Quaker Has Been Six Years Solving Doukhobor Problem

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NELSON, B.C. (CP) — Emmett Gulley, soft - spoken Philadelphia Quaker, came to Canada in 1950 for a job he thought would take six months. After nearly seven years, he's still at it.

Mr. Gulley was called to British Columbia in an effort to settle the province's perplexing Doukhobor problem.

'It is unbelievably difficult and complex," the grey - haired, six-foot-four member of the Society of Friends said in an interview at his home in this southeastern B.C. city.

HOPES FOR PEACE

Mr. Gulley is still hopeful of bringing peace to the Sons of Freedom, a radical Doukhobor group which for decades has been blamed for acts of terrorism — fires and bombings — and nude parades.

The fires were a protest against man-made laws and the parades a symbol of equality, the Freedomites holding that nudism shows "all are equal."

The Freedomites are a minority group, 4,000 to 5,000 out of a total Doukhobor population B.C. of 10,000.

Doukhobors came to Canada from Russia in 1899 to escape czarist terrorism. Friction began early in the farming communes they formed in Saskatchewan.

The first Doukhobors (the word means spirit wrestler) came to B.C. in 1910, and many joined the fanatical Sons of Freedom.

Then followed years of violence. It reached its peak between 1947 and 1950 and a worried government appealed to a number of organizations to help solve the problem.

ONE REPLY

Only the American Society of Friends service committee in Philadelphia replied.

Mr. Gulley, then executive secretary of the Oregon service committee, arrived in Nelson in April, 1950.

It has been been a turbulent life for him. Twice attempts have been made to set fire to his home; he has been accused of trying to take over the leadership of the Freedomites, and of seeking personal gain.

Soon after his arrival, a consultative committee on Doukhobor affairs was appointed by the provincial government. Its problem was to find out what the Doukhobors wanted, especially the radicals.

There are "independent" Doukhobors who follow the Canadian way of life, and have nothing to do with communal living. There are also the Orthodox, a peaceful group, obedient to Canadian laws. They call themselves the Spiritual Community of Christ.

Representatives of both these groups told the committee they wanted only peace, the right to own property and the right to vote.

The last was given them by the provincial government and they cast their first ballots in the Sept. 19 election last year.

There is a vital land policy to be decided. The Doukhobors asked that their lands, taken over by the government during the depression, be returned to them. There are some 19,000 acres involved, now held in the name of the government.

The Sons of Freedom wanted to leave Canada to resettle. They claimed they had suffered at the hands of both federal and provincial governments.

"We set out to try to find a place for them to migrate to," said Mr. Gulley. 'A dozen countries were suggested but no one wanted them."

The land problem now is under study of a one-man Royal Commission with Mr. Justice Arthur E. Lord preparing a report. It is expected it will be presented to the government early this year.

SCHOOL PROBLEM

School attendance is another problem. The Sons of Freedom charge that Canadian schools teach militarism and they refuse to send their children.

The government has taken firm action to meet the charge.

'It was evident that attending school is not a violation of faith," says Mr. Gulley. "Orthodox Doukhobors have a ruling that those who don't send their children to school are acting outside of the Doukhobor faith."

Many children have been taken from their homes and housed in a dormitory in New Denver, 66 miles from here.

They must remain at the school until their 15th birthday. Officials say they are good students.

"We were somewhat successful in stopping violence—there have been only a few incidents since 1950—and if we can bring education to the children, there's some hope that the concentration of the Sons of Freedom may die out," said Mr. Gulley.

"If we can eliminate the land and the school problems, the Sons' leaders won't have anything to rally the fanatics to. We must have a firm, friendly and fair policy."

STUDY RELOCATION

The future land policy holds the greatest danger.

"The Sons have stated," Mr. Gulley says, 'that they will not buy government land even if it is offered to them."

They have lived on government land for years, many without paying taxes or improving their holdings.

The government may decide on a plan of relocation, a factor that makes the present situation uncertain.

"It might make the situation more complex, but it just might be the solution," said Mr. Gulley.

Industrial development might help. Most of the Doukhobors have only part-time work in forests and orchards. Industry might encourage the Sons, through economic benefits, to move away from their present sparse farmlands.

MOUNTIE'S VIEW

For years the Sons of Freedom have burned bridges and homes and dynamited railroad tracks.

'I don't blame the Sons of Freedom for all the bombings and fires that take place," said Staff Sergeant Larry Smith who has been attached to RCMP detachments in the Nelson area for nearly 25 years.

There are other Doukhobors with an ax to grind. And there are people who think that if the Doukhobors can get away with it, 'so can I.'"

