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A Popular Win

IT WAS a popular win for the railway workers which Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock, as arbitrator whose finding is final, conceded in his report yesterday following the recent dispute which brought transportation of the country to an impasse during late summer by a strike which was terminated only by a special session of Parliament.

His Lordship's principal reasons for granting the railway workers their further increase and the setting of the date for the inauguration of the 40-hour week were sound and reasonable. In fact, everybody knew that the most of the classifications involved in this dispute were receiving wages notoriously incompatible in some cases with those received by other industries.

Concurring with Mr. Justice Kellock's principal primary decisions, we do not lose sight of the fact, however, that, to meet them will put another heavy burden on the finances of the railways, which are already none too healthy from the profit margin standpoint. There will be only one way to meet that condition—in the way of increased rates which come right back to hit the pocketbooks, directly or indirectly, of every Canadian. It will be pretty hard to find argument against such increases although none of us will like them. There will still be good argument, however, for some equalizations.

DEFENCE OF TEEN-AGERS

AS A CLASS, Canada's teen-agers are much stricter in their morals than adults realize. This is the verdict of Love-columnist Mary Lou Dilworth of Toronto, who just graduated from her teens herself. In an article in Coronet, she says that Canadian teen-agers are "almost Victorian in their inflexible code of commandments."

Miss Dilworth, who writes "Cupid's Corner," an advice to the lovelorn column in Canadian High News, believes that social workers or psychologists who sometimes issue alarming reports on high school morals do so because they have studied only abnormal cases. Her own work, answering letters and personal interviews of thousands of average, normal students, brings her to this conclusion: "The world of the 15 to 19-year-old is scarcely the care-free place it is supposed to be. On the contrary, it is a strange, almost frightening world, governed by strict, self-imposed conventions, taboos and brick walls. Far from being loose, the average teen-ager is far stricter with himself, and with his companions, than most adults are."

One of the big faults with high school students, she finds, is their extreme reticence. "Although they can talk endlessly about trivialities, when it comes to discussing their own feelings about important things, they are completely tongue-tied. Their code seems to be that your relationships must be formed and carried on in silence as to your real feelings, for fear of being made a fool of."

This difficulty could be overcome, she states in the article, if parents could establish and maintain closer ties with their teen-age children. One of the most important phases where parents are needed, she believes, is in sex education. Yet most teen-agers are afraid to approach their parents in quest of information or guidance on such moral issues, for fear that their parents would be horrified to have the subject brought up.

NO TAKING TO THE HILLS

THE IDEA, probably held by many Americans, that an atomic attack will be the signal for a mass evacuation of the nation's cities is being vigorously combatted by the Office of Civil Defense. And rightly so. In the event of such an attack nothing could be more useful to the enemy than an unnecessary stoppage of industrial production.

In the case of a direct hit, of course, part of the bombed community will be virtually paralyzed. But the citizens who are unharmed and the people of neighboring cities and towns will remain at work and continue turning out the materials needed by the military establishment. For them to fail to do that would either postpone victory or make it impossible.

Discussing the "take to the hills" mentality which has developed among certain groups, James J. Wadsworth, acting director of the Civil Defense Office, promised that those with priority—children, expectant mothers and the aged and infirm—would be moved to safety in the event of attack. But civilians "with no idea except escape" will be turned back to civil defense authorities.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."—1 Cor. 3:11.



As I See It

By-ELMORE PHILPOTT

DISPUTES SUN EDITORS

IN RECENT months I have been in general agreement with the editors of the Vancouver Sun. (Maybe one of us is slipping.) Now, however, I am sure they are miles off the beam about the atom bomb.

The Sun editors suggest that if the Chinese Communists expel the UN forces from all Korea the U.S. should atom bomb certain Chinese cities, and so compel the enemy to make peace.

"We hold the stronger hand" the Sun editors argue—why not use it?

I DO NOT contest the morality of that argument. But I do challenge its military wisdom.

Far from having the effect that the Sun editors think it would have, I think it would have the very opposite.

I do not think it would have a snowball's chance to knock China out of the Asian war. What it would more likely do would be to plunge the whole of mankind into world war.

I CANNOT SEE any moral difference between use of one bomb, which atomizes one hundred thousand men, women and children—civilians more than military—and the use of one hundred or one thousand bombs which do the same job by bits.

When the Christian nations once condoned the immorality of waging war against whole populations we set the stage for the use of the atom bombs, bottled germs, and every other killing device that the human brain can devise. It is war itself that is the crime—and so long as human beings tolerate the lawlessness, that is LACK OF WORLD LAW, we will get wars, each bigger and worse.

Granted that there is, as Mr. Pearson recently pointed out, a difference in the minds of the people between the use of the atomic weapon and other weapons.

