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Something Must be Done

UNLESS something is done to put a stop to inflation, which is rearing its ugly head higher and higher these days in increased prices and costs, it will cause untold hardship to all segments of society. Many are fearful of the ultimate results of the present trend and would appear to have good reason to be so fearful.

Already the lot of the middle class, the existence of which has been said to be the main reason why North America now leads the world, is very difficult.

Nicolai Lenin, that master revolutionary, knew whereof he spoke when he declared that the liquidation of the middle class through high taxes was the surest way of ensuring the success of communism. High taxes and inflation are twins—perhaps almost Siamese twins. Encourage the growth of one and you inevitably encourage the growth of the other.

Some years ago the Oxford University Press published a pamphlet entitled Canada's Burden of Taxation. In that slim volume appeared these words:

"... As soon as an inflationary movement gets under way, there begins a silent redistribution of opportunities and of wealth, among the various classes and individuals in a society—with inevitable injustices to some, whose misfortune it is that their incomes, in terms of dollars, are relatively fixed, at a time when other individual dollars are steadily losing purchasing power.

"The pensioner and annuitant are immediate victims of an inflation. Holders of life insurance policies and of bonds and mortgages are likely to be victims also. As a whole, the so-called 'white-collared class' have little if anything to gain, and stand to lose a very great deal, in a serious inflationary move.

"Skilled workers whose rates of wages are, as a rule, adjusted to new circumstances at infrequent intervals and relatively slowly, are equally vulnerable.

"These are direct and for the most part obvious conclusions. Reference to past experience here and elsewhere, during recorded periods of inflation, supplies an abundance of evidence in support of them; and as well, evidence of the strains endangering the social fabric as a whole, of which inflation may be the direct cause."

The truth of those words has become more apparent with the passing of almost every month since the end of World War II.

ECHOES OF STRIKE

THE railway strike has been a costly affair for the Canadian people. The millions of dollars lost to the railways and to strikers themselves are only a part of what has been lost to the country generally in the suspension of trade and commerce. From the point of view of the railway employee alone, the strike was injurious to their own interests. Whatever they may have gained in increased wage rates and reduced working hours, they have suffered the total loss of take-home pay, and they have deprived the railway companies of millions of dollars in income. So that the companies are now less able to meet the increased costs involved in the union demands than they were before. Moreover, the temporary suspension of railway services may result in the permanent diversion of traffic to other means of transportation.

The lesson to be learned from this strike—and it applies to all strikes in these days of highly organized and integrated industries and services—is that employees cannot injure their employers without injuring their own vital interests. All industries, businesses and services depend for their maintenance and their very existence upon the good will and faithful co-operation between employees and management. Antagonism between the two is mutually destructive and suicidal. Extreme demands from one side or the other are bad business, and when they are carried to the extreme it is worse business for all directly and indirectly concerned.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all caints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." Eph. 3: 17-19.

It's nice to be able to say

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ONE DOWN AND ONE TO GO—Drawn by Arch Dale in the Winnipeg Free Press. (CP Photo)

Ted Applewhaite Bible Speaker On His Way West Is Coming Here

E. T. Applewhaite M.P. for Skeena, having left Ottawa Monday after attending the special session of Parliament, is now on his way west by train and will arrive this Friday in Nelson to visit until Monday with his father and brother. Next week he will spend three days in Vancouver taking up matters of interest to Skeena district. On the way back from Vancouver to Prince Rupert he will spend a week in the Ocean Falls and Bella Coola district. He is due here October 11.

LARGE FAMILY
 Benjamin Franklin was the 15th child in a family of 17.
MUTIPLE ORGANS
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Bible Speaker Is Coming Here

Local British and Foreign Bible Society is making preparations for the visit here this week-end of the general secretary, Rev. W. H. Hudspeth of Toronto. Mr. Hudspeth will arrive by train from the East tomorrow night and will fly to Vancouver Saturday. He will speak Friday night at a meeting in St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Prior to coming to Canada, Mr. Hudspeth was general secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in China. He went to China in 1909 and, as a pioneer missionary for 28 years, he came to know the country very well and was recognized as a man of great qualities of leadership. Colleague of the famous Samuel Pollard as a Bible translator, he translated the Old Testament into the language of one of the important tribes of Chinese. As general secretary of the Bible Society in China, he had charge of the publication of Chinese

scriptures which ran over four million copies a year. On October 29, 1942, he was seized by Japanese authorities and imprisoned in a torture chamber where he was kept for three months before being changed to concentration camp.

Toronto Railway Chief is Visitor

N. A. Walford, general superintendent for the Canadian National Railway's at Toronto, arrived in the city on the Prince George this morning from Vancouver in the course of a western trip and will leave for the East on this evening's train. He is accompanied by E. E. Smith, freight traffic manager for the company at Toronto.

CALGARY—Roland Moffatt arrived back in Calgary with something in the stampede, football and hockey teams have been unable to win in the past year—a Dominion sports champion. Returning from the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, he brought with him the yo-yo championship of Canada.



