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# Pathetic Hoodlumism

THERE IS SOMETHING pathetic about the act of perverted vandalism which occurred at Booth Memorial School during Wednesday night. Possibly the lawless hoodlums who were responsible

are more to be pitied than censured for the asinine

and pointless sabotage. While the act could not be classed by any means as playful mischief but rather wanton stupidity of the sneaky, crackpot type, it is a sort of thing the community must be protected against. Every effort must be made to apprehend the perpetrators and, apprehended, they should receive penalties of weight severe enough not only to be effective punishment but to be deterrent to other furtive deficients who might be inclined to see fun in some sort of a depraved way in such acts.

It will be also interesting, if and when the culprits are apprehended, to ascertain, if possible, just what circumstances, barring complete moronism,

made them get that way.

In the meantime, the important thing is that the culprits in this case should be rounded up for the protection of the community and before persons of such apparent mental irresponsibility can get around to doing further damage.

#### COMMUNIST CHALLENGE

THE CLANKING and rasping of metal can be agnostic-with perhaps pardonheard around the world as the ominous sound of the Soviet iron curtain slides farther westward. Now Czechoslovakia has succumbed. Next it looks like Finland.

While the United States dallies with the Marshall plan, the communists in Europe make the most of the delay, knowing that all the time they have in Europe is that which the deferment in the passage and application of the Marshall plan gives them.

While there is dalliance about western aid, the communists do not wait. That is the point in the challenge of recent developments in Prague and what may be occurring in Helsinki, to say nothing of China.

## TALKING OF 'FRILLS'

MITH ALL DUE RESPECT to School Inspector Hyndman who like many of the younger school

of educationists may be just a little over enthusiastic about the new ultra-modern ideas on pedagogical methods, we still think there is something to be said for Mayor Nora Arnold, herself a veteran school teacher, and those who believe there are some "frills" in certain aspects of education today.

We do not think for a moment when Mayor Arnold spoke of "frills" that she had any idea of suggesting that there was not plenty of need for improvement in this city's school grounds and buildings which every one must agree have reached a point where they are a disgrace to the commu-

Be that as it may, however, School Inspector Hyndman must know that, even under such difficulties as exist, good scholastic attainment and educational achievement are still possible. Nobody is going to suggest that good school buildings and good grounds are "frills" but we are going to say here that there is tendency today to silver spoon and pap-feeding methods in education and we also suggest that intellectual attainment, cultural development and plain thorough-going preparation to meet life in a practical and conscientious way are not being achieved to any greater degree today than in a generation or so back when conditions were certainly quite as rugged as they are

Results speak for themselves and we doubt very much, taking it by an large, that even Mr. Hyndman can say results are any better today than they were then.

# HULL'S MEMOIRS

SPECIAL INTEREST to Pacific ports, and Decretainly to Prince Rupert, are the memoirs of Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State under Franklin Roosevelt. He describes that fateful Sunday when, even as negotiations with Nippon's two diplomats were still in progress, bombs were raining on the American fleet taken unaware at Pearl Harbor. Hull pictures the way Nomura and colleagues withdrew from his office. It's interesting.

### FINED \$300 ON LIQUOR CHARGE

In city police court Wednesday, Magistrate W. D. Vance. John Maxymyshyn pleadea and fined \$300 with option of \$8 for a breach of the peace.

six months' imprisonment. Mary Wong pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication and received a fine of \$5 plus \$3.50 costs from

not guilty to a charge of supply- GLASGOW, Scotland, (9) ing liquor to an Indian. The case Robert Carviy, 23, a laborer, was adjourned until afternoon, who swam across the Clyde in a when accused was found guilty snowstorm for a bet, was fined

"FACT OR FANCY"

Editor, Daily News: Ald. George B. Casey's letter under the above caption would ordinarily call for no reply or recognition but lest some young person, unaware of modern developments in philosophical thought should be led to think. because no-one replies, that experience.

The outmoded and long-discarded views of Mr. Casey would seem to indicate that his reading must have stopped with the late-lamented Robert Blatchford or perhaps as far back as the a grown son or daughter. late Robert G. Ingersoll!

To bring Mr. Casey up to date, may I quote one of the greatest and most brilliant thinkers of today (not yesterday! not 1890) Professor C. E. M. Joad, than whom there is none greater as. a thinker and modern philosopher. For Mr. Casey's information, Prof. Joad has been, for some years, the brilliant head of the British Broadcasting Corporation's "Brain Trust"-leading public forums on the air. For over thirty years, Prof. Joad has been a leading agnostic and rationalist but last year threw a bombshell into the ranks of his erstwhile friends by boldly announcing before a large gathering of Britain's leading thinkers that he had a confession to make. He said "Gentlemen, it is hard for a man to stand up and confess that for thirty wears he has been wrong but that is what I have to do. For thirty years I have been an able pride, I may say perhaps one of the leading agnostics! Today I confess that I have been wrong. I now believe in a personal God!"

