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In the Emperor's Name . . .

Japan's "unconditional" surrender is being "negotiated" in the name of the Emperor of Japan. But who is using the name? There are manifest divisions in Japan. And despite the supposed divinity of the Mikado, Japanese politicians have a habit of carrying out their own purposes in his name. So far there is no evidence that there is a real shift even among the ruling group.

The Allies are willing to keep the question of the Emperor's future role open. He—or his name—is almost indispensable in making an early peace. No other authority could command a cessation of resistance for all Japan's far-scattered strongholds. No other name could absolve millions of soldiers from an obligation to fight to the death.

But the Allies as of today refuse to promise to leave his prerogatives "unprejudiced." The Chinese and the Russians would very much prefer to demolish the whole intricate structure of arrogant, nationalistic military mythology which has been built up around the Emperor by those who control Japan's social and political feudalism. But British-American officials have inclined to the view that the Emperorship could be used to change the political system after Japan had been stripped of her conquests and physically disarmed. Yet all the Allies are agreed that it would not be worth while to grab a quick peace—at the risk of having to do the job over in another generation. They are all resolved to have a real peace, and will take whatever steps are required to get it.

Proud of Girls . . .

The Prince George Citizen, inspired by the choice of Georgina Patterson as "Miss Northern B.C.," expresses pride of the interior town in its girls. It says: "Georgina Patterson returned to her ain forks Tuesday to climax the series of triumphs of our fair sex in Prince George, and she was accorded a welcome befitting 'Miss Northern B.C.'"

"As Canada's sole representative in September in the 'Miss America' pageant at Atlantic City, she will be an ambassador from the great land of the North."

"Her follow-up triumph to being crowned 'Miss Prince George of 1945,' as Trans-West Theatres Ltd.

entrant in the Dominion Day fête, before continuing to Prince Rupert, sponsored by Prince George Junior Chamber of Commerce, requires a re-appraisal of what this town holds. "Most residents, waiting for the latest war news, were startled when over the air waves came word of Miss Patterson's signal triumph at Prince Rupert. It was received by most with a personal jubilation and pride."

"Other honors were brought recently to Prince George by Miss Kaye Clark who won a British Columbia drama scholarship; by Miss Barbara Amstutz, who was awarded a Canadian Pacific Air Lines trip to Vancouver and return, and by Miss Nora Macdonald whose high marks were gratifying to those who adjudged her best entitled to the Perry scholarship award."

"We have good reason to be proud of our Prince George girls."

Mr. Pattullo Willing . . .

The intimation of Mr. Pattullo that he is willing and desirous of seeking re-election to the Legislature in which he has been Prince Rupert's representative for almost thirty years should tend to clarify the local political situation. Up to the present, there had been uncertainty as to Mr. Pattullo's intentions and word had been awaited before any move was made in the way of nominating a coalition candidate which, of course, could still be done.

Undoubtedly, there are many who may not have seen eye to eye with Mr. Pattullo's political course during recent years but even these must admit that he is ripe in experience and possessed of ability and influence by virtue of which, even in his present isolated political position, he is still a respected and powerful figure.

Publicity Needs Cash . . .

Prince Rupert needs publicity—plenty of it and favorable—abroad. Publicity needs cash. With war over, the local publicity organization is now going to be in a position to actually implement some of its plans to put Prince Rupert on the map from which it has been so often and so noticeably absent.

The publicity council has already sent out its letters of solicitation. We can but endorse the suggestion that the requests which have been made be implemented by the putting up of the cash.

Outside publicity is going to be one of our major needs in attracting travel here and telling the world about our advantages and opportunities. The Daily News can urge you with a clear conscience to put up your cash since little of it will come our way directly and some of it, indeed, may be at our expense.

However, we feel it is a worthy object and, therefore, freely recommend its support.

Thanksgiving In Churches

Special Services Held Sunday To Mark End of War With Japan

With special sermons and scripture readings, appropriate divine services were held in the churches of Prince Rupert Sunday in connection with the annual-wide observance of a day of thanksgiving for the surrender of Japan. Solemnity was lent to the occasion by expressions of tribute to the fallen and thoughtfulness over the tasks and difficulties which peace and reconstruction would bring.

Rev. E. W. Sims, pastor of St. Peter's Church, Seal Cove, who will soon leave the city to become the general secretary of the Junior Christian Movement at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, gave the sermon in St. Andrew's Cathedral in the morning. Ed. Rev. J. E. Gibson, D.D., Bishop of Columbia and pastor of St. Andrew's Cathedral, was in charge of the service at St. Andrew's.

