

Socialism Doesn't Solve Our Problem

By E. J. DEACIMAN

Socialism has its uncomfortable moments. It hugs the delusion that everything which now vexes the spirit of man can be remedied by controls. Controls have been tried and what have we? Much trouble and vexation of spirit. The problems of this world are rarely settled in the light of fullsome fashion our Socialist friends imagine.

There is a vociferous demand for a return of price ceilings, without, of course, any ceilings on wages. If there is difference of opinion between two points of view most people are quite willing to settle it their way believing, devoutly, that their wish is the common wish of all.

Mr. Mosher, President of the Canadian Congress of Labor, an affiliate of the C.C.F. has put his seal upon this point of view. He is also President of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees. When the news came out about the 21% increase in freight rates Mr. Mosher was right on the job: "21% was not enough, the railways should have had more than 30%." How are the railways going to pay their employees, he asked, "if they are not granted the means by which they pay?"

There we have it. A Socialist way would have to increase railway freight rates in order to enable it to raise wage rates. The next step would be to bonus the railways in order to hide the cost in the tax rate. Under Socialism you never look forward nor backward. If you did either, common sense, if it still existed, would compel a modification of the Socialist point of view.

The American Government took over the railways in the first Great War and raised wages. Freight rates followed up. Then in time came a depression, volume of traffic declined, business fell off. Railway wage rates were at the top-most peak, real earnings of railway workers reached new heights. Socialism plans now to do the same thing. It believes that there will be a depression by and by, but it wants to raise wages now so that when the depression comes the workers will gain substantially from the decline in the cost of living and so escape the burdens of the depression. It forgets that the bill will be paid by other workers in higher freight rates or by grants to meet railway deficits. The price of our follies must always be met. There were 187,000 workers on Canadian railways in 1929-1930, 121,000 in 1933. Costly wasn't it to those who sought jobs?

Now all these things are to be settled by Boards. It's quite impossible. Politicians cannot determine prices, there is always a dispute between the buyer and the seller. Only the open market can render justice to all.

The market records the price as it is. If it is wrong for a time it moves into line with consumptive demands but Boards and Governments must fix prices in accord with what the sellers think they ought to get. The views of powerful groups is not always a safe guide on broad national issues. The right solution is the one which functions in the general rather than in the particular interest.

But that's not all—we do not want one thing in Canada, we want two or more but we don't want to pay for any of them. There is wide spread indignation over the banning of "oleo", even though the farmer can't or won't supply us with butter. There was a storm of protest in our cities when the Milk Board raised the retail price of milk to something approaching half the price of beer. There are a good many people who want to put the nation into a straight-jacket—their job being to tighten the strings.

But that is not all; our farmers resent the order forbidding them to ship their cattle to the profitable American market. Under Socialism prices are to be fixed and regulated by Government fiat and as one section of the country wants prices reduced and the other wants prices raised the "Boards" which fix prices will not have their troubles to seek! We, who have known liberty may never realize its true value till we lose it.

MAPLE PRODUCTS SWEETEN CANADIAN-U.S. RELATIONS

Our neighbours south of the border like Canada's maple products. To prove it they bought nearly all of our maple syrup and maple sugar export in 1947, according to a resume in Canadian Grocer of DDB figures. Maple sugar exports to U.S. totaled 397,497 gallons, costing \$1,320,000, while 4,352,143 lb. of maple sugar valued at \$1,822,654 went to the States. Small amounts went to Newfoundland, France and the Bahamas.

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2. First President of the re-organized Oakville Lions Club.
3. Chairman of the Board of Governors Lions International, District of Ontario and Quebec.
4. President of Lions International of Canada.
5. Served in First World War.
6. 1919 in charge of Dental Service for Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment at Guelph.
7. During his term of office as Mayor the Oakville Legion was presented with the site of the Legion Hall and granted 10 years tax exemption.
8. During his term of Mayor and at his instigation the town employees, for the first time in history were granted holidays with pay.
9. Organized and managed the first O.H.A. hockey team in Oakville.
10. Oakville's Rink was built in 1921 for Oakville's first O.H.A. Hockey team, organized and coached by Dr. Deans who continued in that capacity until 1934 when the team won the Intermediate O.H.A. championship. Dr. Deans also sponsored minor hockey for the youngsters of the town and district.
11. Helped organize and played on the first O.A.L.A. lacrosse team in Oakville.
12. Dr. Deans has been on the executive of the Oakville Baseball Club.
13. Nine years captain of the Oakville Golf Club, and at present President of the club.
14. Organized and was chairman of the Wartime Ration Board for Oakville, Trafalgar Township and Milton.
15. Chairman of the local Branch of Civil Defense Committee.
16. Chairman of local National Clothing Collection for War Ravaged Countries.
17. Present Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Oakville-Trafalgar High School Area Board.
18. Has been a member of every Municipal Board in the town of Oakville.

