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Tomorrow is Forever
by Gwen Bristow

"It did work for a long time," Kesselr reminded him.

"But that was years ago," Dick protested. "You can't do that to people now. They're too smart. They won't take it."

"No, they won't take it. There's your answer. And there's the war."

Leaning on the back of his chair Dick studied the wall in front of him. "Do those bums really think they can get away with that?" he asked after a moment.

"Of course they do. If they didn't think so they wouldn't be fighting for it." Kessler regarded him almost apologetically. "I know it sounds absurd to you, living in a country where every child is taught that his chance to rise in the world depends on what he can do, and not on his family's social position."

Shrugging, Dick gave Kessler a faintly cynical glance. "That's the idea, Mr Kessler, but don't fool yourself that it always works. Being a foreigner, maybe you don't know it, but it's not true that all Americans have a chance. I know they're supposed to, and ought too, but they don't."

"Why no, they don't, Dick." Kessler smiled at him earnestly. "I never said there weren't any backward thinkers in this country, did I? Or that there weren't any liberal minded persons in the Axis countries. But the prevailing idea of the United States is individual freedom, and that is not the prevailing idea in Germany or Italy or Japan. Your ideals in this country are better than you are—what would be the use of them if they weren't."

Dick frowned, thought, and nodded. "I get it. You mean it's like what the boss always told us kids—if a fellow tries to do the right thing he doesn't always do it, but he does better than if he wasn't trying. You mean it's like that with countries."

"Exactly. Don't get too discouraged about your country, Dick. The United States has a standard its trying to live up to—of course you haven't reached what you are aiming at, but you're closer than you used to be. Look back and you can see the idea coming—slowly, painfully, cruelly, but always on the march. part of it and the French Revolution another part. They went as far as they could, but not as far as the idea was destined to go. The American Revolution was a war for liberty, but it didn't finish the fight—haven't you ever read about the howls that went up in this country, long after the Revolution, at the suggestion of free public schools for all children?"

Dick shook his head. "I thought they always wanted schools in this country."

"Not for everybody. There were opponents who said compulsory schooling would break up the home by taking children away from their parents and putting them under control of the state. There were others who said it would destroy the ordained order of society by making the working classes dissatisfied with the position in which God had placed them. But the schools came, because they were part of the current toward human equality."

"Gee," said Dick. "You know, you're encouraging. The place is getting better, isn't it?"

"Of course it is. Whenever you're tempted to believe it isn't you might remember that it was in 1870 a good deal less than a hundred years ago, that the State of Massachusetts was hailed as an enlightened leader of progress when the legislature passed a law that children under twelve should not be allowed to work in factories more than ten hours per day."

"Good Lord," said Dick. "Is that true, Mr Kessler?"

"It's absolutely true. Some day when you've nothing better to do, look up some of the expressions of horror that greeted the notion of universal suffrage, in this country." He shifted his position to face Dick squarely. "Every proposal leading toward more freedom has been opposed, and defeated again and again. But we have come forward, Dick. It's been a long hard march and it isn't over. People who believe in the idea go down. But the idea moves on."

Dick nodded slowly. "I'm beginning to see it." He wrinkled his forehead, and exclaimed, "But right now, I don't mind telling you, that big idea sure is up against a lot."

Kessler nodded too, in agreement. "Suppose I try to tell you why it's up against so much right now. Shall I?"

"I wish you woud."

"Well, you see, a few years ago the idea had gone so far that in several of the most powerful nations of the world, people were actually asking one another if any commonwealth was benefited by keeping part of it's citizens in compulsory degradation. In cases where they were still doing so—as with the Negroes in this—country—they were ashamed of it and made excuses for it. The march toward human freedom seemed to be going along very well. But then, certain persons, more farsighted perhaps than their neighbors, looked ahead and saw what we were headed for. The result was a long, long way ahead, so far ahead that most of us never thought about it, but for those who did visualize it the very suggestion was so dangerous, such a threat to all nations and all established institutions that something simply had to be done to stop the march, and quick."

"Gosh, go on!" exclaimed Dick. "What's that suggestion you're talking about?"

"Can't you see it? It's very logical— simply the suggestion that if a country could be improved by releasing the talents of its people, might not the world be improved by releasing the talents of all its peoples? That's a terrible idea."

"Why?" Dick asked with ingenuous defiance.

"Don't be so simple minded, Dick! Why, that contradicts everything we're used to. It takes away our colonies. It drives us out of places where we've invested our hard-earned money. It mean that the coolies no longer have any respect for their betters. It makes us acknowledge that we no longer called of God to meddle with the private lives of the heathen. It turns us upside down and flattens us out and leaves us no better than anybody else."

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U. S. Senator And The Greek Crisis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 — (AP) — Senator Allen Ellender (Dem-La.) said in the Senate today Britain is engaged by force of arms in "dictating" the choice of leaders in liberated Italy and Greece.

Thus, he said, Britain "is taking the lead in causing disunity among the Allies."

