

# Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan  
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YALTA 'EXPEDIENCY' A SORRY REVELATION

A century ago, when democracy as we know it in Great Britain and the United States was faced with a series of crises, a number of social historians, among them de Tocqueville, Matthew Arnold and J. S. Mill, voiced a real concern for the future of government "by the people."

Their fear was that the populace would misuse the power which democracy places in their hands, and use that power under the impulse of blind instinct rather than under the guidance of cultured intelligence.

The effect of such misuse of power could lead to the harshest of all dictatorships: the welfare of the commonwealth would be at the mercy of the ever-changing side of an unintelligent public opinion.

This fear has been expressed again recently by a number of political philosophers, and in the last few weeks by Walter Lippman. But now, as we read the sorry story of the "statesmanship" of Yalta, and see politicians trying to capture that public opinion which is the force behind such immoral statesmanship, and as we look into a future where we shall walk in the "shadow of death" cast by the tower of the cloud billowing above Bikini or Yucca Flats, the fear of the blind, instinctive power of unintelligent public opinion is infinitely more real.

To say these things, to point out the flaws in democracy as we see it practised in the Western World, is not to deny our whole way of life. But a realistic evaluation of the strength and weakness of the basis of democratic institutions is the necessary first step to safeguarding those institutions.

## NOT INFALLIBLE

The basis of our democracy is of course the "will of the people." But the "will of the people" is not, as some would have it, autonomous or infallibly right. The right to invest power to rule, in some man or party; but that power is from God, and the people have not the right to use that power, or to permit it to be used, against God's laws. And it is difficult in a world which wants to remove God from government, to make a whole populace conscious of its obligation in wielding power according to God's will.

Further, the "will of the people" is not above the control of right reason. The fact that a majority of people in a society expresses an opinion, does not make that opinion conform to objective truth. The "will of the people" often is a blind, emotional reaction, powerful but instinctive. When this is the case, the state is guided, not by reason and wisdom, but by passion, prejudice and the policy of expediency.

As individuals in a democratic society, what is our obligation? First of all, we must make every effort to be aware, in so far as we can, of the political problems, national and international, of the society in which we live. The approach which our leaders take to these problems, is going to determine, in God's providence, the shape of things to come in Canada and the world.

But the power that those leaders wield is from God, given to them through our votes, and each of us still has the obligation to see how it is exercised. But that I cannot do in any form of judgment. These judgments can only be based on accurate information and sensible discussion. To take without criticism the opinions of news-magazines, and make these opinions the premises of our thinking, is to surrender the field to the publishers.

## CONTINUE LEARNING

What is really involved in assuring a really adult democratic rule, is the wider problem of adult education. To stop learning after high school or college, to use no more those intellectual habits which have been developed through the years of school just to help us be mature, thinking human beings and intelligent members of society, is to die intellectually. And this death of the intellectual life has disastrous effects for the individual, for the home, and for the state.

The individual ceases to live a fully human life; the joy of moving further into the world of literature, politics, history or the arts, is excluded. And the critical faculty, the power of the mind to discriminate intelligently between courses of action, grows slack and finally almost ceases to function.

In the family, where the parents have ceased to live some sort of intellectual life, keeping alive something of their thirst and respect for learning, the children feel no desire to learn, and so lose their chance to develop the respect and desire for knowledge which is best acquired at home.

And society suffers, because the mass of individuals, reacting instinctively to emotion and prejudice, do not make or express sound judgments; principles, moral and prudential, are disregarded, and national leaders, pressured by the irrational whim of public opinion are forced into a shifting national and international policy, based on passion or expediency.

If our democracy is to survive, it will be through the wise exercise of power. The obligation rests on each of us to use every means at our disposal to develop the ability to think clearly and justly on those topics, which are affecting the course of our history.

## In Memoriam

W. A. MacMILLAN

There passed away in the Charlestown Hospital on March 7, 1955, William A. MacMillan of Canovoy in his 79th year.

