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Archibald Exaggerates

THE GOVERNMENT must have been rather astonished at the reception accorded a minor measure relating to the status of American troops on Canadian soil, says the Montreal Daily Star. The House of Commons had a field-day of arm-waving and speech-making which seems to have covered the whole range of our foreign policy. There is, of course, nothing wrong in this. It is important for this country to appreciate its position vis a vis its neighbors, and the rising interest in the House of Commons shows that that is becoming so.

At the same time, the range of the debate seems to have obscured the actual, small point at issue. Years ago, the Canadian Parliament passed a bill which provided that Commonwealth troops on Canadian soil should be subject to the military discipline of their own countries. All the present legislation does is to amend that act in order to include American troops. If the amendment passes, it will mean that American troops while on Canadian soil by invitation will be subject to their own disciplinary machinery. It is therefore nothing but a reasonable extension of existing law in order to make it accord with present facts.

National defence has been, since the Ogdensburg Agreement of 1940, jointly conducted by Canada and the United States. If our troops, under such a scheme, were to operate on American soil, we would want them to be made subject to our own discipline. It is reasonable therefore that when its men were operating in Canada, the United States too would want to have control of them.

In these circumstances, the outcry of Harry Archibald, the C.C.F. member for Skeena, that the bill represents the last step in the American absorption of Canada is somewhat exaggerated. We do not absorb quite so easily as all that and, since no responsible person in the United States wants to see Canada absorbed, the dangers here foreseen can be disregarded. There is life in the old dog yet.

Let us, indeed, take a look at the curious contradiction involved in so extreme a statement. The world has endured two wars in the last thirty years, has suffered the loss of many millions of its finest youth, and has incurred a weight of debt and destruction hard to shake off. And why? Because international co-operation failed. It might then be thought that everyone would hail with delight the concrete, practical manifestations of progress in that direction. International co-operation cannot be achieved by mirrors. It can be done only by taking active steps to that end, and each step in co-operation means some meeting of the needs and viewpoints of at least one other party.

That is what Canada is doing now, and those who now express fear lest Canadian sovereignty is being infringed should be careful to avoid falling into the error of isolationism.

RENT DECONTROL

REMOVAL of rental and eviction control from all new houses, apartments, duplexes and other self-contained houses completed after January 1, 1947, as announced in the Commons by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Abbott, should encourage building of housing for rental. Controls will be removed immediately from vacant lots used for automobile parking or sales and gas stations owned by oil companies. Complete decontrol of commercial accommodation will also take effect. Wisely rent decontrol is being brought about in gradual manner.

RAILWAY UNIFICATION

SENATOR McGEER, belaboring the railways for financial structures and directorial set-ups and operations, says the two transcontinental lines could save \$100,000,000 a year by unification compared with \$87,000,000 they hope to obtain through a 30 per cent freight increase. It is quite some time since railway unification has been under serious discussion. Doubtless, something could be done thereby in the way of economy and efficiency and, possibly, in better service.

3,000 X-RAYED BY T.B. VAN

More than 3,000 persons were x-rayed by the mobile tuberculosis x-ray unit during its two-week visit to the district, according to Dr. R. L. Lane, director of the Prince Rupert Health Unit. The van, which left Prince Rupert this week, is now at Usk and Kitwanga, working its way back to Prince George.

In the city, 2,920 persons were x-rayed while 130 were examined when the van was at Port Edward.

According to Dr. Lane it will be sometime before reports on the plates will come back from

Vancouver where they are being developed, but he anticipates, with a good deal of caution, that the results will show fewer new cases than in former years.

In 1945, the first year the van visited Prince Rupert, 3,674 people were x-rayed, of which 190, or 4½ per cent were referred back for various reasons. Of these 190, 58 were found to have tuberculosis. However, only 42 of these were new cases.

The fact that this year's visit is the third in three years, coupled with the fact that the population of the city has become more stabilized during that time, inspires hope that this year's percentage of new cases will be lower than for 1945.

Reminiscences and Reflections

By W.J.

It's been many a long day since H.M.S. Egeria came breezing into Prince Rupert to pass the time of day. That trim craft was on survey duties and it may be fairly said she was Prince Rupert's first naval visitor. The Egeria made no pretensions at being a fighting ship or of even being modernized but she performed valuable services in helping make the north coast safer for navigators. It was a pleasure to old timers to have her around and the sailors had not the slightest reluctance in dropping in.

One morning, not long after the erection of the City Hall (and that was many a year ago) something suspicious looking was seen close to the side of the new building. It was about the size and shape of a small turnip. The police handled it gingerly. Something had been rolled around and around with twine and the whole gummed over with a sticky substance. This might have been syrup but no one was quite sure. The object was soaked in a bucket of hot water and finally unwrapped and unravelled. After taking away about 75 feet of cord, the core—a good sized potato—fine for eating, was discovered. And the whole city hall staff, standing at a discreet distance, felt silly. Lionel Crippen, a young fellow, with a ready smile and shapping black eyes, was responsible. All he wanted was to have a little fun, which was always innocent and ingenious. His life, brief and merry, ended on the western front in World War I.

A Vancouver paper has made a precious hullabaloo about a cow falling into the harbor and actually swimming. That would

be neither new nor surprising further north. In Prince Rupert, on a gusty evening something slipped during ship loading, and milk went into the water instead of the reverse. A well nourished looking bossy, connected with the Pacific, rode like a duck, and by the time a rope was passed around her horns for guidance to the grade, she seemed content to stick around awhile. Some cows may never have taken swimming lessons, but that one knew how to swim.

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Looking Ahead

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Well, here we are smack in the middle of the atomic age. The world of yesterday is gone—already it is a thousand years behind us. For better or for worse we must go forward into a future that will be dominated by the colossus of atomic energy. It is difficult to foretell the direction—much less the shape—of things to come. Scientific apostles of gloom forecast the instantaneous disintegration of the world under the force of the cleaving atom. Other equally scientific prophets expect an era of plenty with mankind finally freed from drudgery by the harnessing of the mighty mite.

What will it ultimately be—destroyer or creator? We little people can only hope for the best, and perhaps take heart from the fact that the blinding flash that heralded the birth of the new era also preaged the end of a terrible war.

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