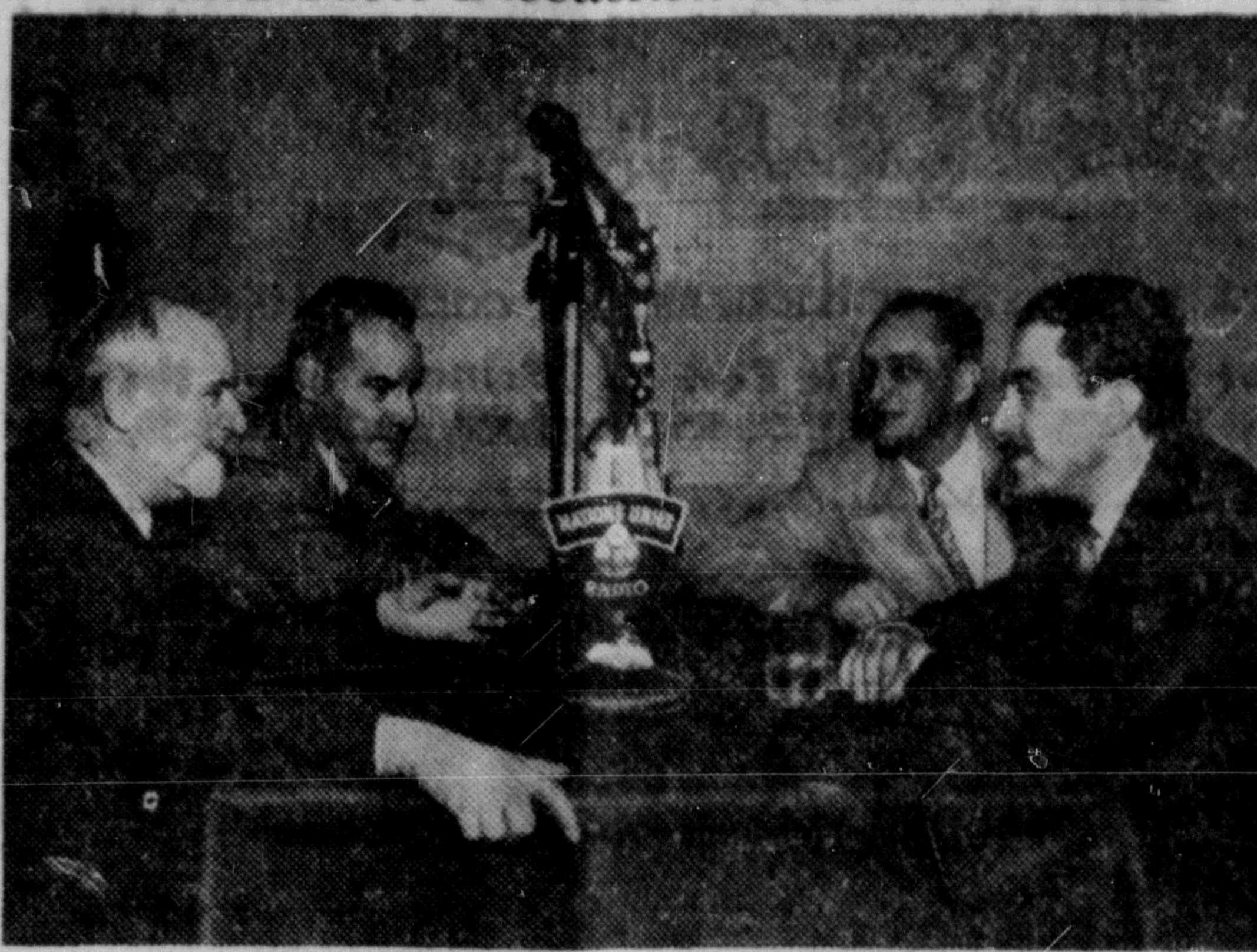
In my opinion that was not what stopped President Truman from ordering its use against the key cities of China. It was the knowledge that the atomic bomb is the supreme last-resort weapon in the arsenal of the U.S.A.

So long as the United States has a great preponderance of atomic bombs the Russian leaders are not likely to give the order for their armies to sweep west across Europe, Asia Minor, and northern Africa. I am not arguing now the question of whether the Russian leaders would want to do so, in any event. But assuming for the sake of the argument that the Russian rulers WOULD give the order to sweep across Europe if they thought they could get away with it. They will certainly never do so if there is a possibility that some 18 or 20 of their key cities might be wiped off the face of the earth soon afterwards.

BUT THE TRUTH is that neither President Truman, nor any military Brass Hat in the U.S.A. OR RUSSIA is sure of what the atom bombs would do. Its military consequences might be minor, compared with the propaganda build-up it has been given.

