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# Harold Winch

NE NEED NOT agree with the views of Harold Winch, Leader of British Columbia's CCF opposition, to admit that he puts up a convincing case and is a man to be listened to with respect. It must have been nearly 20 years ago when first we intelligent Christian citizens. listened to the younger Winch (who is not so young any more at that, having reminded us at his meeting Thursday night that he now has a married son and might, indeed, be grandfather himself before long). We remember him as a heady, seemingly hot-headed, type of orator-filled with fiery, youthful exuberation. But Harold Winch has changed these last few years. He has become more mellowed, more restrained. But to say that is not to suggest that he may be any the less an able advocate of the socialistic cause. He is a presentable and effective platform man.

Many will take issue with Mr. Winch's contention that the single transferable ballot, which he chose to call vicious, is as undemocratic as he made it out to be. It is difficult to appreciate his view that a voting system whereby a first and second choice of candidates is permitted and, in the case of there being not sufficient first choices to make a majority, the second choices may be used until a majority is reached, is not democratic. Some would say that such a system is most democratic in that it is a process of obviating a minority choice and making possible a really popular choice.

Mr. Winch seems to take it for granted that there would be disenfranchisement of a considerable portion of the electorate through the absence of an absentee vote or some means of recording the choices of people who might be away from their voting homes on election day. There would be no disagreement with complaint at such a situation but it would appear that Mr. Winch might be a little premature in conceding off-hand that no means can be devised of taking the votes of these people. It might be somewhat complicated but certainly some way should be found to get away from suc'i an omission. In any case, Mr. Winch has suggested what might happen and it is a good thing that he has drawn attention to the matter.

# 20,000,000 IN CANADA

THE Financial Post has invited editors of Canadian newspapers to suggest what Canada's population target should be for the next 25 years and how it can be reached. A statesman said at the turn of the century that the twentieth century would be Canada's. So far it has done very well and the population is expected to pass the fourteen million mark in 1950—a gain of 8,600,000 since 1901. At that rate we should be over twenty million in 25 years. Timber and agricultural industries could well absorb large quantities of new population. Vast natural resources of timber are awaiting development. Already the country's agricultural production is falling behind, losing ratio with the other industries, which is not healthy economically.

It is obvious that northwestern Canada, particularly British Columbia, with its resources of all kinds virtually untapped, is an area of great potential new population absorption. Prince Rupert's hinterland is an area capable of absorbing a large proportion of the new population which Canada must necessarily obtain for her own future wellbeing and development.

# LABOR ON COMMUNISM

OMMUNISM promises freedom, while it subjects peoples to dictatorships, secret police and slave labor camps.

Communism promises bread, land and economic equality, while people are kept in economic poverty and millions in the political bureaucracy, in the political police, and the gigantic military machine are living off the backs of workers. Communism has changed one form of exploitation for another which is a far greater and more cruel form of exploitation.

Communism promises freedom of speech while filling the jails with political opponents, and the sound of firing squads echoes throughout the Communist world.

Communism promises freedom of religion while persecuting all religions, and God is replaced by Stalin.-Declaration of Positive Economic Philosophy, Canadian Congress of Labor.



TEEN-AGER REPLIES

Editor, Daily News-In reply to the "God Help the Teen-Agers" of November 16:

I have been taught since my earliest childhood to respect my elders and I respect the logic of your letter.

this hard to believe) are, as a by the writer of the letter in general rule, semi-independent, question.

mistakes, but must you judge all they were vastly superior from of us by the few? One of our number stated that since there was nothing to do in Prince Rupert, he must turn to drink. Do you really believe that every teen-ager is about to become a But why not carry such reason- petition" campaign is a hoax. confirmed drunkard on that ac-

aid, they do not make "home- back to the caveman? Away innocent people to sign: spun" garments for us or for that matter, we for ourselves. Is this not a step forward? Ever since history began, civilization has been advancing. To stop now in order that teen-agers should be subjected to hard work and militarization would be, if nothing else, foolish.

