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## What Are We Doing?

WE HEAR at every hand these days from coast to coast of the peril that is facing our free democracy here in Canada, of the persistent influences that are out to undermine it and then take control. The press and certain organizations, even including some labor leaders, have taken up the battle but what are the ordinary people doing about it? Why do the people who would be most seriously affected if the system were changed continue to take a passive and indifferent attitude, apparently leaving it to some one else to fight the battle for the basic freedoms of democracy which others are working hard these days to take away?

Canadians should be more actively conscious of the perils which face their way of living as selfish groups of non-productive people plan and advise against the primary basis of freedom in Canada.

If we lose that freedom we can blame our own lethargy, both of mind and action, as much as subversive infiltration.

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## COLLEGE EDUCATION

ONLY AN INCREASE in the number of manual workers will slow down the growing migration of professional and technical workers from Canada to the United States. The Dominion is producing more educated persons than the country can provide educated incomes for on a scale comparable to that of educated individuals in the United States. And the United States is producing fewer educated persons than it can incomes for.

So says B. K. Sandwell of Toronto, well known lecturer, writer and student of economic trends and theories. In other words, Canada is turning out more educated men and women than the national economy can afford. It is, doubtless, true enough examples can be seen of where time spent at a university is largely wasted. Effort directed in some other direction might be best in the long run. Misfits are by no means few, and usually costly, not to mention disappointing.

To do what one likes to do, is to be greatly blessed. Whatever it may be, it is his natural, his true vocation no matter whether developed in or out of college. He cannot help excel and the daily round is never drudgery.

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## ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

THE MEMORIAL to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, unveiled in London yesterday, is ten feet in height. It stands in Grosvenor Square facing south.

The bronze statue portrays the former President standing bareheaded, dressed in a double-breasted lounge suit, soft shirt and four-in-hand tie. He is wearing the naval type he favored in his lifetime. It is draped about his shoulders and a walking stick protrudes from its folds on the lower right. Roosevelt's left hand is clasping his left lapel.

The memorial is the first purely British gesture in honor of an American president. Already there are statues of Lincoln and Washington but both are results of American interest. This represents co-operative effort on the part of the Pilgrims' Society and the British government. The cost was \$160,000 through public subscription.

Perfect spring weather prevailed and, after the solemn ceremony ended, the great assembly which had stood in deeply respectful silence, slowly dispersed.

Winston Churchill, in the course of an address on the establishment of the memorial, said these words:

"Of Roosevelt, it must be said that had he not acted when he did, in the way he did and had he not resolved to give aid to Britain and to Europe in the supreme crisis through which we have passed, a hideous fate might well have overwhelmed mankind and made its whole future sink into shame and ruin. It may well be that the man we honor today not only anticipated history but altered its course."

## LOCAL MAN TO BE DECORATED

Governor General to Invest  
British Columbia Residents  
May 12

When His Excellency, the Governor-General of Canada, makes his forthcoming official visit to British Columbia in May he will preside at a number of investitures at which Navy, Army and Air Force people and some civilians will be presented with the insignia of decorations and medals awarded to them

for bravery or outstanding service, during World War II. In Vancouver, the Joint Services Officers' Mess at Jericho will be the scene of the colorful ceremonies on the afternoon of May 14, when approximately 41 service and ex-service personnel (Navy, Army, Air Force) and 25 civilians are to be presented with their awards. They will include Sgt. Darrow Gomez, Prince Rupert, Distinguished Conduct Medal, and Lt. J. Corner, Prince George, M. B. E.

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## What City Council Did

Utilities committee reported that further investigation is being made on a proposed plan to increase telephone rates.

Tabled for further consideration a request by Arthur Murray to purchase the rear halves of four lots at the corner of Fraser Street and Sixth Street for the erection of a bus depot and garage. The area, fronting Sixth Street for 50 feet and the lane at the rear of Third Avenue, was more suitable because it is not so far below street level as the portion facing on Fraser Street, Murray said. The matter was referred to council for consideration by the finance committee.

On motion on Alderman McKay, instructed the City Engineer to draw up plans and specifications for improving traffic conditions at the dangerous corners of Seventh Avenue and McBride Street.

Accepted a report from the Pioneer Home committee that steps have been taken to lift the liquor interdiction placed last fall on three inmates of the Home. They have been advised that "future abuse" will bring permanent imposition of the ban.

Terminated the services of C. B. Howe as City Engineer and Building Inspector and appointed Assistant City Engineer D. C. Stewart to the post of Acting City Engineer as of April 1. The moves were made on recommendations from the board of works and committee of the whole. Mr. Howe left the city last week.

Approved the granting of the following trade licences as reported by the licensing committee: George A. Davey, contractor; William Weiss, trucking; J. S. Bell, chimney services.

Granted Municipal Chapter, Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, permission to hold a tag day on behalf of the Canadian Institute for the Blind on October 2. The request was the first which the city has received for tag days so far this year.

Granted the Watchtower Bible Society permission to operate a sound truck on Saturday afternoon in the city streets to advertise a Sunday public lecture. However, they informed the petitioners that it would be necessary for them to keep the amplifier a reasonable distance from the hospital.

Tabled for future consideration a report on garbage costs under preparation by former City Engineer C. B. Howe. The report was tabled to give Acting City Engineer D. C. Stewart time to study it.

Adopted a recommendation that a quantity of fire hose, at a cost of \$782, sewer pipe at a cost of \$425 and garbage equipment to a value of \$75 be purchased from Army and Navy Stores war surplus stocks.

