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Law is Profession of High Ethics, Practitioner Says

Enlightenment on some of the lesser known aspects of a "misunderstood" and little appreciated profession—the law—was effectively conveyed to the Prince Rupert Gyro Club at luncheon yesterday when the speaker was Alistair Fraser, one of the newer legal practitioners of Prince Rupert.

Possibly one of the reasons why the legal profession was in a "low state of repute" in the minds of many was because its public relations were so bad and little effort was ever made to uphold its reputation. Seldom did anyone rise to its defence—not that any defence should be necessary.

Its brief "liberty" and its client "humanity," Mr. Fraser set forth high ideals and precepts upon which the profession was founded and described it as one of the last strongholds of the practice of private initiative.

The three original professions of the world, Mr. Fraser said, had been listed as the law, medicine and the church. People regularly saw their doctor and consulted with the spiritual advisers but, oddly enough, only went to the lawyer in a case of extremity or crisis, despite the fact that there were many routine matters in which his assistance

and help might be advantageously used.

CANONS OF PROFESSION

Citing canons of legal ethics, Mr. Fraser disclosed the protection that the public was assured of in dealing with lawyers. There was, for instance, recourse to a court of the Benchers' Society in the event of negligence on the part of a lawyer with a client's case. As a protection against defalcation by lawyers, who handled large sums of money, there was a fund of the British Columbia Law Society from which claims could be paid. This fund had been in existence since 1914 and it might be considered a testimonial to the integrity of the profession that no claim had ever been made or paid.

"As a matter of fact, a lawyer usually is more careful with the money of his client than he is of his own," the speaker asserted.

Exploding the theory of the great monetary regard from the legal profession, Mr. Fraser said that, while the average annual income of a lawyer in 1948 had been found to be \$5,843, two-thirds of the members of the profession actually received less than that and one-half of the two-thirds made less than \$3000 a year.

Discussing the position of the lawyer in defending any case regardless of his own opinion, even if he knew himself that the client was guilty, the speaker explained that the lawyer was

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Says Nazi Ideas Still Prevalent

VANCOUVER (CP)—Carl D. H. von Einsiedel, who is a descendant of Germany's Iron Chancellor Otto von Bismarck, says the principle of Nazism is still widespread in Germany.

Von Einsiedel came to Canada from West Germany eight months ago, first working as a logger in the British Columbia woods. He now is trying to find a job as a salesman.

A cousin of Bismarck's grandson, he fled from the Soviet zone to West Germany in 1948 and was granted political asylum. Until his departure for Canada, he worked as a teletype operator at United States Army headquarters in Germany.

Von Einsiedel in an interview said the present West German government of Dr. Konrad Adenauer is "all right" but he fears the infiltration of the Communists and the rapidly growing neo-Nazi Socialist Reich party, perhaps disguised as non-partisans or members of other political groups.

"The West German government is making a mistake in failing to ban the Socialist Reich party," he claims, "because the party's actions in the past have shown it is not democratic. If it should ever lead the country it would only mean the revival of another dictatorship."

ECHOES OF HITLER

Von Einsiedel said the Socialist Reich party sympathizes with the old Nazi party programs. Its "Fuehrer," former Maj.-Gen. Ernst Otto Rehmer, was said responsible for the executions of many German officers after the abortive plot against Hitler in 1944. Rehmer betrayed the plot, in which he was to have participated as commander of the Berlin guard regiment.

Von Einsiedel said he was convinced that a new German army would fight alongside the armies of the western democracies in any future war against communism, but only as a national force under German command.

"It will be hard right now to find an officer who is suited and able to lead a German army," he said. "To get the wrong man for the job, either a neo-Nazi or another super-nationalist, would only endanger the structure of such an army."

He is not worrying too much about it, however. Von Einsiedel said he wants to forget German politics and instead study Canadian politics more closely because "I want to become a good Canadian citizen."

Canada Leading In Mail Service

OSHAWA—Canada is the first, and still the only country in the world, to make extensive use of airplanes to transport first-class mail at ordinary postage rates, Deputy Postmaster General Walter J. Turnbull said here recently.

TB EXPERT DIES
MONTREUX, Switzerland (Reuters)—Dr. Theodore Stephani, famed Swiss tuberculosis specialist, died here at the age of 83. He was responsible for development of one of Switzerland's leading tuberculosis cure centres.

not the judge. It was not his duty to determine innocence or guilt. It was merely his duty "to present the best defence he was capable of doing."

"The primary duty of the lawyer," the speaker summed up, "is to the public and not to himself. As an officer of the courts, we owe the public a duty which we try to discharge to the best of our ability." Lawyers, he submitted, had done many great things which all too often went unknown or unrecognized.

President Marc Gormley presided over the Gyro luncheon which was attended by many members as well as guests in the persons of Dr. George Wakefield and J. E. Parker of Vancouver, J. T. Haig and J. A. Webster of Ocean Falls, J. W. Estey of Prince Rupert.

Don Fitch and Sgt. T. A. Stewart, RCMP, were welcomed as new members.

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Daring Salvage Attempt Tried

CHATHAM, Mass. (P)—Coast guard cutters steamed to port Wednesday with 25 survivors from the broken tanker Fort Mercer.

Thirteen other seamen passed up rescue, electing to stick with the Fort Mercer's stern as volunteers in the salvage attempt being made to tow that half of the ship to port. Two tugs are slowly moving towards port with the derelict.

The Fort Mercer was one of two tankers which broke a half about the same time in a terrific northwest storm off here Monday.

The other tanker was the Pendleton. Both of her halves have gone aground.

The latest batch of survivors brought to 75 the number rescued from the floating sections.

Six are listed dead. Eight are missing and presumed dead.

Meanwhile the coast guard reports the disabled freighter Helen Stevenson had made a safe anchorage off Bermuda after wallowing in rough seas with her main deck cracked. She is a 7,266-ton ship with 35 aboard. She reached Bermuda Tuesday night.

SINGAPORE (Reuters)—Trying to avoid making a trip after curfew hours, Chong Meng Fui crowded 11 fellow-laborers into his car and gave them a lift home. He was stopped by police and fined \$8.40 for overloading his car.

Largest Stevedoring Ship

MONTREAL—The largest stevedoring ship ever made in Canada loaded on the Prince George wharf last week for Hamilton. It is 112 feet long, 12 feet, 3 inches deep.

George Hills, president of the city on the Prince George wharf, said the ship was built in Vancouver.

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Thriller of Waterfront

A bruising, raw-boned thriller that exudes sweating terror with every scene comes to the screen of the Totem Theatre this Friday and Saturday in "The Mob," a waterfront drama in which Broderick Crawford, as a tough detective, clashes head-on with a cold-blooded crew of killers. Violence and suspense pervade the exciting action.

Assigned to solve a murder case and break up the racket which the mob controls, Crawford poses as a dock worker, builds up a reputation as a tough muscle man handy with a gun and thus ingratiates himself with the hoodlums. Having won the gang's confidence, the detective is then hired to take the life of a fictitious person who is, of course, himself.

Betty Buchler, former ex-television actress, makes her screen debut in the leading feminine role, that of Crawford's fiancée.

The story is based on the Collier's serial, "Waterfront."

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