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MR. KING'S ATTITUDE

According to our local contemporary, the difference between the Liberal and Conservative parties is summed up by Mr. Mackenzie King in the following words:

"The issue has become one of commonwealth or empire. We believe in the British Commonwealth as a community of nations free in their sovereign rights, free with respect to fiscal policies and all other matters, free to develop as they think best but in no way interfering with the autonomous rights of other parts. The Conservatives are seeking to create instead an empire with imperial policies which ultimately will control all its parts from a common centre under an imperial sovereignty."

This statement of Mr. King's is peculiarly revealing. If it means anything, it means that he is an anti-imperialist, and that he acknowledges no bonds of Empire, not even the bond of allegiance to His Majesty the King.

The primary meaning of Empire, according to Webster's Dictionary, is a group of nations or states under a single sovereign power. "We understand by British Empire and by British Imperialism," says an authority quoted by the dictionary, "a confederacy of many lands under the rule of His Britannic Majesty."

"Commonwealth" is defined as "a body of people constituting a state or politically organized community; a body politic; hence, a state, especially one constituted by a number of persons united by compact or tacit agreement under one form of government or system of laws."

It has been customary in recent times to refer to the British Empire as "a commonwealth of nations." Those who used the expression simply intended to convey the spirit of unity existing between the various units of the Empire. Mr. King goes much further when he denies the existence of the British Empire and assumes that loyalty to the Crown is a question of party politics.

This, surely, is a strange issue for the leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition to raise in the Parliament of Canada. It is only a few months ago that the people of Canada celebrated Empire Day. Does that mean anything to Mr. King?

We hesitate to believe that the Opposition leader's disloyal utterance represents, as our contemporary claims, "the Liberal attitude." It is simply the attitude of Mr. Mackenzie King, which, as the Toronto Globe has frequently pointed out, is a horse of a quite different colour.

DISCORDANT ALIBIS

Mr. A. E. MacLean, M. P., contributes an article to the Summer-side press this week on his reason for not supporting the Conference trade agreements. It is no new thing for Mr. MacLean to express his political views in the press, neither is there anything new about his obstructionist attitude toward any measure negotiated by the Bennett Government. What gives this particular article a special interest is its striking identity, in content and phraseology, with a purportedly original editorial which appeared in last Saturday's issue of our local contemporary. The views expressed therein were so much at variance with other arguments advanced in the same newspaper that their joint authorship seemed incredible. Now the mystery has been explained: our contemporary has been stealing Mr. MacLean's alibi.

It is to Mr. MacLean, it seems, that credit must be given for the complaint that the Canadian states-

men were not smart enough for the British delegates. He justifies this statement by endeavoring to show that the British manufacturers may take advantage of the agreement "to exploit the Canadian consumer."

Our contemporary evidently realized the blunder it had made in fathering this statement in its Saturday's issue; for on the following Tuesday it came out with the counter-complaint that the Bennett Government was resisting the Liberal efforts "to give British producers a fairer deal in the Canadian market."

The moral is clear enough. In concocting an alibi, one should make sure that it agrees with the alibi of one's fellow conspirators. Mr. MacLean's alibi for failing to support the preferences obtained by the Bennett Government for our agricultural producers in the British market would be more convincing if it were not flatly contradicted by the alibi of the local Liberal organ, which also professes to speak authoritatively on matters of Liberal policy, and also is seeking to defend its action in knocking the Conference agreements.

REDS REPUDIATED

One result of the United States election of possibly greater significance to this country than the Democratic victory is noted by the Ottawa Journal. It is the fact that out of more than 40,000,000 votes polled, the Socialist candidate received less than three-fourths of a million, and the Communist candidate less than three hundred thousand. And this at a time when 10,000,000 American citizens are unemployed.

This, notes the Journal, ought to still the fears of those who keep assuring us that this continent is imperilled by Reds. Not a single Socialist or Communist candidate was elected to any office. Socialism, in fact, fared worse in this election than in any presidential contest in recent years.

