

## Doubting Thomas

THERE was one of the disciples, Thomas Didymus, who was not present when Jesus first reappeared among his followers after the crucifixion. He refused to believe what the other were saying about this miracle until Jesus returned to confront him and show him the wounds. Then ashamed and remorseful, Thomas believed.

"Jesus saith unto him, 'Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.'"

Thomas' failing was that he needed all the facts before making up his mind. In lesser circumstances it might be called a virtue, but at that particular time it was in effect a disloyalty. He made the mistake of putting argument before vision. He did not believe sufficiently in his Master to admit the possibility of a miracle.

The "doubting Thomas" is not unusual. Today, in fact, he is the realist, the man from Missouri who must be shown. He is essentially a logical person and, perhaps for that reason, a discontented one. Such a person knows that it is not wise to take less than an even chance, that it is absurd to believe the impossible will happen and that wishful thinking is the occupation of fools.

That individual is, of course, quite right and quite safe. He is also barely more than half alive.

Tomorrow we celebrate the resurrection of One who lifted the thoughts of men above caution and their own security, who showed then and has shown ever since that the impossible can be accomplished and that actions which come from an unselfish heart are the most rewarding.

In acting on the theory that the only way to believe is to see, Thomas denied himself the one human gift that might have helped him when the facts were too much for his faith. It was the gift of hope. Had he hoped strongly enough, he could have believed.

This Easter there is reason to hope that men of all nations are drawing closer to a common understanding. If we leave it to the "doubting Thomases" this hope will never be realized. But to men of vision, the future holds a real place for such a miracle and it is in their power to reach it.

## LETTERBOX

PLEASURE OUTLETS NEEDED too pleased to provide this entertainment.  
The Editor:

The Daily News:  
I have been a resident of Prince Rupert for over two years and it has been a revelation to hear so many people express discontent with this city. It seems there are so many who are just waiting for the day when they can move to the larger centres on the lower mainland.

As long as such sentiments persist and are expressed, it is apparent there will not be a community spirit and the population will continue to be very transient.

Why is it then that our members of parliament, the City Council and some of our service clubs do not take some action to increase the pleasure outlets in this community?

One important step in this direction would be the installation of television facilities. We have what is known as the CBC supplying television in some places, and we all know the installation is controlled and subsidized by the Federal Government, and is supposed to be set up as a service to the people. One could ask "what service?" True enough they take care of cities like Vancouver but such places do not need this service as commercial TV would only be

Surely the objective to hold people and provide them with a pleasure outlet other than drinking could be a most worthy project.

Thank you for the space and if possible to join in endorsing a drive for such a needed service.

K. BRADFORD,  
Prince Rupert.

SIMPLE MATHEMATICS

The Editor:

The Daily News:  
After reviewing the court decisions of the last weeks, I have come to the conclusion that it is cheaper to run over Indians than to give them drinks.

It costs only \$100 to run over an Indian but \$300 to give him drink.

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## As I See It



By  
Elmore  
Philpott

### Strong Man Gone

THE famous publisher of the Chicago Tribune is dead.

Many, many times, in this column I have opposed the ideas of the late Colonel McCormick. But, like thousands of his other enemies in Canada and elsewhere, I always recognized his sincerity.

Indeed, it never ceased to be a source of wonder that a man as intelligent and as obviously sincere could hold such opinions as the Chicago Tribune publisher did hold.

UNDER the late Colonel Bertie McCormick the Chicago Tribune became technically one of the finest newspapers in the whole world.

It gave excellent news coverage. It was as advanced as any newspaper in all the world in application of new methods of printing, and in entertaining and educational features.

But when it came to the editorial page there was something unique in the whole world. The masthead of Col. McCormick's paper still carries Stephen Decatur's infamous jingoism:

"My country - right or wrong."

I WAS in Chicago once when the Chicago Tribune was in the process of electing the mayor of that great metropolis. The Tribune's candidate was a hefty gentleman known as "Big Bill" Thompson. His campaign boiled down to a raucous demand that King George the Fifth keep his "snout" out of the affairs of Chicago.

Our king of that date must have been considerably surprised to find that he was accused of interfering with the affairs of the great mid-west city, which at that time was world famous for the activities of gangsters.