In apparent good health until day previous to death, his passing came as a shock to family and friends. On March 6 he was taken to hospital to undergo an operation which was thought might help, but God willed otherwise and fortified by the Rites of the Catholic Church to which he was a devoted member, he passed away on above date.

Of a quiet and pleasant nature, a kind and thoughtful neighbor, Willie, as he was familiarly known, will be greatly missed not only by his family but in the community of Canovoy of which he was a resident.

His wife, the former Mary E. Ryan, predeceased him in 1940, also one son Wilbert was killed in action in France in 1944.

He leaves to mourn three sons, Bernard and Michael of Canovoy; Pius of Moncton, N. B., three daughters Annie (Mrs. A. Lewis) of Boston, Mass.; Rose (Mrs. Francis Shea) of Boston, Mass.; Carolyn, Mrs. MacDougall of Canovoy with whom he had resided for the past six years. Also one brother, Laughlin of Boston, Mass., and ten grandchildren.

The largely attended funeral was held from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Carolyn MacDougall on Thursday, March 10, to St. Andrew's Church where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Geo. MacCormac, who also conducted services at the grave. Rev. W. V. MacDonald of St. Peter's Bay was in the sanctuary.

Interment was in the church cemetery. The pallbearers were: Vernon Andrews, Lloyd McEwen, Harold Douglas, Donald J. MacDonald, Roddie McAdam and Hugh John McPhee.

## Rest In Peace.

### Floral Tributes:

Pillow - Family

Spray - Brother Laughlin.

Spray - Grandchildren.

Enrolments: Franciscan Mass League (Perpetual) Mrs. Gloria MacMillan and Family.

Passionist Fathers (Perpetual) Lewis, Scheiffers Ziravas Families.

Josephite Purgatorial Society (1 year) Mr. and Mrs. Cy Morrison and Allen.

### Masses - High:

Carolyn and Pius MacDougall (3)

Mrs. Annie Lewis (2)

Mrs. Rose Shea

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard MacMillan

Mr. and Mrs. Michael MacMillan

Mr. and Mrs. Pius MacMillan

Mr. Laughlin MacMillan

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bonner, Allston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ryan, Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Kelly and Family, Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph MacMillan

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur MacMillan

Mr. and Mrs. John J. McCormack

Mr. and Mrs. John F. MacMillan

## THIRD KING'S LIBERAL NOMINATING CONVENTION

CARDIGAN HALL, MONDAY, APRIL 18th

At 2 P. M.

Chairman of each poll please arrange representation of five delegates.

Guest speaker: Premier A. W. Matheson

The public is cordially invited to attend.

HUGH McEACHERN, President.

## Primroses And All-Stars In 4-all Draw

The Montague Primroses and the Southern Kings All Stars battled to a 4-4 tie in a rugged exhibition hockey game played at the Montague rink on Saturday night. A large crowd was in attendance for the closing out game of the season and this marks the end of another year of successful hockey and sports in the Montague rink.

Scoring for the Primroses in Saturday night's game were Arsenault (2), K. Clements and A. Clements. And for the All Stars Anear (2), Saunders and Woody.

## City Council

Coun. Keefe, Chairman of Public Property, said that his committee had agreed to put a five foot board fence around outside the tennis courts in Victoria Park at a cost of \$140.00 and the Tennis Club were to erect a wire fence inside to meet with their special requirements and at their own expense.

Although the estimates included salary items passed at the meeting, Mayor Stewart said they would have to be ratified by the City Council at a later meeting.

The by-laws re Poll Tax will be read again and finally dealt with at a Council meeting at 10 o'clock this morning. Coun. Johnstone having given notice of his intention to so move. Mayor Stewart made the announcement that a bond issue was being negotiated and would probably be arranged for this week.

The tender of Wendell G. Barbour Ltd. for supplying the city with two new Dodge 3-ton trucks at the tender price of \$6,809.30 was accepted.

## SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES

Following is the general statement of estimated revenues and expenditure:

Real Estate: \$199,350. @ 1.6%: \$3,189.20; \$14,000. @ 1%: \$140.00; \$107,700. for 1/3 yr.: \$151,875. for 2/3 yr.: \$274,403; \$17,543,900. @ 2.75: \$482,457.25; Total: \$488,540.48.

