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### Unity Our Common Cause

WHEN Mr. Harold Winch was here to talk politics a few days ago he had a good attendance. It shows that citizens in Prince Rupert are interested in the issues at stake in the coming provincial elections.

Mr. Winch may also know that of all the people present at his meeting, none heard or sang the national anthem at the close. According to news reports, the political party leader shrugged off complaints of some in the audience that the national anthem was not sung.

He said he would sing it if anyone else wanted to.

Is Mr. Winch not proud to be a Canadian? He seems easily possessed of enough attention-compelling ability to have halted the departing audience for a few minutes. Or was this a gross oversight in arrangements by the local political organizers?

One of the audience was reported as saying to Mr. Winch:

"We always sing the national anthem at public meetings in Prince Rupert."  
Let's hope so.

Singing of the national anthem in public shows that we are all united in a common cause, for the good of our country, for the safeguard of our freedoms and for our love of heritage.

To dismiss lightly not paying this tribute to our country and to ourselves is reason for much concern. We have the impression of disregard in such attitude.

### THE LETTERBOX

FIRST THINGS FIRST  
Editor,  
The Daily News:

With the hum of the election coming closer these days we hear our candidates discussing their stand on hospital insurance, the liquor problem and many others, some advocating free enterprise, and others partial socialism.

However, by far the most important issues have been practically ignored: the raising of the word democracy out of the dust and trying to give it a fuller meaning.

Let us take for one example, the obsolete rent control, a wartime order-in-council that should have been in the grave years ago, but is still enforced by the provincial government. I might state here that I am neither a landlord, nor a tenant, so am not involved financially but we are all deeply involved in the principle of it.

This order states in part, I believe:

1. Any tenant who was renting premises at the time of Nov. 1, 1948, may not have his rent increased from what he was paying at that time.

2. The landlord may not sell the house, unless with the guarantee that the tenants may continue to live there as renters and pay only the same rent they were paying at the time of Nov. 1, 1948.

3. The owner of the house may not give his tenants notice to leave unless he needs the house for his own personal use, and then he must give them six

months' notice—the notice to become effective some time between May 1 and October 1.

Can you picture the one landlord held by the ball and chain of this order-in-council while the other is free, all under the hollow heading of a democratic government? If we must have controls, it should be controls for all, or if taken off should apply to all, and not by order-in-council either, if our hard won voters' franchise is to continue to mean anything to us.

Surely our candidates know of these important issues that should come first if the voting on the others is to mean anything. Why have they not tackled these problems at the bottom of the ladder first?

I am at loss to know where to place my ballot in the coming election. I ask myself the only two questions I can think of:

1. Is it the votes they are worried about?

2. If they should get elected, do they intend to continue the use of order-in-council government on a greater scale?

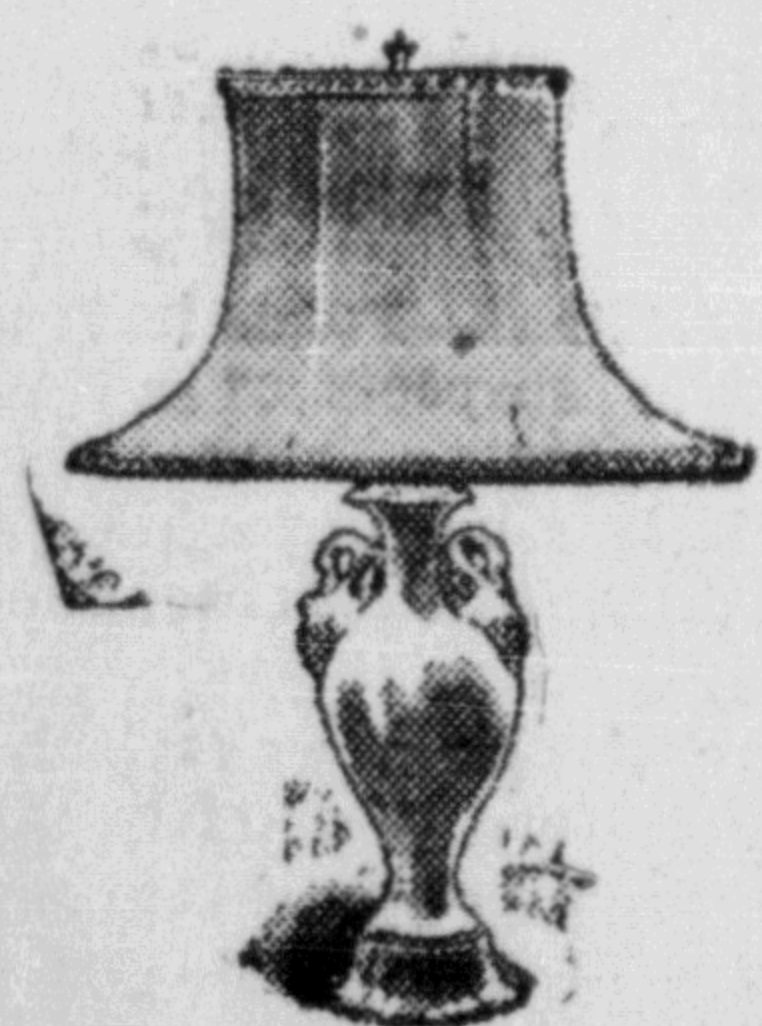
I hope our candidates can clear this up for me and a great many others, and help raise the word democracy to a fuller meaning.  
JACK WYLLIE.