BUT in spite of the lengths to jingoistic brand of spread-eagle Americanism took him, he aroused an unwilling admiration even in the hearts of some of his favorite targets of attack.

He hated the British monarchy with a fanaticism that was astonishing. He also hated Canada's present Minister of External Affairs - the Hon. Lester Pearson. He made that clear in the columns of the Chicago Tribune but he made it even more clear in the Saturday night talks which the colonel used to give personally over the radio.

In those talks McCormick said, not so long ago, that the U.S.A. might have to take Canada into "protective custody" in the event of another war. In other words McCormick had not changed his basic ideas since the end of the First World War. At that time he was afraid that "England" was going to ship 300,000 British regulars to Canada to invade the U.S.A.

In other words, this rich and powerful man could live right next door to Canada - even own a vast empire and home in Canada - and know absolutely nothing about the way Canadians really think.

McCormick was willing to admit Canada to the United States - but he declared our ten provinces could not become ten states - we would have to bolt ourselves down to five. He would also have admitted England, Scotland, Wales and Australia on the same basis - provided of course those countries got rid of the king (or queen).

How could a man with such outrageous opinions have won the peculiar admiration even of

## OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN  
M. MacLEOD

What most MPs do during the Roster Parliamentary recess is conceded by Press Gallery correspondents to be their own business. But one of the exceptions to this general rule is the program of Social Credit Leader Solon Low.

Mr. Low is going to spend most of his time on a fact-finding mission in Western Canada. One of the situations into which he is going to probe first-hand is the exciting prospect recently reported to be ripe for Social Credit action in Saskatchewan.

That makes Mr. Low's journey of top-flight importance in these parts. For Saskatchewan is recognized as the weight which easily might tip the political balance in Manitoba in favor of the Socialists. And with the Socialists in power in the four provinces west of the Great Lakes, the federal political situation automatically would become even more complicated than it was 30 years ago when the powerful Progressive political movement swept into power in just three of the Prairie provinces.

Not too much credence is placed in Ottawa circles in recent reports to the effect that Robert Kohaly, the first PC member to be elected to the Saskatchewan Legislature in two decades, was offered the Social Credit leadership in the wheat-growing province on the well-known silver platter and declined. In the first place, Social Credit leadership isn't disposed of in that way. They are conferred by the grass-roots method of provincial conventions making their own

selection. In the second place, Mr. Kohaly had been offered the Saskatchewan Social Credit leadership, the betting in these parts is that he would have accepted it. Certainly his prospects as a PC in the provincial legislature are a lot bleaker than they would be as chieftain of the aroused Social Credit movement which is threatening to upset the political applecart in the wheat-growing province.

For if you multiply the more than 20 years that it took to get Mr. Kohaly elected to the Saskatchewan legislature by the number of members necessary to form a government, a PC administration in the province would be postponed until considerably after Mr. Kohaly's reasonable life expectancy.

But the mushrooming Social Credit movement is a different matter. Saskatchewan voters have only to look westward to Alberta and British Columbia to see impressive examples of economic expansion coinciding with the advent of the Socialists into power. In addition, they are reported to be growing increasingly dissatisfied with the strategy of CCF Premier "Tommy" Douglas in blaming all adverse situations on the federal government, instead of trying to deal with them at the level of provincial government authority.

Saskatchewan voted CCF originally to get rid of the Liberal machine. Observers here see an equal possibility of their now voting Social Credit to get rid of the Douglas government's Socialist policies.

government offered a three-cent bounty on gophers. As a consequence it became a practice to drop a gopher tail on the collection plate Sundays instead of cash.

The late George E. Rowley, who served as a Canadian National telegraphist here for 56 years, handled a great amount of interesting news. Invariably he maintained that the evening that gave him the greatest thrill and with the office crowded with men eager to hear it transcribed, was the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight at Carson City, Nevada on March 17, 1927, when Fitz knocked out the great Gentleman Jim and became champion of the world.

Well the March 19th arrived with a sore throat, a cold in the head, an ulcerated tooth and a lame foot.

The man with a pleased look is probably a chap who has been making out his income tax return, and has discovered that the Government owes him something. It's not much, but still the situation makes him feel good.

Still, it could be that the best exercise for the heart is reaching down and helping people up.

