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MEMBER A.B.C.

Earl Lloyd George . . .

A tangled career that ranged from a local political fight over the right to bury non-conformists in a Welsh parish churchyard, up to leadership of the British Empire in the world war and down to management of the bickering remnants of a once dominant political party, made David Lloyd George one of the world's most picturesque public personages.

His rare personal charm, unusual gifts of eloquence and steady faith in the right as he saw it endeared him to his public. His unconquerable will, great courage and willingness to fight to the bitter end were contributors to this, but in his declining years they served also to speed the reaction that alienated scores of thousands of voters and led able lieutenants to abandon the party standard.

Always an advocate of the people's rights, he was denounced by the tories up to the beginning of the world war as "the evil genius of England; the man who is leading the country to ruin." After his coalition government disintegrated in post-war days, his opponents said, "He won the war, but lost the peace."

When "V-E" Day Comes . . .

We should be observing "Victory in Europe Day" at any time now. After five years and more of conflict in that area in which we Canadians have been so directly interested, it will be an occasion for due rejoicing. It should be sober, thoughtful thanksgiving, however, and not the signal for careless excess and abandon. We will be justified in manifesting our appreciation and jubilation in controlled degree that half of our battle is over. Thoughts of the tragic losses we have sustained in the defeating of Germany and reflection that we still have unconquered another enemy to whom our concentrated attention must be turned and who may cause us further painful losses should temper our celebration and keep us within due bounds when "V-E" day comes. This war has been too serious a business to let ourselves go in unbridled licence and boisterousness in marking its culminating phases. When the occasion comes we would do well to mark it in that spirit.

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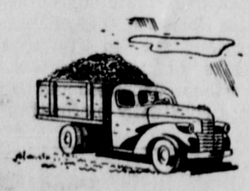

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L.-P. P. Meeting—

Future of Pr. Rupert

Is Tied Up to World Development, Local Candidate Declares

The future of Prince Rupert and northwestern British Columbia is inextricably bound up with the progress of the whole world and, if its people have faith in the prospects of peace and prosperity laid down by the three great world leaders, this country will move forward.

Bruce Mickleburgh, youthful Labor-Progressive federal candidate, accented this theme at a public meeting in the Oddfellows' hall Sunday night when he shared the platform with Tom McEwen, party organizer and L.P.P. candidate for the Yukon.

He scored people who talked as if it were inevitable that this city should return after the war to the condition in which it existed in 1939.

"In spite of those defeatists Prince Rupert need not go back," he asserted. "There is nothing in the laws of history which make that necessary. However, it is up to us whether or not we go back to pre-war conditions."

"I cannot see how anyone can imagine that the world is the same now as it was before the war," he continued. "The United Nations are a positive force bent on striking at the very roots from which Fascism and reaction sprang."

"The problem of jobs for the people is not one for Prince Rupert alone. It is the problem of all men. We must take part in the international struggle and translate it into local terms."

Prince Rupert has received only 1.46 per cent of the ship contracts let on the Pacific coast. The closing of the shipyards here would be a major blow to the city, Mr. Mickleburgh said. The government was not aware of the prospects of the territory.

"The future of northwestern B.C. lies in planned regional development and international trade across the North Pacific must play an important part in it."

He accused the C.C.F. of carrying an isolationist viewpoint among the people, denying the international aspect of Canada's future development.

Strong Appeal For Unity

Tom McEwen launched a strong appeal for unity in Canada based on the philosophy of world progress developed by Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt at Teheran and Yalta.

"The political picture of Canada is like a crazy quilt—all patchwork. The country cries for unity. Countries which have been overrun by the Nazis and later liberated find little difficulty in achieving unity to create new democratic forms of government," he declared.

"Canada's future," he said, "no longer hinges on political parties. It is a question of policies and men."

The Progressive - Conservative party he disposed of with the statement that any candidate who had taken it on himself to carry the standard of Toryism had done himself badly.

"No enlightened man would carry it in the face of the record of international Toryism," he declared.

The C.C.F. came under criticism as having tried to "split Labor down the middle" by attempting to "hitch the labor unions to their party."

"The strike is no longer a necessary weapon of labor, but has been replaced by collective bargaining," he said.

He suggested that the unions of Prince Rupert hold collective discussions on methods necessary to keep the dry dock in full operation, and submit their ideas to the Chamber of Commerce and other orgnizations for support.

A collection during the evening yielded $51.

TO TRAIN NURSES

KUMASI, Gold Coast, (G) — A new training school for nurses will be opened this year. Two kinds of nurses will be trained, community nurses and hospital nurses. Both groups will have a common basic training which will include tuition in English, domestic science, anatomy, physiology and nutrition.

LONDON, (P)—Lieut. R. A. Morrison of the Cameronians, a nephew of Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, has been awarded the Military Cross.

CANADIAN SPIRIT Y·M·C·A

By MARGARET WOODWARD

Service personnel and friends gathered last night in the auditorium for dancing to the music of Bob Wybrow and his versatile band. Winners of the novelty spot dance were Miss Gertrude Stanghey and Fred Greenwood of Navy. During the evening a contest was held and the most attractive young lady at the dance was chosen. Lorraine Russell of the C.W.A.C. was the choice. Judges of this important event were Sam Stech, Jimmie Gage and Bill Christoff representing Army, Navy and Air Force.

The Tuesday night cribbage party will be held in the writing room. The tournament is under the direction of Johnnie Tarbet. Individual scores will be counted.

"Girl Rush" is on the movie bill for tonight in the auditorium.

