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Violent Christianity

"BERNARD SHAW once said that the devil gave man a mild injection of Christianity to immunize him against a more violent attack. Perhaps we could apply the same stricture to our attitude to democracy." That is a quotation from a recent book entitled "Towards Christian Democracy," by Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the British Board of Trade in the Labor government. Sir Stafford goes on to say: "What we require today is a strong leaven of men and women whom the devil has failed to immunize and who will catch the same violent infection of Christianity and democracy that struck some of our forebears. It is no use to either our personal or social salvation merely to profess our Christianity and our democracy. We must employ them ruthlessly to create a physical environment of justice and decency, in which they themselves will be able to survive, and become powerful factors for controlling the future of the world."

Those are strong words, but lest they should not seem strong enough, Sir Stafford adds: "As Christian democrats, we should form an active army fighting injustice and poverty, unemployment and inequality, with as much vigor as we showed in our fight against the same evil in the garb of aggressive nazism."

If the above combination of words mean anything they mean that Christianity should be organized like Hitler organized Nazism and Lenin, Marxism. Sir Stafford says there is need for a "violent infection of Christianity and democracy." We have heard of a "militant Christianity and democracy." We have heard of a "militant Christianity," but we have always associated it with evangelical movements and especially with the Salvation Army. A "violent Christianity" is an entirely new idea.

Even if applied to democracy alone, violence is surely out of place, except in the event of war and the maintenance of law and order. Democracy is not necessarily a Christian system, since it takes in people of various religious beliefs. The effect of Christianity upon democracy is to restrain the use of violence, and it certainly does not countenance ruthlessness in the creation of a "physical environment of justice and decency," or in "controlling the future of the world."

Mankind today is suffering from the results of two ruthless attempts to control the future of the world. The truth is that it is not within the power of any one religion or political system to control the present much less the future of the whole human race. If Christianity and democracy are to prevail, and they are, no doubt, the salvation of the world they must be accepted by persuasion and not by coercion. The need of the world is for an aggressive campaign of persuasion not for a violent attack.

Is It Safe Yet?

THE SITUATION at the Kwintsa slide, last remaining barrier to the reopening of the Prince Rupert Highway for traffic between here and Terrace, appears to have changed during the past week. More than one local motorist who went out that far during the week-end agreed that the snow condition was not nearly as bad as it was a year ago and that it looked safe for men to be put in to clear it out.

As was observed in this column last week, it is for public works department officials to make the decision as to whether it is safe for them to put the men in there and assume the consequences of such decision. Cautious as they must be, no doubt, they are as anxious as the motorists to get the road open again and will not delay unnecessarily the work required to clear it.

Value of Library

A REVIEW of the librarian's report as submitted to the Library Board at its last meeting indicates the important part this service is rendering to the community.

The total number of books in the library is 9,639. From time to time old books are discarded and it has been difficult recently, owing to the war and then the paper shortage, to obtain the new books that the book committee had chosen. In spite of these difficulties sixty new books have been added since the start of the year.

At the end of 1946 the names of borrowers were checked and 206 names were deleted from the list of active borrowers. But since the first of the year 113 new members have been added. There are 1,963 borrowers now.

In the month of March, 1097 books of fiction were in circulation, 207 non-fiction books were read; 372 books were used by the juvenile section and in the pay section 290 books were in circulation.

Letters to the Editor

RUPERT GREAT CITY

Editor,
Daily News:
Between Mount Morse, Digby Island, Metlakatla, Seal Cove and Mount Hays lies beautiful Prince Rupert along Tucks Inlet of many bays. When in the spring the sun rises over Mount Hays and warm Metlakatla with its golden rays bleak nature awakens from its winter torpor. The turf gets greenish. Rupert enjoys longer days.

The naked trees dress up with their green foliage. The sun is warmer. The robins are singing in the alleyways.

April squalls are over. The smiling verdure revamps all around. Here is joyous May.

The sun is high over the majestic Acropolis and the green surrounding hill tops are sprayed with golden rays, the clear northern sky has its display.