Personal Property: Personal other than business: \$1,767,300. @ 2.75: 48,595.25; Personal in Business: \$3,789,700. @ 2.75: \$104,216.75; Business occupancy: \$2,618,500. @ 2.75: \$72,006.75; Total: \$244,820.75.

Education Tax: Males - 3,175 @25.00: \$79,375.00; Females - 692 @ \$12.00: \$8,316.00; Total: \$87,791.00.

Licenses: \$5,000.00; Market Rents \$10,000.00; Market Tolls, \$500.00; Scale House, \$1,500.00; Police Court, \$13,500.00; Fire Department grant, \$1,500.00; Library grant, \$1,500.00; Dominion-Provincial agreement, \$20,000.00; Tracadie, P.E.I. \$1,680.00; Comm. of Sewers & Water Supply, \$37,500.00; Parking Meters, \$5,000.00; Streets and Sidewalks, \$4,000.00; Interest, \$4,000.00; Federal grant in excess of 2%: \$15,570.00; Supplementary estimates, \$6,500.00; Total: \$157,931.00; Grand Total: \$659,009.23.

Estimated Expenditures: Extraordinary: \$608,752.11; City

## Curling Today At Montague

Montague Curling Club draw for today: 3:45, School Boy finals, Mabon Drug Co. trophy. Bruce Clair vs. K. McIntyre. V. R. Pepler trophy competition: 7:00 p.m. West ice—D. McGowan vs. H. M. Smith; east ice—G. Gordon vs. At MacDonald. 9:00 p.m. west ice—Dr. L. A. Johnston vs. T. Clair; east ice—Wm. McLean vs. A. E. Sullivan.

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## Eastern Guardian

WOMEN'S Institute at Mrs. George Nicholson's. Tuesday at 8 p.m.

A RACK OF SPRING COATS and Suits priced to clear at Belle's Dress Shoppe, Montague.

WE INVITE YOU to come in and see the latest styles for Spring in Coats, Suits and Dresses at Belle's Dress Shoppe, Montague.

VERA'S BEAUTY Parlor at Cardigan will be open for business on Monday, April 4. Phone 3-13. Mrs. Vera Rice.

MONTAGUE pre-Easter services begin tonight in Baptist Church, 8 p.m. Speaker Rev. Carl Currie. (See Saturday issue for complete list).

LODGE MEETING - The regular meeting of ACME Rebekah Lodge, Montague, was held Thursday evening with the vice-grand, Miss Edith MacDonald, presiding. The meeting opened in usual form, followed by the roll call and the reading of the minutes of the last session by the secretary, Miss Florrie Beaton. The treasurer, Mrs. Ruth MacLeod, read the financial report. The vice-grand was asked to send a card of congratulations to Mrs. Ruth Fraser on the birth of her son, Charles Alan, in the King's County Hospital on March 29. The correspondence was read by the secretary and included letters from three members and two from Grand Master Logan, one of which made reference to the 138th anniversary of the founding of Odd-fellowship in North America which will be celebrated on or about April 26th. On motion it was decided to hold the annual banquet jointly with the Oddfellows on April 28th, in commemoration of the anniversary, plans to be finalized at a later meeting. Arrangements to confer the Rebekah degree on two candidates on April 21 were discussed. At the close of the meeting a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Sadie Duvar and Mrs. Ruth MacLeod.

Government, \$18,255.00; Assessing and Collecting, \$17,240.00; Health \$2,680.00; Street Lighting, \$19,845.18; Streets, 145,345.00; Squares \$4,775.00; Victoria Park, \$10,385.00; City Hall, \$10,852; Dump, \$4,538.00; Library, \$7,420.00; Pond, \$5,150.00; Police Department \$60,510.00; Police Court, \$3,990.00; Parking Meters, \$5,000.00; Market, \$13,200.00; Fire Department, \$19,000.00; Total, \$856,910.29.