His administrative ability and tireless energy are
 What Halton Needs

VOTE Dr. DEANS X JUNE 7

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Recollections of Acton
BACK IN 1898

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 2, 1898

A number of homes in Acton and vicinity were especially saddened and the entire community was moved with sorrow when the news that Tommy Wallace and J. Owens both drug clerks were drowned at Guelph.

Mr. Thomas Perryman Jr, purchased recently the property of Mr. Robt Campbell on Lake Avenue for \$400.

Complaints are frequent on the part of drivers who persist in riding on the wrong side of the road. If they would only remember and keep on the right-hand side, they would avoid accidents and make other people happy.

The first baseball match of the season was played in the park on Saturday afternoon and proved very exciting. It was between a nine of East end players and the town, East end winning 11-8.

A delightful evening was spent by cyclists who paraded the principal streets of the town, took a few turns around the course at the park, and a run out to Bannockburn.

A native of Persia, Bahai Moshiri, Daniel, late Professor of Ancient Syriac in Oromish College, Persia, spent several days in town during the week.

BACK IN 1928
 From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 7, 1928.

Many a fine bed of tulips are adorning homes in town just now. Mr. Chas. Wilson has purchased the stone residence on Main Street adjacent to Education Lane.

The twenty-seventh annual convention of Halton was held in Knox Church class room on Wednesday when one hundred and seventy ladies attended.

Mrs. F. J. Salt and babe left on Thursday on a trip to her home in England.

Last Sunday Acton Lodge I.O.O.F. No. 204 held the annual Decoration Day Service and Church Parade.

Beardmore and Co. are building another addition to their factory. A new dry loft and storage room is being erected over the rolling room.

OAKVILLE

Oakville firemen successfully enacted a new role on Saturday when they rescued a young girl from a raft that had drifted out into the lake. The rescuers were Walter Boeck, Sam Shaw and Larry Wilson, and the girl was Adele Oxley, aged 16, of Montreal.

Members of the Intermediate "B" hockey team sponsored by Branch 114, Canadian Legion, were guests of the Legion at a very enjoyable banquet and dance in the Legion Hall last Thursday evening.

Although somewhat marred by dull, chilly weather, interspersed with showers, the annual inspection of the Oakville and Trafalgar High School Cadet Corps, held on Friday afternoon, was carried out in a manner that reflected great credit upon those taking part, and won praise from the inspecting officer.

With a view to promoting safer driving and thus cutting down traffic accidents, the town of Oakville, in conjunction with the Oakville Rotary Club is sponsoring Traffic Safety Week, May 31st to June 5th—Record Star

COMIC STRIP TECHNIQUE

In a small town in Italy two communists formed part of the committee in charge of the voting precinct in the recent election. They ended up in adjoining beds in the hospital. You've guessed the reason. There was only one communist vote cast in the precinct.

FAITH

"Faith enters into practically every transaction between men. Men with faith have built everything in this world worthwhile. Every farmer, every businessman, whether manufacturer, tradesman or banker, or worker, skilled or unskilled, has always cashed in on faith, and those that lacked it always lost. That was true yesterday, it's true today, and it will be true tomorrow. Faith is the gyroscope of civilization. With it we have a balanced, unified society. Without it everything goes wrong. Men must believe in the destiny of man. Lack of faith shows either lack of courage or lack of correct information."

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

We've got one perennial argument—straightened out a bit. It has to do with the recurring question whether Junior's misdeeds are a reflection of the maternal or paternal side of the marriage association. We got our lead from the Federal Department of Agriculture's bulletin on adolescent play. That should be reasonable enough for perhaps as much study has been directed to the welfare of pigs as to the welfare of kids. Anyway, the Department relieves the mother pig from any responsibility for her offspring's department. She has, it appears, a lot to do with the size of her family, but father is responsible for their thrift and general type.

FOUNDATION FIRMS

In foundation planting around a home it should be remembered that evergreens with their more definite outline tend to draw attention to the portion of the house near which they are planted. Consequently they can be used to good effect in emphasizing the best architectural features of the home. On the other hand, deciduous shrubs do not draw the eye so definitely but have a more softening effect. They should be used for instance, to hide the less attractive features such as a high concrete foundation.

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