major project. We of the High epistle probably arrived on humanity and should be dealt School are endeavoring to raise parchment or possibly cut into with as a war criminal. \$750 as half payment for much-needed High School brass band. The Department of Edu- our modern social services. It sign this appeal." cation has consented to "molly- is probably due to some of them. coddle" us to the extent of notably the public health serv- PEOPLE WHO KNOW nothing equalling our dollars with theirs ice and the efforts that have of the history of the past six to aid us. We made initial ar- gone into its inception, that you years, or of the harsh military rangements for a tag day, the are now ancient. Believe me, facts of 1950, might sign the proceeds of which were to go your chances of reaching that above in all good faith. to the band fund. This effort status in the "good old days" But the most important fact was promptly vetoed by the would have been extremely slim. of the whole disarmament dead-School Board. They, like you, said that we should not have to you mention as having perform- that the Russian Communist thing will have to be done to if ever an adult-sponsored tag homemaking and land tilling- cent of it. To date all practical day go by that we are not called well, frankly, I just don't be- moves to limit armaments, and of us this seems unreasonable, have dimmed your retrospect, bomb, have bogged down be-Nevertheless, we are all working Ancient. It must have been five cause of Soviet obstruction. diligently to raise money by other women. selling Christmas cards and later we wish to have similar projects until our goal is reach-

It seems that you have become disillusioned with teenagers. Perhaps the well-known moves on in the struggle of life. in both categories. Before you find the cause. condemn all of us try to "get At long last we are learning to know" some of us and learn to accuse ourselves instead of whether or not we are the com- God for many things that happlete parasites that you de-

"quilting parties" and "square dances," all of which can best be classified as play.

### JUST A TEEN-AGER. ANOTHER BAND

the people of Hamelin used a meaning. A war anywhere now girls in this town that I know boy won first prize in Canadian one-man band to draw rats and is a potential war everywhere. personally who set aside at least wheat raising and will be the

going to use a brand new naval are worth it. band to draw recruits into H.M.C.S. Chatham.

We here in Prince Rupert are fortunate indeed in having a places. That band did not just grow like "Topsy." It is the result of real hard work-often heartbreaking, uphill work! It is true that in the last couple of years the Shrine Club has done much. But in the final analysis it is the perseverance of Peter Lien and the men his band which has made that band the asset to our commun-

ity that it undoubtedly is today.

from the Greenville native band. to a wayward sister who did not Every one of us here in the enjoy popularity in certain social north is rightly proud of those circles in case she herself might native musicians. We were all be accused. In fear of being acmore than proud to see them cused of communism the take part in our local Armistice Labor government lacked the parade, and we were all very courage to uphold the honor and glad to notice that the Cana- tradition of their country as a dian Legion honored Mr. McKay, free democracy. the native bandmaster, with an invitation to their banquet. That

was as it should be. But we have a band here—a band whose members have loyally and voluntarily contributed their time, not only this Armistice Day but for many Armistice Days past. Yet the local bandmaster was not even invited.

Ye gods! And we talk about a navy band.

ERIC FAURE. | and lectures.

BE LOGICAL, "ANCIENT"

Editor, Daily News-

I hope few teen-agers read Ancient's" letter in your issue of November 16. It certainly would hardly tend to increase their respect for the wisdom and tolerance which one usually asthis sobriquet seems more than sociates with advancing years. adequate), we "mollycoddled," I'm only a "Middle-Age" myself (at least I like to imagine so), foreign supporters of the a with grown-up and married sons gigantic cell, capable only of but. I trust I shall have a betplaying, begging and indulgence, ter understanding of the teen-

Granted some of us make days and the implication is that Chuter Ede, seems to me the standpoint of characterbuilding than are present times. His yardstick appears to be the

ence would probably keep even, "We demand the establish-"Ancient" and his contemporar- ment of strict international conies so occupied that they would trol to ensure the implementahave little thought for sports, tion of the banning measure. (Incidentally, I don't suppose "We consider that any govern-As a member of the senior "Ancient" would deign to use ment which would be the first class of Booth Memorial High such a luxury as a typewriter to use the atomic weapon against School, I wish to point out as and paper for writing his let- any country whatsoever would an example to you our present ters to the News, would he? The be committing a crime against

And, "Ancient," don't sneer at will throughout the world

"MIDDLE-AGED."