If the bomb were used, by the United States, and Russia were not thereby knocked completely out of the war the Communists could proceed to take over most

Round Table Discussion Over U.N. Radio



During the Fifth Session of the United Nations General Assembly, listeners in every continent followed the Assembly's debates over U.N. Radio and affiliated stations. Left to right: Rene Cassin, Vice-President of the French "Conseil d'Etat"; U.N. commentator Georges Day; Herard C. L. Roy of Haiti; and Dr. Karim Azkoul of Lebanon in a round table discussion for a U.N. French broadcast.

Women As Politicians

Gentler Sex Steps Into News on Several Fronts

By KAY REX
Canadian Press Correspondent

OTTAWA — Women stepped into the news on several fronts in 1950. They regained a lot of ground in the political field.

Satisfaction was evident on both sides of the fence when Hamilton's Mrs. Ellen Fairclough broke the all-male grip on the House of Commons and became the first woman member since Gladys Strum.

Election of the slim, good-natured Progressive-Conservative in the Hamilton West by-election, May 15, sparked Canadian women to fresh belief in their political powers.

This showed in the municipal elections at the year's end which saw some 20 women taking over a variety of posts in the government of their cities.

Mrs. Marjorie Hamilton, a 51-year-old widow, became the first woman mayor of Barrie, thriving town 60 miles north of Toronto after serving three years in an aldermanic post.

At least eight were elected to their city councils. In Ottawa a nationally-known welfare worker, Dr. Charlotte Whitton, headed the poll for the capital's four-man board of control.

A new honor, "Mother of the Year," was given Mrs. Norman Wilson, better known as Senator Cairine Wilson, one of the two women in the Canadian Senate. Mrs. Wilson was chosen for the title by the National Council of Women. At a ceremony in New York the American Mothers committee awarded her a gold pin.

In more ways than one Mrs. Wilson is "First Lady of the Land." She's the first Canadian to hold the "Mother of the Year" title; the first woman to enter the Senate; the first Canadian woman to be named a delegate

of the world, hardly having to fire a shot in Europe.

HENCE TO USE THE atom bomb on China would seem to me to be a blunder of world shaking magnitude.

It would alienate all Asia, including India. Nehru himself has plainly said "Once the atomic bomb is used an agency will disappear from the world."

The Russian armies would sweep west. We might destroy the industrial centres of Russia, but what would we gain if the Russian armies had meanwhile taken over Germany, France, Spain, Persia, half Africa?

YOU CANT have your cake and eat it. You can't have your atomic bomb, as a deterrent to big aggression, if you have meantime used that bomb without stopping the little aggressor.

Princesses At Tripoli

VALETTA, Malta — The Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret have returned to Malta from a one-day visit to Tripoli.

The Princesses paid a visit to the First Battalion of Grenadier Guards station in Tripoli. Princess Elizabeth is colonel-in-chief of the regiment.

to the United Nations. Finally she is the first woman to be named president of the United Nations Society in Canada.

The mid-century mark was noted by most women's organizations at their conventions in 1950. It was a gala year for the National Council, representing 500,000 women across Canada.

Theme of the council's 57th annual meeting at London, Ont., was "Fifty Years of Progress of Women."

About the same time the 50-year-old Imperial Daughters of the Empire held its "Golden Jubilee" annual session at Montreal.

Biggest undertaking of the year for the IOOE was its purchase of Queen Mary's needlepoint carpet on behalf of the people of Canada. The rug was bought for \$100,000 and a national campaign launched by the Order to give the people of Canada an opportunity to pay for this royal treasure.

On the household front the 13,000-member Canadian Association of Consumers kept watch on the sharply rising cost-of-living, drawing the government's attention to irregularities as it saw the need.

For the benefit of its members the C.A.C. surveyed the cause and effect of increased prices of milk, bread, meat and coffee. One of the most important resolutions passed at its third annual meeting was one urging Canada-wide adoption of federal grading of meat.

