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EDITORIAL

Truth and Whole Truth

Arthur Koestler, reviewing World War II, described it as a fray in which a lie fought with and lost to a half-truth.

The war of arms, however, simply decided which nations would control the world. There is still the question of what ideas are going to control these nations.

There may not be much difference between watered-down Christianity and wishy-washy materialism. But the whole-hog materialist who goes all out for possessions, pleasure, power, position or applause, and makes no bones about it, grips the imagination far more strongly than the half-hearted Christian who talks about humility while he sits himself in the front seat and who—in all things—finds it difficult and embarrassing to reconcile his beliefs and action.

For the most part we Canadians talk big and live small. The principles we hold in mind, but do not hold in life, turn our truth into a half truth and our democracy into a compromise.

The answer, certainly, is not more compromise in our beliefs. Nor a new belief. Canada already has its Big Idea. What we need now is Big Living—action to match our ideals.

We need Christian democracy more implacable than Fascism or Communism has ever been. Then the force of a whole truth whole-heartedly lived out will prove its mastery not only on the battlefield but in the battle of ideas.

The Farm Problem

Recent appeals to the Dominion government by farmers from Alberta and Ontario's Chatham district to keep German prisoners of war in Canada stem only from the immediate phase of one of Canada's most urgent problems.

To these farmers the pressing question is how they will handle their crops this year if the prisoners who have helped them in the last two or three years are out of the country by May. But the long-range problem is how Canada is to meet the threat of a declining farm population and prevent a serious blight on the national economy.

So far the trend to mechanized farming coupled with improvements in farming methods have helped to cushion the shock of the shift of population from rural to urban areas. Fewer farmers are producing more food. But whether they can continue and accelerate this trend is a moot question.

Many close observers of the farm scene believe that they can't. The average age of farmers is gradually increasing, due to young people leaving for the city. The farm folk are keenly aware of the problem. K. M. Betzner president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, recently advised farmers to give their boys more responsibility, make them partners in the farm enterprise and give them more decisions to make in order to interest them in farm life.

Agricultural organizations seek to interest young men and women in staying on the farm through

youth organizations. Departments of agriculture sponsor calf clubs, potato clubs and numerous kindred projects to stimulate interest in the farm.

Strangely enough, the majority of city residents who come from the farms wish they had never left. They don't go back because years of city life have softened them up too much physically to tackle farm work again, or they haven't the capital to buy and equip a modern farm.

Those who are bending every effort to keep farm need feel no shame in their efforts. The farmer has a noble calling. In Canada he is the kingpin of the nation's economy. He not only feeds the city dwellers but his produce goes to hungry mouths in other lands. The nation's prosperity is linked with his. If he prospers, others prosper. If he fails, others fail.

But even keeping all farm boys and girls on the farm may not offer a complete solution of the national problem. Immigration may be necessary. Many of Canada's best farmers come from Central Europe. Now that the war is over, more may come from there and from the British Isles to help fill the gap left by native Canadians to whom the will of the west of city life has a ceaseless fascination. But above all we need to make sure that those coming to Canada do farm and not drift cityward the same as our own Canadian raised farm folk. It needs to be a condition of his settlement in the new land.

Nice Hut Expense

It appears this land of the ice and snow doesn't have long enough seasons for hockey and skating and perhaps not regular enough seasons. In these days when funds seem plentiful, we naturally find more centres considering or embarking on artificial ice arenas. These have been confined to the larger centres of population until now.

In Goderich the Community Recreational Centre has named a committee to investigate costs, building etc. for an artificial ice arena and Sarnia has reached the half-way mark in raising \$150,000 for a civic arena. The ratepayers of the town of Simcoe by eight to one, supported a by-law to raise \$45,000 by debentures toward erecting an artificial ice arena. A committee has already raised \$70,000 toward the cost in subscriptions. The whole project is to cost \$115,000.