## LABOR GOV'T WEAKNESS

Editor, Daily News: We live and learn as time fable of "The Fox and the Sour Cause and effect is our constant Grapes" might apply to you. I companion. No matter what sincerely hope that I am wrong happens if we search we can

pen, both good and bad. We assume the earth, sun, moon and We, as much as you, admire stars to be the gift of God. But

sons which will pay the bill. The would do so gladly.

field November 13. England, teeners. which assumes to be the Mother All we ask for is that everyone the Battle of Armageddon had of Parliaments, the cradle of de- have a good time in order to keep started. Something like that was mocacy and the champion of the young happy enough so that heard in August 1914. Today, And now "Chatham" needs free speech, capitulated under we don't have to go elsewhere Alaska learns that, while the men! So the Navy, with unlimit- pressure of fear. The act stag- for entertainment. In my opin- second coming of Christ is pended taxpayers' dollars, starts a gered even the iron man, Win- ion I don't think that this is ex- ing, it will not occur before the band and pays a bandmaster. ston Churchill, and millions of pecting too much of us, and sixth of seven terrible plagues. Unfortunately there just is others throughout the world. It please remember that the whole This has now appeared in Nornot room here for two bands, exposed a decided weakness in world has changed in 50 years. thern China, and should be cal-So where does that leave the Labor government which now We have stood up to at least one led Armageddon. Or should i men who have spent a great stands on a par with the lady World War-a strain on any- be more matter-of-fact and less deal of their time and a good who enjoyed an honor bright body. chunk of their own money to moral reputation but suffered a make the present band what it mental weakness to the extent that she would not venture to Just recently we had a visit say as much as "Good Morning"

GEORGE B. CASEY

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By ELMORE PHILPOTT MR. EDE'S MISTAKE

BY DENYING most "Stockholm peace appeal (and I am sure you will find ent" status than that displayed bly and free speech in stockholm peace appeal. Britain the Labor govern-"Ancient" tells of his younger ment's home secretary, Mr. have done deep injury to the cause of democracy.

I take it for granted that well amount of physical labor re- informed Canadians know that quired to exist in earlier days. the Communist organized "peace

ing to its logical conclusion? If ever a fake and phoney was Surely even "Ancient's" boyhood self-revealed by its own text Our parents do receive family must have been a pretty namby- the "Stockholm Appeal" is it. allowances and public health pamby existence. Why not go Here is what Communists ask

> with homespun and preserved "We demand the absolute victuals! What's wrong with a banning of the atomic weapon, a bearskin robe and wild meat arm of terror and mass extermi-(preferably raw)? Such exist- nation of populations.

"We call on all men of good-

And as for that super-woman lock of the past five years is will soon b€ inadequate. Some-"beg." However, there is rarely ed those prodigious feats of policy is responsible for 90 per upon to sell tags for. To most lieve it. I think the years must especially to abolish the atom If we were dealing with a less

serious subject we might well suggest that the Communists Stockholm appeal.

Stalin, Molotov, Vishinsky.

# TEEN-AGERS READY

Editor, Daily News: our noble pioneers. Even they from there man takes over and vember 16, I would like to say to that, surely, will never do. attempts to direct the affairs of suggest to him that he knows nations and the course of Na- the teen-agers only from what "You won't get fat if you sub-

In bygone days when the world anyone in Prince Rupert espec- tian. Neither will your bank was young war was between jally, would rise to need of work account. (Cincinnati Enquirer) Editor, Daily News—

Many hundreds of years ago dustry, it has grown in size and ing, sewing, etc. There are many

A thirteen year old western mice and little children into the That behooves us all to exert one night to sew. As for cook- central figure in a reception in ourselves to prohibit it if pos- ing it is a natural instinct in any Toronto. Here's one teen-ager Today the Canadian Navy is sible. Surely the lives of our boys woman to cook. If these teen- who managed to find something agers had to fight Indians, do to do. Those who desire war should farm work and cook for the remember it is the blood of our workmen too, I can assure they France feels that to permit

world. This is the refusal to ad- which has been discarded by the German. France ought to. mit entry of delegates which was old folks and put in order by scheduled to take place in Shef- lots of hard work by a group of About ten years ago people

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tition asks millions of people to demand, we could get an atomic ban, the end of the cold war and the beginnings of disarmament within a matter of months.

IN HIS GREAT speech of September 27, 1950, to the UN Assembly, Mr. Lester Pearson supplied a formula which would be the acid test of Soviet sincerity. He would accept the general Russian plan for disarmament on one vital condition. He demanded the right of international inspectors to search every nook and corner of the world for all types of armament.

