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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink."

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Maritimes and Selective Service

Because war industry has been largely centralized in the two most populous provinces, there has been a steady flow of men and women from the Maritimes to seek employment where it may be found.

It is felt in this section of the Dominion, says the Transcript, that industry should be brought to the workers rather than the workers taken away to new fields of labor.

No part of the Dominion has responded more readily to every war demand than have the Maritimes. The rate of enlistment for the various branches of the armed force is above the average.

War Information

War information, commonly mis-called "propaganda," has been one of the pitifully weak things of Canada's war action. It has been weak, suggests the Ottawa Journal, because no one in the King Government has had the wit to understand public war psychology.

This, a pathetic misunderstanding of the part that a public information department should and can play in total war, has resulted at best in well-intentioned feebleness. Not merely have we failed through three years of war to tell our part abroad and to meet misunderstanding and enemy propaganda abroad; we have failed as well to inform ourselves of the war's meaning.

Our war information in the United States has been, admittedly, dismal in failure. We used to boast that we Canadians—were the interpreters of Britain and the British Empire to the United States. In the testing hour we not only failed in interpreting the British and British Empire, we failed even to interpret ourselves.

Now we are told that a report and recommendation of Mr. Charles Vining, made more than two months ago, are to be acted upon. On the principle of better late than never this is to the good, though the hint that there is to be set up a public information department may mean much or nothing.

tion department headed by a man with the status of Mr. Elmer Davis in Washington; a trained expert in publicity and right propaganda who would be free of interference from amateurish ministers and who would be responsible only to the Prime Minister himself.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Railway Commissioners got through their inquiries here with commendable despatch and brevity, showing great courtesy and consideration in dealing with witnesses and all concerned.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, who has died like many others for his country and all he held dear, was the fourth in order of succession to the Crown. First is Princess Elizabeth, and next Princess Margaret, then the Duke of Gloucester, and after him came his late lamented brother of Kent.

Like son, like father, Mr. J. J. Horton, 48, Great War veteran, Winnipeg, and father of a member of the Queen's Own Highlanders who took part in the commando raid on Dieppe has applied for enlistment in the army "to be right behind" his son. He has received no word from his son, Victor, since the raid, but has determined to follow in his steps.

Questioned as to whether or not there would be clothes rationing in Canada, Miss Byrne Hope Sanders, director of the consumers branch of the War Time Prices and Trade Board said definitely not. "But," she counselled, "women must learn that the right to buy whenever and whatever they want must disappear in a total wartime economy. If everyone adhered to the principle of buying only what they needed there would be sufficient for all. Normal buying will avoid rationing."

Prince Arthur, third son of Queen Victoria, afterwards Field Marshal, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, paid his first visit to Prince Edward Island this date 1869; he was then a sub lieutenant in the Navy and while here was entertained royally at Government House, and took part with his shipmates in a cricket match with a Charlottetown team at Victoria Park, Mr. A. E. Morrison is one of few remaining citizens, who as a boy, witnessed the great reception given the Prince and was present at the cricket match.

It looks as if, as the war emergency continues and intensifies, the time will come, perhaps soon, when the private passenger car will disappear as such, will be in effect mobilized and made a part of the total war effort. The prospect need alarm no one. The so-called sacrifice involved will be a small contribution to the winning of the war.

A Provincial election is slated for Saskatchewan this Fall or early next year. The C. C. F. are making bold efforts to strengthen their position—they won 11 seats last election—and the Rev. T. C. Douglas M. P. has been chosen provincial leader to organize forces. He has represented Weyburn since 1935 in the House of Commons, from which body he will resign and contest a provincial constituency. A Baptist minister of Scottish birth, he came to the fore in the C. C. F. soon after its organization and he has been a very active figure in his group at Ottawa.

Chief reason for the rise in milk prices effective September 1 is the lag in production and an attempt to bring Montreal and Halifax up to price levels existing in other centres. Consumption of milk has increased by 12 per cent, while production has only gone up four per cent. Faced with the problem of meeting the increased demand (largest gains in consumption have occurred in Halifax and industrial areas of Ontario and Quebec) the War Time Prices and Trade Board adopted the present measure in an effort (by subsidizing the farmer) to spur production. As the total increase reverts directly to the producer thereby enabling him to buy better feed, etc., it is hoped that production can be increased.

A few days ago an official of the Bureau of Information hinted in a public address at the possibility of forced loans. Are the Bureau of Information and other publicity offices authorized to give hints of coming moves? Are they the channels for warning the people of the shape of things to come? It may be said that the publicity men are careful about what they say, but because they come from Ottawa and occupy official positions, what they say is often given importance. But the people are to be told some truths about taxation and other vital questions. The cabinet is not complacent about the public morale. Its members believe the taxpayers and bond buyers should be told all, and it is known that a carefully planned campaign of information from authentic places is to be launched almost immediately.

Whether we realize it or not, (says "Contemporary China") we are living in an unprecedented period in the world's history, when boundaries and barriers of all kinds—class, race, creed, and even nationality—are becoming increasingly less important through the rapid advance in modern technology and means of communication, and the universal extension of popular education, and when not only the oppressed nations or races but also the common people—the "submerged" and the "forgotten"—in every country are rising and demanding a better life and clamoring for freedom and equality. This is an inevitable and irreversible trend the world over. To accelerate this world trend and to give freedom and equality to all the oppressed races and nations and to assure a better life for all the common people in the world is what we, the people of the United Nations, must fight for.

