

An independent daily newspaper devoted to the upbuilding of Prince Rupert and northern and central British Columbia...

Harold Winch

ONE NEED NOT agree with the views of Harold Winch, Leader of British Columbia's CCF opposition...

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.

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.

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.

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.

LABOR ON COMMUNISM

COMMUNISM 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 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.

Letters to the Editor

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.

However, my dear "Ancient" this sobriquet seems more than adequate, we "mollycoddled," "aesthetic" young people of today are NOT as you imply a gigantic cell, capable only of playing, begging and indulgence.

Granted some of us make mistakes, but must you judge all 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.

Our parents do receive family allowances and public health aid, they do not make "homespun" garments for us or for that matter, we for ourselves.

As a member of the senior class of Booth Memorial High School, I wish to point out as an example to you our present major project. We of the High School are endeavoring to raise \$750 as half payment for a much-needed High School brass band.

It seems that you have become disillusioned with teen-agers. Perhaps the well-known fable of "The Fox and the Sour Grapes" might apply to you.

JUST A TEEN-AGER.

ANOTHER BAND

Editor, Daily News— Many hundreds of years ago the people of Hamelin used a one-man band to draw rats and mice and little children into the river Rhine.

Today the Canadian Navy is going to use a brand new naval band to draw recruits into H.M.C.S. Chatham.

We here in Prince Rupert are fortunate indeed in having a band that compares favorably with bands in much larger places.

Just recently we had a visit from the Greenville native band. Every one of us here in the north is rightly proud of those native musicians.

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.

Ye gods! And we talk about a navy band.

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 associates with advancing years.

"Ancient" tells of his younger days and the implication is that they were vastly superior from the standpoint of character-building than are present times.

And, "Ancient," don't sneer at our modern social services. It is probably due to some of them, notably the public health service and the efforts that have gone into its inception, that you are now ancient.

PEOPLE WHO KNOW nothing of the history of the past six years, or of the harsh military facts of 1950, might sign the above in all good faith.

LABOR GOVT WEAKNESS Editor, Daily News: We live and learn as time moves on in the struggle of life. Cause and effect is our constant companion.

EDITOR, DAILY NEWS: In reply to the letter signed "Ancient" in your paper on November 16, I would like to say to suggest to him that he knows the teen-agers only from what he reads in the crime magazines.

Those who desire war should remember it is the blood of our sons which will pay the bill. The dollars involved in profit or loss, in comparison, are simple muck.

There are not many teen-agers that resort to drink. Many happy times are had that the older crowd never hear of.

BOOST ART GALLERY VANCOUVER—Funds from the Vancouver Art Gallery's drive for 50,000 new members will be used to complete and equip a new gallery extension.

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By ELMORE PHILPOTT MR. EDE'S MISTAKE

BY DENYING most foreign supporters of the "Stockholm peace appeal" the rights of free assembly and free speech in Britain the Labor government's home secretary, Mr. Chuter Ede, seems to me to have done deep injury to the cause of democracy.

I take it for granted that well-informed Canadians know that the Communist organized "peace petition" campaign is a hoax.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces Robert Service, formerly of Yukon, was robbed of more than seven thousand dollars in jewelry and cash.

Word from Ottawa says the number of new coins is becoming so great, that space in the mint will soon be inadequate.

The prairie press feel that while the original intention of the CCF government was to make Saskatchewan a land flowing with milk and honey, and while not much is known concerning milk, it would now appear that honey must be marketed under the terms and control of the Honey Producers' Board.

There are many girls in this town that I know personally who set aside at least one night to sew. As for cooking it is a natural instinct in any woman to cook.

France feels that to permit German divisions would create, almost immediately, secret ties between these divisions, which would mean reconstruction of the German Army, and high command with all its old menace to the peace of Europe.

About ten years ago people were telling one another that the Battle of Armageddon had started. Something like that was heard in August 1914.

ALL we ask for is that everyone have a good time in order to keep we don't have to go elsewhere for entertainment.

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tion 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.

It is this very demand that the Russians and all Communist satellite countries have adamantly refused.

BUT BY REFUSING admittance 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 common-sense 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?

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Enthusiasm For Square Dancing

Square dancing got off to a whooping start at the Civic Centre auditorium last night. The crowd was not too large but was certainly enthusiastic.

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