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EDITORIAL

Every Man Can Shape the Future

Among the United Nations disarmament moves have been halted by disagreement over atomic inspection. The forms of peace are not yet fixed.

But within six months, a year, ten years, the molds may harden and civilization be shaped into something we want—or don't want.

What ideas will mold our decisions in domestic and foreign affairs? What framework will form the future of democracy?

Two wars, a false boom and a real depression have broken many of our molds. We have had to learn the hard way.

We know now that no nation can live to itself alone. We know that legislation cannot make men good. We know that democracy has to be fought for. We know that leagues and treaties alone cannot guarantee peace. Or we ought to.

The molds of an easy prosperity, of isolation, of peace-by-panacea are not so tempting as they were. But have we learned the greatest lesson of this century: that materialistic self-interest, personal or national, is a dead-end street?

Every man and every nation, for himself, and death take the hindmost, is thus far the record of this century of agony. Whole nations have disintegrated. Some have disappeared. Hundreds of millions are helpless and hopeless in a lonely world.

Materialism, mother of all isms, is a worn-out motive. It does not even produce the materials. Yet, behind a Christian facade, it has been the dominant idea of 20th century men and nations. Now other forces, without the facade, carry materialism, militant and malignant, into every land and every nation.

Democracy needs a change, from the heart. Inspired democracy, teamwork under the government of God for citizen and state, is the only mold which holds the hope for the future. It is the promise of our inheritance. But it must become the passion of our living and the framework for every decision.

The choice is between materialistic motives of moral standards. That is the basic issue of our times—and one which shapes all other decisions.

Every man can shape the future by placing himself under the government of God, with absolute moral standards. He will find dynamic power that combines freedom with justice and gets the results humanity craves.

He will also find tough opposition. He will find himself in an all-out war. But he will be assured of support by the Greatest of all Powers—the only Power that can mold the creative energies of our day into a pattern that will make men rejoice in the atomic age.

British Flood Relief Campaign Opens To-day

The organization of the British Flood Relief Campaign sponsored by the government of Ontario is now well under way. The dates of the collection have been fixed for May 1st to May 15th and it will cover clothing including bedding, household linens, curtains, etc., food and money.

A Central Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Hon. Russell T. Kelley, Minister of Health with Mr. Christie McDonald, who organized the collection of clothing for Europe last year, as the Executive Director. Local committees are being set up throughout the province under the chairmanship of mayors or reeves and with the co-operation of local organizations. All province-wide organizations have been requested to cooperate as far as possible, notice having been sent to their provincial secretaries who have been asked to notify their constituent bodies. Information and suggestions are being issued to Local Committees as soon as the Central Committee is notified of their information.

The initial collection of food and clothing is to be organized through local depots at schools, churches, fire halls, etc. and the public will be asked to have their donations at the depots and house-to-house collections during the closing days of the campaign will be organized in many areas. Preliminary sorting and packing will be done by teams of volunteers at the local depots and the food and clothing will then be sent to Central Warehouses, set up throughout the province by the Central Committee for final packing for shipment to Britain. Clothes will be pressure baled to facilitate transport and save shipping space.

It has been decided by the Provincial Government that the campaign will also include monetary donations. The collection will be organized by the local committees and official receipts will be issued which will be accepted by the Income Tax authorities as evidence of a deductible item for income tax purposes. The money will be paid into a Central provincial fund and food will be purchased in bulk in Ontario for shipment to Britain.

Clean-Up Time is Here

The disappearance of snow again brings to view all the drab dregs of winter in streets, lanes, lawns and back yards. It may be that the contrast between the white snow and the debris has come so quickly that the impression exists that an untidy appearance is worse than usual in this town.

The fact is that it is time for spring clean-up. Even this early there are more visitors passing through and our worst advertisement is an untidy town. So get out the hoe and rake and set about that job of tidying up. It may be hard to get started but once into it there is a lot of fun and much satisfaction in getting the job well done.

Something Wrong Here

Repeated increases in the price of newsprint indicate that it is time the government established some sort of control over any firms charging "all that the traffic will bear."

Newsprint has doubled in price during the war years, despite the fact that we had "price control." Manifestly, there is justification for some of the increase, with higher wages being general, and with firms paying an enormous price to get men into the bush and cut pulpwood.

But there is another side to the story. Individual and aggregate profits for six big paper companies are listed for 1943, 1945 and 1946 after all profits and after all taxes, and the percentage of aggregate increase is given at 277.7.

Newsprint companies listed in the article in the Montreal Gazette with profit-increase percentages from 1943 to 1946 are: Consolidated 275.5, St. Lawrence 145.1, Price Bros. 210.3, Abitibi 501.5, International 270.6, Lake St. John 369.1.

Aggregate profits for the six companies were \$12.8 million in 1943, \$14.7 million in 1945 and \$35.6 million in 1946.

The Montreal story goes on to say that "the record prosperity and enormous profits now being enjoyed by Canadian newsprint manufacturers may be a cause for gratification to Security holders" but the "huge profits are wholly disproportionate to any increase being experienced in manufacturing costs."

When a group of companies, having almost trebled their profits in a few years, again increase the price of their product, it would appear that something might be done by the government to police prices. An increase of 500 per cent. in profits by one firm would hardly seem to provide justification for increasing their prices still further.

But the present trend of government policies seems to be to have people pay more for their newspapers, then tax the huge profits of the paper companies and hand the money back to the people in family allowances or social security grants, Cheques Enterprise.

EDITORIAL NOTES

With an artificial ig archa Milton will become more and more the centre of county activity, not only in county government but in county sport circles.

The trout fishing season opens to-day but as we write this comment the urge to be out-of-doors and along the banks of the stream isn't what it ought to be.

Those of us who ride No. 25 Highway from Milton to Acton most frequently appreciate the early effort of the department to get the road in passable condition again.

Daylight Saving came into effect on Sunday and each year the confusion of change becomes less both some. Now if the railways would only adopt it the same time it would lessen the confusion still further.

Of the profits from sale of alcoholic beverages 70 per cent. go to the various governments interested and 3 per cent. to the shareholder, a recent Dominion Bureau of Statistics report reveals. These two items too account for 90 cents out of every dollar the consumer spends for such drinks.

The Bowmanville Statesman, which has been in the James family for 73 years last week admitted to partnership with the editor George James, a nephew Johnny James. Few weekly newspapers can claim such a family ownership and the James family have given Bowmanville a newspaper of which any community might be proud and any editor could take as a fine example. May the new family partnership enjoy the same success as the past 73 years have had.

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