The magnificent circling amphitheatre crowned by the towering snowcaps over Woodwards Lake, admire silently, Rupert Tucks Inlet and its rocky bays.

The winter is over. The hall-but fleet overhauled and painted, lines up to gather in the bait. The fishing season is nearing. Soon the boats will move up Metlakatla Passage: others down Hecate Strait.

The harbor is teeming with halibutters and salmon trollers, the air is full of sounds, from boats rushing out to the fishing grounds. After a winters rest, it is a joyful race for the hardy fishermen to move out where fish is copiously found.

Prince Rupert has become famous with the largest of North America's fishing plants. That it is the largest and richest fishing ground everyone grants. Out of its spacious stream-lined railway yards move fish and (celanese?) laden trains; while others, fully loaded, move in to fill the elevator with prairie grains?

The Americans have proven its worth as an ocean port. It took a war to see Prince Rupert wake up from its 30 years sleep. And it is for the Rupert pioneers to enjoy the sight of dozens of freighters moving in from the ocean deep.

The pioneers who died and failed to see Canada's northern gate develop have suffered Canada's roughest deal.

Premier Mackenzie King should remember his endorsement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's pledge and know how the pioneers feel.

—ONE OF THE FEW PIONEERS.

USE ALARM BOXES

Editor,
Daily News:
Wild rumor is about town to the effect that a considerable delay occurred in advising the Fire Department of the Clapp Building fire and that a certain person ran or drove from the building on fire to the Fire Station to give the alarm.

There was no delay. I would like to state that I received the alarm from the Telephone Exchange who knew that we were at the Corner Cigar Store via a policeman from the Police Station and as we were on the point of returning to the Fire Hall, no time was lost in responding.

However, the real reason of this letter is to emphasize the fact that the person reported to have given the alarm in person, passed up three fire alarm boxes in doing so, any of which he could have used, the nearest being within 50 feet of the Clapp Block.

This is an excellent opportunity to again urge that all our townfolk should familiarize themselves with their nearest fire alarm box. That method of giving the alarm is the most simple and direct. There can be no confusion or misdirection by using it.

The system is maintained by the city to be used by our people at the time of emergency and I cannot too strongly urge that it be so used.

H. T. LOCK,
Fire Chief.

MANY ATTEND HER FUNERAL

Many Attend Final Rites for Mrs. Frances Turner

TERRACE—Funeral services for the late Mrs. Frances Turner, who passed away early Tuesday morning at her home here, were held on Friday by Brigadier J. T. Gillingham of the Salvation Army, Prince Rupert. The large attendance and the many beautiful floral tributes gave evidence of the esteem in which the young woman was held.

The first service was conducted in the morning at the Turner home. Then the remains were removed to the home of her father, Chief Walter Wright of Kitselas. A short service was conducted there and two other services were held in the village, one at the Salvation Army Hall and the other at the Christian Band of Workers' Church. At the interment service George Wright, brother of the deceased, spoke.

Hymns sung during the services included "The Lights of Home" by Rev. and Mrs. Graham of the Pentecostal Assembly and "The Night There" by Mrs. Gillingham.

Mrs. Turner was 38 years old. She had spent her life in and around Terrace and attended school here. She was a member of the Pentecostal Assembly Young People's Club. Her husband and two children survive.

FURS ARE SCARCE HERE THIS SPRING

This is the reason that the results of the winter trapping along the coast are beginning to come in. Mink, martin, beaver are somewhat scarce for many of the native trappers have been indifferent. Today's prices are not at all like the fancy quotations of a few years ago.

You saw it in The News!

The total number in circulation during the month was therefore 1,966.

The library is playing an important part in the city and it is a good sign that so many of the public make use of it. Its comfortable commodious quarters in the Civic Centre no doubt have added to its popularity. The resources of its reading room are becoming more widely appreciated and the many books of reference no less than the large number of periodicals attract an ever increasing number of users.

