec. 8, 1940-R.A.F. smashed at Dusseldorf and Netherlands airdromes. Greeks captured Del-"I hope you people here ap- vino, Albania. President Roosepreciate the good railway you velt pledged U.S. aid to Greece. have running into Prince Rupert | German air force staged light —a railway I am proud to repre- raids on Britain. Cesare Maria sent," said C. A. Berner, superin- De Vecchi resigned as governor tendent, Canadian National Rail- of Italy's Dodecanese Islands.

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cheon Wednesday. The service bers with one guest in the person and equipment on this line com- of Tony Hill of Vancouver. Winpared very favorably with any ner of the weekly raffle of a war railway on the continent. It had savings certificate was Jack Bul-

in handling of important war Announcement was made that traffic. Mr. Berner alluded to the District Governor Jack Ryan of fact that the gradient of this Nanaimo would be here January line of the Canadian National 5 to conduct the installation of Railways through the mountains, 1945 officers of the local club. not exceeding one percent, was Mr. Ryan will be accompanied by the best on the continent. That several prominent Nanaimo was why such surprisingly small members and their wives and engines were necessary to handle there will be special entertainment for the visitors.

Mr. Berner paralleled his own Next week the club will have career with the history of the lo- a stag party in honor of Hector cal line. He had joined the rail- | Cowie, a popular member who is

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