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Why Did They Come?

WHY DID more than one thousand people gather spontaneously together at Civic Centre yesterday morning in what was one of the greatest mass demonstrations of its kind Prince Rupert has ever seen? Of course, there are not funerals of King's every day. But we do not believe that it was just because it was unusual that such a congregation turned out for the solemn and impressive event.

There was not the pageantry and grandeur that attended the actual rites of funereal display in London and Windsor. It was not that we knew King George personally.

So it must have been that there was an intangible appeal that compelled us to attend and show our grief and our respect. It proved that, even in this outpost of Commonwealth, we are still inspired and bound together by the influence and magnetism of the idea and principles that are symbolized so strongly and so instinctively by the British, or should we more properly now say the Canadian, crown.

It might have been sombre, it might have been sad and mournful but we would say it was also healthy that here in Prince Rupert (and it was a scene similar to those which were enacted in thousands of communities throughout this realm), men, women and children should muster as they did yesterday to demonstrate their allegiance and respect for the tradition of the British crown when the occasion, be it sad or glad, arises for them to do so.

What Communism Means

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, the former communist courier whose testimony sent Alger Hiss to jail for lying when he said he had not sneaked information to a Soviet spy ring, is writing an important series of articles in the Saturday Evening Post.

The most interesting part is his definition of the difference between communism and freedom. Communism, he says, is the expression of the theory that man is the ultimate in this universe and there is no God, no supernatural influencing anything that takes place here below. Therefore, carried to the Nth degree, it is revolt against God, against the Golden Rule, against tolerance, sympathy, charity, hope and all the other cardinal principles of Christianity.

Its political aspect is dictatorship. Its rule is by the iron hand. Its economic aspect is control by all means of production even though in carrying out this control it must kill and starve and send into exile.

Chambers says that the crisis facing the communist world is created by the degree to which it and its satellites have not freed themselves of God and the Christian philosophy. At the same time, the crisis in the Christian world is caused by the degree to which civilization has allowed itself to forget that God is the source of power and His teachings must dominate society. Chambers writes that there has never been a society or a nation without God but that history is cluttered with the wreckage of nations that forgot God and perished.

Scripture Passage for Today

"God made two great lights . . . to give light upon the earth."—Gen. 1:16 and 17.

Catholics Honor Dead King Ignore God And Perish

Requiem High Mass Celebrated at Church Of Annunciation

One hundred and fifty members of the Roman Catholic faith gathered at the Church of the Annunciation, prior to the civic memorial service, yesterday morning to pay their tribute to the late King George VI.

Requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Thomas McNamara, O.M.I., and Father F. J. Rayner, O.M.I. preached the sermon as well as conducting the rite of absolution which followed. Music appropriate to the occasion was rendered by the Senior Choir under the direction of C. P. Balagno.

Father Rayner preached in the following words: "Today we pay final tribute to our late Sovereign, George VI. On February 6 God summoned him home. For some months he had been gravely ill and he had come to realize that his remaining days were numbered. This was God's warning to make ready for the Angel of Death."

"Many people are in horror of death. They are afraid to die. This is caused by the fact that they have the wrong slant on it. It is true that death is a penalty—brought on by the sin of Adam and Eve. People are wrong to back away from it. Sooner or later it must come to all. Jesus Christ, Our God (as well as His spotless Mother) submitted to it. "The servant is not greater than his lord." (Jn. 13, 16). Death marks the end of one life and the beginning of another.

"Death does not destroy the human personality. It affects the body, reducing it to a state of dissolution. It does not—and cannot—disturb the soul. By it the soul leaves the body and passes into another state where it meets the Eternal Judge. God is a Fair Judge. He is Goodness and Mercy itself. Each person is judged on his own merits. God offers countless graces to the members of the human family. Each person has a niche to fill. He has duties to perform. He has obligations to live up to.

"The duties of a monarch are far more taxing than those imposed on a commoner. A king must take an active interest in his subjects and in the affairs of his realm. As the First Person in the land he must set the tone for the people. All temporal power comes from God. The king must use it wisely—for the good of the people.

"A family man—especially a good family man—makes an ideal sovereign ruler. The families under him have the benefit of his example as a father and husband. Family virtues are better understood and more widely practised when a truly Christian ruler guides the destinies of a nation, or federation of nations. He wields enormous influence by his example.