As I See It WHY WIVES WORK

MR. A. HAIGH is a bit mad at me for printing one working wife's letter. He says "I have read your column conscientiously with some admiration but the latter is all gone after reading your comment at the head of the column entitled Why Wives Work."

"Why don't the women come out honestly and say that the reason they work is to have an easier time than bringing up a family? Read your newspapers and see almost every day, where a woman puts the kids to bed, goes on the prowl, something happens and it gets in the news. But in thousands of cases nothing happens except poor children cry themselves to sleep in unhappiness."

MRS. M.P. WRITES a very thoughtful letter. She says: "Women are people. You would be considered a crackpot if you suggested that all men are naturally farmers... Yet that is what you have suggested in the case of women. In the beginning of civilization man was the provider, by hunting or fishing. Then, as man's brain developed, the man who could build better houses than his neighbor built both his own and his neighbor's house, and his neighbor tilled both fields. Both families were better off. But the female? She went right on doing her own homemaking whether she was a cook or not... Now after thousands of years of frustration, we round pegs in the square hole of homemaking are finally making progress toward female specialization, until we run up against the stone wall debate "Should Married Women be Al-

lowed to Work?" Well, answer me this, Mr. Philpott: Should the Mayo Brothers be allowed to practice medicine, or should society force them back into their natural profession, down on the farm?"

Come, come, Mrs. M.P., you can't get ME into that blind alley argument, especially as I have written and spoken on YOUR side all my life.

I am not talking about the question of wives who work outside the home because they prefer that to housekeeping, and are able to arrange for a housekeeper in the home. I am talking about the thousands of wives who would much prefer NOT to have to work outside the house; and who in fact have to do TWO jobs under the present set-up—the one at business and the one when they come home.

WHAT I AM TRYING to get at is this: Is it true or false that both husband and wife have to work today to earn enough money to enable the family to live as well as families lived say in 1910?

Frank Ricketts writes: "In 1910 in Vernon, B.C., here were some prices: Sugar, 18 lbs. for 85 cents. Potatoes 100 lbs. for one dollar. Bread 5 cents a loaf. Tea 45 cents. Coffee 35 cents. Bottle of Scotch whisky \$1.25. Leckie's work boots \$4.00. Dress shoes \$2.50 to \$3. Stanfield's heavy underwear \$1.50 to \$1.75. Number 1 Coast fir (kiln dried) landed in Vernon \$25 per thousand feet.

Wages were: Laborers \$2.75 per day. Plumbers \$6 per day, carpenters \$5 per day, plasterers \$6. Room rent at hotel, \$5 per week."

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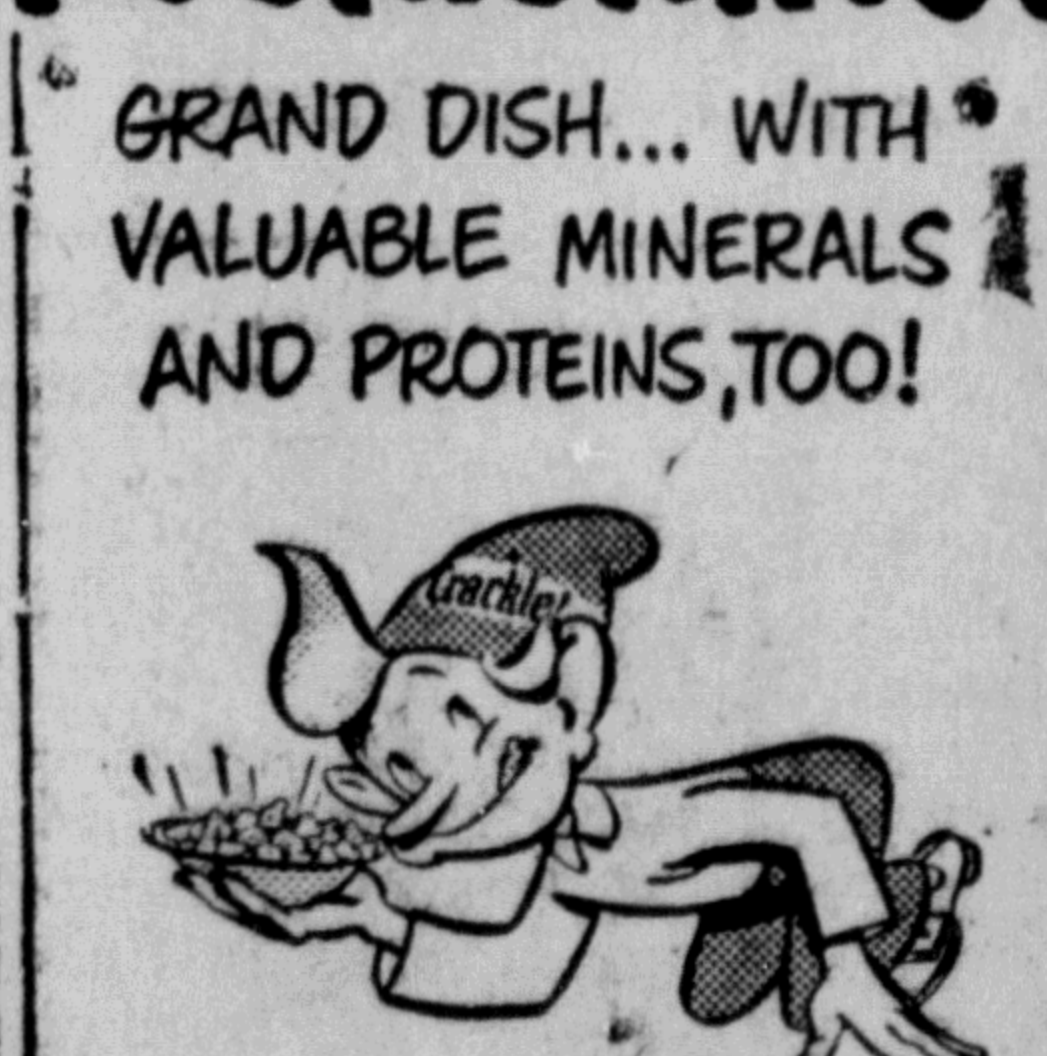


