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Fighting Men Taxed

Finance Minister Abbott's decision to collect income taxes from Canadians serving in Korea has met with widespread criticism from the public, and why not? Mr. Abbott bases his ruling on the ground that no group should be exempt. This sounds very well, but what about the indemnity boost the members of the House of Commons gave themselves a few years ago on a tax-exempt basis?

But there is another reason why the Finance Minister should reconsider this matter. "The rule of no preferment and no exemptions," says the Ottawa Citizen, "does not apply inflexibly to men serving Canada overseas, since they already enjoy exemptions not accorded other Canadians. They are exempt from the normal enjoyment of family life; from the safety in which most Canadians live; from the eight-hour day, for they are on duty 24 hours a day; from the personal liberties enjoyed by civilians. Since they have accepted exemptions that are in fact a heavy burden, the public would consider it only fair that that burden be lightened by exempting them from income tax payments as well."

Reckoning the total number of men serving overseas at 7,000, and the average income tax payment at perhaps \$100 a year, the Citizen finds that the total revenue obtained by the government from this source would be less than \$1,000,000. Certainly, it would not be much more. Since so small a sum is at stake, and since neither the Federal budget as a whole, nor the rearmament program, is likely to be affected one way or another by the policy of taxing these servicemen, public opinion on this issue should carry greater weight with the Cabinet than is sometimes the case. "If the public, which pays the bill, is content to have servicemen in Korea given preferred treatment in income tax matters, why should the Cabinet worry? On an issue such as this, where a question of human relations rather than of keeping the country solvent is involved, Mr. Abbott should pay more attention to public opinion and less to his financial advisers."

Bicarb And Longevity

It was generally conceded that the Island was the best place in which to live to attain a ripe old age. But we reckoned without an intimate knowledge of conditions in Russia and the preservative effect of bicarbonate of soda. Russian scientists believe human beings can live to be 200 under favorable conditions, Prof. Olga Lepeshinskaya told Moscow's House of Scientists the other day.

She said her researches lead her to believe bicarbonate of soda is an important factor in rejuvenation of human living cell. Soda injections and baths increased metabolism, reduced muscular fatigue and made a person feel generally better, she said.

Her speech coincided with Moscow newspaper reports from Kharkov, Ukraine, reporting that 30,000 Russians are 100 years old.

"There are very few examples of longevity in capitalist lands," the newspaper said.

They identified Farmer Vassill Tashkin, 145, as Russia's oldest man, and Kazamiani Khanum, 127, as oldest woman. Khanum has a vigorous son of 80, they said, still working a farm and enjoying the companionship and economic advice of his dad.

Ministry Of Propaganda?

Alan Macnaughton, Liberal member for Mount Royal in the House of Commons, has chosen a thorny subject for his maiden speech. He proposes a so-called "traffic manager" to coordinate the activities and utterances of the bevy of "information officers" employed in various departments of government at Ottawa. The functions of such an individual, as seen by Mr. Macnaughton, would include the review of all statements on a national policy level, the guidance of various departments on information techniques, the elimination of duplication of effort and a variety of other tasks.

Mr. Macnaughton's proposal are undoubtedly inspired by his concern, shared by many people, for the growing number of information officers on the Federal payroll and the confusion which exists as to their functions and duties. His solution

for the problem is, to say the least questionable. For his proposals, if adopted, would remove responsibility for policy pronouncements from the Ministers of the Crown, where such responsibility properly belongs, and place it in the hands of a super-bureaucrat whose powers would be virtually unlimited.

The obvious solution to the whole matter is to dispense entirely with the growing coterie of information and publicity officers on the Federal payroll and place the responsibility for keeping the people informed about public matters back where it belongs, with Parliament and the Ministers of the Crown.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Festival of Music is proving as successful and popular as ever with emphasis on the festival rather than competitive aspect of music and song.

It would seem that even socialist Britain can do business with Ontario cheese producers when it proved impossible to reach a satisfactory agreement between Government and Government.

Catherine II (Catherine the Great), Empress of Russia, was born this date 1729. She succeeded her husband, Peter III, on the throne and exhibited indomitable energy, an iron will and ambition for territorial expansion.

All Canadian Provinces have provision for rent control "of some sort" from today, the first day following the expiry of Federal controls. In a good many cases, including this Province, the provisions are far from carefully worked out.

Commissioner S. T. Wood retires from heading the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and can from now on rest as untroubled by the possibility of subversive threats as the rest of us have continued to do in the security provided by his quiet vigilance.

King's County is facing on a very small scale the age-old problem of reconciling economic development with the preservation of nature unspoiled. It is to be hoped that the conflict between the need for the operation of the starch factory at Murray Harbour and the objections of the lobster fishermen can be resolved. Perhaps lobster pounds could be located away from the area affected by the factory at least until the potato surplus can be reduced.

When does a successful candidate become a member of the Legislative Assembly? The point is raised in connection with the election of His Worship Mayor MacDonald, who becomes disqualified as Mayor by the fact of his being officially declared a member of the Legislature. The formal declaration of the poll decides this question. As soon as this is officially made a successful candidate is a member whether or not the new Legislature has been called together.

