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Secret Strike Ballot

WHATEVER views may be entertained on some of the aspects of the Labor bill at present before the provincial Legislature and coming up for second reading and debate this week, the provisions providing for secret ballots (under government supervision, of course), on working agreements and strike calls should meet with general approbation.

The secret ballot has long been accepted as one of the essentials of democratic procedure and no one would think of its abolition in national, provincial and civic elections. Without it, as has been amply demonstrated, there would be coercion and intimidation.

Continuation of the open ballot in labor polls is, of course, to be desired by the labor bosses and dictators who, without it, would have lost much of their power to keep their followers in line and preserve their own power and easy jobs.

Had the ordinary working folk been able to express themselves secretly and without fear of pressure from their leaders, some of the recent abortive strikes might have been averted and a lot of misery and suffering saved workers who, had they not been fearful of the reprisal or ridicule of their dictators, might have expressed themselves differently on a secret vote than they did when they were forced to choose publicly and before the labor bosses.

GIVE TOURISTS VALUE

WE HAVE BEEN devoting a lot of thought and energy to getting tourists to come to Prince Rupert but have been giving little enough consideration to what we are going to do with them when they come. With every indication now that there will be tourists this year and in succeeding years in numbers limited only by the facilities to bring them by rail, by steamer and by highway, we would be well advised to think more seriously of what we are going to do about making their stay with us interesting and entertaining—in short making a favorable impression upon them.

What Austin F. Cross of the Ottawa Citizen staff told a recent conference of the Canadian Tourist and Publicity Bureau in Ottawa gives cause for timely thought. Canada must build better roads, provide proper accommodation for visitors and enforce a high standard in restaurant facilities if the national tourist industry is to prosper and expand during the coming years, Mr. Cross said.

"Sooner or later we are going to lose a lot of our tourist business if we don't give our visitors better value for their money. I am now talking about our pre-war accommodations in a post-war age.

Then turning particularly to roads, Mr. Cross said:

"Our roads are a disgrace. Indeed it took a war to get us the TransCanada Highway. But today, only those that want to eat their peck of dirt all at once, think of taking the TransCanada Highway to the west."

"Surely for national defence, if no other reason, we should have had a paved highway clear across Canada. The money we lose every year in Canadians going via the States to reach different points in their own country, and in Americans that will never come at all, would, I am sure, pay for the pavement in a short time."

"Let's admit, then, our roads are a quarter of a century behind the times, and say that we'll never be a first rate tourist country until we get first rate roads."

BARS TO COMMUNISM

THIS NEWSPAPER has frequently urged to be on guard against the infiltrations of Communism. We have also warned against calling everybody a "Red" who is less than completely satisfied with things as they are. We are happy, therefore, to see both points stressed by so able and experienced a defender of civil liberties as former Senator Robert M. La Follette, Jr.

Writing in the current Collier's, he points to the necessity for spotting Communists and fellow travelers—particularly in unions and in the staffs of Congressional committees. He names specific unions and committees where Communists have been particularly active. He tells how they can be identified by typical methods—bald-faced lying, seeking to sow confusion, and trying to capture worthy movements. He calls for more vigorous efforts to weed them out of government service. But he adds:

Suppression is no answer to these tactics. Suppression may involve serious infringements on the civil rights of innocent people. Suppression would only force Communism further underground.

We agree. Yet there are forms of "suppression" that do help. One of the ways to choke weeds out of a lawn is to feed the good grass. To encourage a just and prosperous democracy is the best way to starve Communism. Conservatives might well remember that. And Liberals can exercise an effective suppression by alertly rejecting association with or support from left-wing advocates of dictatorship.

Here again eternal vigilance is the real price of liberty. The first place to exercise vigilance is in individual thinking and in those close-to-home organizations which the citizen can influence even more directly than he can the government.

—The Christian Science Monitor.



GONG PREVIEW—Pte. P. Decarie of Ottawa and Miss Jean Giles of Amonte, Ont., a former member of the C.W.A.C., decorate each other with the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal during a visit to the Royal Mint in Ottawa where over a million and one half medals are being struck. But don't get anxious! Officials at National Defence Headquarters point out that this huge task is going to take a long time to complete and emphasize that no one need expect to receive their medals for quite some time. All possible is being done however, to expedite delivery. (Canadian Army Photo)

SCHOOL NEWS

King Edward 'Visual Education' Is Successful on Planned Basis

"Visual" education, which was introduced on a term basis at King Edward elementary school last September, is showing good results, according to Principal R. G. Moore who has been responsible for the display of almost three dozen educational films to his pupils since that time.

Mr. Moore deprecates the common attitude that visual education is merely the showing of films and that its popularity among the students derives from its entertainment value. If properly conducted, he says, its entertainment value is only incidental to the educational value.

"Visual education," he says, "should be used to further the knowledge and understanding of the subjects being taught. It has been proved of real value in teaching Social Studies, Science and Health and other subjects."

"Before the picture is shown," Mr. Moore continued, "there should be careful instructional ground work on the subject. This should be followed up after the picture, if necessary. Our pictures are chosen from various sources, the National Film Board, Vancouver School Board, University of B.C. and the Forestry department a year in advance, and are selected on a schedule that will closely parallel the work of the year. At King Edward, the plan was worked out in conjunction with Conrad Street School so that an interchange of reels could be made."

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Receipts, according to Mr. Saville, have reached \$2,677 with most of the city canvassed. The remaining portions of the city will be covered this week. Mr. Saville feels that, with the extension of the campaign period, Prince Rupert has a good chance of filling its \$5,000 quota.

Would Cut Down Occupation Army

General Marshal Suggests That Forces in Germany Be Cut to Minimum

MOSCOW — An authoritative source disclosed today that Secretary of State George C. Marshall had proposed that the foreign ministers' council in effect order a reduction of Allied occupation forces in Germany to the minimum necessary to carry out Allied policies and protect security.

BUILD LOCHS IN SCOTLAND

EDINBURGH, Scotland — A £3,250,000 (\$14,000,000) hydro-electric power project to ease Scotland's electricity shortage by harnessing the upper waters of the rivers Shira and Fyne has been announced. The scheme will provide 80,000 kilowatts a year.

Two new lochs will be created by dams to be built by 2,000 men in upper Glen Shira, 1,125 feet above sea level. There will be a small power plant near the main storage basin and a big one at Clachan, at the head of Loch Fyne.

A 132-volt high-tension line will be built to Invergulas transformer station near Loch Sloy and then into the national "grid" system that networks all Britain. Local demand will have priority over power export to England.

The project is being carried out by the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board.

Whifflets

From The Waterfront

On her regular weekly voyage, Union steamer Coquitlam, Capt. John Boden, arrived in port at 2:30 last evening from Vancouver and waypoints, sailing at 11:30 p.m. for Stewart and other northern points whence she will return here tomorrow morning southbound.

Gaelic "Degraded" In Dail, Says M.P.

DUBLIN (Reuters) — Gaelic, ancient language of Eire, is being "degraded and demeaned" in the country's own legislature, says Opposition Leader Hugh Mulcahy. Gen. Mulcahy complained in the Dail of members who were unable to speak extemporaneously in Gaelic and ministers who read their statements delivered in Gaelic. Another "degrading" feature was the shortage of Parliamentary reporters capable of transcribing speeches in Gaelic. When a member chose the national language in the bilingual Dail he ran a risk of being misquoted in the newspapers.

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