Lad of 7 Freed In Assault Case

Magistrate R. E. Inglis of Halifax gasped, then roared "case dismissed" after seeing the accused while hearing an assault charge last month under the criminal code. Here's the train of events:

The mother of an 11-year-old boy was in the midst of the story of how her child was beaten when the Magistrate asked for the accused who was not represented by counsel.

In walked a spindly-legged seven-year-old boy.

1941 Exhibition's Important Role

C.N.E. Will Present to Citizens of Dominion a Picture of the War Effort in Which the Country Is Engaged

The 1941 Canadian National Exhibition which opens on August 22 in Toronto, and runs to September 6, will, say C.N.E. officials, be even more concerned than in 1940 with presenting to the Canadian citizen the important role the Dominion is playing in aiding the Motherland against a malevolent foe.

"We have aligned our efforts with those of the government and all agencies engaged n the protection of our liberties, freedom and the national well-being," said President John Millar of the C.N.E. recently in speaking of plans for the forthcoming Exhibition.

"We realize," he said, "that we have been entrusted with an instrument for great good. I believe Canadians and visitors from other countries will be much impressed with the picture of Canada's war effort as reflected at the Exhibition this year. Our exhibitors have a keen sense of their responsibilities in this crisis and are extending their utmost co-operation.

DIVERSION AND RELAXATION

"Of course," he went on, "we are keenly aware of the necessity for a measure of diversion and relaxation in this time of stress. Re-[illegible]tional and cultural phases will [illegible] neglected as components of all-out defence effort. Occasional relaxation is essential if we are to serve at our best. We are highly enthused by the prospects for a really great Exhibition and there is ample reason at this juncture to expect that we will have one of the most spectacular and successful shows in our history."

According to Elwood A. Hughes, general manager of the C. N. E., exhibitors and concessionaires are contracting for exhibit space with great enthusiasm. "In all my experience of the Exhibition," he said, "I have not seen a comparable condition so early in the year. Perhaps they have in mind the success of the Exhibition of 1940 in the face of a certain amount of criticism regarding the wisdom of carrying on during war time.

"On a recent visit to Ottawa," said Mr. Hughes, "I was assured of the hearty co-operation of the navy, army and air force, and other officials, and the three services will play a spectacular part in our activities this year.

"Any opposition to the holding of the show this year has disappeared, especially because of the assurance of the government that Exhibition Park and buildings were not required for military purposes in the summer months. The aggressive attitude of manufacturers, export and import groups, and their determination to carry on if only as a war measure seems to reflect the spirit of the Canadian people."

VOICE OF THE PRESS

A NEW HOLY WAR

With such names as Damascus and Tyre appearing in the war dispatches, this struggle seems to assume greater aspect as a Holy War.

—Chatham News.

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READ AND FORGET

Any time you feel the world is going to the dogs entirely, read the advertisements of the perfect happiness to be found at the Summer resorts.

—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

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"SPARE THAT TREE"

Trees can be felled with a few strokes of an axe but they require years upon patient years to grow to their full, ornamental stature. They should not be struck down on the spur of the moment, should not so much as be trimmed by anyone but experts. About the only justification for removing a tree in rapidly baring cities is the fact that it is rotten, beyond repair, and threatening its neighbors.

—Galt Reporter.

FOTO NEWS OF THE WEEK

YOUNGEST AIR TRAVELLER—Charles Moffett Mohan (top), 15-month-old tot shown arriving in Washington, D.C., from Knoxville, Tenn., in arms of airline hostess, Peggy Herrick.

MOVIE OF THE WEEK — Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck (below) play leading roles in "Meet John Doe," the story of Mr. Average Man. This film is said to be of Academy Award stature.

STARLET MILDRED COLES (above) poses in the latest style in bathing suits, and, if you ask us, her 5-feet-one and 112 pounds make the ideal 'filler-material' for this favorite summer wear. Mildred is listed as one of the 1941 finds of Warner Bros. Her most recent pictures are "Footsteps In The Dark" and "Affectionately Yours."

FAMILY OF THREE CONTINENTS—Constance Winant (top) recently married and settled in Peru, South America. Her father, John G. Winant, is in London as U.S. ambassador to England. Other members of family reside in native Concord, N.H.

STUDYING MODEL — Royal Canadian navy recruits (below) study a ship's model at a West Coast barracks.

THE WAR-WEEK—Commentary on Current Events

Russo - German Conflict Possible But Unlikely

"In a short time something great will happen: You just watch and wait."—Lieut.-General Yamashita, head of the Japanese military mission to the Axis powers.