There were two railway blastings in southeastern B.C. last year, the first at Shoreacres, 20 miles from Nelson, late in October, and the second on Christmas day in the same area. They did little damage.

"There's a 50-50 chance that it wasn't Freedomites who were responsible," said Sgt. Smith.

THE BOBBIES APPLY

CALGARY (CP)—Calgary's police department has received a number of applications from English policemen, several of them members of London's Metropolitan Force, in the last few weeks.

CHINA LOAN TO HUNGARY

BUDAPEST (AP) Radio Budapest announced Tuesday that Communist China has granted Hungary a loan of 200,000,000 rubles ($50,000,000 at the official rate) for reconstruction in the rebellion-torn country.

Salvage Supt., A Former Islander Dies In Port Arthur

William Ernest Mutch, 72 of Suite 1, 363 Waverley St., died unexpectedly at the family home on Jan. 10, 1957.

A lengthy resident of Port Arthur he was born near Southport, P.E.I. went there 55 years ago. In 1903 as a machinist, he started work with the Whalen interests with the then Canadian Towing and Wrecking Co. Later he became superintendent. For the past several years he had been district superintendent of the United Towing and Salvage Co.

An honorary life member of the Port Arthur Curling and Athletic Club, he was a member of St. Paul's United Church. He was married at Port Arthur in 1905 to the former Annie McLeod, who predeceased him in 1919. He was married in 1922 to the former Catherine McLennan.

Surviving are his wife; two sons Harold, 107 Peter St., and Keith 255 Fitzgerald St. one daughter, Eileen, at home; two grandchildren; a brother, Harry in Vancouver and two sisters, Mrs. Lillian Fenton, Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Georgia Stewart, Prince Edward Island.

The funeral was held on Saturday from the chapel,299 Arthur St with burial in Riverside Cemetery Rev. W.C. Mercer of St. Paul's United Church officiated.

Eskimo And Indian Hospital Makes Contrast With Old Post

MOOSE FACTORY, Ont. (CP) Here in Ontario's northland a new hospital stands out in contrast to nearby buildings dating back to the early 1800s when the Hudson's Bay Company was establishing trading posts in the area.

The six-year-old building — the Moose Factory Indian Hospital—is situated on an island in the Moose River some 12 miles from James Bay.

The modern, 200-bed hospital is filled most of the time with Eskimos and Indians, many of them suffering from tuberculosis. They come from the Hudson Bay area or from Moose Factory and vicinity.

Like many other hospitals, the Moose Factory institution has opened a new handicraft section where patients work at their native skills.

In a large handicraftshop Eskimos and Indians make use of their talents by carving or working with beads.

There are Eskimo patients, flown down from Great Whale River, Port Harrison and The Belcher Islands who do soapstone carving, while Indian patients try their hands at moccasin-making and fine silk embroidery on parkas.

Real artists occasionally turn up. One bead worker designed strip of beading depicting Eskimo life. It showed in succession a dog team and sled, the catching of a seal, the trading post of the Hudson's Bay Co. and a hunter dragging his catch over the ice.

The patients' work is bought by summertime tourists. Tiny snowshoes, a small pair of beaded moccasins, earrings, beaded neck bands, or an Eskimo doll in native costume are all sure attractions for the southern visitor.

The hospital displays the patients' work and looks after the selling end of their exhibits in stores outside of Moose Factory.

Some work is done under supervision and guidance, some through the patient's own initiative.

SALLY ANN PLANS

TORONTO (CP) — The Salvation Army announced Wednesday it has applied for a city hall permit to build a $1,050,000 home in Toronto.

TRIED TO WALK IT

DENVILLE, N.J. (AP)—A Hungarian refugee, Miss Ferenc, was picked up here Tuesday in zero degree weather as he was trying to walk to Chicago, 830 miles away. He told police he left Camp Kilmer, N.J., last Thursday—two days after his arrival—and had been wandering without food or shelter ever since. He said he thought Chicago was only "a few kilometres walking distance."

SCOUT DRIVE

Brig. W. W. Reid, D.S.O., has been appointed chairman of the P. E. I. Boy Scout Association Provincial Campaign. The campaign will be carried on from January 28 to February 15. The Provincial objective is just under $6,000 and the city's share is set at $3,600.

The original Welland Canal between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie was opened in 1829.

Mining Engineer Of Worldwide Experience Visits Brother

Patrick C. Wood, West Roxbury, Mass., formerly of Lake Verde, P.E.I., is spending a most enjoyable visit, with his brother Rev. Father O.P. Wood of St. Michael's Corran Bann, P.E.I. He is accompanied by his wife (the former Beatrice Praight of Grand River, P.E.I.) and daughter Marie.

They have just returned from a trip around the world. By P.A.A.