A Splendid Work

INSPIRED by the splendid gymnastic displays presented at the week-end, a few words of appreciation of the fine work which is being carried on among the young people by the Rup Rec organization at Civic Centre here are, we think, very much in order. We would like to congratulate Neil Ross, physical training director, and his associate, Miss Doreen Edmunds, whose talent and personality were so amply reflected in the accomplishments of their 250 or so proteges. The leaders and others who assisted the directors are also entitled to a modicum of appreciation for their real and splendid service in this health and strength promoting work among the young folk of the community.

This is one of the outstanding functions which makes Prince Rupert's Civic Centre so worthwhile.



A BORN SOLDIER?—WAC Captain Dorothy Smith Hentic, who created an unimilitary stir by having her baby while still in the U.S. army, is shown with her son, Yves Frank, as they arrived in New York from Europe. Capt. Hentic, who spent 47 months in Europe as an intelligence officer, married Lieut. Pierre Hentic, who fought with the French underground. She was slated for discharge last October but because of a gland ailment was kept in the army for medical observation and treatment. During her stay in a Paris military hospital, Capt. Hentic gave birth to the boy and soon afterward the army ordered mother and son transferred back to the United States. Now Capt. Hentic is wondering when she and her son will be separated from the service so that they can join her husband who is serving with the French army in Indochina.

Another Tulsequah Property Is Active

Now that there is resumption of operations at Tulsequah in Northern British Columbia, survey work is in the hands of J. C. McLean who has arrived from Kimberley. The property is being developed by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co.

Classified Advertising Pays!

\$10 DONATION BY CHIEF "OUT OF GRATITUDE"

A \$10 contribution by Fire Chief H. T. Lock to the Mayor's Fund to aid the dispossessed victims of the double apartment house fire which left 29 people homeless early Friday morning was accompanied by the following comment by Mr. Lock:

"I feel very lucky to be here to give something to help these people out. I'm glad to be able to make this token of gratitude."

Fire Chief Lock narrowly escaped from the fire with his life after he was, trapped in the burning basement by falling debris. Unconscious, he was rescued by Roy Lvin, an occupant of the destroyed Clapp Block, and Police Sergeant L. A. N. Potterton. Lvin carried him to the edge of the burning mass where he was taken to safety by Sgt. Potterton.

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- 4:15—Stock Quotations
- 4:30—Especially For You
- 4:45—Story Time
- 5:00—Top Bands
- 5:30—Let's Waltz
- 5:45—Supper Serenade
- 6:00—Accordiana
- 6:15—Musical Varieties
- 6:45—T.B.A.
- 7:00—CBC News
- 7:15—CBC News Roundup
- 7:30—Rectal Time
- 7:45—Western Adventure
- 8:00—Parade of Bands
- 8:30—Operetta Time
- 9:00—Summer Fallow
- 9:30—T.B.A.
- 10:00—CBC News
- 10:10—B.C. News
- 10:15—Neighborhood News
- 10:30—Pacific Pianoforte
- 11:00—Weather and Sign-off

TUESDAY—A.M.

- 7:30—Musical Clock
- 8:00—CBC News
- 8:15—Morning Concert
- 8:30—Music for Moderns
- 9:00—BBC News
- 9:15—Morning Devotions
- 9:30—Little Concert

THIS AND THAT



This reminds me of the time I ran my car into...

9:59—Time Signal
10:00—Music by Goodman
10:15—Organ Encores
10:30—Roundup Time
10:45—Scandinavian Melodies
11:00—CBR Presents
11:15—Songs of Today
11:30—Weather Forecast
11:31—Message Period
11:33—Recorded Interlude
11:45—T.B.A.

—F.M.—

12:00—B.C. Farm Broadcast
12:25—Program Resume
12:30—CBC News
12:45—Easy Listening

SERVICE AT ESSINGTON

A service at St. Paul's Church at Port Essington conducted recently by Christine Clark, Bay Hospital, was matron with the apartment at Port Essington. The number of years she visited the village (the guest of Mrs. The service was by William Spalding.

