

Offer Your Hand

LIKE all serious disabilities, blindness does not choose its victims. It strikes young and old, rich and poor, men and women. No one can say: "It can't happen to me." It has already happened to more than 20,500 Canadians and new cases are being reported each week.

In our modern society most real needs are being met by special services. Blindness is no exception. It is fortunate for those who are blind and for those who will inevitably become blind that there is an organization with knowledge and experience to serve them. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind is the only organization in Canada so equipped. Founded in 1918 its aims are to prevent blindness and improve conditions for the blind.

Its services include: counselling in the care and training of pre-school-age blind children, giving adjustment and vocational training to blind adults, instructing in braille and handicrafts, supplying handicraft materials, developing special appliances, maintaining a library service, finding and creating employment, developing and extending special concessions and personal services, maintaining service centres and residences and promoting recreation of all types. In short, meeting all essential needs.

The CNIB serves blind people of all ages, all races and all creeds. It is a voluntary agency and depends on public support to maintain its work. Its annual campaign is in progress in this district now, sponsored by the Prince Rupert and District Branch. By supporting this appeal you will be offering a friendly helping hand to those who no longer enjoy the blessings of eyesight.

The Peerless Pitcher

TO MILLIONS of modern baseball fans the name Denton True Young may mean nothing, but in the book of records he stands out as the peerless pitcher. Known to old-timers as Cy—short for Cyclone—Young, he set a mark of 511 games won that will probably never be surpassed, if it is ever approached. His nearest rival was the great Walter Johnson, with 414, almost 100 short of the Old Master. Next came Christy Mathewson and Grover Cleveland Alexander, with 373 apiece.

He was the first moundsman in this century to pitch a perfect game—1904—a trick only three others have performed. Two of his other victories were no-hitters. Six feet two in his socks and 210 pounds of bone and brawn, he went 21 seasons, from 1890 to 1911. In five of these he won more than 30 games, and in 14 he took more than 20. He was 41 when he pitched his third no-hitter. In his last game he was beaten 1-0 by Grover Cleveland Alexander, then a newcomer to major league ball.

His death at the age of 88 has robbed the baseball scene of a veteran who, if statistics are a true criterion of greatness, was the daddy of all pitchers. —Toronto Telegram.

Guest List Being Compiled For Opening of Legislature

VICTORIA, 9.—Preparation for the Jan. 17 opening of the legislature is under way. The speaker, Thomas D. Irvine, is compiling a select list of persons who will be invited to attend the first day ceremonies. Some 500 invitations will be sent out, but only about 250 of them will be accepted, Mr. Irvine said.

Protocol invitations go to leading churchmen, the media, office representatives, B.C. members of Parliament and guests of honor. Invitations are also sent to former premiers, heads of the Veterans' hospital,

heads of industry and a representative body of foreign consuls.

Who of dignitaries are included in the invitations.

There will be 330 seats on the floor of the legislature and an additional 124 in the speaker's and women's galleries.

In addition there will be 120 seats open to the public.

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As I See It



By
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Bring Them All In

FOR months past Canada has been working on a "package deal" to bring in about all the nations still kept out of UN.

Now Canada has won a great moral victory. The United States has announced that she will no longer actively oppose the admission of the five Communist nations, which she has so stubbornly rejected for eight years. But it is too early for anybody to throw his hat in the air or shout hurrah.

It remains to be seen whether Russia will accept any "package" deal which leaves out of the package, China.

And it also remains to be seen whether or not there is no hidden joker in the way the U.S.A. has agreed to the Canadian plan.

There are now sixty nations which are members of the UN though they cannot all be considered members in good standing.

China, for instance, is represented by the refugee Chiang Kai-shek government which is withering on the vine in Formosa. It has little more claim to speak for China than the ghost of George the Third would have to speak for the U.S.A. in place of John Foster Dulles.

However, Hon. Paul Martin and the other Canadian peace-makers at UN realize very clearly that there is no use bringing up the Chinese question until after the next U.S. presidential election. They do think that there is now an excellent chance of getting in almost all the other excluded nations.

