

## AIR PASSENGERS

From Vancouver (Wednesday) — P. McGregor, F. Budger, W. Carson, J. A. Peppar, E. J. Nicolas, N. Thomsen, P. Thickett, Mr. Kosolowsky, O. Matz.

To Vancouver (today) — Mr. and Mrs. H. S. McTier, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Klotz, J. S. Wilson, G. Doucet.

To Sandspit (today) — E. Christiansen, Miss Christiansen.

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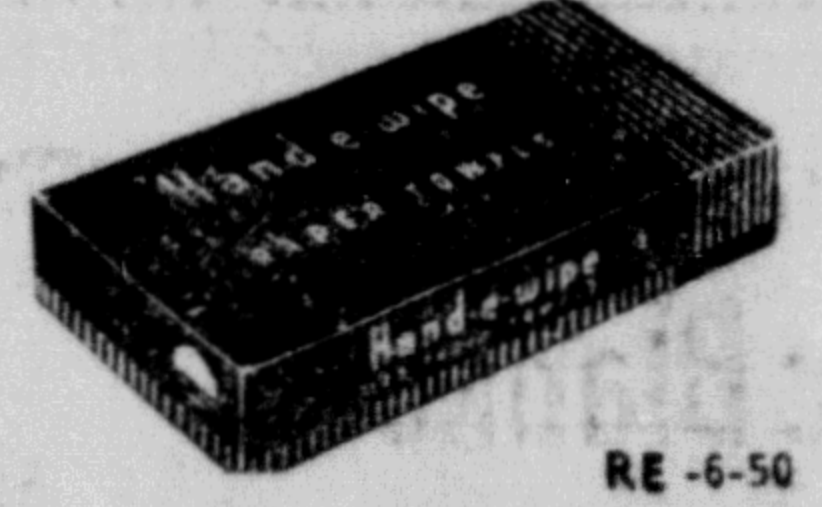
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## LETTERBOX

## GOD HELP TEEN-AGERS

Editor, The Daily News:  
Dear Sir—I note in the News that Teen-ager states there "is nothing to do but resort to drink," unless, of course, someone donates the necessary paraphernalia for them to play some kind of games. It is enough to make a person weep, the things. We fancy that Stalin finds something for his teen-agers to do, besides play games. In our younger days there was none of this mollycoddling for young people. Their parents found plenty of work for them to do. If they wanted a new ball, bat or a mitt, or hockey stick, they found a job and earned the money for themselves. They, or their parents, would have been shocked to think of expecting any one to find these things for them. Of course, the teen-ager has become accustomed to sit, like a bird in the nest, with his mouth open, waiting for mother bird to feed him, but after he was able to fly the bird was shoved out of the nest and had to root-hog or die. We did not have baby bonuses in those days and parents raised their families without any do-gooders going around holding tag days for them or the government sending around public doctors, nurses, etc. In fact, people stood on their own feet, and had too much self respect to, accept charity from anybody. If they could not afford a thing they went without it. Nowadays, everybody seems to expect to live in the height of fashion and

luxury—at one's expense.

Today the parents do not seem to know enough to teach their children anything at all but must have the government or the schools teach them practically everything (except the fear of God). Mothers do not do any sewing but send to Eaton's for most family requirements. In the old days people made their own clothes—starting with the wool on the sheep; their own shoes—starting with the raw hide. They did not get their meals out of a tin can out of the cellar or garden.

I remember being at a farm one day, 50 years ago, when the threshing crew pulled in to thresh. The mother was away. The 15-year-old girl went ahead and cooked for them just like it happened every day, and thought nothing about it. That same girl could also sew and make things better than you get in a store today. When she married she raised a large family, without any bonus or public health nurses showing her what to do, and it was many years before she had a washing machine. Not being rushed to death with raising a large family, cooking and washing, she would often go out in the fields and stook grain, or cock hay, or harvest vegetables. This did not keep her busy so she made hundreds of pounds of butter, cured tons of meat, preserved hundreds of quarts of fruit. Finding time hanging on her hands after this, she would wander off in the woods and pick wild fruits or make flowerbeds. After a day of this light work she would make clothing, mend socks, sew carpet rags and make carpets or sew pieces for mak-

ing quilts that were much better than anything one can buy in a store. Today she is 68 years old and still can get around, and do as much as many young women can do. In fact, she would have died long ago if she could not have found something to do to pass the time.

We wonder what the young people would do, or most of the older ones, if they were to be cast upon the shore of North America with as few things as our first settlers had to work with. Those people were up against practically every hazard and had to depend upon themselves or starve. They had to fight Indians and wild animals, as well as winter weather, and there was no government pap to suck. They had it much worse than the homesteaders of the last 40 years, or the stump ranches, who started from scratch—before these Socialistic ideas became prevalent. No! The teen-agers had plenty to do except play games or drink and they did not have fine cars to drive around as the young ones expect as their rights today. Dad was lucky to have a good yoke of bulls and much happier than people today.

Today the people want their cake and to eat it. They have killed the goose that laid the golden egg. It is doubtless too late but we notice the poor Yanks are at last starting to wake up from their dizzy dreams under FDR and HST. We wonder when Canucks will start to wake up after having followed FDR for so long. Possibly it is too late to save the wreck but the old boat might survive a while if she had an overhaul at once. The trouble is that we have too many mollycoddles who expect the government and the employers to pack them around on nice soft pillows. Soak the rich! In other words—rob your neighbor, who was so silly that he saved his money, although he had received small wages most of his life, and now has to pay for his living at the rate of possibly 15 hours' wages in competition with present wage-workers who can buy the same thing with one hour's work. The dumb government does not seem to figure out that angle and also penalizes those thrifty saps today by not giving them old age pension—because they saved some of their small wage, after raising their own families. There was a nice little article in the Digest, which is very appropos. It hits the nail on the head.

"In a city of Florida great

flocks of gulls are starving amid plenty. Fishing is still good but the gulls don't know how to fish. For generations they have depended upon the shrimp fishermen to toss them scraps from the nets. Now the fleet has moved to Key West."

The shrimpers had created a welfare state for the sea gulls. The birds never bothered to learn how to fish for themselves and they never taught their children to fish. Instead they lead their little ones to the shrimp nets.

Now the sea gulls, the fine free birds that symbolize liberty itself, are starving to death because they gave in to the "something for nothing" lure! They

sacrificed their independence for a handout.

A lot of people are like that, too. They see nothing wrong in picking delectable scraps from the tax nets of the government's shrimp fleet. But what will happen when the government runs out of goods? What about our children of generations to come?

Let's not be gullible gulls. We must preserve our talents of self-sufficiency, our genius for creating things for ourselves, our sense of thrift and our true love of independence.

It is time to give some consideration to these things—before it is too late. We wonder if the Yanks are waking up. It seems Australia has already

started to patch up the state. Here is hoping not matter so much my age but I have a children and grandchildren will have to paddle the canoe. May God help "AND"

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