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The Mised Dean

VERY Rev. Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, because this is a democratic country and everyone can have his say, has been going about expressing the opinion that Communism, as they have it in Russia, is a lovely thing and that earth might be nearer Heaven if we only had a little more of it.

The people of Russia probably do not want war. Neither do the people of Canada, the United States, Great Britain nor any of the other democracies of the world. They have an absolute horror of war, its bloody sacrifices, the prodigious waste of it. Russia is a despotism. If we have a war it will come from despotism, not from communism. Nine-tenths of the world's wars have had their geneses in the minds of despots.

If the armies of despotism, those Red armies, stood on the opposite side of the English Channel and attempted to cross, as they have done in some countries which have fallen into the Soviet orbit, would the Red Dean, kindly, generous though gullible he may be, still tell us that communism is a Christ-like thing and these people were trying to conquer the Island Kingdom for the good of its inhabitants? Would he still proclaim that this was the coming of a new era, the supreme hope of man?

Let us assume that all the Red Dean says is true and that Russia is a comfortable country to live in and work in and that people can be happy there, then why doesn't Russia lift the curtain and let others see the way men live under Communism? Then why—unless the Russian rulers see danger in it, are Russian women not permitted to leave Russia to join the English husbands they married during the war?

Surely all the great newspapers of the world, Socialist ones too, cannot be misrepresenting Russia. Editors are sometimes mistaken, reporters may misunderstand but, if the bars were down, we would know the truth about Russia.

The simple fact is that the world does not know what goes on in Russia—nor can the average Russian understand the differences between democracy and despotism. He has never known freedom. Some day the sun will shine through the darkness of the darkened mists of despotism may become a reality. It can't come too soon for the peace and sanity of the world.

INDIANS AS CITIZENS

THE DIRECTOR of Indian medical services for Canada, here from Ottawa, addressed a local service club yesterday on the work coming under his jurisdiction. The most interesting part of his address came when he digressed to discuss the relationship of the native to citizenship and the possibilities of his taking a fuller and more responsible part in the community. There is much in what Dr. Moore said with which we agree and which, in our humble way, we have ourselves at times advocated.

It was interesting to hear the doctor say, and if anyone knows from personal experience it should be himself, that there is no child "brighter or sweeter" than the Indian child, but somewhere along the way, he continued, something is being missed in the Indian policy that does not tend to develop that child into a responsible citizen. Dr. Moore, reasonably, made much of the point that it was the wrong policy to segregate the Indian. In other words, there should be acceptance of the natives—an acceptance that would be much the easier if it started from the phase of childhood.

There has been too much paternalism in the Indian policy of this country. There has been too much exploitation. As a result many of the Indians, and it started probably somewhere in early childhood through the way he has been handled, have acquired the worse things rather than the better things from association with the white man.

But, in spite of the white man and the weaknesses of Indian policy, Dr. Moore truly enough pointed out that there have been Indians who have made good and become just as fine and responsible citizens as any white man. Unfortunately, however, many have fallen along the wayside from childhood.

As the doctor suggested, the question of the Indian is one that can well receive our serious thought.

LETTERBOX

MR. BRETT PLEASED

Editor, Daily News:
I was greatly interested in your editorial of November 24, with respect to maintenance of the Skeena River Highway.

It is obvious from your criticism that you have come to realize that the actions of government are not always based on the welfare of the people but rather at times on political expediency. More power to you, Sir, and it is apparent from the news in Wednesday's issue of your paper that your efforts and those of others are bringing results, at least in the way of promises from the Minister of Public Works.

With reference to my duty in the matter, which you suggest in your editorial referred to and with which I agree, I submit, Sir, that it is somewhat discouraging to have the Member of a neighboring riding, especially when that member happens to be a Cabinet Minister and whose constituents are also vitally interested, rap one severely on the knuckles for daring to suggest that this stretch of highway should receive better attention from the Department.

It is more than passing strange that Mr. Kenney has effected a complete about-face in the matter and is now throwing his full support behind the people of this community in their efforts for better treatment from the Department of Public Works. Can it be that there is any difference as to who makes the representations or could it possibly be that the results of recent by-elections in the Province have anything to do with the change of attitude?

However, Mr. Editor, regardless of who gets the credit, I am more than glad to see that there has been a change and that we can look forward to better treatment in the way of roads in this part of the Province than we have received in the past.

W. H. BRETT, M.L.A.

Arms Building For Living Quarters

VANCOUVER—Tenders are being called for the conversion of the former armament building at Prince George airport for staff living quarters. Bids will close November 10.

CAUSES OF DELINQUENCY

WINNIPEG—Social workers here contend that the following are prime contributors to juvenile delinquency:

1. Comics, trash magazines and movies.
2. Housing, especially overcrowded living quarters.
3. A sense of insecurity in the home.
4. Desertion and divorce among parents.
5. Maladjustment, unhappy and unwanted children, delinquent parents, excitement and living dangerously.

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MAKES PLEA

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today was as large as it had ever been. Their increase was the largest of any racial group in Canada—th annual rate being 1000 to 1500.