NOTES BY THE WAY Justice And The Lawyers

Canada is becoming a sort of incarceration camp for German prisoners of war. It is announced that thousands more of such prisoners have arrived on our shores. The responsibilities of being the men under watch and ward is by no means a light one. The German prisoners require strict surveillance. Compared to nothing but escape. Compared to the men under detention, the percentage of escapes is small, but the added number of prisoners probably will mean the heads-actes for the guards. The guards should be adequate in number and chosen for special fitness and ability. It will not do to have a haphazardly selected force rambling at large through the town.

There have been examples in Canada of violation of the basic sense of justice that should have brought the loudest protests from the legal profession. Unfortunately the profession of law doesn't seem to worry, or at least shows no signs of worrying at the invasion of the civil liberties of the individual.

The profession of law, unless it is to be nothing more than a fee-gathering group, must realize that it has definite duties to the people as a whole which it dare not ignore. The lawyers are our experts in the same sense that doctors are. The medical profession will warn against polluted water. There is every reason why the legal profession should warn the public of the serious dangers to our rights by a Government which seems to be forgetting the fundamentals of the law by which we live. New cases, more cases, fat fees must not alone be the aims of lawyers. They have a responsibility to protect the public by warning of the loss of their rights in a way which only the experts can do.

Lawyers might well remember Sir Edward Coke, that greatest Common Law lawyer of all times. They might well remember his upholding the Common Law against the Stuart Kings, the Church, the Admiralty, the Star Chamber. It was Coke who took the lead among the Common lawyers of England in the liberty of the subject. To fight against the Royal Prerogative, to give the famous opinion that the King's proclamation cannot change laws enacted by the Parliament, the liberty of the subject. To fight against the Royal Prerogative, to give the famous opinion that the King's proclamation cannot change laws enacted by the Parliament, the liberty of the subject. To fight against the Royal Prerogative, to give the famous opinion that the King's proclamation cannot change laws enacted by the Parliament, the liberty of the subject.

The residents of Eastern may have to do without their dancing this year but they will at least have a place in which to store their grain. A grain company in that southwest Saskatchewan town here, a dance hall, where it will store some of the grain which has been stored in this year in this former dance hall. The company has also rented a large barn for grain storage purposes, but it is more than likely that the Eastern folk will have to do without their dancing this year but they will at least have a place in which to store their grain.

A Case For High Courage

War and peace are inextricably intertwined; the course and the results of the war will determine the peace. The war which we fight is an unprecedented war of global character, not because we wish it, or even because Hitler wishes it, but because of the age of modern technology and of world-wide interdependence in which this generation lives, the first generation so to live. The tremendous success achieved by Hitler and the Japanese are due to that fact that they viewed the coming war as an inevitable conflict of a world-wide and decisive character, while their adversaries refused to face the new situation and clung to the old prejudices no longer allied, Hitler's and Japan's plans, though often openly avowed, appeared fantastic in the not only to their faithfulness to outdated through-processes "realism." The most improbable events of cataclysmic consequences happened and could happen, because the "realists" thought them impossible.

Only if we understand the nature of this war shall we be able to make that all-out effort, that transformation of our life beyond our present imagination, which alone can win the war against determined enemies who are so much ahead of us in military preparations, in military traditions, and in the iron will to win the war at any cost. They know that this war cannot be measured by any yardstick of the past, even of the recent past, that everything is at stake everywhere, and that the outcome of this war will determine if we win it we need men and arms, but more than arms and men, understanding and moral courage will determine the outcome of the war and thus the fate of mankind. For this war is like most great judgments; it is a choice between good and evil, between hope and despair, between a feeling of despondency and a feeling of high courage and elation; this generation is living through the greatest period of history; it is given the privilege of determining the future of many generations to come; it may be given, if it has vision and courage enough, the opportunity of creating out of an unprecedented war of global nature, an unprecedented peace of world-wide character. Winning the war is not the end; the peace will be a task of immense difficulties and hardship. The future ahead of us, the outcome of the war, are entirely uncertain. They depend upon us. There is no room for optimism. Without vision and courage we shall perish; our greatest enemy is within: inertia, discouragement, cynicism.

The personal story of Robert Bellini, United Press correspondent in Tokyo, recently released by the Japanese, tells us a great deal about our Japanese enemy. Mr. Bellini and other newspapermen were interned in Japanese camps. They were beaten, choked and tortured by Japanese police, in futile attempts to extract information or statements from them in violation of international law, and international morality. The conduct of Japanese officers and soldiers in the sack of Nanking was a world-wide scandal which will stand as a black mark on the record of the Japanese empire as long as there are men in this world who respect decency and honor.



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With brown reflections in the silent bay,
And far beyond the pale blue-misted hills
The rose and purple evening dreams away.
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Rings his last round; and outward like a sea
The heavenly shadow heart of the starry legend of eternity.
The day's long troubles lose their sting and pass.
Peaceful the world, and peaceful grows my heart;
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