A host of reasons may be found for this situation in the census figures of both Canada and the United States; the figures of people who own property. People and politicians talk about huge corporations. Who owns them? According to the latest census figures they are owned more than ever before by the common people; by the average American and Canadian. Add to that the millions who own their own farms, or their own land or homes, or who have some other stake in the country, and there is the answer to the failure of Socialism, or Communism. Farms, homes, savings bank deposits, the highest per capita of insurance in the world, the highest per capita income in the world, a pioneer contentment where individualism must almost necessarily thrive—these are our barriers against Communism.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An American weekly, in its notice of a recent biography of John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, says that "personally Adams was without question the most consistently and comprehensively disagreeable man who ever held high office in this country." It cites the biographer's references to "his sour and peppery temper, his quarrelsome disposition, his instinctive imputation of low motives to others, his long memory of real or fancied affronts, and his stubborn refusal to meet suggestions of conciliation half way." Men of this temperament are usually an embarrassment to their friends and a nuisance to the public when they obtain office of any kind.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Europe has obviously well learned the lesson that it should not bother an American President while he is running for re-election. Whenever any of those "nosey" or cantankerous persons—who really know nothing but are always driving vociferously from the back seat—tried during the last few months to get a hearing in any European country on the fascinating subject of inducing Uncle Sam to cancel the war debts, he has been immediately "shushed" into silence by his own Government. "Wait until after the elections," he has been told. But now on almost the very next day after the elections, the European Governments have come to bat. The British Government has sent a Note to Washington whose contents we do not yet know. The French Government is quite frankly talking over immediate action. They admit the "conversations" but plead that "courtesy demands absolute reticence and discretion." So does common sense.

So far as Jamaica is concerned, we shall receive something substantial immediately, with the hope of an extension of benefits later on. What are we paying for this? Very little at the most, from any purely revenue point of view. We are giving a market for a market. And, because there is no finality in arrangements made, because those arrangements do not represent every thing that can be done in the way of reciprocal trading, we may justifiably look forward to a larger market in Great Britain.—Jamaica Gleaner.

Premier Bennett's warning, in his Toronto address on Wednesday, against "left wing agitators" who attempt to capitalize the day's unrest, was timely, says the Toronto Globe, notwithstanding the solid foundation of Canadian principles. There are a number of movements in the country, varying from moderate socialism to revolutionary communism, all intensifying their efforts to bring pressure on public opinion because the field seems ripe for cultivation, and counting among their disciples a wide variety of class interests, from some dreaming college professors to the peasant immigrant from Europe who has not yet learned to talk English.

Even improvident people are compelled to be thrifty on the land. They cannot in actual fact get to the end of their resources, for a hand-to-mouth life is impossible for them. The process of farming makes the farmer place his investments in the soil. Every improvement to his land, every grain of seed, every furrow, every sod of earth raised is a sort of deposit in the bank which cannot fail, and on which one can draw cheques in kind, for the maintenance of life for a considerable period. Naturally, one has to work hard, but the earth is an employer which does not stint bread to its workers.

The troubles at St. Vincent de Paul, breaking out in much the same way as at Kingston, says Le Soleil, seem to confirm the fear that outside influences have been at work among the unhappy inmates. As long as only one house of detention was concerned, it was possible to hold the view that a few prisoners endowed with a certain capacity for leadership, had created disaffection among their comrades. There was no need, in this case, to presume any outside influence. But when, some hundreds of miles from Kingston, another outbreak occurs of the same kind, at almost the same time, this will hardly admit of any other explanation than a definite order given by agents who have the entree into these two penitentiaries. And these agents are not prisoners themselves.

"The Free State must look after itself," says the Manchester Guardian, and Mr. De Valera's economic policy—perhaps the most remarkable now being pursued in Europe—must have its fling. The farmers must accustom themselves to change their system of production and receive meagre subsidies (after endless red tape) which they must pay out of their own pockets. A diminished standard of living must be adopted in the faith that if only the privations and self-denials go on long enough a new Utopia will arise. Although full disillusionment may not come at once, the Free State can rarely be left to settle with Mr. de Valera without assistance from the British Parliament.

Since it is current practice among statesmen, says an exchange to justify the setting up of subsidiary states for political purposes by describing them as "buffers against communism." It ought not to be surprising that Dr. Nitobe, of Japan, should use the same phrase to gloss over the creation of Man-



By James W. Barton, M.D. CONTENTMENT AND HAPPINESS PREVENT PEPTIC ULCER

That Body of Hours

Why is it that clinics in the cities of the West and South of the United States show better results than the groups of excellent surgeons in New York and Rome, Italy, in the treatment of peptic ulcer—ulcer of the stomach and first part of the small intestine?