Truly a manly confession and how do you suppose, Mr. Casey, that the great Prof. Joad came to believe in a personal God? He said "Strange to say, gentlemen, I have been led to believe in a personal God through first being compelled by the evidence to believe in a personal devil."

Yes, Mr. Casey, you are quite right—the old must give place to the new. The old worn-out, discredited theories of unbelievers and agnostics must be replaced by the new, the re-discovery of the eternal verities of God, the Bible, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Mr. Casey had better get up to date and fall into line with some of the greatest thinkers of all time-all simple believers in God and His revealed Word.

G. R. S. BLACKABY.



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pleased to see the publication er at all times on all merchanof Mr. Giegerich's letter from dise, than anybody else. Tiell. It has been our opinion Therefore, in reply to you for some years now that many letter from Tlell, we are pleased people both in Prince Rupert to advise that as far as this firm and in the radius of Prince Ru- is concerned, Prince Ruper What is to become of our pert have a mistaken belief that prices are not based on the price young people? Without jobs, prices elsewhere are lower than to Vancouver plus freight to many will turn to crime for a in Prince Rupert. Our own Prince Rupert. Our merchandise living. Can you rightfully blank stores have concentrated for is purchased direct from the them? A person can starve to some years now on going direct Eastern markets and priced acdeath in Canada just as easily to the same markets that the cordingly. We are not concernas in Europe, perhaps more so largest retail firms in Canada ad with the fact that the Queen for in Europe the Red Cross go to. It is quite obvious that Charlotte Islands have only a A word about the D'P.'s from have a considerably lower over- invite any business from any Europe. This is just a means head than a firm that operates community, regardless of size. of getting cheap labor for our on a much larger scale. Therefactories. Perhaps if we brink fore, it is quite obvious that, if some to Prince Rupert we can a firm such as ours buys from | WOULD TAX 3 ANTTHING the same sources as the firms Editor, Daily News: Advertise in the Laily News for the same merchandist left here. ever, telling you that our av- now? Have we driven it o

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the customer was lower than Thank you.

A CITIZEN

Gale of 42 Miles Per Hour Continues Wednesday Night

March weather got into leonine stride since Wednesday night. occasional rain spells.

a firm in Prince Rupert will few settlers. We welcome and L. M. FELSENTHAL.

Please do not misunderstand, I'm afraid Prince Rupert is we are not trying to tell you slipping. This town used to be that we are lower than any other known all over for its friendlifirm in Canada. We are, how-ness. Where is all that gone crage prices will be as low as with our stupid lust for money the average of any other firm, or have we still got it hidden either retail or mail order. Only down under? Please, citizens, esterday we checked one item if you have any sympathy or hich is now enroute to us to understanding left at all show ompare our retail price, which it by letting the unemployed e have already figured, with single people like myself find he price offered in two cata- any kind of employment. Speakogues which we have in the of- ing for myself. I'm sure I am ire. We were pleased to find like a few others-we would that in both cases, our price to take almost anything.

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The doctors, the nurses, his mother, his sisters . . . they told him who he was. He, they said, was a musician. His mother

spoke of what a talented little boy he had been—a prodigy. His sisters tried to recall to his memory incidents of his shy youth, his gifted manhood-concerts, dance bands, symphonies . . . They told him, too, that he had joined the

Words without meaning To his clouded mind it meant nothing. He was in the neuro-psychiatric ward of a great

Africa; off the Normandy beaches.

Navy; served in the North Atlantic; off

new Veterans' hospital. One day his sisters took this young man for a walk. Along bright corridors; down an elevator; through a great quiet tunnel.

At its end they came into another building, bearing no resemblance to any hospital. It is more like a comfortable attractivelyfurnished home, with pleasing decorations, inviting easy chairs and a baby-grand piano. Flowers are there, and girls in a well-remembered uniform. The Red Cross uniform. For this is a Red Cross Lodge.

Guided by his sisters, the young man came slowly out of the tunnel. He glanced vacantly about him. But, all at once, he buttoned his blue jacket-strolled casually across the room as though he had been there a hundred times, although he had never so He sat down at the piano. lightly over the keys. Other men in blu

He didn't come out of the dark diately. It was days, weeks, below sunrise followed the slow dawn

At first, he played only to a fragments of song, bits of of messroom ballads. Then he smile less vacant now-that mel he could share. For other men begun to cluster around the plan

Long ago this young man left the

surroundings planned, for the care fort of the afflicted, by the Red organization always at hand wherever Humanity is in distress

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