Extraordinary Expenditures: Sinking Fund, \$123,326.26; Interest on debentures, \$137,756.00; Overdraft interest, \$20,000.00; Auditors, \$1,100.00; Handling & Safekeeping charges, \$2,000.00; School Board, \$240,668.10; Insurance, \$8,000.00; Superannuation, \$1,680.00; Pension, \$18,600.00; Building Inspection, \$250.00; Printing reports & debentures, \$2,000.00; Wig-wags, \$300.00; School Taxes, \$250.00; Election, \$2,000.00; Grants, \$22,421.75; Centennial, \$15,000.00; Compensation, \$10,000.00; Entertainment, \$200.00; Expenses, Mayor's Convention, \$1,200.00; Advertising, \$1,000.00; Mayor's Expenses, \$1,000.00; Total \$608,752.11.

## Strange But True

By F. B. MacArthur

This little story is about a child who became his own father — at least theoretically. The amazing case was recently reported at Bang, Germany and reads something like this:

A couple with one child got a divorce and the man married his own mother-in-law. As the husband of the grandmother of his child he became the grandfather of his own child, while the grandmother was also the child's stepmother.

The child's mother, being the daughter of the new wife, became sister of her own child.

The court chairman observed: "Nothing can stop us from going right on with this until we have shown that the child as a grandchild and child of its father is also its own father."

There are organisms even smaller than a grain of sand. Some day scientists will unlock the door of the world's least used and greatest food storehouse, the ocean. When this takes place countless millions of dollars worth of sea food now unavailable to humans will be put on the market at reasonably low prices and everyone will receive his share of this vast food treasure.

Even today five large research vessels ply the waters from Alaska to Peru, and from Marshall Island to Baja, California.

Also trying to solve the riddles of the sea are students from every country that borders on the sea. Along with foods, the sea contains many other valuable things which could be of immense value to the human race. For example, it is now known that kel, contains among other things, alginate acid, which prevents the formation of crystal in everything from paint to food. Two-thirds of the ice cream produced in America has help beds to thank for its creamy smoothness.

Only recently has it been discovered that some of the smallest living things in the world — bacteria — make their home 33,000 feet below the surface of the sea.

Whales always migrate by moonlight. In early spring or early summer, these herds of tiny silvery fish perform a curious dance. The females draw themselves upright like trained ballerinas. Then with a graceful movement each drills a niche with tail tip in the wet sand and deposits her eggs. The males then swim to the tiny nests and fertilize the precious eggs. Then they swiftly dart back into deep water, stirring up little mounds of sand and water in their wake.

## Dr. MacDonald Rink Winner of Mixed 'Spiel

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Dr. W. MacDonald, Charlotte, was the high point winner in the mixed bonspiel at the Montague Curling Rink Saturday with a total of 184 points. W. H. Worth, also of Charlotte, was runner-up with 155 points.

This was the wind-up of a three-day 'spiel at the local club with teams from Charlottetown playing teams from Montague.

The winning team included skip Dr. MacDonald; mate, L. MacDonald; second, H. Simpson; lead, N. Simpson. The runners-up were W. H. Worth, skip; Jean Grant, mate; H. Dobson, second; M. Worth, lead.

The remaining results are as follows: Doug Hill, 112; R. Jenkins, 99; G. Stewart, 95; A. Mac-

Donald, 92; Dr. McIntyre, 86; Frank Hobbs, 84; A. E. Sullivan, 83; G. Nicholson, 85; R. Beck, 85; B. Johnston, 30.

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, Ohio (AP)—A chain-reaction smashup on a highway curve in a blinding snowstorm left 13 vehicles strewn over a short section of U.S. 35. Only one person was seriously hurt. Even an ambulance which was coming to help those hurt was involved.

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## Card of Thanks

The family of the late William A. MacMillan, wish to express sincere thanks to Dr. Sheppard, Drs. Joe and Frank MacMillan, the priest, Sisters and nurses of the Charlestown Hospital, and all who sent Mass Cards, Letters and cards of sympathy, also all those who helped in any way during our recent sad bereavement.

## BACKACHE May be Warning

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