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Beware of Betrayers . . .

They shot Benito Mussolini in the back, hanged his body by the toes in the public square at Milan yesterday and then cut the remains down and kicked and spat upon them. They will do the same or likewise for Adolf Hitler in a day or so unless, as they say has happened, he has already died in his underground rat hole in Berlin.

Thus comes retribution at long last for the arch traitors—for the betrayers of their people—for the men who sowed the seeds of their fanatical lust for power in the soil of their people's discontent.

They die in dishonor and the deepest of ignominy. And there is something pitiful and pathetic about it all even if there may be some grim feeling of satisfaction within the irony.

How different it could have been for Mussolini and Hitler too if, after achieving the great power that became theirs, they might have used it in different directions!

Who knows that these dictators who became so fanatical, so gross and so completely drunk with power and trust that was imposed in them, might in their day have been inspired with some measure of sincerity and good intention for their people?

Those who consider the history of Hitler and Mussolini may moralize against the danger of being deluded by seeming good intentions into just such deadly and terrible conditions as culminated in these tragedies of Germany and Italy. We might well reflect upon that before we embark upon political experimentations ourselves.

Who seriously believed, a seeming few years ago, although some might have been predicting these very events, that such things would have happened to Italy and Germany and the leaders whom they worshipped and fawned to.

In winning our victory now and with the peace of the world again in sight, we would do well to ensure that we do not sow these very days such seeds as have destroyed these sick and demented dictators and their deluded peoples.

Just a Little Premature . . .

We had the war in Europe almost over Saturday night. It was something of a rehearsal of the "V-E Day" proceedings.

Even here in the Daily News office the telephones were jingling with calls of people hearing the rumors that Germany had surrendered unconditionally to all the Allies and wishing confirmation.

When no less a person than Senator Tom Connelly, chairman of the United States foreign relations committee and vice-chairman of the United States delegate to the San Francisco security conference, came through with the announcement of the surrender, there was some justification to believe that a great day and great hour had come.

It was somewhat of a letdown to be sure to be later advised that it was a false alarm. But we know that the event cannot be far removed even if it may come somewhat anticlimactically in these days of such quickly succeeding world shaking events.

Ontario Elections . . .

What political parties in Ontario think about their own chances in the forthcoming provincial election makes interesting reading. Predictions follow:

Conservatives (38 seats in the last House) "Ontario is traditionally conservative, with both a small 'c' and a capital 'C.'" Its pendulum is now swinging back to normalcy after one or two hysterical lurches in other directions. Another eight seats would give us a clear majority. We'll win that many and 10 more."

Liberals (16 seats in the last House) "Mitch Hepburn is unbeatable—particularly now that he has stonned feuding with Mackenzie King. That 1943 debacle would never have happened to us if Mitch had been at the helm. We'll win 20 seats back from the C.C.F. and another ten from the Conservatives. It's in the bag."

C.C.F. (32 seats in the last House) "Ours is the coming party in every part of Canada. We only struck our stride in 1943; this time we're really going places. We were prepared to take over from Drew and function even as a minority government but after June we'll have a clear majority."

Labor-Progressives: "We had two members in the last House and as our party wasn't organized until the 1943 election that wasn't a bad batting average. We plan to nominate 37 candidates in this campaign and hope to elect as good a percentage. We obviously can't get a majority in a House of 90 but we will probably hold the balance of power."

LETTERBOX

QUALITY OF BREAD

Editor, Daily News:

A news dispatch datelined Terrace, April 26, with the heading "Baker Having Difficulty" calls, we think, for a reply from one directly associated with and in the bakery production at Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert, we think, has undergone one of the most rapid increases in population of any city in the Dominion. When the population was 6,700 persons we enjoyed the services of three bakeries catering to public demands. Shortly after activity commenced one of these bakeries was lost to the civilian trade by being taken over by the armed forces, thus leaving only two bakeries to cater to the increasing trade. At the apex our population was around 22,000 civilians and we received every consideration at the hands of the ration administration when we required sufficient rationed supplies to serve our trade.

This article is misleading in that it attempts to create an impression that a higher quality of bread is being turned out by the Terrace bakery than by other producers of bread in this area. A test conducted by a flour milling company recently in which a score of 90 percent on bread was obtained by the Terrace bakery has been quoted as against the highest score in the Dominion of 92 percent. The writer of this dispatch to be fair to the public and others concerned should have pointed out in the press that all flour milling companies conduct such tests with those using their own brand of flour and tests were made according to the official method of the American Institute of Baking. Under these tests our score has reached a high of 98.6 percent and our lowest score being 93.7 percent, a slightly better record than 90 percent. We point this out from the statement made that, unless the Prices Board can

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A. Ashton was elected a director of Canadian Oil Companies Limited at the annual meeting. Mr. Ashton is President of Canadian Wallpaper Manufacturers Limited. He has been associated with this company since its inception, coming out from England in 1927.

ATMOSPHERIC INSTRUMENTS

The barometer and the thermometer were developed in the 17th century.

be made to see sense. Prince Rupert and other points will be compelled to keep on using other grades of products. We do not think such advertising is the best means of creating goodwill towards the Wartime Prices and Trade Board and from our experience they have always shown consideration for fair and equitable distribution of all commodities in short supply. There is a job we think as "well done" for our whole Dominion.

The scoring of bread is meant only for the bakers use, to find out any improvements which can be made and certainly is not for publication. It isn't fair to the people who scored the bread.

Thank you, Mr. Editor.
R. MURRAY,
Manager, Prince Rupert Bakery.

LOCAL FLIER

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Mah who had just recovered from a five-week bout with malaria in India. "The climate is temperate and dry. The villa sits on a knoll overlooking a beautiful lake with high peaks on all sides. The radio and electric lights made us feel at home. The Colonel remarked that the place reminded him of a mansion back in Vermont.

The governor's son, who was a chemical engineer, showed the fliers two alcohol distilling plants in the valley which provided much of the base for China's munitions industry. Two crops are grown each year, the first, wheat and corn, being used for distillation of alcohol, and the second, rice, for food for the people.

In a nearby village Capt. Mah and his companion discovered members of a hill tribe known as Lolos who had come down to purchase supplies.

"These Lolos are fierce tribesmen who live in the border regions between China and Tibet," he said. "Many an airman has bailed out in their territory—never to be seen again. However, I found them obliging when I asked them to pose for photographs."

"Unlike the Lolos, the Tibetans are not warlike. They are a kind people, honest, and with a well balanced philosophy. Their attitudes make the country a real Shangri-La to outsiders."

In discussion with the governor a former warlord who had adopted a firm attachment to Chiang Kai Chek, Capt. Mah learned that despite its close relationship with China, Tibet's background is closely linked with that of Burma. The governor's son, who had married a Tibetan princess during a seven-year exile from China, explained that the Tibetan alphabet, which consists of 40 characters was brought from Burma by a Lama in the fifteenth century. Much of their religious statuary also shows a Burmese influence.

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JAP BOTTLE NOTE FOUND

VICTORIA, April 28 (C)—A beer bottle with a note inside dated July 20, 1941, was found off Saanich Inlet last Sunday, it is disclosed here. The note: "We are shipwrecked off an island approximately 42 longitude 49 latitude. Send help at once. We are standing by. Survivors of the Florida Maru."

The Florida Maru, a Japanese ship, had called at Victoria several times before 1941 but there was no record here of it having been wrecked.

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