Wednesday evening the first of our weekly music appreciation programs under the able direction of our new supervisor, Bob Morrison, will be held. Bob has had considerable experience and is gifted in the organization of this type of program. Favorite selections requested may be heard on future programs. Short commentaries will be given on each selection. This week's program is varied and was chosen and arranged by Bob Fleming to suit all music lovers. The following selections will be heard:

Violin—Gypsy Airs, Sarasate—played by Jascha Heifetz.

Operatic—

(a) Prelude to Act 1, Traviata—Verdi.

(b) Prelude to Act 3, Traviata—Verdi.

Arias— (a) Gavotte from Mignon—Thomas.

(b) Gypsy Song from Carmen—Bizet. Sung by Bruna Castagna.

Piano solo—Two Arabesques—Debussy.

(a) No. 1 in "E" Major.

(b) No. 2 in "G" Major. Soloist, Jose Iturbi.

Symphony No. 6, Tschaikowsky (The Pattetique). Eugene Armandy and Philadelphia Orchestra.

Strauss Waltz, "Thousand and One Nights." Clement Krauss and Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

In the "Y" Gymnasium

Soo Suds will meet Acropolis Hill Wednesday at the "Y" in a single sudden death semi-final game. The winner will meet Navy for the right to play Port Edward for the area championship. Soo Suds have been practising diligently and hope to upset the powerful Acropolis team.

Hockey fixtures tonight at the "Y" will finish the first half of the Area League. Navy meets 29th Regiment in the first game while Fortress and Soo Suds tangle in the second game. Both games are important to Fortress and Twenty-Ninth for third position in the league—the last play-off position. Fortress is now one point up on 29th but a 29th win and Fortress loss would reverse the standing. Air Force has clinched the top standing with 16 points while Navy is sure of second place with nine points. The play-offs commence Thursday between Navy and the third place team in a two game goals to count seires. The second game will be played Saturday night. The winner of this series will meet the Airmen in a 2 out of 3 series for the championship next week.

BRITISH PRIME MINISTER PASSES

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supreme issue of the conduct of the war, accepting the leadership of the Welsh Radical, Lloyd George then won over the Labor party.

The new year, 1917, brought bitter disappointments to the new premier and the British people. Russia collapsed and the Red revolution followed. Argument was still poignant over Jutland. Haig's thrust at the Hindenburg Line in front of Cambrai, entrusted to Sir Julian Byng, later governor-general of Canada, was another disappointment, and the Italian disaster at Caporetto crowded on its heels.

Lloyd George, now central figure of the entire Allied effort, never wavered. The last year of the Great War opened and within a few months the outlook was grave indeed for the Welshman and the Empire. It was not until August that the turning point came. Ludendorff called August 8 the "black day" of the German army. The Canadians were in the spearhead of the decisive attack on the Somme that day and the whole Allied front was soon advancing steadily. The armistice was signed at 5 a.m that day, effective at "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month." The Kaiser had already fled to Holland.

Lloyd George was a leading member of the Versailles supreme war council that dictated the terms of the armistice. That armistice was renewed three times before peace was signed; at each renewal some modifications were made.

Following on the armistice Lloyd George called a general election, and for going to the country at that time was severely criticized because the peace conference was delayed. But he was returned to power with a huge majority, labored at the peace conference and returned to introduce a budget abandoning the land taxes of his socialistic budget of 1909.

Even in his laters years as dean of the House of Commons, which he first entered in 1890, Lloyd George, his political power crumbled to the vanishing point, held respect as a fearless debater, an impassioned orator and a destructive critic.

In his 76th year, speaking in a by-election campaign in June, 1938, he delivered a vigorous attack on the Chamberlain (National) government for its policy in connection with the Spanish civil war. The government, he said, was "muddling the peace of the world" and making the British flag the "jest of nations" in "crawling before the dictators." However, the government's candidate was returned over a Labor opponent.

Lloyd George played a subdued role in the second great conflict, but his eloquent voice, practical judgment and unflinching integrity helped to shape the government's pattern.

As the nation's chief elder statesman, he had the ear of the policy makers at 10 Downing St., and he still was sufficiently vigorous and compelling to sway his audiences.

His uncompromising directness of purpose then, his insistence upon the absolute defeat of the central powers, invited comparison with Winston Churchill's embodiment of aroused Anglo-Saxon spirit after the tragic debacle of 1940.

He devoted his last years mainly to the company of farming. He [illegible] parliamentary seat for [illegible] in Wales, which he first [illegible] 1890, but it was a [illegible] farmer, campaigning [illegible] increased production [illegible] farms of Britain that [illegible] knew him best.

He remained a formidable [illegible] versary whenever major [illegible] agitated the House of Commons. Historians of the future will [illegible] a place in their books [illegible] momentous criticisms of [illegible] ernment in the 1940 parliamentary debate over the British expedition to Norway. The [illegible] was dark. It was the [illegible] George of old who then [illegible] ed fumbling leadership. [illegible] newspaper writer asserted [illegible] alone pierced Neville Chamberlain's personal armor and [illegible] him to visit the King and [illegible] his seals despite his parliamentary majority."

He had, in fact, consistently condemned policies of appeasement, and repeatedly [illegible] the Chamberlain government with a complacency and [illegible] adequacy in its military [illegible] ments that might endanger [illegible] country.

Churchill's regime was [illegible] itely more to his liking [illegible] Lloyd George jabbed it [illegible] then, but his criticisms were [illegible] and in no way impaired the friendship between the [illegible] statesmen.

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