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Alaskan Statehood

STATEHOOD FOR ALASKA is receiving some all-out backing in influential quarters in the United States these days. Nearly 100 big-name Americans, composing a cross-section of prominent citizens, have formed themselves into a formidable committee in support of the enabling act to make Alaska a state which is due for action in Congress within the next few days. The next step after congressional approval will be a territorial convention which will be held at Sitka. The process of Alaskan state-making is just about one year behind schedule but in 1950 it is expected that definite progress will be made.

Illustrative of the big campaign which is being waged in important quarters in the United States is a copy of the Pittsburg Sun-Telegram which devotes two full pages to strongly advocating Alaskan statehood on the ground of national interest, arguing that statehood is vital to United States defences. A graphic half page cartoon depicts Alaska and Hawaii as two firemen fighting the flames of Communism.

Statehood for Alaska is also held as being in the economic interests of the United States. Further the Sun-Telegraph looks on its immediate granting as fulfilling a virtual promise to the territory

Supporting the Sun-Telegraph's campaign is a special article by Ford I. Crawford, a representative to Congress from Michigan who says:

"Congress must grant Hawaii and Alaska statehood now.

"The reasons are imperative.

"They are key areas in our strategic defence against Russia.

"They are key areas in our cold war against the world spread of Communism.

"As territories they are weak.

"As states they would be strong.

"Japan struck at both territories in World War II

"Hawaii and Alaska are today the prime targets under the American flag of the most powerful enemy that has ever threatened the United States.

"Statehood would vastly strengthen America's position in the idealogical and economic conflict now being waged throughout the Pacific."

———All of which is very interesting to Prince Rupert which, in view of its position in relation to Alaska, is vitally concerned in an early raising of the territory to the status of a state.

LESSON OF AUCKLAND

WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN some good wins such as those of Dr. George Athans in the springboard diving and Bill Parnell in the one-mile, two British Columbia men incidentally, Canada's showing at the British Empire Games in New Zealand is a matter of keen disappointment. However, there are some lessons, no doubt, that can be learned and one of the most important of these lessons seems to be the need for a different training technique than is now followed in the Dominion.

After the last Olympic Games, sports writers advocated a more consistent system whereby training would be on a round the year basis instead of seasonally which is now the general rule in this country.

With the next British Empire Games coming to Canada, it is to be supposed that Canada will learn the lessons of London and Auckland so that Canadians may be as good participants as they will be hosts.

"Have a heart, fellows—I don't want to be a social outcast."

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L. M. Felsenthal, president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, was the official representative of that organization at the regular meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce this week. A. P. Crawley and Jeffrey Hill represented the Junior Chamber at the Senior Chamber's monthly meeting which was also held this week.

Dr. P. J. Cheney returned to the city on yesterday afternoon's plane from a brief trip to Vancouver.

C.P.O. J. W. Wood of H.M.C.S. Chatham leaves aboard the Chilcotin Sunday night for Vancouver.

LETTERBOX

COAL DEALER REPLIES

Editor, Daily News:
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OLD AGE PENSIONS

Editor, Daily News.
A few days ago the Daily News carried in its "Ray Reflects" column a paragraph reading "Old age pensions must come from some tangible place. And the answer is taxes. That's why more people looking back over a lifetime might feel more comfortable could they reflect they had contributed something regularly to the state."

The inference, I take it, is approval of a contributory system to a pension plan. That would provide a meal ticket to those in the evening of life. Such a plan, I believe, should meet with the approval of the most able.

But who is the person, man or woman, who has spent a lifetime of toil in the production of wealth that has enjoyed more by schemers and exploiters than by the actual producers? They, in truth, produce all the wealth that pays all the taxes. They provide the workers for the succeeding generation. Why should the hands of such men and women tremble when they endorse an old age pension check here and now?

GEORGE B. CASEY.

COASTING SPACES

Editor, Daily News.
I am writing this on behalf of many mothers and myself who see their children take their sleighs for a ride down a hill some place and wonder if they will get hurt. We could, of course, stop the children from doing it but it seems silly to do that after spending money for a sleigh which must have been meant to be used. Every year there are one or two children run over. Couldn't this be prevented by blocking off one hill in each section of town for coasting. I am sure the car owners would not object to going on a different street.