The package deal now proposed includes the following countries: Austria, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Finland, Outer Mongolia, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Japan, Ceylon, Cambodia, Laos, Nepal, Libya and Jordan.

Five of the above nations are Communist-governed. Thirteen of them would be likely to vote with the U.S.A. on direct show-downs between the U.S.A. and Russia. Hence the long standing opposition of the U.S.A. to the package deal never did make sense, even on the level of practical politics.

IT REMAINS to be seen whether the U.S.A. is really in earnest in agreeing to "withdraw her opposition" to the entry of the five Communist states. The Charter of the United Nations clearly lays down that new members must be accepted first by the Security Council, and that on most matters there must be seven votes in favor of any proposal, "including the concurring votes" of all the Big Five.

Hence if any of the Big Five wished to block the entry of any one of the 18 nations now proposed it might theoretically be able to do so by abstaining.

APART from the minor road blocks to a universal UN, the fact that the U.S.A. has at last agreed to the package deal is a tremendous forward step. Even when these eighteen are brought in, Germany, China, Korea and Viet Nam will still be outside. But there are special problems connected with each of these countries which need more time to solve.

There is one other country which is still outside which is on its record the most peace-loving and peace-keeping country on earth. That country is Switzerland, which was actually refused entry because it would not agree to go to war in event of some aggression.

But refusal was ten years ago but the fact that Switzerland is not in is a great moral source of weakness to UN.

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OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

As the time for parliamentary consideration of the plight of the Western wheat farmer draws nearer, the Government is getting some calmer counsel from its own members in the West. They are advising the cabinet against panic. The picture the Liberal MPs from the prairie provinces are painting, now that the crops are in and there has been time to look at the marketing possibilities, is not nearly so black as that described by Socialist members and the Farmers' Union.

The picture runs something along these lines: Farmers in Saskatchewan and the wheat-growing portions of Alberta and Manitoba are in a tight spot for immediate cash. In Manitoba the picture varies. In the north and central part of that province the problem is not too much wheat but too little. There drought took the crop two years ago; rust got it last year; and heavy spring rains ruined it this year. But

members from that area say that in spite of three years without a good crop the general level of economy is not too bad. Hay crops were good and livestock is being fed in unusually large numbers. Flaxseed and malting barley and durum wheat crops were fair and markets for all three are unusually good.

The general level of national prosperity is easing the load in the hard hit parts of all three provinces. Farm wives, unmarried sons, and even the farmers themselves, are finding construction and town employment. By improvising, most farm families in these areas are continuing to live well. They aren't as well off as they have been, but distress is neither as widespread nor as great as in the black '30's. In addition, the prairie farm assistance program, the farm improvement loans and the family allowances are helping to tide most farmers over.

The grain farmers who are stuck with this year's crop still on the farms, are able to get the new guaranteed loans to provide them with cash.

So the parade of western Liberal MPs through the capital in recent days have been advising the government against moving too fast or too far to relieve the Western farmer.

Liberal members suggest that long-term farm policies aimed at getting the general farm income level back into line with national income are more important than too much "one-shot" relief.

Some even suggest that this year's price and marketing difficulties will have a wholesome effect in that they will shake out some of the bulges in the prairie province credit picture. The worst potential sufferers of the limited depression in the three western provinces probably will be businessmen who extended indulgent credit.

Some farmers who have bought machinery too big and costly for their farms and dealers and bankers who loaned money on it may be hurt, but the end result, they find, will be a healthier farm economy.

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ACCUSED BORN BARGAINER

PORT ARTHUR, 9.—Magistrate T. Connor had a case thrown at him in court this week.

A man accused of stealing \$900 worth of copper wire at Marathon, Ont., informed the magistrate that he was represented by counsel.

"I must inform you then that you have the option of being tried by a magistrate, a judge without a jury or by a jury and jury," said Magistrate Connor. "How do you elect to be tried?"

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