Artificial ice arenas are a very fine thing for any community and especially at this time of year and early in the season they seem to loom larger in importance. Still the cost seems to be such that quite a large population is required not only in the centre, but must also draw from the district surrounding.

Farmers Want Higher Prices

Recently the Globe and Mail quoted: "Farmers must obtain higher prices for their products so that they can compete against industry in the labor market. K. M. Betzner of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture told the annual meeting of the Ontario Whole Milk Producers' Association."

"Well, why not?" asks the Pembroke Standard Observer. "If farmers have to compete with industry, which pays high wages, for help and where the men get the 48-hour week, then what can farmers do if the prices of their produce do not go up?"

"And up they should go. Up to compensate them for higher wages, and up to teach those who want high wages and less work that high wages cannot be all one-sided and that invariably the consumer has to pay for these costs in the end."

"If a loaf of bread should cost 15 cents, a quart of milk 15 cents, a bag of potatoes around \$3.00 it would all be in keeping with what organized labor is demanding to-day, and if we get the 40-hour week, prices like these we'll obtain and should obtain."

EDITORIAL NOTES

It's loose living that gets you into tight corners.

In true teamwork you think more of the people you work with than of the things you work at.

Most of us look for happiness instead of for some great idea to which we can give ourselves and be happy.

Soldiers trained to fight may fight for the wrong thing when they come home, unless they find us fighting for the right one.

While the March wind tore about in the customary March manner in a nearby city on Saturday we were warmed by the wording carried-in-every window in a large department store "Spring Comes In Sottly."

We've noted many odd names on hotels, but in Hamilton the other day we saw one that was named "The Honest Lawyer Hotel." From its size and outward appearance we would judge that there was a dearth of honest lawyers or the honest lawyers are teetotallers.

A despatch from Guelph reports baby carriages standing outside beverage rooms for hours while the mothers were inside having their beer. A line-up in a hallway outside one beer parlor is almost a daily occurrence. One case was told of a boy in his bare feet crying bitterly at the street door because his mother had hidden his shoes while she went to a beverage room.

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that the highest standard of living in the world is enjoyed by the people of the North American continent?

In 1941 there were 1,522,148 telephones in Canada—one for every 7 Canadians? ... there were 1,454,717 licensed radio receivers in Canada—one for every eight Canadians? ... there were 1,279,536 passenger cars (including taxicabs) registered in Canada one for every 9 Canadians? ... between 1931 and 1941 Canada's population increased by only 11 per cent, but during the same period the number of telephones in Canada increased more than 14 per cent, passenger cars more than 24 per cent, and radios more than 178 per cent.

Canada with only slightly more than a half to 1 percent of the world's population, owns almost three and a half per cent of the world's motor vehicles and more than three and a quarter per cent of the world's telephones.

According to income tax data for 1940 and national income payments for 1939, the aggregate net incomes of the 11,817 individuals in Canada with incomes of \$10,000 or more, even before deduction of taxes, amounted to only 58 per cent of total income payments to all individuals in Canada.

Canadian wealth is widely distributed. Canada belongs not to a few but to all Canadians.

It is in our best interest to work together to develop the enterprise system which has provided this high standard of living for all Canadians, so that it will provide even more.

CHINESE COURT ROBES SHOWN AT THE MUSEUM

An outstanding collection of Chinese court costumes will be the subject of a special display at the Royal Ontario Museum from April 10th to May 5th. The exhibition will include robes of the Emperors, the last Empress Dowager, and high officials. These costumes, obtained in Peking during the chaotic years centering around the fall of the Empire in 1911, pose some interesting problems for the historical detective. For example, in order to date the robes and place them in their proper time sequence, it is necessary to give close scrutiny to subtle differences in the symbols used in the various regalia. These silk costumes are gorgeous in color and simple in line. The student of art will enjoy the details and motives which have appeared also on porcelains, jades and lacquers and other precious objects of the time of the Manchu reign. Their beauty will appeal to all who have been touched by the magic artistry.

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