The explanation, according to Dr. Witten B. Russ, is that the people of New York and Rome live under a more severe strain than those in smaller or less busy places. Also it is the thin high strung nervous type, not those who are thick, heavy set, with protruding abdomens, who usually have ulcer.

Experience and common sense both seem to point to the conclusion that the mystery connected with the cause and behavior of peptic ulcer is in some way connected with the patient's nervous organization and his physical make-up.

In these thin nervous individuals who are what might be called predisposed to peptic ulcer, (that is they are more apt to have it) there is ample evidence that emotional strain, overwork, infections, tobacco, alcohol, diet, and all the rest, cause ulcers to develop, or to occur again after having healed up for a while.

Other types of individuals who are not predisposed to peptic ulcer, may undergo all the above conditions—emotional strain, infections, overwork—and may have an absolute breakdown in health but rarely, if ever, have a peptic ulcer. This is the reason that many of these peptic ulcer patients become so discouraged. They undergo medical treatment—diet and alkalies—for a number of weeks, the ulcer heals, and they are naturally much pleased. They then go back to the cares of life, again undergo the strain and stress, and the ulcer returns. In desperation they may undergo operation for removal of the ulcer, and with it a portion of the stomach, only to have the symptoms return again, once they resume their old manner of life.

The thought then is "that ulcer patients are made worse by influences working through the nervous system, and all other possible causes come second to this, the main or first cause. They are cured, if ever, by treatment that is successful in relieving them from emotional strain, and that makes them happy and contented."

FROM "THE FALL OF THE LEAF"

Rise in their place the woods: the trees have cast, Like earth to earth, their children, now they stand Above the graves where lie their very last:

Each pointing with her empty hand And mourning o'er the russet floor, Naked and dispossessed; The queently sycamore, The linden, aspen and the rest.

Lo, there on high the unlighted moon is hung, A cloud among the clouds: she giveth pledge, Which none from hope debars, Of hours that shall the naked boughs re-fledge

In seasons high: her drifted train among Musing she leads the silent song, Grave mistress of white clouds, as lucid queen of stars. —R. W. Dixon.

chukuo. Like most infections, the germs of communism flourish only in receptive culture mediums. If Japan, or America, is ripe for communism through defects in industrial organization or an unbearable amount of human misery, then buffer states will be of little more use than lumps of camphor: in an epidemic of influenza.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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FAULTY LOGIC

Sir,—Mayor Stewart may rest assured that he will not convince the true temperance people of this Island, that laws making it easier to get rum, will tend to sobriety.

It is too bad for the Chief Magistrate of this City, an ex-Judge to advocate the execrable pernicious ungodly doctrine that it is right and beneficial to do evil that good may come.

Well do I remember conditions when rum was practically free. Ah! The horror of that past day on this Island! No need of bootleggers then. Rum in every shop. Barrels of it at the polls on election day! What a panacea to propose in this day of instruction and education! I am Sir, etc. ONE ASTONISHED

"Try And Get It"

(Toronto Globe) Surely Mr. P. G. Ten Eyck, President of the New York State Waterways Association, is a Democrat. Only a man in merry and exultant mood could advance before a Senate committee at Washington the fantastic proposal that "England" might solve, at least partly, her war-debt problem by handing over to the United States a slice of Quebec, with Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island thrown in. That part of the ancient Province south of the St. Lawrence would be acceptable to Mr. Ten Eyck—who, incidentally, does not think well of international power development along that river. In fact, that is what set him talking.

Mr. Ten Eyck is a cool customer. He would "purchase" all land east and south of the St. Lawrence River from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean and credit "England" with the price on her war debts. There is some consolation in the evidence that Mr. Ten Eyck doesn't want all this territory for nothing. But it all is so simple: just a matter of making a treaty and marking off a few millions owing by John Bull to Uncle Sam.

No doubt the Republic would like to annex this beautiful and productive territory; but let the Waterways President, or any other bright, humorous chap, try to get it.

Parliament's Story In The Lives of Its Members

(Winnipeg Free Press) Much that men say in Parliament is reported, but little about them is learned from what they say. Take those in the British Parliament. Thirty thousand members have sat in the 200 Parliaments summoned before the death of Queen Elizabeth and in the 55 more summoned down to the end of 1832. Who were these members and what impress did they leave on their Parliaments? What like were these men? All kinds. To read their biographies, to be told of their lives and their ways and their idiosyncracies, would be to watch the passing of a pageant of romance. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald says that could you see those members of nearly 500 years, you would

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