

Law-Abiding Quiet Settles In B.C. Doukhobor Country

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VICTORIA (CP)—A law-abiding quiet has settled over British Columbia's Doukhobor country. Radical Sons of Freedom sect children, once shut off from their parents in a government dormitory or pursued by truant officers or the RCMP, now are going quietly off to public school classes.

In the interior Kootenay communities of the sect there has been no more violence, harsh words or nude parading.

Government officials say the sect, whose main tenet of faith outlaws the bearing of arms and who claimed the schools taught war, have finally begun to realize after many years of strife that the law can be on their side too.

In the corridors of government here there is a restrained yet hopeful confidence that at last an understanding has been reached. Some officials, however, qualify this thinking with the remark that "it is too early to tell."

Dr. J. F. K. English, deputy minister of education, said his department is "quite pleased" when the school attendance rec-

ord of 75 children released last August from a government dormitory at New Denver. The dormitory, set up in 1953 as part of a government "get tough" policy to enforce the school law, cost \$250,000 a year to operate.

Mr. English said there had been "some truancy" among the children, but no more than that which school authorities ordinarily have to deal with. In the past sect children were hidden in cellars and root-houses from searching police.

CHANGE OF ATTITUDE
Dr. Gilbert Kennedy, deputy attorney-general whose department had the unpleasant job of trying to enforce the law among the rebellious element, said "there has been a whole changed attitude" since abolition of the New Denver institution which kept children and parents apart.

Not only were the New Denver children now attending regular schools at their parents bidding, but of some 35 truant not rounded up before last August, all but four or five now were also going to regular classes.

Dr. Kennedy recalled the days when police were pelted with

rotten vegetables and rocks when they went to the Doukhobor communities.

He believed the change stemmed from the fact the Freedoms had learned the courts could rule for them as well as the government as had been done in some cases involving custody of children or arguments over whether or not they were of school age. And too, the release of the New Denver children by Nelson magistrate William Evans last August had surprised many sect members.

MUST LEGALIZE MARRIAGES
Magistrate Evans now is embarking on a new facet of the Doukhobor problem. He was recently appointed marriage commissioner to administer a new law by which the Doukhobor form of marriage will be made legal. Getting Doukhobors to comply with vital statistics regulations such as registering marriages or births, has long been a thorn in the side of the government.

It will be a long tedious job. The magistrate will consider each case separately and more

Last year the Sons of Freedom talked of migrating back to Russia whence they came more than 50 years ago. They sent a delegation to the Soviet and deposited with the government the names of hundreds of their sect they said wanted to make the trek. But nothing ever came of it and government officials don't think anything ever will.

Meanwhile the New Denver dormitory, with its high wire fence, is being maintained on a "stand-by" basis. But government officials have a growing confidence that never again will it be needed to forcibly separate sons children from their parents.

YORK

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Johnson, Truro, N.S., were the weekend guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, York.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Court, Bedford, were the guests of Mrs. Gordon Crockett, York, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. James Webb and son Chris, Truro, N.S. were the guests of Mrs. Webb's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vessey and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watts, have returned to their home after having spent a holiday in the Maritimes and United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lewis and Mr.

Mrs. Claude Lewis, were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colby Lewis, Freeport, on Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Colby Lewis left for Florida on Sunday morning for a holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crockett and their niece Miss Hazel MacDonald, York, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacDowell, Glen Valley on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Watts, York, and Mr. and Mrs. Edson MacDonald, Covehead Road, were weekend visitors to Halifax, N.S.

DREAD FOWL DISEASE
WORCESTER, Eng. (Reuters) Fowl pest, the incurable disease dreaded by poultrymen, is sweeping the English Midlands. More than 100,000 birds, many of them turkeys being fattened for Christmas, have been slaughtered this month by the ministry of agriculture in an attempt to contain the outbreak, one of the worst ever in the Midlands.

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