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Benefits Enforced

THE BENEFITS that communism brings to the worker is the theme song of Red advocates who lyric over the levelling process that brings such untold benefit to the worker; benefits that he couldn't hope to secure in the decadent democracies.

Czechoslovakia was one of those democracies, before Stalin's agents betrayed it for its own good and the outstanding benefit of the worker. Czechoslovakia didn't quite realize its industrial decadence. It thought of its progressive labor program, its standard 40-hour work week, as something that might well be viewed favorably by its great neighbor that had the worker's interests so much at heart.

But Russia was interested in the worker in its own way. By its constitution of February 25, 1947, it had made the 48-hour week mandatory. Now, naturally, in its generous interest in one of its newest satellites it felt that all benefits should be shared. Officials of the Czech communist government made the "suggestion" no doubt at a hint from the Politburo. The Czech Minister of Industry in passing on the "suggestion" used a nicely-padded velvet glove. Said he:

"We could produce more if we would voluntarily decide that no free Saturday should exist in the five-year plan. Don't you think it is a crime against our building endeavors," he asked the Communist party conference "when we do not work 52 Saturdays a year."

What could be friendlier or more convincing to labor than that? Also, as the New York World-Telegram points out, the Czech worker who preferred his own ways still had a very obvious "out." If he didn't like the 48-hour week, he could always go to a concentration camp and work a seven-day week.

FIRE TRAGEDIES

FIVE YOUNG WOMEN and a youth perish in their burning house at Morden, Manitoba. Within another couple of days three children die when flames level their home at Shippigan, New Brunswick. Yesterday seven more persons perish in Halifax.

Sixteen lives of value and promise taken, most of them with the journey of life hardly commenced. Such repeated tragedies, fraught with killing shock, remorse and lasting grief, are so frequent as to be almost commonplace. It is idle to talk of reducing such fires through some system capable of being enforced. That's impossible.

Despite all laws, inspections and solemn warnings, people will fly in the face of Providence.

Flimsy buildings will continue to be erected and occupied. There are thousands of death-traps all over Canada, today, only they are called dwellings. Rooms will be overcrowded. Matches will be left where children can find them. Faulty wiring will be installed. There will be careless smokers. There will be overheated stoves and furnaces. Gasoline will be mistaken for oil. Children will be left alone. And there will be just plain, ordinary everyday lack of foresight. In hundreds of ways a blaze can originate, sometimes permanently unexplained.

As this is written it is practically certain that somewhere in this broad land—quiet farm abode or hustling city—the long arm of the destroyer is reaching out and finding its victim.

Perhaps it all comes down to a matter of personal alertness and vigilance—a self-imposed discipline that can actually get somewhere.

High Wage-Earners Few In Australia

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Only three percent of wage-earners in Australia earned more than \$3,200 during the financial year 1945-46. Figures just released show that these 63,313 higher income earners were paid 16 percent of all incomes paid during the year. On top of that they paid out 37.5 percent of all income tax. Biggest number of tax payers were in the low income group who earned between \$640 and \$1,600 a year. This group numbered 1,286,121 or 62.65 percent of Australia's 2,052,926 taxpayers. There were 494,365 persons earning less than \$640 a year.

Classified advertising always brings results.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He would not hear to our leaving so soon."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "pecan"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Criminology, crescendo, cretone.
4. What does the word "insatiable" mean?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "He would not consent to our leaving so soon."
2. Pronounce pe-kan, e as in me unstressed, a as in can, accent second syllable.
3. Cretone.
4. Incapable of being satisfied or appeased. "Our minds possess by nature an insatiable desire to know the truth."—Cicero.

MEDICAL PLAN "WORKING WELL" IN ENGLAND

State medicine is working out "very well" in England, according to Dr. W. D. Sharpe, newly-arrived city doctor who recently completed post graduate studies in Old Country medical schools. He addressed the Rotary Club briefly at its Thursday afternoon luncheon meeting.

However, while the plan is satisfactory in England, he would not say that it could be applied with equal success in Canada, where physical and population conditions differ. Concentration of a large population into a small area works to its benefit.

"Over there, there is a population of 50,000,000 in an area about the size of Vancouver Island and state medicine works satisfactorily. However, conditions here are different.

Actually, the state medical scheme, he said, is no radical departure from the "panel" medical scheme which operated previously. Under the panel scheme, general practitioners handled large numbers daily to determine whether or not they were ill. If they were sick, he said, they were referred to specialists.

The Rotarians also heard a brief description of wartime army training in the area near Poole, Dorset, from Kenneth Thompson, a Vancouver visitor who served overseas. He gave sidelights on the English city after club secretary H. T. Lock had read a letter from the Poole Rotary club thanking the Prince Rupert club for a Christmas cake which had been sent over.

Other visitors at the weekly meeting were R. I. Bradley, Edmonton, Charles Howes, Vancouver and W. H. Trotter, Prince George.

TEACHERS AND PUBLIC OFFICE

Rights to Contest Municipal Office Discussed

The question of teachers holding office on municipal councils in districts in which they live was discussed at the March meeting of the Prince Rupert Parent Teachers' Association.

A committee was appointed to work in conjunction with the B.C.T.F. seeking amendment to the Municipal Act granting full citizenship to teachers.