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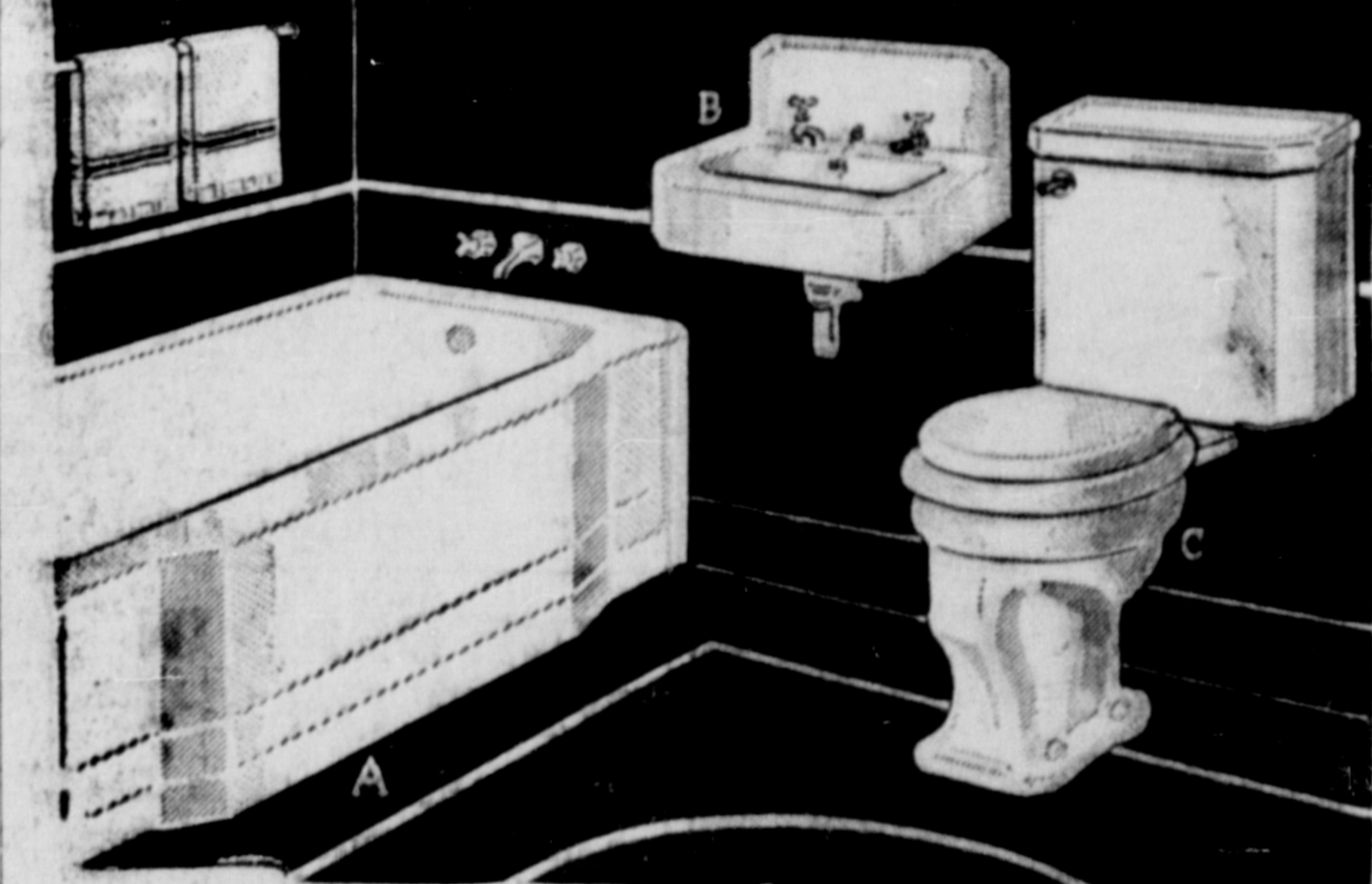
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