"Russia abides by provisions of the Russo-German pact, in view of which rumors to the effect that the U.S.S.R. is preparing for war with Germany are false and provocational."—Tass, official Soviet news agency.

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Despite strong denials on the part of the Soviet Government, insistent rumors that war between Germany and Russia was imminent swept all Europe last week and continued to receive the major share of attention from the press and radio on this side of the Atlantic. However distorted the truth of the reports, there was no doubt about this, that something big was in the offing.

Part of Peace Offensive?

In the opinion of this column the four most plausible explanations for the reported massing of German troops on Russia's frontiers were:

1. The move could be a gigantic feint engineered by Hitler to screen his preparations for a real smash in the west against Gibraltar, against Ireland, or Great Britain herself. The long-feared invasion might very well be at hand.

2. The move might be part of a great peace offensive being launched in an underground sort of way by the Nazi higher-ups. (A more fantastic explanation, but remember Hess! If Hess' mission were what we think it was, he flew to Britain with the purpose of convincing British leaders that it would be better to call off the war between Britain and Germany and let Hitler clean up on the Reds instead). The dispatch of a hundred divisions of Nazi troops to the Russian border could then be construed as evidence of Hitler's good faith in making that type of peace proposal.

The Screws on Turkey

3. Hitler might be exerting severe pressure on Russia to accede to reported demands for further economic collaboration. The wheat and oil he needs so badly are to be found in vast quantity in the Soviet Union.

4. In the view of Kirke Simpson, Associated Press correspondent, Hitler was seeking to immobilize Russia while he put the heat on Turkey to "collaborate" with the Axis against Britain. "It appears unlikely," said Mr. Simpson, "That German military efficiency would risk a 2,000-mile round-about march through Russia to reach Iran or Iraq and their vitally important oil resources with a better and shorter Turkish route available. Nor is Germany apt to have to fight Russia merely to obtain additional supplies of grain and oil from Russian sources if that is all Berlin is after."

Britain Takes Initiative

The first anniversary of the fall of France last week saw an undaunted Britain engaged in a three-front offensive against the enemy—in Syria, in Libya and in the air over Germany and the Channel. Britain appeared to be doing everything in her power to forestall a tremendous new stroke of Blitzkrieg war which was felt to be impending either against British life lines in the east or against Britain herself, was endeavoring to hold up the Axis juggernaut until aid from the United States could become strong enough to turn the tide.

The fight on the borders of Egypt and Libya was developing last week on a much larger scale than any struggle yet waged on either shore of the Mediterranean. With the imperial conquerors of East Africa flowing northward to join the Army of the Nile the British were at last a match in manpower for the Germans and Italians, who unquestionably had been reinforced with men and tanks by every sea-borne means.

Nearer Formal War

In Washington last week the Administration, already admittedly waging informal war with the Axis, made a number of significant moves which brought the country nearer to a state of formal war: all German consuls and agents were ordered out of the U.S.; action was taken to freeze Axis funds held in America; the United States flatly accused the Germans of sinking the American merchant ship "Robin Moor" and branded Germany as a treaty violator; in a message to King George VI, President Roosevelt gave renewed assurance of all-out aid to Britain.

Still War of Nerves

It was still a war of nerves. That President Roosevelt understood this and would play to the utmost the game of keeping Hitler guessing was amply evident last week. But most experts were agreed that the big crisis would come in July.

Lollipop Taster

A candy company at Evanston, Illinois, consults 7-year-old Barbara Schultz whenever they introduce a new line. She tries them, passes them to friends, and reports. Her fee is one lollipop a day.

Saving Ontario's Natural Resources

G. C. Toner
Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
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HOW MUCH TO REFOREST

I introduced Mr. Douglas last week by quoting him on water conservation and forests. Here, I am continuing to quote him: "A definite plan of reforestation must give the amount or percentage of land in any given area that will prove to be best for water conditions if covered by forest or swamp. If there is such a ratio between forested and cleared land then our problem is not so complex. Using this percentage we could find the amount of land in each township that would need to be returned to forest if water conditions are to be at their best."

"Fortunately, our forest engineers have worked out a definite formula to determine the amount of land to reforest. Here it is,—Take the slope in feet per mile of the area under consideration, transfer this figure so it will be that of the desired total forest percentage, substract from this figure the present forest percentage and the result will be the percentage to reforest."