British engineer E. D. Holdup, M.Sc., A.M.I. Mech. E., A.M.I.E.E., will take on the job of superintending the new "J. Clark Keith" power station at Windsor, Ont., due to go into operation next Fall. Mr. Holdup has spent 15 years in the British electricity supply industry, serving with the Central Electricity Board and later in the Deptford West and Battersea power stations of the London Power Company.

We are always learning that a great deal of truth is contained in the scriptures which moderns have not even guessed at. For instance the hairs of one's head are numbered, and no two persons have the same pattern. Then from finger printing, scientists discovered that no two persons have exactly the same type of blood. This means that everybody born is a distinct personality, and cannot be mistaken for another. In other words we are born individualists, not communists.

The first part of last week has seen a general movement towards lower prices in Dominion wool markets, in continuation of the set-back which first showed itself in the early part of April and was also in evidence in U. K. sales in London and Bradford last week. Confidence, finely balanced because of the unprecedentedly high prices lately ruling, has received an undoubted shock through the unexpected withdrawal of American demand for wool for military purposes and markets have not been slow to discard the premium prices which they had acquired in recent months, largely under the influence of very spirited American bidding. The lower wool prices now in evidence do not imply early reduction in shop prices of wool goods. The reason is that the wool price rises in recent months far outstripped prices in the shops, and the former need to recede considerably before they are back again in line with shop prices, let alone paving the way for still cheaper ones.

The Archbishop said it would be untrue to state that the responsible authorities had failed either in goodwill or in their determination to work honestly and prudently for the amelioration of the social conditions of all races in the country.

African Attitude To Human Rights

The attitude of the South African Government to the Covenant of Human Rights was discussed in the House of Assembly during the month by the Prime Minister, Dr. D. F. Malan. In reply to a question he said that the Union Government had suggested to the Secretary General of the United Nations that it should be made possible for member states to accede to the Covenant of Human Rights with reservations on particular articles.

The text of the communication to the Secretary General, which Dr. Malan tabled in the House, was:

"The vast majority of the rights and freedoms described in the Human Rights Draft are in principle, and subject to details of drafting, acceptable to the Union Government for inclusion in an instrument of full legal validity, but there are certain articles to which the Union Government could not fully subscribe in their present form. This is no doubt true of a number of other states."

"The heterogeneous nature of the communities, traditions, customs and circumstances of the nations which comprise the United Nations membership should be fully recognized. Having regard to the very complex difficulties of finding a formula of words to cover all circumstances, the Union Government feel that most earnest consideration should be given to an arrangement whereby it would be possible for a member state to accede to the Covenant with reservations as to particular articles."

"It is regrettable that articles published in magazines, newspapers and periodicals overseas often-times give a distorted picture of the complex race problem in South Africa," wrote the Apostolic Delegate for South Africa, His Excellency Archbishop M. H. Lucas, during the month in reply to a request from the State Information Office for his opinion on racial problems in South Africa.

Nobody would deny (he stated) that there were evils in the structure of South African society—but what country was free of all social evils? Also, it should be realized that it was the people of South Africa themselves who were vitally concerned by these problems, and it was they who had to work out the solution.

"It must be admitted that South Africa is still far from completely satisfactory solution to its racial problems, but it should be remembered that the difficulties involved cannot be solved either by glib criticism or by any rationalized theoretical simplification of the question. If, as we know by experience, it is difficult to establish and maintain harmonious relations between people who have inherited a common culture and tradition, how much more difficult must it necessarily be to establish and maintain harmony between people of completely different cultures, i. e. between those with a primitive culture and their neighbours who possess a long-established culture."

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Books Received

BUCKY FORRESTER by Leland Silliman (The John C. Winston Co. Ltd. 218 pp. \$3) is dedicated to David W. Armstrong, National Director of the Boys' Clubs of America. It is a rousing tale of championship swimming, crammed with tense excitement, bitter disappointment and brisk good humour, climaxed by a personal triumph more outstanding than athletic victory.

Under the family allowances act in Britain, about 4,700,000 allowances were paid in 1949 to 2,979,000 families.

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The Poet's Corner

FROM ODE IN MAY

Let me go forth, and share The overflowing Sun With one wise friend, or one Better than wise, being fair, Where the pewit wheels and dips On heights of bracken and lung, And Earth, unto her leaflet tips, Tingles with the Springs.

What is so sweet and dear As a prosperous morn in May, The confident prime of the day, And the dauntless youth of the year.

When nothing that asks for bliss, Asking aright, is denied, And half of the world a bridegroom is, And half of the world a bride!

—Sir William Watson.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

FIRST ORATORIO CONCERT

"The Oratorio Concerts in St. Andrew's Hall, on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, were worthy of a larger patronage than they received. The rendering of Hayden's magnificent work, 'The Creation', was, considering the time at Mrs. Stevenson's disposal for practice, and the limited material upon which she had to work in a small community like Charlottetown, very creditable. The solos by Mrs. Stevenson, Miss McCarty, Miss Grimes, Mr. Hermans and one of the students of St. Dunstan's College, were excellent, particularly Mrs. Stevenson's, whose voice was heard to great advantage in 'He Shall Feed His Flock'."