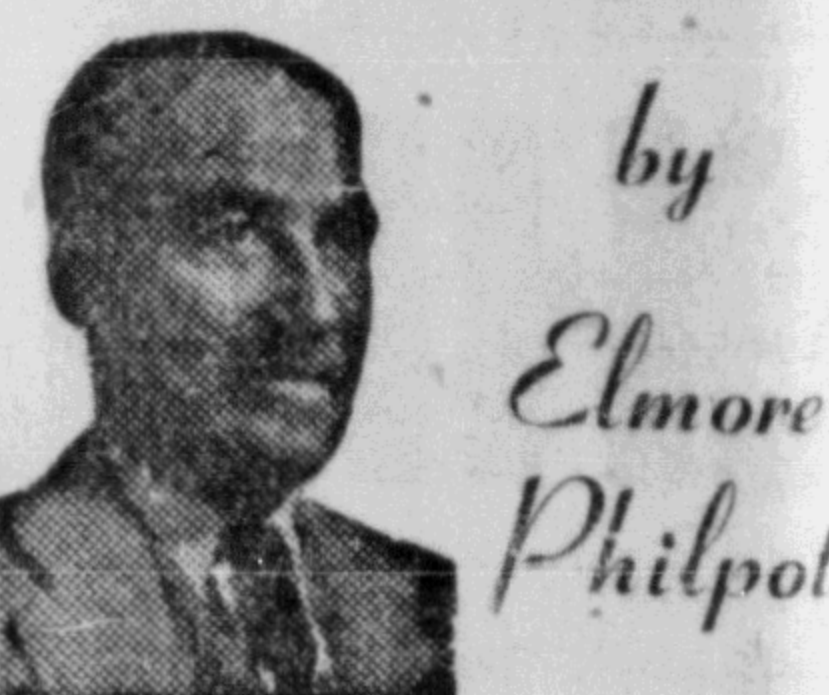
"King George came to the throne at a critical time. After a reign of a decade and a half it can be said that he fully justified the confidence placed in him. Though king, he did not forget that he was a subject of God. During the critical war years he often called on the people to pray for peace. He realized that prayer is a mightier weapon than the sword. He ever wished the Name of God to be honored throughout the British Empire.

"God was cognizant of the way in which His Majesty endeavored to carry out his duties to Him, to the State, and to his family. He was a good man. May his name ever be held in benediction. May he be the recipient of a heavenly crown, of a crown that shall never fade.

"Our hearts feel for his ber-

leaved family. May God comfort them in their sorrow. May the Ruler of heaven and earth give (tendow) Queen Elizabeth II with the wisdom and grace necessary to rule her people wisely."

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Liberals and Lot's Wife

THE LIBERALS of B.C. are like Lot's wife who came to a bad end due to her own foolishness.

The story is told in the 19th chapter of Genesis, the very first book in the Bible. Not content with escaping from the obviously doomed city, they, like Mrs. Lot, keep turning backward.

"Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone . . . and he overthrew those cities . . . but (Lot's) wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt."

Modern medical specialists would not doubt use different terms to describe what obviously happened to the reluctant lady. They might say she suffered total calcification of the joints, due to emotional upsets of psychosomatic origin. (That means, she was all burned up inside). After all, it must have been tough for a high society lady to rushed off into the desert, which, then as now, had no indoor plumbing or cocktail parties.

Anyway the point of the story is plain enough, and true in any age. If you should get out—get out, and face tomorrow, not hanker back after yesterday.

UNDER the democratic system the vital necessity is that there must be a central point, across which the main parties hold their tug-of-wars. I call this "the point of practical politics."

This point must move with the changing facts of changing times. But if democracy is to work there must be two main parties or groupings, one on each side of the point of tug-of-war politics.

That means that you always have to have a conservative party, no matter what you call it. The conservatives represent the protective side of whatever society then exists. If they do their proper job they are the natural leaders in all kinds of conservationist measures. For instance, they should be the watchdogs of public forests, making sure that they are amply protected against fire, and not given away from the public domain for profiteering exploitation. Likewise with water powers, mineral rights, and so on.

The true conservative's job is to keep down taxes, to keep public payrolls from being padded by too many jobholders, to cry "Whoa, go slow!" or to say "no" when things get going too fast or reckless.

But we need only one conservative party. So when liberals join the conservatives in a coalition, they in fact also become temporary conservatives, but make the conservatives unhappy by having to try to act in an unnatural unconservative manner.

When the CCF also joins such a

Those who attended the service last night in St. Paul's Lutheran Church heard another powerful message from the Word of God by Pastor S. R. Johnson of Camrose who made it clear that all people should make use of the Bible and apply its message of sin and grace to their personal lives.

"He that hardeneth his heart shall be suddenly destroyed and that without remedy," declared the evangelist. The way of the transgressor is hard.

The pastor pointed out that no one can fool God "as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the last days before the second coming of the Lord."

Those who ignored God walked according to their own ways. They lived only for this life and what it had to offer. They were thoughtless of eternity. Because of their degradation and departure from God, God repented that He had made man. This showed the danger of putting off salvation. God had created man with a free will. Therefore, man possessed the power of choice and must choose his eternal home.

Those who were unmindful of God walked in their own imagination. They were walking in the lust of their own hearts. God was forgotten. In that way they were tempting God for judgment. God stood watching them in their sin "for all things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do."

Noah found grace in the sight of God. He was a saved man and preached repentance and faith for 120 years, giving the people an opportunity to repent. But they scoffed at the ark even as people scoff at the preaching of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ today. The ark was salvation for Noah and his family while the others perished in the flood because of their disobedience. "If we want peace in eternity we must repent of our sins and believe in Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour." Pastor Johnson exhorted.

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No new language is learned without study or practice. The Eternal Christ is ever ready to give us lessons. The opportunity of gaining Christian knowledge is ever before us. In the verse that follows our text Jesus told the people: "This is the work of God that ye believe on Him Whom He hath sent." If we accept Christ as THE teacher, are

Despite all the talk of new and fantastic weapons, United Nations' soldiers are still squatting in the mud with rifles resembling the same old guns, killing and getting killed and, if the weather is warm enough, "reading their shirts" every few days.

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