In Grey County

"Let us illustrate this important formula as it works out in Grey county. Three years ago we took a census of water conditions. Our Grey county Council and the Owen Sound Board of Trade combined to send questionnaires to each township clerk. In answer these men described the water situation as acute. Another question asked was the percentage of land in each township unsuitable for agriculture. Totaling the replies we found it to be 200,000 acres or one-fifth of Grey County's 1,000,000 acre area. Another census revealed that 75% of the streams in North Grey had ceased to flow from ground springs.

(To be continued)

N.Y. and Singapore Linked By Air

All-air service between Singapore and New York was accomplished last month for the first time when air mail and express reached LaGuardia field by United Air Lines from San Francsico. The mail and express was flown from Singapore and San Francisco by Pan American Airways. The elapsed time for the 9,473-mile route was seven days. The trip by ship and train used to require 30 days.

Entertaining Can Be Fun

Party Preparation Should Be Limited in Sensible, Practical Way

Party-giving would be a lot easier if groups of women who are in the habit of entertaining each other would get together and limit competition, writes Ruth Millett.

For instance, they might make a flat rule against thorough housecleaning before a party.

They might also forbid the taking down and washing of curtains.

The amount of time spent on a meal might be limited, too. That would cut out some of the baking, and the waste motion of turning carrots into lilies, tomatoes into roses, radishes into tulips, and so on.

RESTED LOOK

There might even be a prize awarded at the end of a social season to the woman who at her own parties proved by her serenity, her rested look, and her lack of any sign of the jitters, that she didn't wear herself out trying to give the season's most impressive affairs.

That way, entertaining could become a way of enjoying the company of one's friends—instead of the means of impressing them.

No longer would households need to be torn up for days before a party.

Husbands wouldn't have to make allowances for irritable, absent-minded wives, their minds crammed with endless party details and lists of things still to be done.

It would be a good thing, all right, the limiting of party preparations to a reasonable amount.

The only drawback is, would women enjoy entertaining if the competitive spirit were taken out of it? Since they've made it so important, perhaps that is the thing about entertaining they most enjoy.

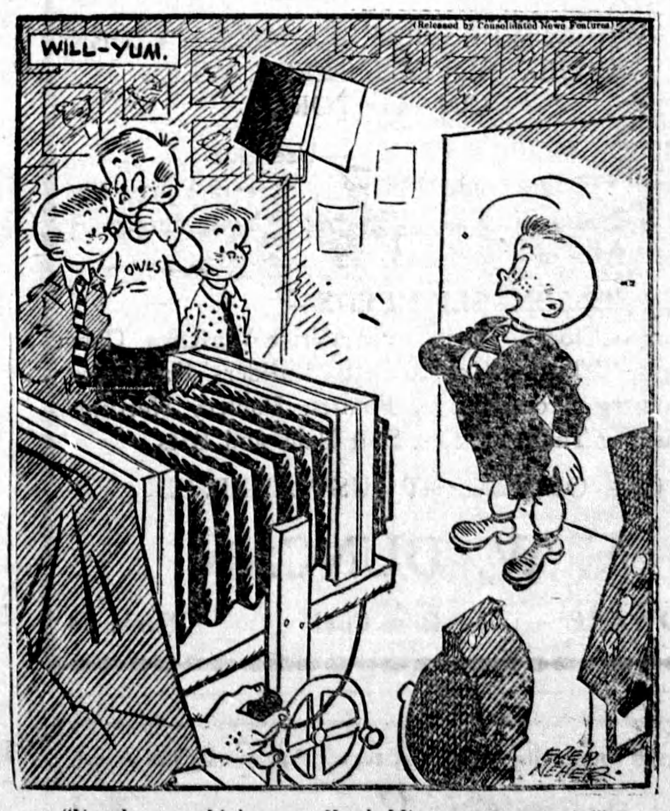
Sun Bathers Cause Aerial Traffic Jam

Fifty co-eds sun bathing on the roof of the San Diego State Women's College gymnasium caused an aerial traffic jam. Massed flights by cadets from an air school brought a complaint from the girls. The college asked it be made a closed flying area, but no action resulted. The problem was temporarily solved when the co-eds went home for summer holidays.

Cemetery Music

An employee of the cemetery at Pearsall, Texas, has perfected a gravestone with a loudspeaker to allow relatives to play records of the dead person's voice when they visit the grave.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT — By Fred Neher



"Napoleon, nothin' . . . . I'm holding up my pants! !"

REG'LAR FELLERS—Too Fussy — By GENE BYRNES