In his sermon Mr. Sims pointed out that the absence of war did not necessarily mean there was peace. The only hope for an enduring peace, he stated, was to love those hated and return good for evil.

Mrs. Frances Pilgrim gave a vocal solo, "The Good Shepherd" during the course of the service in the cathedral.

LODGE MEMBERS

With 40 women of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire attending in a body under their municipal representative, Mrs. D. C. Stuart, the service of Rev. A. P. MacIsaac at First Presbyterian Church was featured by special scripture readings and prayer. In addition to welcoming the LODGE members, Mr. MacIsaac alluded to the presence of men and women who were home from active service. Five standard-bearers of the LODGE—Mrs. William Strain, Mrs. James Furman, Mrs. E. V. Cox, Miss Florence Parker and Miss Mary Bird—stood facing the congregation as a solemn minute's silence was observed in honor of the memory of the fallen. Into the silence broke the notes of "The Last Post," giving the soft impression of distance as they sounded from the social parlors of the church below. The bugler was Bandman Thomas Ginger of H.M.C.S. Chatham. After the National Anthem, the standard-bearers retired. The subsidiary LODGE chapters were led by Mrs. J. A. Teng, regent of Queen Mary. Mrs. Stewart Donaldson, vice-regent of Hill 66, in addition to the standard-bearers.

At St. Peter's Church, Seal Cove last evening the service opened with the great thanksgiving hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," and Rev. E. W. Scott spoke briefly on the occasion of thanksgiving and ways of thanksgiving. He pointed out that here in Prince Rupert the terrible tragedy of the war could not be realized. Here in so many cases people benefited rather than suffered because of it. The cessation had, however, not brought real peace but merely the opportunity of building real peace. If thankfulness was real it must issue in action—in the way of living. "We must devote ourselves to building a real sense of brotherhood among men—where there is a real mutual concern for one another's welfare," Mr. Scott declared. "Unless this is achieved the sacrifice which so many have made may be in vain."

Special intercessory prayers were held concluding with a period in which the members of the congregation were invited to dedicate themselves to the task

of building the better world for which so many were hoping.

Victory Is Gift of God

At the Regular Baptist services, held in the LODGE Hall, the speaker for the evening, G. E. S. Blackaby, took as his subject "God's V-J Day." Finding his text in I Cor. xv, 57, "Thanks be unto God, which giveth us the Victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Emphasizing that victory belongs to God alone, the speaker went on to show that victory is not earned or deserved but is a gift of God and that, further, victory is given through the executive of the God-head, the Lord Jesus Christ, by whom it is wrought.

Not only in the life of the nation, the speaker said, but in the life of the individual these truths hold. "The Lord Jesus Christ said 'Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.' This victory is given to us individually, if we will accept it and rest upon it," said Mr. Blackaby.

Mr. Blackaby's closing words were: "As a nation the war is won. We must not—we will not go on to live the life of a defeated people. No more then is the individual life. The victory has been won by the Lord Jesus Christ—we have no right as Christians to live individually a defeated life."

Redeemed Seed

Commenting on the use of the atomic bomb, Rev. J. Lindsay, pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle, said that the redeemed seedling in the world have an appalling tendency to influence dangerous to disbelievers," Rev. Lindsay

said during his sermon. "To have an overpowering love for the Saviour at His coming is of immense moment at this time."

Two Sermons On Victory

Rev. J. J. Smithson of New Westminster gave two sermons in the First Baptist Church yesterday as guest preacher. In the morning he spoke on the subject, "Thanks Be to God," while in the evening he spoke on "Victory and Its Consequences." Special prayers of thanksgiving were offered and appropriate hymns sung.

Nursing Sister As Guest Soloist

Rev. R. A. Wilson, M.A. pastor gave a special sermon in the First United Church in the morning on the subject, "Thanksgiving," and during the evening service he spoke on "God and Responsibility." Lieut. (Nursing Sister) Rose Hartwig was guest soloist and sang "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" in the morning and "Thanks Be to God," in the evening.

"The Dunes" Has Changed Hands

The well known and long popular summer resort, "The Dunes," at Telli, Queen Charlotte Islands, has changed hands, having been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass of Telli from Mrs. James Denholm, Madame Rajant, who has been hostess at "The Dunes" for many years, will be leaving Telli towards the end of September for Vancouver to make her future home.

LONDON (AP)—A Mills bomb was found on the seat of a London bus.

Over a world dyed dark with suffering breathes the deep sweet sigh of Peace; and countless hearts are lifted up in praise and unutterable Thanksgiving to Him who was our shield and our shelter when the earth did tremble . . . which now is still.

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