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EDITORIAL

The Need is Great

Beginning March 3, the Canadian Red Cross Society stated its first major National Appeal for funds since the end of the war with an objective of \$5,000,000 for 1947. This represents the minimum amount required to finance a peacetime program in Canada true to the objects of the Red Cross Charter: "In time of Peace or War to carry on and assist in work for the improvement of Health, the prevention of Disease and the mitigation of suffering."

This peacetime plea for funds represents to the people of Canada... an opportunity to voice appreciation in terms of dollars and cents for outstanding service rendered our fighting men by the Canadian Red Cross during the war years. Now the Society is turning to the needs of peace and the alleviation of human suffering in Canada. Surplus wartime funds, under the War Charities Act, earmarked for and being spent on war relief, cannot be used for this purpose.

With the money to be raised in the next few weeks the Red Cross plans to provide aid to veterans... more Outpost Hospitals on the frontiers of Canada... a free National Blood Transfusion Service... Crippled Children's work... a stronger Junior Red Cross and extend such services as First Aid, Home Nursing, Swimming Instruction, Nutrition and facilities for Distaster Relief.

In the spirit of Winston Churchill's unforgettable words... "Every man and every woman will have the chance to show the finest qualities of their race, and render the highest service to their cause." This paper wholeheartedly recommends full community support to the Canadian Red Cross Society's plea for funds to undertake this important peacetime program.

Forced Labor?

Some three months ago, Mr. Herbert Morrison assured the people of Britain that the socialist government would not impose forced labor on the nation. Although no official reversal of policy has been announced, the present industrial crisis has given rise to so many rumors that the remarks of Mr. Harold Laski in a recent newspaper article are particularly interesting.

Mr. Laski says: "We need a planned distribution of manpower to fit the kind of society toward which we are moving... It is foolish not to realize that in this realm, the days of the free and casual market for labor have gone forever." Sport lovers, in particular, will shudder at his final statement "It is fantastic that entertainment and sport should be allowed to draw off so many who could otherwise be doing useful work."

Although not a member of the government, Mr. Laski has been a booster of Labor for many years, and he must certainly be on close terms with party leaders. Moreover, since his writing is regarded as authoritative by Britons, his would be a logical pen to sell the idea of regimented labor before imposing it.

Even if Mr. Laski's article is not government-inspired, it offers an insight into socialist thinking. Freedom of the individual is certainly at an end if it is to be dragged by the State into whatever job is selected for him. The theatre-less and sport-less society proposed by the writer could then be only an anti-climax.

A Province-Wide System

In the report of the last meeting of Halton County Council a small item appeared which stated that Council gave permission to install an aerial in the County buildings in compliance with a request from the Ontario Provincial Police. That was but part of a wide provincial system.

A system of two-way radio communication for Ontario Provincial Police will be in operation by

mid-summer as a result of a contract signed by the Hon. Leslie Blackwell, representing the Provincial Government and by officials of Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd. First of its kind in Canada and one of the largest and most modern on the continent, the system will employ the latest electronic equipment and will cost almost half a million dollars.

Through a central control station near Aurora and a network of 30 to 40 local stations, Commissioner W. H. Stringer, O.B.E. of the Provincial Police, will be able to direct the movement of 200 to 300 police radio cars throughout all parts of southern Ontario, Windsor to Ottawa and as far north as Parry Sound. The speed and dependability of this control will give a new efficiency to law enforcement by saving vital seconds that are now lost in line telephone or vehicle communication.

The new system will be Frequency Modulation (FM), and it is planned to operate on three frequencies between 35-44 megacycles. The special merit of FM is that it provides clear and dependable reception that is almost entirely free of static and interference which will help to ensure that communication will be maintained at all times even in the centre of a severe electrical storm.

The ingenious use of the three frequencies will permit messages to flow simultaneously between district stations, between local stations, and between mobile units. Delays in passing important messages will be reduced greatly in this way. Provision will be made in the future for an increasing use of devices which will automatically relay or record messages and so reduce the manpower required to operate the system.

Rattleline No. 1

A resolute campaign is being fought to sever the links which bind the United States and Britain together.

The main inspirers of this campaign, determined at any cost to split Britain and America apart, are those who are also trying to fasten a materialistic ideology on the world.

This is not surprising, for the two countries share great spiritual traditions. In both a deeply rooted belief in human freedom springs from the same seed of moral conviction. At the moment American-British unity can be the strongest bulwark defending these moral and spiritual values against the on-sweeping tide of godless materialism. If America and Britain are separated then the whole conception of Christian freedom may vanish from this earth.