Decided to obtain legal advice on a proposal by Alderman Casey that the unused Seal Cove School be either sold or leased. Aldermen were of the opinion that if it were sold it would have to be removed from its present park land site.

## Letters to the Editor

### DEFENDS GERMANY

Editor, Daily News:  
I think you are guilty of abusing a nation that has already endured too much.

In estimating Germany, why not examine German history, rather than Levantine literature?

The rise of nationhood is hailed as a great achievement in Canada, the United States, Great Britain, France, Spain, Italy, Russia, China, Japan, India, Egypt, and elsewhere. But it has been persistently opposed in Germany and the opposition is Rome, with her age-old satellites in Paris and Vienna—in every country of the world and worst of all in Germany itself. A brief survey will remind you that Germany was the compeer of England against Imperial Spain, against Louis XIV, and against Napoleon I. France and Austria made Germany their battleground for three centuries. The actual aggressor in 1870 was Bismark, having established was Napoleon III, not Bismark, the necessary military and political conditions for a united German nation, proceeded to cultivate the national development with a system of national schools. That was the chosen occasion for Rome to display her power openly. How exciting and pleasant effortless it is to refuse obedience to a national school law under the flattering assurance that you are thereby obeying a higher authority. The pious urbanity of Latin strangers is far less tiresome than the earnest and possibly harsh manner of a home grown school master or the day to day workmanlike manner of a bread-winning husband or father.

And so, Bismark, who repelled Napoleon III and cemented British and American friendship, was conquered by the silly women, children, and adolescents who imagined their eternal life would come through Latin channels. It is noteworthy that one of the foolish adolescents, apparently, was the Emperor William II, who allowed his Iron Chancellor to be snubbed in the very courts of Rome, and who then went home and implemented a line of policy that led directly to World War I. That war was the first major break in the greatest century of peace and progress known to the shores of the German Ocean, the Baltic Sea, and the North Atlantic, and the greatest century of progress known to man.

Those who know Germans know that they are intelligent rather than passionate, reasonable rather than emotional. The phenomenon of mass ferocity known as Nazism was and

is essentially alien to the deliberate intellectual independence of German adult minds. Nazism could not have been produced without the help of the utmost skilled pedagogy. Hitler, a child of Austria, was a political child of Rome's Duce. The greatest power for peace and human advantage is the human brain. But so long as the brain of Mediterranean man continues to suffer so unfortunately a sense of inferiority when it looks northward, so long will the danger of European War and World War continue to threaten.

EDWARD J. G. LETCHFORD.

## CITY TO BORROW UNTIL TAXATION MONEY ARRIVES

City council last night authorized its finance committee to present a bylaw permitting the city to borrow up to \$100,000 from the Bank of Montreal to defray current expenditures in anticipation of 1948 tax payments which are not due until July.

The recommendation was made by the finance committee whose chairman, Alderman T. B. Black, told council that it would be "better business" to borrow the money at 4 per cent interest than to sell city-owned provincial bonds to carry interim city costs.

"The city is in a rather peculiar position," he told his colleagues. "It has quite enough money in reserve funds to cover its needs until the taxes start coming in but these are invested in bonds."

However, the Bank of Canada has withdrawn its support from provincial bonds, causing them to drop to 94 per cent of their par value. If the city sold them now, it would take a loss of six per cent.

While the city would have to be soaked in a concentrated solution four per cent interest on

## C.N.R. Mechanical Engineer Retires

WINNIPEG—Frank E. Collinson, mechanical engineer, Canadian National Railway, western region, retired yesterday from active service after a railway life of 36 years. During his service with the company Mr. Collinson has made many outstanding contributions to the advancement of motive power and the thoroughness of his work has been an inspiration to both young and old.

money borrowed from the bank, the 2 1/2 per cent interest it receives from its bonds would reduce the actual out-of-pocket interest payment to 1 1/4 per cent, he said.

The city, he added, did not anticipate having to borrow the full amount authorized, and urged civic department heads to "hold down expenses" as much as possible while the city would be operating on borrowed money. A similar temporary borrowing policy has been followed in the city before.

## PRIMITIVE LIGHTER

In 1805 a match was invented with a head of sulphur coated with chlorate of potash, sugar and gum. The match burst into flame when touched to a pad soaked in a concentrated solution of sulphuric acid.

## OF COURSE SCHOOL COSTS HAVE GONE UP

Nearly 800 school children are coming into B.C. every month from outside points.

- More children mean more teachers—6% more this year than in 1945.
- More children mean more schools.
- More schools mean more essential equipment and supplies.

On top of all this the seven year lag in normal new construction has pyramided present building demands.

Disregarding new buildings entirely, this factor of larger enrolments has increased school costs by at least 30% since 1945.

## SCHOOL COSTS WILL CONTINUE TO RISE

- B.C.'s population will continue to grow through immigration which will bring eventually added prosperity but immediately increased education costs.
- There should be a general reduction in class size as soon as the shortage of teachers has been alleviated.
- Teachers' salaries are still too low.

Whether the source be provincial or municipal revenues, MORE MONEY MUST BE FOUND FOR EDUCATION.

—Inserted by the British Columbia Teachers' Federation.

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8 p.m.  
From the East—  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday  
10:45 p.m.

## BIG EXPORT ITEM

Pulp and paper accounts for 44 per cent of all Canadian exports to the United States.

## Roy Clothier Has Old Cronin Mine

Roy Clothier recently option on the Cronin mine, Telkwa and plans on property into production summer. Mr. Clothier, ther of the late George who, in earlier years, dent mining engineer mine was founded in



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