"Teachers in B.C. seek the right to serve as councillors, aldermen, Reeves and mayors, only," one member stated. "Present legal safeguards, which prevent businessmen-councillors from voting on matters in which their firms are immediately concerned, could easily be extended to keep teachers from voting on matters in which they are personally involved."

"One municipal head has stated that teacher members on his council would actually be barred from voting less frequently than are the present members of his council."

Possibilities of holding a fall convention in Prince Rupert are being considered. This convention would serve the teachers of a district extending as far as such points as Ocean Falls and Terrace.



ARCTIC TRAINING—Soldiers at the army's cold-weather training station at Churchill, Man., call woman "the weaker sex" with a smile, now that Canadian and American nurses are taking part in sub-Arctic training. The Canadian nurses with two United States nursing sisters in their bulky winter garb, left to right, are: back row, Nursing Sister J. M. Strang of Macklin, Sask.; Nursing Sister J. I. MacDonald of Meota, Sask.; Matron E. B. Pense of Kingston, Ont.; Matron R. M. Stoltz of Dayton, O.; Matron F. P. Thorp of Phoenix, Ariz.; front row, Lt.-Col. A. J. Tedlie of Montreal, commandant of the camp and Maj. S. B. McDonald of Cornwall, Ont. (CP Photo)

PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

Twenty-Five Years

D. Bergen, locating engineer for the provincial department of public works arrived in the city to start a survey for a highway between Prince Rupert and Terrace.

A new Masonic Temple was officially opened by Tsimpsen and Tyee lodges with a grand rally of all members in the city. A banquet followed the meeting at the new premises at the corner of Sixth Avenue and Bowser Street.

The Whalen Pulp and Paper Co. re-opened its mill at Swanson Bay which had been closed since early December. The company planned to operate logging camps on the Queen Charlotte Islands in the summer.

Thirty-Five Years

Special services were held by Rev. G. H. Raley of Port Simpson at the Methodist Church in honor of the second anniversary of its opening.

Jack Lindsay, who received a trial shipment of timothy hay from the Bulkeley Valley, said that it was the finest quality that he had ever seen.

Frank A. Ellis returned from a trip to Prince George and reported that the interior town was thriving, had a population of 2,000 and was served by three trains a week from Edmonton.

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver—G. Aspinall, R. Joyce, M. Shapiro, S. B. Roberts.

You Saw it in The News.

Reminiscences and Reflections

By W.I.

A Toronto news agency recently circulated a dispatch saying that on Sunday prayers for the welfare of Cardinal Mindszenty would be offered when some 20,000 Roman Catholics of the Holy Name Society would receive Holy Communion. It was a Lethbridge Herald news editor with his wits about him, who caught "the break," and was quick to query if they didn't mean "Holy Communion." Someone just escaped making the year's prize boner.

Joe Louis does not intend to allow all of his talents to languish, or to wither and decay. He has resigned as heavyweight champion. Not for him, the humiliation of being unable to stand up again after having been knocked down—and with 50,000 more or less intelligent citizens looking on. The very thought is unbearable. Joe will devote his choicest thoughts to the business of promotion and preferment. So what pugilism loses, diplomacy gains.

The number of school children in Prince Rupert is 1,176. There was once a day when the local school population, totaling less than 10, had their pictures taken in a corner of the old Empire office, down on Rupert Road. They had about mastered the alphabet and it's safe to say their first reading matter consisted of the small hand-set sheet, run off on a hand-press and bearing a message from John Houston himself. There was precious little reading matter anywhere else in camp that long ago.

Premier St. Laurent and Leader Drew put their stormy thoughts into words. Cabinet



"You have no idea how having ababy ties a person down."

STONE WORKERS GETTING SCARCE

Decline of Old British Craft Makes Restorations Difficult

LONDON (AP)—Britain's abbeys, palaces and country homes may fall in decay, with no new stone buildings built to replace them, unless more masons can be trained.

A works ministry report on "Recruitment of Masons" points up the danger.

Unless the rate of recruitment of masons can be raised, the stone industry will cease to exist in many areas. Quarries will be forced to close due to lack of demand for stone and the ancient British craft of stone-working may disappear.

The report said that if the craft does not attract enough apprentices, new building will be impossible and repairs to church, public and other stone buildings will be delayed.

Then "maintenance of the country's architectural treasures will be in jeopardy."

The Building Apprenticeship and Training Council, which prepared the report for the ministry said 550 masons should be recruited annually. At the present rate was only 128. It recommended that the government should consider measures to encourage stone building and preservation of the craft.

Main causes for the decline were said to be increased use of alternative materials, greater simplicity in architectural design, importation of worked stone from other countries and the extended use of machinery.

would you like to be a market gardener in that country? One recently required a new shaft for a wheelbarrow. First, he had to apply for a license of the proper form from a surveyor of the district council. The license had then to be registered and filed by the district surveyor. It had then to be registered and filed by the timber merchant. And the cost of the piece of wood involved was ninepence.

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COLUMBIA ICE FIELDS—Speaking of cracked ice and deep freezes which are currently dominating the headlines, this is a timely picture from Alberta. The picture is a medal winner in the fourth Chicago International nature photograph exhibition at the Chicago Natural History Museum. Its title is "Columbia Ice Fields," by Alfred Blythe of Edmonton.

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