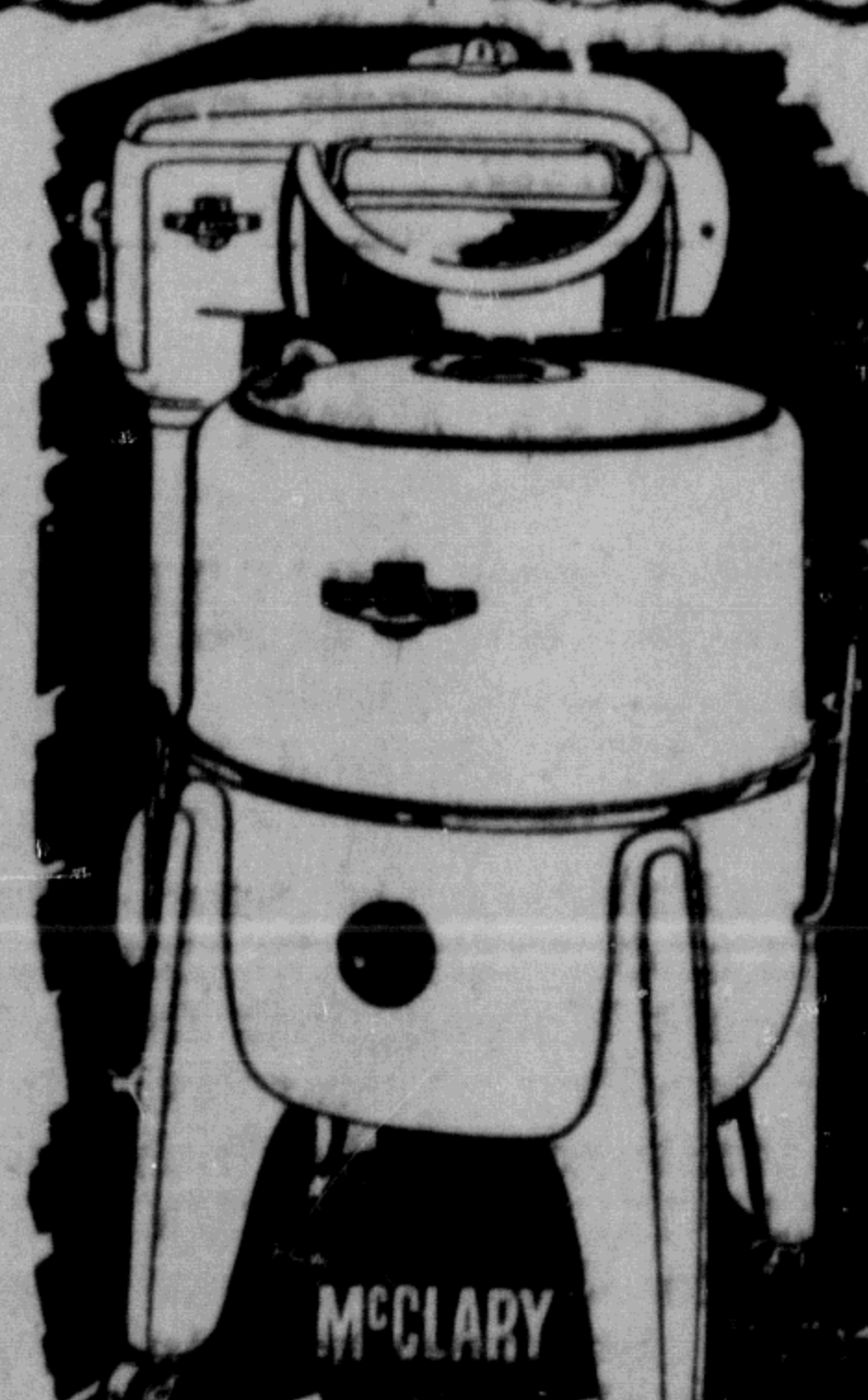
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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Christmas in Capetown is different. The 25th of December is exactly like any flawless mid-summer day in Canada. Christmas in Capetown is a time of warm, brilliant weather, tourists and travellers. Christmas in Capetown is the accepted "Cape season." The peninsula beaches are crowded. So are the hotels. For that matter there is no lack of people any time, with a population of 320,000.

Yes, Christmas in Capetown offers so much that the contrast startsles but does it pleasantly. Table Mountain overshadows the city and all else. Long drives wind through the scenic amphitheatre formed by the peak, Lion's Head and Signal Hill. Silver trees grow on some of the slopes. A silver leaf has the brightness of a newly minted coin and the smoothness of satin.

This is the time the municipal gardens in Capetown look their fairest. Founded centuries ago so that explorers of the eastern seas could eat needed vegetables, the 14 acres have grown into about 8000 different kinds of tree, plants and flowers, many semi-tropical and all beautiful. To provide vegetables for sailors, by the way, was the primary reason for the original tiny settlement on the shores of Table Bay.

There are 250 classified climbing routes up Table Mountain, from the top of which one's gaze rests on the South Atlantic and the Indian Ocean. Today, the Cape of Good Hope, with its hundreds of seaside communities — Muizenberg, Bantry Bay, Simonstown, Three Anchor Point, Bachelor's Cove, Ratel Kip, Wynberg, the Twelve Apostles, Fish Hoek, Hottentot Huisies, to mention but a few — draw the Christmas crowds. Each has its charm. Each is a link with the Cape's historic past.

The Over Seventy dinner to take place tomorrow afternoon is an annual occasion always looked forward to with pleasure and those who are giving it will find much satisfaction in seeing a large attendance. There is an excellent program arranged.

Dr. A. A. Miller left today on the plane for Vancouver. He will continue on to Edmonton where he will be married December 28.

M. G. Gormely and J. P. MacDonald of the Forest Branch returned to the city on yesterday afternoon's plane from a trip to Queen Charlotte Islands on official business.

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