Thank you, Mr. Editor, for publishing this and let's hear from somebody else about it.

A MOTHER.

SATURDAY SERMON

SINCERITY.

(By Archdeacon E. Hodson, St. Peter's Church)

"Be to thine own self true and it shall follow, as the night the day. Thou canst not then be false to any man."

So says the poet and the Bible agrees with him. (See Psalm 51, Verse 6). "God desires truth in the inward parts." God desires sincerity of life in all his people.

In this psalm the hypocrite David, King of Israel, has been revealed to his inmost self by the words of the prophet Nathan. For nearly a year since he had committed murder and adultery he had been living a hypocrite's life but the words of the prophet unveiled him and revealed the demand of God that this people should be at least sincere with themselves. Repentance for his sins had revealed that to David.

There are some hours in life when we are blind; hours when we see nothing and forget everything; and all our past, our honor, our duty to God fade away and are blotted out. But when repentance comes then our blind eyes are opened, our deaf ears unstopped. We realize the sin that we have done, the hypocrites we are.

It is always a hard thing to be sincere with ourselves. Life is full of little insincerities for most of us and it is often the man who is seriously struggling to be true to himself who feels most keenly his lack of sincerity.

To be sincere is doubly hard today, for most of us are faced with a fierce struggle for our existence. We have to compete with our fellows in so many walks of life that it comes hard to be true to our better self in the struggle. Few men are heroes and a perfectly sincere man in our day and generation is a real hero. But we must not think that there are no sincere people though it is so hard.

One feels a thrice of pride when we can read of native people in foreign lands clinching a bargain among themselves by the name of a white trader who has proved truthful and sincere in all his dealings with them.

Our common standards of today make it hard to be truly sincere. The thoughts of all the world are now so quickly voiced and registered. For many centuries of our history the general mass of people had no voice. They lived and loved, and died. But what thoughts they might have on the great themes of life mattered little to their rulers. Then came an awakening, the dawn of the people's power, the vote for all, the newspapers spilling hte news of the world over the breakfast or supper tables, until today public opinion is a dominant power.

Unfortunately vox populi is not always vox dei. The voice of the people is not necessarily the voice of God and in the tremendous pressure of public opinion about a thousand one things it is hard for a man to be true to high higher better self. Most of us follow the noisy leader like a flock of sheep. It is a difficult thing to be an individual to be true to our real self when the world and its opinions are pulling in an opposite direction.

But God demands sincerity of us and we must ever strive to be sincere at whatever cost to our success or popularity. For the penalty of insincerity is loss of the dignity of our life. We fancy that putting a bold face on our insincere life we can trick men into believing anything but the truth of us.

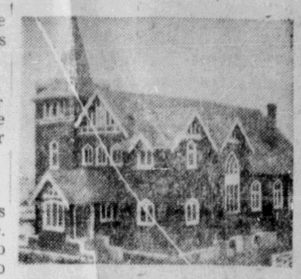
But we cannot fool our fellows. They can read us as easily as we read them. Men will forgive us our sins of passion, our inconsistencies, but they cannot forgive our insincerity. Better be dead than insincere.

Another penalty of insincerity is that no sin so surely saps and undermines our influence. Perhaps we think we have no influence. Most of us think too much of our abilities and far too little of our influence. We are all so interwoven in the web of life that we are influencing, moulding and making each other every day, and strange to say the people who influence us are usually those who never try to influence us at all. The one thing that can shatter this unconscious influence of character is insincerity. We may be narrow and still command respect, we may be ignorant and men may not dispise us. But ignorant or learned, narrow or broadminded, once let men feel that we are insincere and all our influence for good, and for God is gone, and so once more we repeat our text:

"Be to thine own self true, and it shall follow as the night the day. Thou canst not then be false to any man."

W. H. Brett leaves aboard the Chilcotin Sunday for a business trip to Vancouver.

Miss Cora Vance, of the Miller Bay Hospital staff will leave aboard the Chilcotin Sunday for Vancouver.



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Morning Worship—11 a.m.
Anthem: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"—Junior Choir
Sermon: "Old Wells We Need to Dig Again"
Sunday School—12:15 p.m.
Evening Worship—7:30 p.m.
Sermon: "Are You Insured?"
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