Mr. Ellender introduced a resolution to put the senate on record as opposing the formation of military blocs, regional alliances among the nations of Europe as "inimical to inter-national peace and security."

He declared the resolution would be "a warning to Great Britain, and in fact to all nations, that we as a nation propose to help formulate a world security organization . . . and that this organization is not to be looked upon with suspicion as a make-believe organization."

No Dispute Over News Freedom

LONDON, Dec. 7 — (CP-Reuter)—C. J. Chancellor, general manager of Reuter News Agency in a statement to World's Press News, British newspaper trade journal, said today he was quite satisfied there is no dispute between the British and American press or between the British and American Governments on the issue of news freedom.

World's Press approached him on this question because of the repercussions provoked in the United States by a statement in the Economists, Britain's leading economic journal, on the question of news freedom.

The Economists, in an attack last Friday on the press freedom campaign conducted by Kent Cooper, executive director of the Associated Press, suggested his program might allow United States news agencies "to dominate the world."

Mr. Chancellor said: "Reuters and the United States are in complete accord about the principle of honesty and truth in international news and the vital importance of non-discriminatory rates and free access to news at its source."

Mr. Chancllor added that he had the greatest admiration for the lead taken by Mr. Cooper in this crusade and that Reuters would work hand in hand with the Associated Press in forwarding the principles in which both news agencies believed.

MORE WATER — LESS COAL

LONDON — (CP) — Sir Alexander Gibbeminent civil engineer, has urged greater use of Britain's watepower for generating electicity estimating the potential coal saving at 6,400,000 tons annually.

P.E.I. Girl Called "Typical" Among Coast Guard Women

Edith MacKenzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley MacKenzie, of Prince Edward Island, is on duty in Norfolk, Virginia, as a radioman, second class, in the United States Coast Guard Women's Reserve. On the second anniversary November 23 of the Women's Reserve—known as the Spars—Miss MacKenzie was described by a Norfolk newspaper as the "typical Spar, featuring her life and activities in service, her interest in radio work, and her post-war plans. She is attached to the District Coast Guard Office, Norfolk, where she performs such duties as sending and receiving messages by code and radio, and operating teletype machines, receivers and transmitters. Her parents live on R. R. 4, Souris, Prince Edward Island. — (Official Coast Guard Photo).

Official List of Casualties

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE OVERSEAS

Killed On Active Service

Butler, Reginald Lewis, Cpl., Ingersoll, Ont.

Missing On Active Service After Air Operations

Balfour, Andrew George, Sgt., Hamilton, Ont.

Botterill, Harold Wallace, F.-Sgt., Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.

Courtis, Ernest Edward, F.-Sgt., Blenheim, Ont.

Fraser, James, FO., Toronto, Ont.

Gibson, William James Cameron, F.-Sgt., Bentley, Alta.

Goreham, Rodney Shand, PO., Lower Woods Harbor, N. S.

Jacobs, Avron, PO., Montreal, Que.

Kay, Robert James, F.-Sgt., Toronto, Ont.

McLeod, Allister Currie, F.-Sgt., Balmoral, Man.

Morrison, Ward Edward, Sgt., Toronto, Ont.

Weedon, James Frederick Gladstone, Sgt., Paddockwood, Sask.

Yunsko, Walter, F.-Sgt., Winnipeg, Man.

Previously Reported Missing On Active Service—Now For Official Purposes Presumed Dead

Breeze, Harold Arthur Alexander, PO., Nelson, B. C.

Findlay, Bruce Elrick, F.-Sgt., Girvin, Sask.

Hay, Clarence Walter, PO., Verdun, Que.

Malyon, Douglas Francis, F.-Sgt., Toronto, Ont.

Pulham, Donald Walter, PO., Brantford, Ont.

Vigor, Edmund Arthur, PO., Somersetshire, England.

Dangerously Ill As A Result Of Injuries Sustained On Active Service

Benoit, Joseph Avila Laurent Robert, FO., Montreal, Que.

Seriously Ill

Eastman, Robert Frank Alexander, Sgt., Toronto, Ont.

CANADIANS IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE OVERSEAS

Previously Reported Missing On Active Service—Now For Official Purposes Presumed Dead

Prior, Garfield Wallace, D.F.C., S.-L., Indian Head, Sask.

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Died in the Royal Air Force Hospital, in St. Athen's, Cardiff, Wales, on the 16th of November, 1944, due to acute gastritis and nephritis.

Wells, Aubrey Calland, Leading Seaman, Dartmouth, N. S.

CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS

(Maritime Provinces)

Previously Reported Missing Now Reported Killed In Action

N.S. and P.E.I. Regiment

Pinch, Victor Douglas, Pte. Wallbrook, N. S.

Killed In Action

Royal Canadian Artillery

Abramson, Roderick Williams, Sgt., Little River, N. S.

Bellman, Wilson, Gnr., Yarmouth South, N. S.

Horner, Clyde Joseph, Gnr., Chadwick St., Woodside, N. S.

N.S. and P.E.I. Regiment

Comeau, Dennis Edward, Pte., Yarmouth South, N. S.