But the real threat to democracy comes from within, not without. For democracy is not a mere system of votes, economics or politics. It is a way of life. Freedom is possible only when millions of people think and live selflessly for their community rather than selfishly for themselves. And nowadays, we, the democratic peoples, do not always live in the way which makes the birth or survival of freedom possible.

Enemies of democracy pick upon these weaknesses. It was so with Hitler. He knew materialism was the maggot in the apple of freedom. He used examples of materialism in American and British life in his attempts to discredit democracy to the world. He struggled to separate America from Britain, recognizing how strong a bastion of liberty that combination could be.

The urgent need is for the peoples of the democracies to accept and live their own inspired ideology. They will not then need to fear the materialistic ideologies of race or class rule. For the ideology of democracy is bigger than any sectional power bid. It belongs to all classes and all races. It belongs to all free people everywhere.

It alone can bridge the gulfs which to-day appear to be widening between the nations. It is as universal as human nature and it means change in all human nature. It is the one idea big enough to unite all the peoples of the world.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It won't require any weather prophet to predict a very wet spring. A look at the snow banks make that a certainty.

The first few days of March have given a variety of weather similar to February and there's some argument as to whether it has been lamb-like or lion-like—in fact, it's been like both.

Latest advance in prices that will affect every household is the new beef prices. But there's no use beefing about them—it's just part of the cycle of higher prices that seems necessary to go through.

If it's any consolation to taxpayers this year we have read that Jersey City has established a record tax rate of \$72.70 per \$1000 assessment. We hope none will try to shatter that record.

Pointing to the almost unanimous confession of those who have "retired" as proof that a life without anything to do is not a happy one, health authorities urge Canadians to keep busy to "keep alive." The doctors urge the younger people to think of that aspect of the working day when they dream about the time when they will be able to "give up the grind" and settle back in idleness. It isn't fun, they say, to have nothing to do.

NOTICE DOG TAGS

Dog tags for the year 1947 are now available at the Hydro Office and dogs may therefore be registered from this date onward. The amount payable is \$3.00 for a male and \$5.00 for a female. A spayed female registers as a male.

The customary check-up of all dogs will be made commencing on April 1st.

POLL TAX

May also be paid at the Hydro Office, now, at any time. The sum is \$5.00 and applies to every male person, (a) 21 years or over, and under 60 years of age; (b) is not exempt from performing statute labor; (c) is not otherwise assessed in the Municipality or who is assessed and whose taxes are less than the poll tax; (d) Has not filed with the Clerk a certificate showing that he has been assessed or performed statute labor or paid poll tax elsewhere in Ontario. Poll tax will be checked upon, commencing April 1st, 1947.

NOTE: Male persons who are married are liable for payment of poll tax unless they are assessed for the year 1947 as owner or tenant of for business tax in this or any other municipality within the province of Ontario. The amount of the taxes they pay must be more than the poll tax or poll tax only shall be paid; (2) No further exemption in this municipality has been granted for the current year to ex-service personnel of the 2nd Great War.

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Business Directory

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TIME TABLES

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Eastbound: x6.31 a.m.; 6.46 a.m.; 9.18 a.m.; 11.51 a.m.; 2.00 p.m.; 4.48 p.m.; 6.56 p.m.; 9.06 p.m.; 11.11 p.m.

Westbound: a10.38 a.m.; y11.43 a.m.; 2.50 p.m.; 2.53 p.m.; 7.33 p.m.; 8.33 p.m.; xy9.23 p.m.; y11.28 p.m.

z—To Stratford. a—To London. b—Sundays and Holidays only. x—Daily except Sundays and Holidays. y—To Kitchener.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Eastbound: Daily: 6.46 a.m., 9.48 a.m., 6.46 p.m.; Sunday only: 8.19 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown: 10.11 p.m.

Westbound: Daily except Monday: 1.17 a.m.; Monday only: 12.09 a.m.; daily except Sunday: 9.01 a.m., 6.46 p.m., 7.00 p.m.; Saturday only: 2.36 p.m.; Flyer at Kitchener except Saturday and Sunday: 6.29 p.m.

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Advertisement for Carroll's Coffee and Tea products.

Price list for various food items: Mushrooms, Iceberg Lettuce, Rib Barb, Sun-kist Oranges.

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