Indecent Literature Scored by Adventists

OTTAWA (CP)—A religious group representing about 20,000 Canadians today warned against creating "a monster" to deal with the problem of sale and distribution of indecent literature.

The warning was contained in a statement prepared by the Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists for presentation to a Senate committee investigating the problem. A brief also was prepared by Darren L. Michael of Oshawa, Ont., executive secretary of a special committee of the conference which drew it up.

The conference welcomed action by Parliament to protect the country "from such manifest dangers to its morality" as indecent literature.

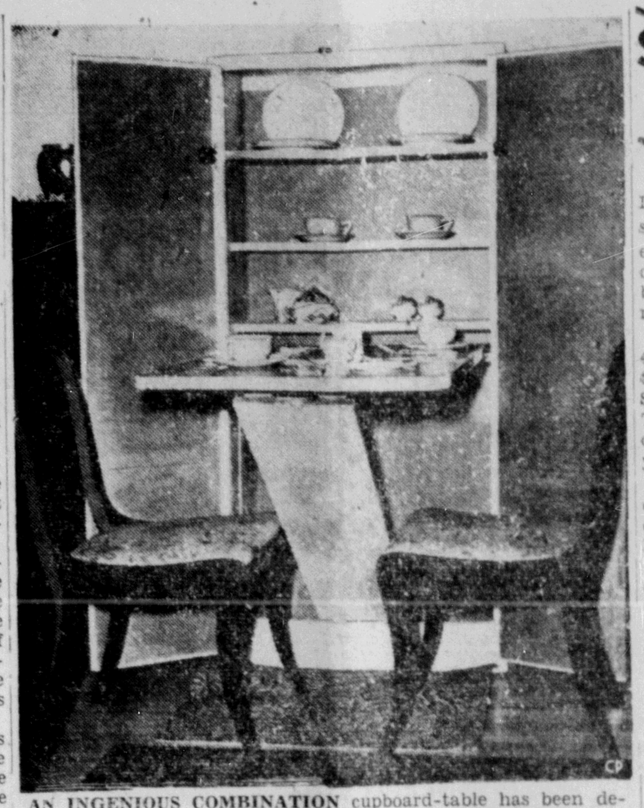
However, it suggested "adequate safeguards . . . to assure the continued freedom of the press" and that any measure "be confined to the prohibition of the publication, sale and distribution only of that literature which is commonly classified as obscene, lewd and vulgar."

Mr. Michael said his church is concerned about some of the proposals already made to the committee for dealing with the problem.

At sittings last year, the committee heard suggestions from various organizations for some form of censorship and for a clear definition of obscenity in the Criminal Code.

"We feel that some of these recommendations if enacted into law would prove a clear threat to freedom and might well be the prelude to a thought-control, police-state climate so repugnant to our free way of life.

"While we wholeheartedly deplore the publication and distribution of literature that is unquestionably obscene, we hold that we must not create a monster to deal with a problem affecting a small segment of the population, that might some day turn savagely on the life-blood of our freedoms."



AN INGENIOUS COMBINATION cupboard-table has been designed as a time and space-saver for apartment dwellers by Tom Murray, on the traffic staff of The Canadian Press at London, Ont. Called an Armoire-Table, the cabinet is 60 inches high, 30 inches wide and 12 inches deep. When extended, the table will seat two persons comfortably with room for a third if necessary. Dishes are stored on two bottom shelves, each six inches wide, and a 10-inch top shelf.

'Canada Should Find Money To Build Better Highways'

By FORBES RHUDE
Canadian Press Business Editor

Canada's highways face worsening traffic conditions, C. W. Gilchrist, managing director of the Canadian Good Roads Association, says.

Addressing the Ontario Good Roads Association in Toronto, Mr. Gilchrist stated:

"Unless building is stepped up and continued at a constant level in the years ahead, we shall find ourselves becoming even more deeply bogged down in the traffic quagmire . . .

"To bring our highways and streets up to a tolerable standard of efficiency we shall have to spend more than $100,000,000 each year more than we now are spending, and, keep on spending it.

"Where is the money, the engineers and the skilled help which would be needed? There is no pat answer. But if we don't find the money we are going to pay anyway in lost time, lost life and lost opportunity.

"The main emphasis of our public education should be to tell the taxpayers the truth, the stark financial facts, distasteful as they may be."

In addition to ordinary difficulties of keeping pace with highway needs, said Mr. Gilchrist, "we have yet to consider the road requirements of the potentially-rich northeast and northwest."

"In the next quarter-century they will undoubtedly become keys to the continent's industrial might. Road transport will be a valuable part of our transportation systems into these areas, and will make the exploitation of mineral wealth economically feasible.

"The Ontario government recently estimated that the province's highway investment of $1,500,000,000 returns a dividend of nine per cent from gasoline taxes, motor-vehicle registrations and other sources. This, by every yardstick, is a very profitable investment."

Mr. Gilchrist said population increase of the last 25 years indicates a Canadian population in 1978, 25 years hence, of 20,800,000, compared with today's 14,800,000; and, on this basis, automotive vehicles would increase from 3,100,000 to 5,700,000.

