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Then and Now

"The heart aye's the part aye That makes us right or wrang."

SAY what they will about the British Empire, although it has blundered and occasionally been in the wrong, the heart of the British people was always in the right place. As a world power Britain preserved the freedom of the seas and maintained general peace among the nations for a hundred years, and at the same time extended the bounds of civilization by her explorers, traders and colonization.

In comparing Russian imperialism with that of Britain, it must be remembered that the world today is very different from what it was a hundred years ago. The British Empire was a comparatively slow growth, and Britain did not start out with a mighty and highly organized military force to dominate and impose an ideology upon the civilized nations of the world.

In the present world situation, the truth is that we are all more or less right and wrong. Ideally the pacifist may be perfectly right in advocating non-resistance to Communist aggression because war is wrong. But we do not live in an ideal world, and however much we may hate war and strive for international peace, we would be cowards and moral paralytics if we refused to defend ourselves against the forces of evil and to fight for what we believe is right.

CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

ONE school of psychologists, for some years prominent in the field of giving advice to parents, used to preach, and probably still does, that children should never be frustrated. The theory was that frustration in childhood would bring on all kinds of undesirable complexes in adult life, whereas, with freedom to do exactly as it pleased, the child, if it survived its formative years, would learn by experience the value of socially useful behaviour, and would become civilized by the time it reached maturity.

The record of juvenile delinquency, particularly in larger Canadian cities, during the past decade suggests that there are flaws in the theory. Adolescents who were not controlled in childhood now have to be frustrated by the police when their unrestrained impulses lead them into gang warfare, car thefts and assault and robbery of peaceful citizens.

If they were to follow these amusements unmoled, these adolescents, it is true, might achieve the status of responsible adults, simply through boredom with their present courses. So the psychologists' theory cannot be completely disproved. Society cannot afford the experiment.

If the aim of education is to train a child to become fitted to the society of which he is a part, frustration should be an essential of his training and it can hardly begin too early. He should learn that punishment will follow bad conduct, while reward, less certainly, may follow good. Parents are safer in following the advice of King Solomon than the fashions of the latest Ph.D. in psychology.

The theory of frustration as a basis for education can certainly be supported by results, for most adults were brought up by the more or less old-fashioned method condemned by modern psychology, and old-fashioned parents believed in strict restraint of their offspring's natural predilection for mayhem and other forms of violence. One socially desirable result of the old-fashioned methods is that Canadians are, on the whole, a law-abiding people. Another result, socially desirable from the point of view of Ottawa, is the physical safety of the controllers and inspectors appointed under the authority of Acts and Regulations for the purpose of continuing indefinitely the process of frustration.



As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT LAUGH AND LEARN - CAMP

THIS WILL BE my last report from the 1950 YMCA Camp Elphinstone. We have really had a grand time here this year. One thing that puzzles me is why more people do not take advantage of such affairs. Certainly I do not know any way of getting more for \$24 than the participants get here.

Dr. Wm. A. Black and I were chatting about this a few minutes ago. We came to the conclusion that the high sounding name scares off many people. The name of the YMCA Institute—and hence people conjure up a picture of dull high-brow lectures, with a lot of tedious sessions.

ACTUALLY THERE is never a dull moment from morning to night—in fact, till far into the night. True, there are two lectures per day, plus one hour's group discussions. But the lectures are given either while the listeners lie around on the grass, in the glorious sun; or at night in a natural amphitheatre on the seashore, where the speaker stands beside a huge bonfire.

Last night, for instance, Professor Earl Birney talked on "Arts and the Future." He gave a close-up view of some of the problems of art and possibilities for young writers. Then, after the question period and our goodnight cocoa, he read about eight selections of poetry.

This morning Dr. Black gave his talk on "Immigration—Canada's Capabilities and Responsibilities." Thousands of ex-students of the University of British Columbia remember Dr. Black not only as an excellent lecturer on such subjects as logic but as their official personal counselor.

Now he is a newly appointed citizenship director for the Department of Immigration. He gave a fine talk, not only on the policies of our government on immigration, but on ways and means of fitting the various ra-

Rail Headache Not Over Yet

OTTAWA — The railway strike is settled but the government railway headache lingers on as it faces the prospect that it may have to establish an arbitrator to settle finally on wages and hours between the companies and the unions.

The government also faces the question of reaching a decision on the appeal of seven provinces against the latest freight rate increases awarded the railways by the Board of Transport Commissioners and it must also deal with the report of the Royal Commission on transportation early this year or next.

The problem of equalized freight rates also looms. Special groups into the Canadian national family.

The most helpful things that came out of today's group discussions were these:

There should be trained social workers assigned to live right with the various groups, like the Doukhobors, so that there be a continuous mutually helpful and positive relationship between them and the nation as a whole.

There should be a greatly increased national expenditure to establish art training centres, scholarships for promising young artists (including painters, musicians, dancers, writers, and so on). It was suggested that some of these grants might be made "for services rendered." That is, that the recipient of such grants might be required to do some public service for them, either while receiving the grant or later.

BUT HERE RIGHT in this camp we see what latent possibilities there are in the Canadian people. Just in the natural course of the day's fun we get fine singing, and quite good amateur acting, mostly comic. There are about thirty people out on the lawn now, taking their art lesson from Cliff Robinson. Many of them, including my wife, have never taken any lessons before but they are all having a whale of a time.

Maybe the jokes and pranks that they go in for with such gusto would stale a bit if you had to take too much of this at a time. But for eight days—at \$24 including board—hoot mon, it's a Scotsman's pride and joy.

TONIGHT we are having our masquerade dance. I am going as a Highlander, complete with kilt, improvised for a tartan blanket.

The wife is making a sari from a sheet. But the Scotch side is coming out in her too. Just in case, she's wearing a bathing suit underneath.



PRICELESS TEA SERVICE — Arthur Hudson puts finishing touches on a special golden tea service in London, Eng., which will be on display at the Vancouver Exhibition and later will tour North America. Hudson, who has 48 years' experience, put in 350 hours' work on the service. (CP Photo)

Illegal Fishing Brings Stiff Rap

QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY — Capt. Ernest Gladstone of the seiner V.G.T. II was convicted here in Magistrate E. S. Richardson's court of fishing with a purse seine in a salmon stream at Lyall Island. He was fined \$300, 1,100 pinks and his seine being confiscated.

Inspector F. B. Woods-Johnson left on Saturday's plane for Vancouver enroute to Regina where he will take up new duties as training officer for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Theft Conviction Brings \$100 Fine

George Perrault was Saturday fined in Magistrate H. D. Thain's court, \$100 or in default three months' imprisonment when convicted on a charge of theft of over \$200. The charge arose after a woman missed a purse she had left in a washroom at Eagle Rooms. When she returned a little later it was missing. She was able to identify Perrault whom she had seen entering the washroom when she was leaving.



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