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Really A Purge

NEW NATIONALISM DECREES in Hungary arrests and deportations of British, American, Swedish and now Canadian citizens from Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia seem part of a single process. The purpose is the complete isolation of these European nations from the rest of Europe in order that they may be brought more completely under Russian control and influence.

The purpose of the nationalisation decrees is not economic. It is officially described as a means of preventing the offices and works of foreign firms from being used as "nests of sabotage and espionage".

It is all "sabotage". Foreign businesses are to be liquidated in order to prevent sabotage. Foreign residents—even consular officials—are arrested on charges of espionage.

The effect is a double one. Life is to be made intolerable and work impossible for any Westerner living in these countries. They are to be expelled or induced to leave: who would wish to remain with the possibility hourly over his head of arrest? And at the same time, an atmosphere of dread and distrust is created. So that, whether for fear or suspicion no Pole or Czech or Hungarian will have any contact or any dealings with any Western foreigner if he can avoid it. For even to meet and talk with a Westerner is to invite doubts of one's own "reliability".

So, even when not arrested or directly threatened, the foreigner will be boycotted until he removes his unwelcome person. The whole process is a purge, an expulsion of all Western elements.

NORMAN WALTON

IT IS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS SINCE Norman B. Walton was assistant general superintendent of Canadian National Railways at Prince Rupert and he went a long since that time, rising to the post of executive vice-president which he held when he died suddenly in Montreal at the week-end. Had he not been at the age of retirement, Mr. Walton might well have become the president of the system for his capabilities as an executive and a railwayman, which were apparent even when he was in Prince Rupert, had long since become widely recognized on the national level.

Those who knew Mr. Walton when he was in Prince Rupert, and after a quarter of a century their numbers are now dwindling, remember him as an able, courteous and fair official, taking a keen interest even in the smallest problems that were brought to him by the humblest persons. One did not have to be an important business man, a member of the Chamber of Commerce or something like that to receive the personal attentive and usually helpful consideration of Mr. Walton. He consequently, had friends and admirers not only among his subordinates in the railway service but among all the citizens with whom he came in contact one way or another. Those qualities which made him such a successful administrator in the local and regional spheres soon won for him the advancement to the broader national scope in railway affairs where he served many years and with admitted and consistent success. (He was a protege of S. J. Hungerford, a former C. N. R. president, who first spied his outstanding talents at Prince Rupert.)

A man of perception, integrity and decision, Mr. Walton made friends wherever he went not only for himself personally but for the railway system he served. He was a good friend of Central British Columbia. He knew and could sympathize with the problems of this part of the country. We shall miss him from the national level of railway affairs for even thousands of miles away on McGill Street he never lost the keen interest in the affairs and people of Prince Rupert and Central British Columbia with whom he became so well acquainted and obtained such a grasp during the four years he was here.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

In future the unnerving wail of the siren will tell Prince Rupert there is a fire. We first heard it after Pearl Harbor. Some sounds are pleasant but not this one. It gets under the skin. It is sinister and ruthless—all for instant action of some sort. Not a word is spoken but you understand everything perfectly. It says: "Wake up! Watch out! Danger toward! Away with you! A fire d-n it."

A noted British Columbia poetess told a local audience that people should expose themselves to poetry. Their lives will be the richer for the experience. Well, only the other day, we wrote a limerick without assistance.

"Most people," observes a psychologist, "are grouchy at breakfast." This has been noted at Prince Rupert during the present icy snap. How can one feel merry and bright after a poor shave, partly warmed house, diluted milk, more porridge, cold cup and saucer, an egg too soft and a reminder to be sure and bring home what was forgotten the day before.

Under such compelling conditions, it should be hardly necessary to urge fullest co-operation in conserving power. As a matter of fact, as everyone knows, there has always been the tendency toward wastefulness. It's little short of amazing to discover how much one can do without for a while without suffering more than a little inconvenience.

