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Little People

THE LITTLE PEOPLE of the world who participate in policy making only when they use their ballots in free democracies, but who in their daily lives determine the final outcome of policies throughout the world, have entered upon what may prove to be the most fateful year in human affairs.

The big people who make policies which the little people do not understand, or will not fulfil, have failed to organize peace. Almost two-thirds of the little people, most of whom cannot read or write, lack food, shelter and clothing. Hundreds of millions of them are in dire distress. Hundreds of millions of them are at war.

The literate countries in which bare subsistence is painfully managed, are partially paralyzed by dissension. The ablest statesmen, even in the most fortunate nations, cannot agree upon the broad policies which are essential to peace and progress.

The wisdom of the big people of the dictatorships is unequal to the needs of the little people, as it has always been. The little people who have no free votes sense that there are not enough big people in their countries who are wise enough and big enough to agree to apply the principles which would preserve peace, enabling the little people to make true progress, material and spiritual.

The glorious truth that each may possess his own peace by doing "the right as God gives him to see the right," and by being mutually helpful is the hope of little people, of all people, for even the greatest are little, in the fateful year nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

An excellent rule-of-thumb for voters: When in doubt, vote 'em out.

For the economists to chew on: (1) It is virtually axiomatic that increased production will bring lower prices. (2) Distillers now have a four years' supply of liquor on hand. (3) The cost of acquiring a hangover was never higher than it is today.

"Is it right for morons to marry?" asks an editor. If it isn't, there are millions who are living in sin.

LETTERBOX

POLICING

Editor, Daily News:

To be brief, this is being written with the intention of correcting a situation in connection with our local constabulary. At two different intervals on a recent Saturday afternoon minor infractions of the law were made—e.g. double parking and the absence of a patrolman "on the beat." Surely Prince Rupert's police force isn't under strength that it cannot have one of its members on pavement duty—especially from the midday on. I believe, that when Commissioner Shirras' estimate for the coming year was prepared, one factor was predominant. Prince Rupert shall be adequately staffed and policed for the ensuing year. Is this contract being fully adhered to? An explanation should be due from an authoritative source. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the space.

INDIGNANT PEDESTRIAN
AND TAXPAYER

TO OBSERVE KIN FOUNDING

To commemorate the founding of the Kinsmen Association of Canada, February 20, 1920, the executive of the Kinsmen Club last night recommended holding an anniversary party on Friday, February 20, instead of holding the regular Wednesday night meeting.

Discussion on the subject disclosed Don McEwen to be a chief of notable qualifications and he was elected to head the party committee. It was suggested that Don would do the cooking assisted by others he thought would be of assistance in the kitchen. Plans call for extending invitations to the ladies and for one night of the year at least they will be able to sit down at the table and be served by the men. Entertainment for the night will be in the hands of Bill Noble.

The executive recommended that in view of the club's age and the constant turnover of membership due to members leaving the city, no attempt be made to have the next provincial convention held in Prince Rupert.

Most of the business centred around the program for May 24. It was suggested that a possible new feature in the activities might be a contest among Maypole dancers. To make this a success the services of someone familiar with this type of dancing would have to be obtained and interest among the students stimulated. It was also suggested that the Kinsmen's sports events on Victoria Day might serve as a preliminary to the Legion sports day on July 1.

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Despite the rising costs of operating and maintenance, First United Church was able to meet all current expenses and, through use of special contributions, install a new automatic oil heating unit during the past year according to Treasurer George Rorie's report submitted to the 70 members and adherents present at the annual congregational supper meeting held last night in the church hall.

Increased contributions from regular subscribers and from various organizations of the church, particularly the Women's Senior Auxiliary, was the reason given for the favorable financial condition of the church.

Reports from all active organizations were read and in each case the progress indicated was encouraging.

Mrs. C. J. O. Olsen, who is in charge of the primary department of the Sunday School and the week-day kindergarten, was given a hearty vote of thanks for the splendid work she is doing in the two departments. J. S. Wilson was also congratulated on his work with both the senior and junior choirs. Appreciation was expressed for the able way in which Mrs. J. S. Irvine conducted the affairs of the mission and maintenance committee.

Other reports of special interest were Explorer Girls, read by Miss Rose-Marie Hartwig, the C.G.I.T., presented by Miss Esther Harrison, the Junior Young Peoples, read by Miss Mary McAfee and the Senior Women's Auxiliary submitted by Mrs. G. Cleone.

Rev. R. A. Wilson, who acted

as chairman of the meeting, gave a descriptive talk on what a minister's work constitutes. He felt that support of the members and organizations in the church was excellent and paid special tribute to the work of the ladies.

Leaders for youth work, which is often a source of worry to a minister, have in most cases been found but Mr. Wilson indicated a need for someone to lead groups of junior and intermediate boys during week-night meetings.

Following Rev. Wilson's address, J. S. Wilson expressed gratitude for the work Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are doing and moved a vote of approval which was heartily endorsed.

Martin Stuart was called on to give two reports during the evening. As chairman of the Pension Fund Committee, he outlined the progress being made in preparing the campaign to raise \$1,200, which is the church's allocation to the national scheme. He also spoke on the plans for the organization of an A.O.T.S. club and gave a brief description on the back-

ground of the movement. A spontaneous response to a suggestion that a gift of \$100 be made to a former minister who had at one time written off part of his salary to wipe out a deficit in the church resulted in the sum being raised on the spot.

The very enjoyable supper served to the guests was arranged by the ladies of the Senior Women's Auxiliary.

Mrs. C. J. O. Olsen was appointed secretary for the evening.

During the business meeting James H. Thompson was elected to life membership in the Session. H. E. Amos was approved as a member of the Session, replacing Don Forward who asked to be relieved of his duties on that board as he is also a member of the board of stewards. To fill vacancies on the board of stewards, John Ware and Martin Stuart were each elected to serve three-year terms.

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