Brotherhood Elects Slate

Special to The Daily News

PORT SIMPSON—Alfred Wesley was elected as president of the local branch of the Native Brotherhood of B.C. at the annual general meeting here.

Other officers are John C. Tait, first vice-president; Solomon Spence, second vice-president; Caspber Webster, treasurer and Ambrose R. Russ, general secretary.

Musk Ox Thrive

STOCKHOLM (AP)—The native musk ox has been extinct in Sweden for several thousand years, but since a group was moved from Greenland to the arctic parts of Norway the animals have been observed in the northern part of Sweden.

Toronto Police Not Convinced About Murder

TORONTO (AP)—Police, still not as convinced as Ontario's chief coroner that foul play had been committed, today sought identification of the mutilated, frozen body of a middle-aged man found on the shoreline of Toronto's harbor.

Chief Coroner Dr. Smirle Lawson said the man definitely was murdered and fixed the time as late August or early September.

The body, with one arm missing, the legs gashed and nearly severed and the chest and head battered, was found last Sunday by three boys. It was hidden under a pile of debris and logs.

Northern Game

EDMONTON (AP) — More and more sportsmen from the United States and Europe are going hunting in the Yukon, says the Yukon's fish and game director, Them Kjar. He said here the territory offers moose, caribou, grizzly bears and wild sheep.

PREMIER MAURICE DUPLESSIS kisses the ring of Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger at a pontificial high mass celebrated in Notre Dame cathedral, Montreal. More than 1,000 attended the first pontificial mass celebrated after the return of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Montreal from Rome where he was made a prince of the church at a recent consistory.

SCREEN ★ ★ FLASHES

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP) — The International Players, a hardy stock company in this historic eastern Ontario city, are nonchalant about the way they break theatrical records and rules.

With a record 1952 season of 46 consecutive weeks behind it the company, operated by Arthur Sutherland of Kingston and Drew Thompson of Ottawa and Toronto, is about to begin its sixth year.

The company policy, adopted during a dark moment in 1949, continues to be "pay what you like." The audience, admitted free at the door, is asked to demonstrate its appreciation when the collection plate is passed.

HECTIC AT TIMES

Sutherland, the tall, husky business manager, admits the system is a bit hectic.

"We play two acts, then we have the collection plate passed by several attractive girls. We'll never get wealthy at it and often it's either feast or famine. But it's a living and we're doing what we like best, working in theatre."

Thompson, co-partner, has played in about 400 of the company's 800 performances since it was founded in 1948 by Sutherland.

Said Sutherland: "We've used more than 200 actors from all parts of Canada and even a few from the United States. We've done 150 plays, from George Bernard Shaw's 'Arms and the Man'—our worst flop—to 'Tobacco Road,' our biggest hit.

"We staged the world premiere of 'Fortune My Foe' by Robertson Davies of Peterborough, Ont., and it was a big success."

Alberta Man Helps Uganda Government

EDMONTON (AP) — Ronald J. Harvie of Edmonton went to Uganda, Africa, as an agricultural officer and ended up taking a large part in local government.

Mr. Harvie, a 25-year-old graduate of the University of Alberta, is chairman of the education committee for the state of Toro, member of the board for locating and maintaining a leprosy settlement, and member of a district team advising the government on "nearly all problems."

He also supervises the marketing of Toro's chief products and keeps a check on the export of food. In a recent letter home, he explains this check is necessary so that natives "won't export all the food today when there is plenty and then starve the next day."

A fleet of tractors which does custom plowing for African farmers is under his supervision and he is in charge of a 200-acre experimental farm. He has a staff of 30 Africans in a district 5,000 miles square.

Mr. Harvie said he finds the district interesting.

"Game abounds and elephant, hippo, buck of all kinds, wild pig, lion and leopard are common," he said in his letter. "There are quite a few snakes, including cobras, mambas and puff adders, all extremely dangerous."

Baboons and monkeys are pests. Crocodiles have been placed in the same class as vermin.

Mr. Harvie says he finds the work arduous, tiring and sometimes trying but still interesting.

Married and now a father, he joined the British colonial service two years ago when he was graduated from university. He trained for 10 months at the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture at Trinidad and then went to London. The family has been in Uganda for about a year.

Sadism Cases Both Hoaxes

VANCOUVER (CP)—Police said today that two cases of sadism reported by two boys Sunday turned out to be hoaxes.

One boy who said a teen-aged youth pressed a folder of burning matches into his hand invented the story after he had burned himself while smoking with two other boys, police said.

He told the story in order that his mother would not know he was smoking.

The tale of two boys stripping a six-year-old boy and burning his back with a flaming stick and a heated hacksaw blade, was denied by the two boys' respective parents.

They said the story arose out of a quarrel between the three families.

Bacon Ration May be Upped

LONDON (AP)—Britain's renewed bacon buying from Canada will help support the increased ration of five ounces a week effective Feb. 22, a food ministry spokesman said.

He was commenting on the announcement Jan. 23 that some $1,000,000 will be spent in the near future to buy Canadian supplies. Britain virtually suspended purchases in 1951 and took none at all in 1952.

In 1950, before dollar restrictions dried up most of the flow of Canadian food to Britain, the country imported 726,904 hundredweight of bacon, valued at £9,257,568, from Canada.

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