Higher Wages Being Sought

Substantial Increases Asked By Fish Workers

Substantial wage increases are being demanded by the Prince Rupert local of United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union following a special meeting held Sunday to consider proposed changes in the 1949 agreement between the union, fish companies and the Co-op operating along the city waterfront. Alex Gordon, business agent of U.F.A.W.A. from Vancouver was present at the meeting. After visiting the local branch for the past week he left for the south aboard the Chilcotin Sunday.

The wage demands, details of which are not announced pending presentation to the operators will be based upon the fact that the cost of living during 1949 showed an appreciable increase with indications that further increases will occur. Relinquishing of rent controls by the Dominion government which will result in an approximate five per cent increase plus and the effect on the cost of living occasioned by the ten per cent devaluation, were cited by speakers as other factors which will cause a continued rise in living costs.

Also considered by fishworkers was the great disparity existing between the American fishing industry wage rates and B. C. rates. This question, it was held, is of prime importance to all persons connected with the Canadian west coast fishing industry, since at the present time, a powerful campaign is being carried on by U.S.A. operators and unions to either increase tariffs or place embargoes on imported B.C. fish. One of the main arguments used by those interests across the border against importation of B. C. fish is the comparatively low fish price as a result of wages prevailing in the B.C. fishing industry which places United States producers and processors in an unfavorable competitive position. Improved hourly and overtime conditions, union security and several other general improvements over the 1949 agreements are being sought by the group.

How many people today know who the "Covenanters" were? Covenanters! The National Covenant! The Solemn League and Covenant! The Cameronians! Claverhouse! David Leslie! The Lowland Scottish Brigade! Loos! That's the association of ideas. From 1581 to 1915. And now these Scots are at it again. They have another Covenant which patriotic Scots (in Scotland) are signing by the thousands. All they want is a Scottish Parliament. Well, British Columbia, with less than a million inhabitants, governs itself locally. The Six Counties have their Parliament in Belfast. But the five million people in Scotland are governed by the Sassanach majority at Westminster. Apparently these Scots like English government today no better than they did in 1300.

Historically noted for their ferocity, their quarrelsomeness, their haughty pride, their love for direct action and their contempt for the gentle art of compromise, it will be interesting to watch how, if, as and when these Scots get their Parliament in Edinburgh again, how this stiff-necked nation of individualists manages to conduct itself. Modern parliamentary procedure might make them hold themselves down in doing which their former kings had such indifferent success.

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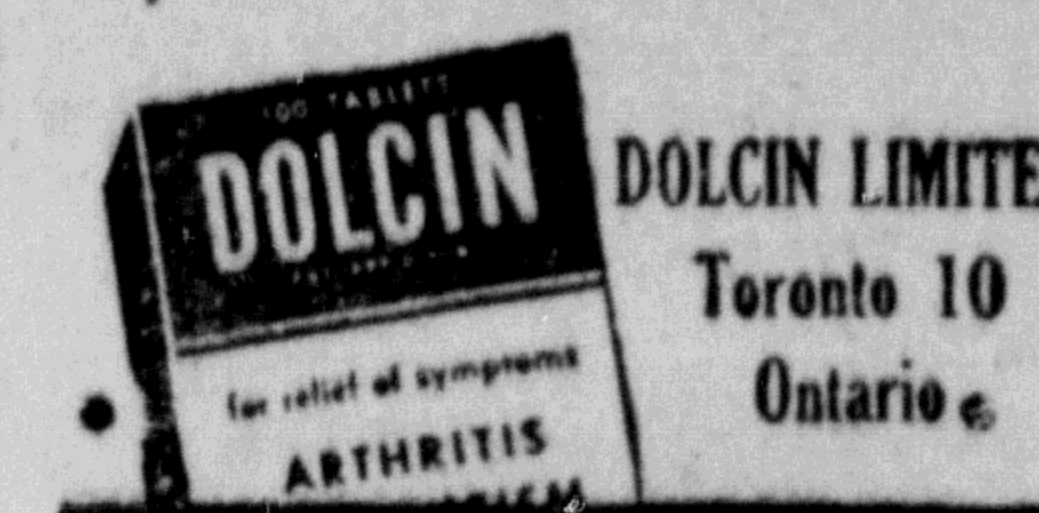
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