Mr. Wood left the Island in 1935, went to work in the gold mines of Northerm Ontario, until the outbreak of the Second World War. He joined the Royal Canadian Engineers in 1939, went overseas and remained with them for the duratiin of the war, returned to Canada for a short period. Those entered United States permanently.

He is now employed by Tippetts Abbett McCarthy, Stratton, Engineers, N.Y., as foundation, oil and Mineral drilling Superintendent. The firm is a chief advisor to the U.S. and Foreign Governments.

Mr. Wood has been several foreign assignments in Central and South America, United Kingdom, Gibralter Continental Europe and for the past two years in Rangoon, Burma.

POPE RECEIVES POLES

VATICAN CITY (AP)—For the first time since Poland went behind the Iron Curtain, the Pope Wednesday received Polish tourists in general audience. A Vatican informant said the Pope thus "showed his benevolence" toward the country which recently freed Stefan Cardinal Wyszinsky.

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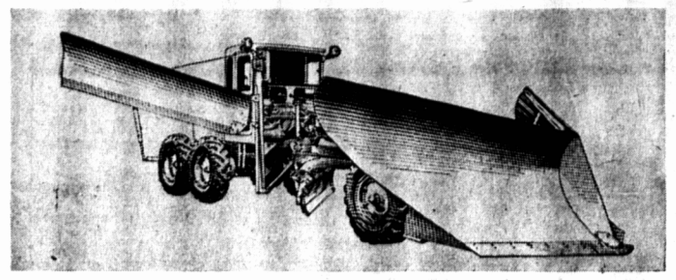
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Christmas At Falconwood

Christmas at Falconwood Hospital was observed in the usual manner, the institution was decorated throughout, Christmas trees resplendent with lights and decorations were general in all wards and corridors as well as all entrances. The sincere thanks of the faculty is extended to a willing staff for their excellent co-operation and many hours spent in making the institution so attractive on this occasion.

On Christmas morning Santa Claus visited both divisions and distributed gifts to all the patients this was made possible by the donations from a very generous public, who as on previous occasions were most generous in their contributions. During the distribution of gifts Santa sang appropriate Christmas carols, which was generously appreciated by the patients. The Christmas and New Years dinner consisted of roast turkey with trimmings, with candy nuts fruit and ice cream to all.

On December 21st a party was held in the auditorium for the patients. A program of carol singing, solos, step-dancing and recitations was presented by a group of patients followed by group square-dancing for all in attendance. A lunch of cookies, cake and ice cream was served together with treats of candy, oranges and apples.

On Sunday, December 23rd the Salvation Army Band under the direction of Captain Carter presented a proram of Christmas music which was highly appreciated.

On January 3rd the Lads and Lassies Pipe Band under the direction of Major W.B. Burke presented a program of Highland Airs this event as always was received by the patients in an appreciative manner.

To each of the above, who generously gave their time and talent a very sincere thank you is extended. The following list of contributions and gifts was thankfully received on behalf of the patients.

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NORTH RIVER W.I.

The January meeting of the North River Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Earl Younker on January 7th. The meeting opened with the Ode and the Collect. Roll call was answered by twenty members giving suggestions for raising money. Two visitors were also present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Reports of committees were received and bills paid. Suggestions for making money were considered and it was decided to have an auction sale at a later date. Roll call at next meeting to be answered with an article for the sale.

Correspondence consisted of a number of "Thank You" cards, a letter acknowledging donation to Springhill Disaster Relief Fund and a letter from the Health Convenor. Several members paid subscriptions to Institute News.

Mrs. Clayton Stevenson invited members for February meeting, the Lunch committee to be Mrs. Keir Warren, Mrs. Norris Kitson, Mrs. Russell Wheatley and Mrs. Harold Younker. Program committee, Mrs. J. MacKenzie and Mrs. N. Kitson. The meeting adjourned and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess and lunch committee.

Alpha Chapter Held It's Regular Meeting

Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Gordon Bears, who presided over the business session. Tentative plans were made for a Valentine Party and bridge and the annual Talisman Tea.

A very interesting program "Awareness of Blessings" was conducted by Mrs. J. O. Hornby and Mrs. Larry Slaght with the members joining in in discussion.

Lunch was served by the hostess, assited by Mrs. Douglas Cameron and Mrs. Louis Bagnall.

Coming Events

Bingo Hope River tonight

Black Preceptory meeting, Friday 8:00 p.m. Second degree. Boyne Lodge rooms.

Double Header at North River Rink tonight, Hampshire vs. Cornwall 7.30 Long Creek vs. York at 9.45. Skate after.

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Maple Leaf BOLOGNA ..... lb. 29c
Breakfast Sliced BACON ..... lb. 65c

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