Lawrence, Joseph Julius Augustus, Sgt., Halifax, N. S.

New Brunswick Regiment

Landry, Denis Joseph, Tpr., Upper Sackville, N. B.

Dangerously Wounded

Corps Of Royal Canadian Engineers

Musick, Rowland Daniel, L.-Cpl., Henry B. Musick (father), Kinross, P.E.I.

N.S. and P.E.I. Regiment

Lynch, Leo James, Pte., Mrs. Laura Lynch (mother), Portage, P.E.I.

Seriously Wounded

N.S. and P.E.I. Regiment

Chase, William, Pte., Sydney, N. S.

MacDonald, Kenneth Duncan, Pte., Point Tupper, N. S.

Wounded

Reconnaissance Units

McIntosh, Claude Lomas, Tpr., Juniper, N. B.

Royal Canadian Artillery

Nisbet, John Thomas, Bdr., Mrs. Lucy Nisbet (mother) Tyne Valley, P. E. I.

Hope, Douglas Frank, Spr., Leger Corner, N. B.

N.S. and P.E.I. Regiment

Allen, Chesley Lorne, Pte., Port Greville, N.S.

Atkins, William Melford, Pte., Yarmouth South, N. S.

Hennigar, William James, Pte. Truro, N. S.

LeRue, Albert George, Pte., Halifax, N. S.

MacDonald, Edward Henry, Pte., Westville, N. S.

New Brunswick Regiment

Maxwell, Clifford Leroy, Pte., St. George, N. B.

Moffatt, Clifford Earl, Pte., Saint John, N. B.

Slightly Wounded

N.S. and P.E.I. Regiment

Campbell, John James, Pte., Westville, N. S.

New Brunswick Regiment

Graham, Robert Gordon, L.-Sgt., St. Stephen, N. B.

Wounded Remaining On Duty

New Brunswick Regiment

Pelletier, Guy Joseph Lucien, Pte., Baker Brook, N. B.

Missing

Royal Canadian Corps Of Signals

Lowe, Jack Ross Kenneth, Signalman, Amherst, N. S.

CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS

(Maritime Provinces)

Wounded

New Brunswick Regiment

Howard, Beverly Russel, Capt., Saint John, N. B.

Killed In Action

McLelland, Angus Shanahan, Gnr., Victoria Mines, Cape Breton, N. S.

Riley, George Walter Henry, Gnr., Newport Station, N. S.

Western Ontario Regiment

Michaud, Herman Alexander, Pte., Edmundston, N. B.

N.S. and P.E.I. Regiment

Auld, James Walter, Pte., Mrs. Margaret Auld (mother) O'Leary Station, P. E. I.

McPherson, Ronald Dennies Pte., Sydney, N. S.

Mercer, Gordon, Pte., Truro, N.S.

Singer, Allan Bruce, Rfn., Windsor, N. S.

Sumara Albin Frank, Pte., Springhill, N. S.

Waterhouse, Ronald Sidney, Pte., Sydney, N. S.

New Brunswick Regiment

Agnew, Earl, Pte., Moncton, N.B

Berry, Leonard Less, Rfn., Saint John, N. B.

Stever Rudolph, Pte., South Bathurst, N. B.

Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps

Legere, Edward Raymond, Pte., Middle Sackville, N. B.

Died Of Wounds

N.S. and P.E.I. Regiment

Frost, Garfield Eugene, Pte., Westport, N. S.

Died Of Injuries

Royal Canadian Army Service Corps

Rix, Lloyd George, Cpl., Mrs. Ina Rix (mother) O'Leary, P.E.I.

Died

Allen, Harold, Spr., St. George, N. B.

New Brunswick Regiment

Wilson, Kenneth Ernest, Pte., Sussex, N. B.

Dangerously Wounded

Corps Of Royal Canadian Engineers

McInnis, Burton Ronald, Spr., Napan Bay, N. B.

Wounded

Central Ontario Regiment

Thuroo, Oscar George, Pte., Dartmouth, N. S.

Wounded

Regiment De Quebec

Arsenault, Georges, Pte., West Bathurst, N. B.

N.S. and P.E.I. Regiment

Hawes, Lloyd George, Pte., Halifax, N. S.

New Brunswick Regiment

Martin, Laurent, Pte., Baie Ste. Anne, N. B.

Slightly Wounded

New Brunswick Regiment

Brown, John Leslie, Pte., Moncton, N. B.

Wounded Remaining On Duty

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ANXIOUS TO REACH CANADA

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, Dec. 7—(CP Cable) — British wives of Canadian soldiers, bound for new homes in Canada, told interviewers here today "we cannot get there soon enough."

A party totalling 700 mothers and children will leave shortly and a hostel superintendent said the women were "thrilled to bits."

One of London's famous Bobbys, a police inspector on duty at Buckingham Palace, congratulates Canadian V. C. winner Major D. F. Currie immediately after the award ceremony at the Palace held by the King.—(Canadian Army-WIB Radiophoto).

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