Speaking of his own particular line of work, Dr. Moore explained that neither law or treaty imposed any responsibility upon the federal government to furnish medical services to the Indians. However, there had been an alarming situation among the Indians, particularly in regard to tuberculosis, and it had appeared a human duty and a matter of self-preservation that something be done about it on the federal scale. The Department of National Health had, therefore, embarked on a program of preventative medical service with the objective of eradication of preventable diseases, not only in the interests of the Indians themselves but of the population generally.

The doctor proceeded to outline the expansion of medical services among the Indians. Today 20 large hospitals were being operated in Canada. Whereas 10 years ago only 50 Indians were receiving treatment in sanitarium, today there were 1700.

Miller Bay at Prince Rupert, its capacity of 153 patients now filled with 50 awaiting admission, was but one of these hospitals. Constantly endeavouring to improve equipment along modern lines, the Indian medical service was now saving lives from what had formerly been regarded as fatal diseases, at the same time improving the general standard of the health of the Indians, particularly through controlling the spread of disease.

Dr. Moore commended the interest in the Indian problem which was being taken in Prince Rupert. He spoke of the amicable relations between the Department of Indian Affairs here on the Prince Rupert General Hospital from the financial standpoint. After all, of course, the natives were an important economic factor in this community. There were things which the community could do to help the Indians and the department.

Dr. Moore was thanked for his address by Dr. R. G. Large who agreed that every effort that could be made to make truer and better citizens of the native people was deserving of the interest and support of the citizens.

President O. G. Stuart was in the chair and Dr. J. D. Galbraith, medical superintendent of Miller Bay Hospital, was a guest.

Next Wednesday night there will be an evening business session of the Gyro Club followed by a stag party at the home of the President.

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- Proposal No. 1—**
Westview School situate on Atlin Avenue.
- Proposal No. 2—**
Isolation Hospital located north of Fourth Avenue East.
- Proposal No. 3—**
Building situated at the corner of 2nd Avenue and 7th Street.

Under Proposals numbered 1, 2 and 3, the purchaser must undertake to demolish and remove the buildings and restore the site to the satisfaction of the City Engineer within ninety (90) days of acceptance of the bid and such bids must be accompanied by a certified cheque in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) as a guarantee of fulfillment of these conditions which sum shall be forfeited to the City if the conditions are not fulfilled.

Proposal No. 4—
As an alternative to Proposal No. 3 bids will be accepted for the purchase of Lots 1 and 2, Block 23, Section 1, together with the buildings located thereon. The residence located thereon has been condemned by the City Building Inspector and cannot be occupied until it has been repaired to comply with all City by-laws. (It is estimated that this will involve an expenditure of \$1400.00). Tenders for Proposal No. 4 must be accompanied by an accepted cheque in the amount of one-third of the total tender, the purchaser to undertake to pay the balance in cash on acceptance or in two equal annual payments with interest at five per centum (5%) per annum.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
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H. D. THAIN, City Clerk.



MOTHER 248 POUNDS, BABY 17½ POUNDS — The vital statistics of Conway, Ark., were given a bulky boost when Mrs. Ira Z. Hackler, who weighs 243 pounds, gave birth to this bouncing baby boy who tipped the beam at 17½ pounds. Other strange figures go on the records: Elmer Paul, the baby in question, is 24 inches long. The father, Ira Hackler, is a brickmason, 63 years old. It might be added that Dr. George Harrod, the country doctor who brought Elmer into the world.

HARRY TRUMAN ENJOYS HOLIDAY

KEY WEST, Fla.—President Truman during his recent holiday in Florida, smiling broadly, strolled unexpectedly into a pressroom at his vacation headquarters and to three pool-playing photographers put this query: "Whose behind the 8-ball?" He wore a fishing cap, an open sports shirt and had a walking stick. He said he had just dropped in to see if everyone was comfortable. "If not," he said with a wink, "I'll give them the devil."

The Swedish scientist Alfred Nobel, whose trust fund provides the Nobel Prizes, was the inventor of dynamite.

BREAKING UP GREAT NAVY

Ignominious Fate of Once Proud Nipponese Fleet

KURE, Japan—It takes hours to walk around the docks and see what used to be the Japanese Navy—now the biggest junk pile on earth.

There it is—the rusted, barnacled remains of battleships, cruisers, carriers, destroyers and submarines which only a few years ago set out to conquer half the world.

The metal of the once proud ships now is being used to build pots and pans and farm implements and mechanical toys. By a humiliating twist of fate, former officers and seamen who sailed and fought these ships are obliged to do the scrapping and breaking up. They are being torn apart, plate by plate.

Among the derelicts are the Yamoto, the biggest battleship ever built. Beside the Yamoto, Britain's Vanguard, America's Iowa, and Germany's Bismarck would be dwarfed. She was built

PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

Twenty-Five Years Ago

J. F. Duthie, Seattle mining promoter, bought the Fiddler Creek gold property at Doreen, 125 miles east of Prince Rupert, from Dempster Tredway. He planned to begin immediate development.

Alderman Theo Collart urged that more consideration and attention be given to newly arriving immigrants. In a speech to the Rotary Club he told of his own experiences as a farm immigrant in Alberta.

It was reported at the monthly meeting of the school board that Borden Street school was almost ready to re-open after repair work which cost \$4,300.

At Kure secretly, all under cover. But the vessel did not last long. Eleven torpedo hits finished her off soon after putting to sea. Three hundred of her 3,000 complement survived.

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