**Lawyer Acquitted  
On Drug Charge**  
VANCOUVER (CP) - Lawyer John Sutherland was found not guilty Thursday when he appeared in police court on a charge of possession of narcotics.

Margistrate Thomas Dohm said he didn't believe there was "any evidence to back up the charge."

Any professional man could find himself in the same predicament.

He said Mr. Sutherland's only mistake was "fraternizing too much with his client."

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## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

It's with a prodigious sigh and the knowledge that you've wound up in a hospital ward for a few days at least that you sense, sometimes, how things are going.

The ward is silent and so dim it's almost dark. It could be 4:30 or even 4. Yes, she is a nurse and came in with such stillness you barely suspect it knew.

Bad habits are like a comfortable bed easy to get into and hard to get out of.

One way for a husband to enjoy peace and comfort is to tell his wife everything - and tell it first - Chatham New

"Half a loaf" said the tramp "is not as good as looting all the time."

Seems odd but the mother with a lot of children is usually the neighbor most willing to lend a hand or anything else she has.

Money was undoubtedly scarce in the early days of North Dakota. Indeed the territorial

**Howe Leaves  
For 'Down Under'**

VANCOUVER (CP) - Trade Minister Howe left here by air Friday night on his "good will expedition" to Australia and New Zealand.

Mr. Howe, noting that Australia and New Zealand have always been "good trading neighbors" of Canada, told reporters that the two countries are especially interested in exchanging their products for Canadian pulp, paper and fish, including British Columbia salmon.

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## Isolation, Sanitation May Aid Spread of Polio

What should you know about polio?

In order to help the public know more about this disease, the Prince Rupert Kinsmen Club, through the B.C. Kinsmen plans a series of informative articles during the next few weeks.

The city Kln Club has launched its fund drive to raise \$2,500 which will help fight the dread disease, provide funds for research and aid polio patients throughout British Columbia.

Some 3,000 mail appeals have been sent out and canisters are also being set out in city stores. Last year the Kinsmen reached their quota which was the same as this year.

The second in the series of articles follows:

### POLIO - AN ANCIENT ENEMY

Polio is not a modern disease. Reliable medical authorities are convinced polio is a very ancient disease, at least as old as civilization itself and is world wide. Strangely enough the more widespread the infection the fewer the cases severe enough to be recognized as polio. Isolation and sanitation may actually be the friends not the foes of polio.

Groups of people living in extreme isolation show little or no natural immunity. But people living in densely populated areas where sanitation is at a very primitive level, are rarely subject to a recognizable attack. Rather, it is the high standard of living in countries such as Canada, the U.S.A., the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and Scandinavia.

The reasons appear to be these. Most people in the countries where low standards of living prevail have been exposed early in life, to a low grade (weak) polio infection. They develop a mild case of the disease which passes away, probably unnoticed, even by the patient. To contract polio in even a mild form renders the patient immune. Successive exposures are unlikely to result in paralysis. Thus, heavily populated countries where low standards of living prevail are relatively immune to the epidemic or paralyzing type of polio which plagues us. Isolated people on the other hand, such as the Eskimo, having never been exposed have no natural immunity. Hence the terrible outbreaks of the disease in such communities.

Our high standard of living and resulting good hygienic practices which do so much to control other diseases may work against us when it comes to polio. The day when polio can be prevented may be near at hand. The B.C. Polio fund needs your help to speed the dawn.

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Time Lost  
From Strikes  
Down This Year

VICTORIA (CP) - Time lost in British Columbia industrial disputes in the first three months of this year showed a marked decrease from the time lost in the same period last year.

Labor Minister Lyle Wicks said there were five strikes involving five employers and 1,483 workers and a time loss of 31,000 man days last year.

There were seven disputes involving 68 employers and 3,703 workers and a time loss of 31,000 man days last year.

**Ladner Man  
Beaten, Robbed**

VANCOUVER (CP) - A badly beaten Ladner man collapsed at police headquarters Thursday night following an attack by two men who robbed him of \$100.

George Leese told police he was attacked by two men whom he had met in an east-end beer parlor and had driven to a parking lot.

Leese said his attackers hit him in the face and threatened him with a razor, saying they would "cut his throat." He said the men also threatened his family with violence if he reported the robbery and beating to police.



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