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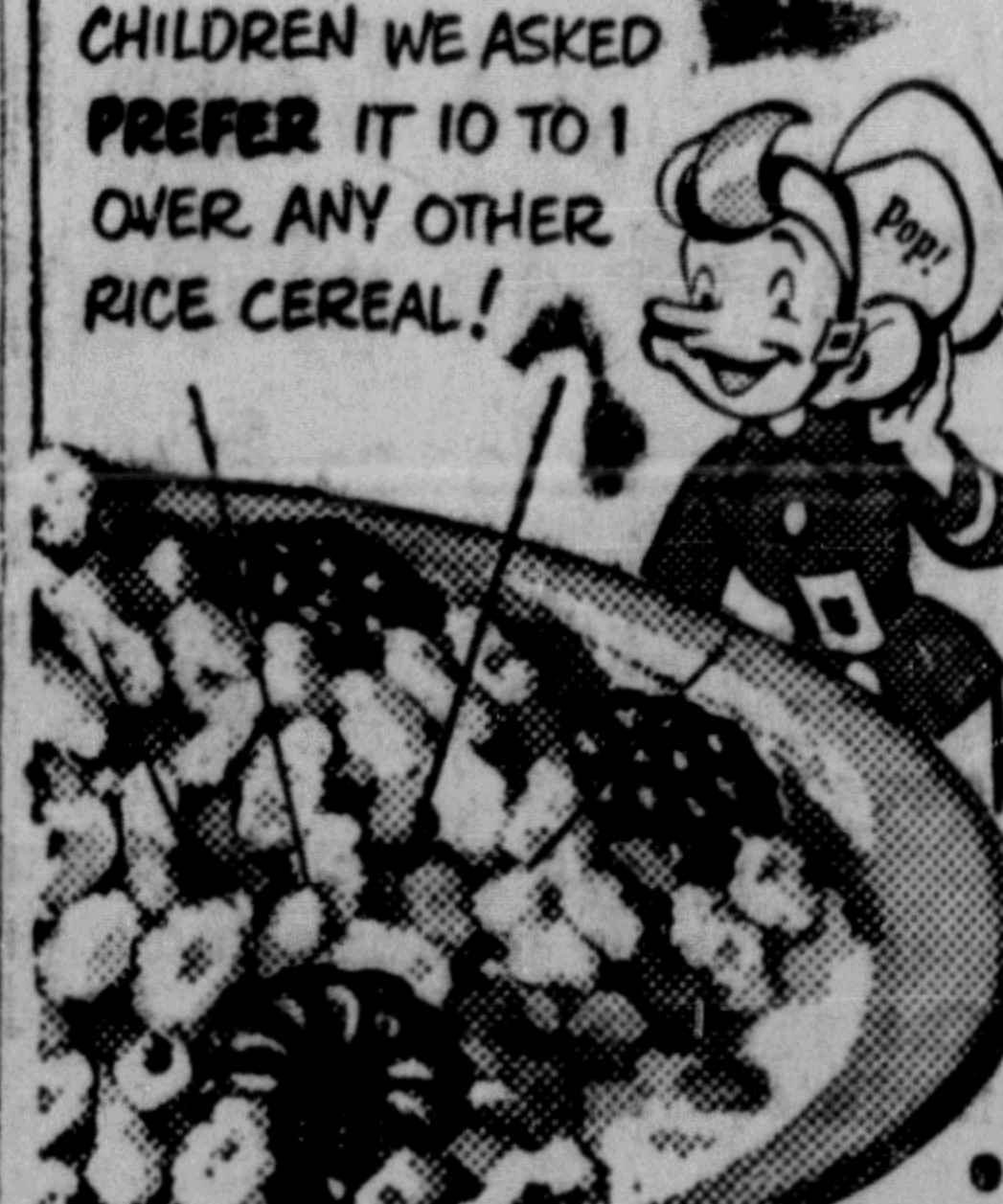
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