It is this very demand that the Russians and all Communist satellite countries have adamantly refused. Thus the monu-Rather we are individuals who agers when I attain the "anci- the rights of free assem- mental hypocrisy behind the Communist inspiration of the

tance to all the key foreign advocates of the Stockholm Peace Appeal, the British home secretary seems to me to be adopting the very thing that is most contemptible in Communist police-states.

How in the name of commonsense do we ever hope to encourage the free-speech-starved peoples behind the Iron Curtain to organize to get real democracy if we ourselves curtail free speech, and do so in the very birthplace of democracy?

# Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Robert Service, formerly Yukon, was robbed of more than seven thousand dollars in jewels and cash. This happened at his to home in Monte Carlo, France. Nothing is known as to whether or not Mr. Service feels moved

Word from Ottawa says the number of new coins is becoming so great, that space in the mint relieve a somewhat troublesome situation. Speaking personally, we feel prepared to send the mint, our address immediately

The prairie press feel that while the original intention of the CCF government was to make are wasting their time getting Saskatchewan a land flowing millions of signatures on the with milk and honey, and while not much is known concerning They need only one, two or milk, it would now appear that three signatures—and the spirit honey must be marketed under of sincerity behind those signa- the terms and control of the Honey Producers' Board. There will be a fixed price at which For if these gentlemen really retailers must buy from Saskatwanted what the Stockholm pe-chewan beekeepers. But if Manitoba and Alberta beekeepers can produce cheaper, so much the worse for Saskatchewan. It looks as if the government of that In reply to the letter signed province might be flirting with "Ancient" in your paper on No- restraint of domestic trade. And

ture—which is a man-sized job he reads in the crime magazines. sist on a diet composed largely as the world has come to know. Any teen-ager, and I mean of good beefsteak," says a dieti-

German divisions would create, dollars involved in profit or loss, There are not many teen-agers almost immediately, secret ties band that compares favorably in comparison, are simple muck. that resort to drink. Many happy between these divisions, which Therefore an action of the times are had that the older would mean reconstruction of the British immigration department, crowd never hear of. We are not German Army, and high comunder direction of the Labor lucky, as "Ancient" says, to have mand with all its old menace to government, has sent repercus- beautiful cars either. Maybe the peace of Europe. France unsions resounding around the there is a model A here or there derstands. Germany and the

fanciful to regard it as just another war?

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Square dancing got off to whooping start at the Civic Centre auditorium last night. The paying a visit to the crowd was not too large but was certainly enthusiastic, spectators " as well as dancers being present at Vanderhoof and To for the wholesome terpsichoran is now back here in a fun of the homespun type. There with the new local stor were a lot of young folks and ond Avenue. He salls ceived instructions and then they couver on the Prince danced the Virginia Reel and this afternoon. such things.

Rowland Miles, Don Leitch, Mr struction staff. and Mrs. William Doumont, Paul Square dancing will and Barbara Doumont and Centre feature alterna

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Gloria Sather comprised the in- evenings henceforth. Comments of the Comments of th

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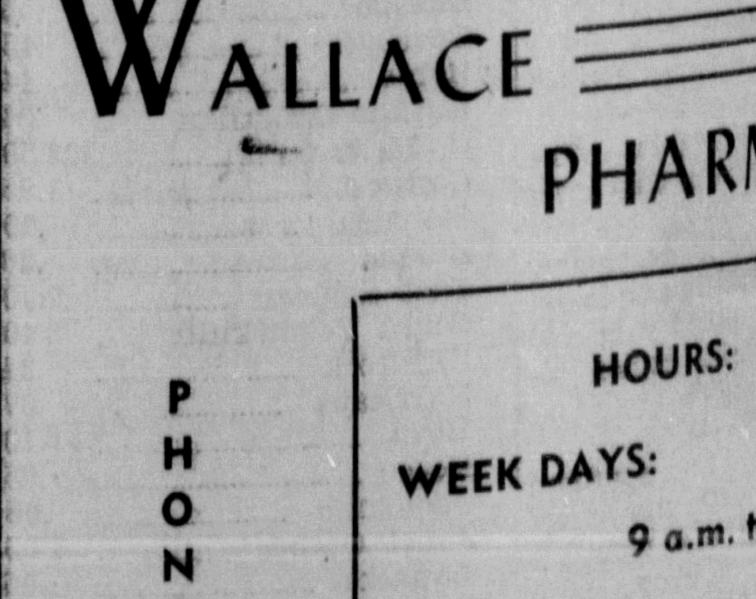
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