"The instrumental performance, by Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Scott, and Messrs. Earle and Vimmincombe, were very fine, and were received with hearty applause. The new English pianos lately received by Mrs. Stevenson were used on the occasion, and under the skillful manipulation of Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Scott and Mr. Earle, their superior tone and quality were demonstrated to the audience. "Although this has been the first Oratorio Concert given in Charlottetown, yet we trust it is not going to be the last; but that the favour with which the negro minstrelsy of itinerant companies has been received, will give way to a love for classical music, alike entertaining and elevating."

—The Islander, May 28, 1950.

The Mrs. Stevenson above referred to conducted an Academy of Music in Charlottetown, and also taught music classes at St. Andrew's Hall.

Hidden Taxes

(Port Erie Times-Review)

Hidden taxes have become a part of almost every activity of our lives. They are a part of every commodity we buy, part of every service we demand. Because of that, because they are so general, it has been easy to assume that they were merely part of the price. From that erroneous belief arises the feeling that the producer of goods, or the deliverer of service is charging exorbitantly. As a result we have to delude ourselves that the benefits we are always demanding are provided free and that but for the machinations of these profiteers, we would be very well off indeed.

The fact is we get nothing free. And these hidden taxes serve a useful purpose. They spread the charges for the benefits we demand over the whole community and so apportion to persons, their fair share of the cost of the benefits they demand. But there is a danger in this form of taxation. It is easy to impose and hard to recognize. So the blame for the increase in commodity prices is not borne by the government that imposes them. It is borne by the industry or citizen who must collect the tax. The danger in this is that it tends to make governments somewhat reckless in the way they spend the moneys so secured. They are ready to promise the people benefits that are supposedly free, because they are confident that someone else will be held responsible for the charges involved.

When the public does begin to recognize these hidden taxes, their first impulse is to rid themselves of them. They don't like this method of taxation. They prefer the comforting delusion that all taxes are paid by property owners. Heavily as they are taxed, they have never borne the full weight of government expenditures. All uses have had to bear a share of the charges. If we come to realize this simple fact that a quite substantial part of the cost of living that we have believed went to swell the profits of the manufacturer and producer does nothing of the kind, we will have recognized that the securities and benefits we have demanded, because we felt we were getting them free, are not free at all but are paid for by the steadily increasing costs of everything we need and use and buy. The danger in hiding taxes is the danger of making people believe what is not true, that anything can ever be provided for nothing and at no charge.

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Notes By The Way

The way the seasons are overlapping, the sports fan can expect any time to see some absent-minded athlete stroll up to home plate with a hockey stick in his hand. — Sault Daily Star.

Editor Fas believes that La Prensa, crushed to earth in Argentina, will rise again. We hope to see the edition in which the Colonel and Evita are advertised for in the Lost and Found. — Winnipeg Tribune.

The average motorist probably is confident of his driving ability and many may be inclined to think that passing a good driver's test on applying for a license would be little more than a formality. Any such notion may be dispelled, however, by a report from Manitoba. Among the first 1,314 applicants to undergo that province's new tests, no less than 34 per cent failed to make the grade! The Manitoba tests are strict and thorough. They include actual road tests, as well as written examinations, and special instruments are used to check up on the applicant's sight, reaction speed, judgment of distance and recovery from light glare. There is also a magnetic tester on which traffic hazards and involved situations are duplicated with the aid of miniature vehicles and signs. — Edmonton Journal.

Pollution of the Grand River has evidently reached a serious stage when its waters can not be safely used for the irrigation of lands given to the growing of vegetables eaten in a raw state. The health authorities of Brant County have imposed such a ban and justify their decision as a safeguarding of the public welfare. Only a few market garden areas may actually be affected, but the action carries its own anxieties and warnings to other municipalities along this river. The Grand passes through fairly populous country and a region where dairy farming is conducted actively. Cows used frequently to be seen wading amid the shallows of this river, and no one needs to be reminded that cows are notoriously heavy drinkers of water. If this practice still prevails, is the impure water of the Grand any less harmful to dairy herds and the milk they give than it is to the wholesomeness of vegetables produced for consumption in salads or for their juices? The situation

poses some disturbing questions and again accentuates the explorable human negligence and apathy which have resulted in so many of Ontario's waterways becoming contaminated until they are unsafe for man and beast and the husbandry that needs their water for the growth of field crops. — Hamilton Spectator.

"Cocktail lounges have definitely decreased hotel bedroom drinking." That's the answer by Mr. J. Johnson, manager of the Royal York, largest hotel in Toronto, to a question from the Vancouver Sun. The question was prompted by editorial statements made this week by another Vancouver newspaper. It said that "Ontario has cocktail bars, but anyone who has stayed in a Toronto or Ottawa hotel there is no indication that they have cut down furtive or bottle drinking." It made the flat statement that "cocktail bars are not cutting down bedroom drinking in hotels." Mr. Johnson says they do. The Sun accepts his word for it. He ought to know. Ontario has had cocktail lounges since January 1, 1947. — Vancouver Sun.

The Age-Old Story

Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb; and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: and if Satan cast himself out, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

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