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#### President's Smile

A FRIEND of mine in Denmark runs a school where they study different national characteristics. When I get the chance I am going to ask him to explain this riddle:

How is it that a candidate for the U.S. Presidency must always be shown smiling from ear to ear, while no candidate for election as British Prime Minister would stand much of a chance if he often looked that way?

I CAN'T find any pictures which show George Washington smiling. Jefferson is preserved for posterity in pictures which are always grave. Lincoln's and Grant's faces were covered with whiskers, at least for part of their public careers. But in this century it seems to have become a tradition that the American Presidents must keep on smiling, grinning, even if it kills them.

Some of the pictures of the first Roosevelt showed him scowling. But most of them were in the now traditional pose — with every tooth showing. The elder Taft was a wonderful smile artist. Woodrow Wilson came smiling through too (though he could not smile after his country repudiated his great work, in the League of Nations). Harding was a smiler. So was Al Smith. The greatest smiler of all time was of course Franklin Roosevelt.

The second class smilers either never did make the grade or soon got thrown out on their ears. They were Hoover, Coolidge, Dewey. One reason why I think General Ike will nose out Taft is because this Taft is not a patch on his old man when it comes to smiling for the camera. Ike is the most photogenic smiler of all those in sight.

I HAVE seen dozens of pictures of Winston Churchill scowling; and hundreds showing him smoking his oversize cigars. But offhand I can't recall a single picture showing him, or Mr. Attlee, in the facial pose that American custom would demand.

I never saw the famous Sir John A. Macdonald, of course — for he was dead before I was born. But I can't find any picture showing him smiling. Laurier I did see and hear. He was "the grand seigneur." He spoke with great dignity, and he had his pictures taken that way too. King was no sourpuss—but you would not catch him smiling U.S. style for a Canadian election (Continued on page 7)

### Churches Asked To Change Words 'n Lord's Prayer

NEW YORK (AP)—A move to let Protestant churches to change part of the wording of the Lord's Prayer was initiated today.

The plan, approved after debate at the 164th annual general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, would replace the word "debts" or "trespasses" in the prayer with the word "sins."

Rev. Alexander Mackie of Philadelphia opposed the move. "Why this silly tampering with the Lord's Prayer?" he demanded. "Hasn't the general assembly anything more important to consider?"

The action authorized the formation of a committee to confer with representatives of all denominations in the National Council of Churches toward obtaining the revision for use.

Under the plan, the phrase, "Forgive us our debts (trespasses) as we forgive our debtors (those who trespass against us)," would be changed to read: "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Some churches now use "trespass" while others, like the Presbyterians, use "debt."

Rev. Guy Volpitta of Cleveland

said the words "debts" or "trespasses" are not a correct interpretation of the original Greek in which that section of the bible was recorded.

**DOWN ON FARM**  
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### ray ... Reflects and Reminisces

The only ex-president of the United States to spend a day in Prince Rupert was William Howard Taft who spoke at a Canadian Club luncheon, somewhere around twenty-five years ago. It is perhaps not out of place to mention this today. Life is publishing a publicity spread, describing the Taft family of Cincinnati, home of the Senator and now campaigning for the White House in the Republican interests.

Judge F. McB. Young presided over the crowded dining room of the hotel Prince Rupert. The portly guest of honor was on his feet for possibly an hour. His remarks revealed a wide knowledge of affairs, tact, and a sense of humor. Incidentally his deep, throaty chuckle impelled the...

ground to join in his original viewpoints now and then.  
**JUST BECAUSE**  
"The first thing you have to realize if you're a single woman is that you're not a natural unit in the community. One of your problems is that you've got to be more pleasant because you can't afford not to. Couples are asked out, for instance, because they are couples."—Marge Reekie in BBC.

More than twelve million pounds of fish can be taken from Saskatchewan lakes this year, is estimated in Saskatoon. The enough, no doubt, but pieces of bent wire and tins of fat won't be used.

The sole surviving male member of a family that published a Montreal newspaper for 100 years, died last week. He was Frederic E. Dougal. The Wilsons founded in 1860, had age, if size, and in many ways was unlike others. It certainly had independence and was far from being a worshipper of advertising. Premises were plain. For long time the office was situated near Victoria Square, in the (Continued on page 7)

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