

A VOICE AND A HEART

Margaret Speaks, distinguished soprano of concert and radio, is an ardent humane society member.

Her earliest problems were the troubles of stray dogs and cats and of the old family horse, who was retired on a pension of cats. Almost any day the low-headed Margaret would come straggling home from school with a mangy kitten in her beret. And she argued for weeks to get permission for the old horse to wander at will through the neighborhood. She did not see why the neighbors should object if he wanted to stroll across their front lawns and look in at the parlour windows.

When Miss Speaks first went to New York to go into the serious study of music and to take definite steps toward a career, she was alarmed by the number of stray cats which seemed to need her attention and she was distressed by numbers of drivers who did not know how to treat horses.

In order to do something practical about these matters she joined the humane society and this lovely singer has taken an interest in its activities ever since, contributing to its funds, assisting at dedications and lending her name whenever the society feels it will be of value.

Miss Speaks has a bird sanctuary at her little week-end farm in Westchester County. Here on a bare hill-top, which she chose for the view, she has planted a variety of trees and built as many houses to harbor

nesting birds. Though, because of the press of her work, she can only go there week-ends, she keeps a supply of fuel where the birds can reach it all winter long. And she maintains a sizable bird attractor on the fire escape of her apartment in the heart of New York City.

Miss Speaks has been known to go a hundred miles out of her way to take a stray injured dog to a hospital, she has missed trains while she stopped to help turtles across a state road and she will not wear a scrap of fur, or a bird or even a quill.

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**Canadian National**

**Through a Bomber's Sights**

(By an Old Squire)

To the Editor of the Herald:

Another week and the most peculiar election in the history of Canada will have run its course. It has been a dull campaign, marked with trivial and futile charges and counter charges as to the nature of Canada's war effort, not to mention the confusion, so confused that it is common knowledge that many do not intend to take the trouble to vote. This is a sad situation, especially at a time when all Canada should be up and doing.

The confusion and result and indifference is entirely due to the politicians. Mackenzie King started it by his sudden dissolution of parliament. Dr. Manion added to it by his cry of National Government and Premier Heppburn completed it by his clowning and irresponsible interference in Federal affairs at a time when his province's job was a man-sized one, requiring all his attention.

While King's sudden dissolution of parliament was, in the minds of nearly all, unnecessary the fact remained that he was definitely challenged by Heppburn and Drew and it may be in the future that his acceptance of that challenge was the best thing with which to clear the air. The Manionites claim dissolution of parliament shut off criticism of government, but the campaign to date has only emphasized the fact that a session of parliament, followed by an election which had to come this year in any event, would have seen the people of Canada subjected to months of criticism of government and manoeuvring for political advantage, with a slowing down of the war effort for the entire time. As it is now, politicians are having a short six weeks in which to air it all, after which everybody can concentrate on the job of assisting Britain and France to win the war. Certainly our war effort should move with greater ease and redoubled effort after March 26th for on that date the election of the people will have been expressed.

If, as claimed by some, Mackenzie King was in error in seeking a snap verdict, Dr. Manion was just as much in error in his campaign strategy by which the Conservative party at night became a so-called National Government Party. The worthy Doctor erred on two points:

1. He failed to realize that National Government and conscription are synonymous in the minds of thousands of people. Manion's expressed opposition to conscription would be a declaration from the leader of the Conservative party that it has from the leader of a National Government party and the people of this country, whether we like it or no, are against conscription at the present time. They realize they are more likely to get conscription from a Union Government than from a straight party regime.

2. While to the majority the fear of conscription is uppermost on the other hand those who study their political charts realize that Dr. Manion's National Government is not what he or his associates would have us believe. The National Government is Union Government in which politicians and citizens of all shades of political opinions and faiths unite for the common good. There has been no such merger in this country, the only outstanding politician to break with the Liberal party. To instance, being unpredictable Mr. Heppburn and it is common knowledge that Mr. Heppburn's chief desire in life is to injure W. L. Mackenzie King. If the public knew just what was behind Mr. Heppburn's antagonism to the Canadian Prime Minister they would be inclined to pay some attention to the sniping so consistently carried on by the voluble wise-cracking Laird of St. Thomas who is more concerned with his mischief-making than he is with Canada's war effort. Heppburn has discredited himself by his own actions and his break with King is a help rather than a hindrance to the Liberal cause. The thinking public sees all this and at the same time realizes that National Government as pictured by Dr. Manion is not Union Government but simply an election manoeuvre. Incidentally, many all-time Conservatives are resentful of these tactics and feel that the grand old party has been sacrificed in the name of political expediency when there was no real need for it.

Dr. Manion merely talks about inviting the "best brains" to join his cabinet, but those who know something of practical politics realize quite well that the old party war-horses who would be in line for cabinet positions in a Conservative regime are not going to give up cabinet posts for outsiders who have never had to do with the welfare of the party at any time. Then again, Cabinet Ministers must be members of parliament, so if Manion is called upon to form a cabinet and he calls in "Best Brains" seats must be found for them. Seats might be found for one or two Hon. Best Brains but for more — well a new era has dawned in Canada if seats for any considerable number are opened with any degree of ease or good-will.

These things are realized by the public just as it has finally struck home that Premier Heppburn in the large and expensive newspaper advertisement recently run in the Ontario newspapers purporting to come from the Board of Film Censors, committed one of the most amazing breaches ever credited to a provincial prime minister. Mr. Heppburn is entitled to his own views, but when he airs them in large type in large advertisements over his own signature with the money of the people of Ontario he places himself beyond the pale, and all right-thinking Canadians know it.

This raises an interesting point. Heppburn fired Col. Geo. Drew from his post as Securities Commissioner. Drew then launched himself into the political field with elimination of Heppburn as his goal. He became the leader of the opposition in the Ontario Legislature. Then we find the pair of them joining hands in the attack on King Albert for different reasons. As leader of His Majesty's loyal opposition in the legislature, it is Col. Drew's bound-

den duty to scrutinize all expenditures. I wonder if Col. Drew will on his duty and question the expenditure of public funds on political advertisements. Col. Drew's duty is to protect the use of public funds in this way. But will he?

These are the things that are contributing to the confusion of this very dull, unsatisfactory election campaign. It is a war on the public are sick of political manoeuvring and inconsistencies. They would like a little bit of consistency in the picture and failing to get it refuse to accept all they are told. Charges that are hurled against the King administration or lose their force when hurled by men so inconsistent as Heppburn and Drew have proven themselves to be.

With the cross-fire that is going on it is difficult for the non-partisan sitting on the side lines to really determine whether the government has been military or not in Canada's war effort. Col. J. L. Ralston, Major G. C. Powers, Col. Ian Mackenzie and Private Norman Rogers are four members of the Liberal cabinet who served with great distinction in the last war. They made just as great a contribution in 1914-1918 as Capt. Dr. Manion's effort. Geo. Drew, Col. Ralston is held in the highest respect by all Canadians. He enjoys the confidence of the entire country. His word on Canada's effort cannot be disregarded. He is just as competent to judge as any ex-soldier among the Manionites or those who refuse of the public to accept all that is said to the lack of vigour in the war effort. All political leaders, however, admit that Canada was woefully unprepared on September 3rd last. Efforts have been made to pin responsibility for this on the various political leaders and parties, but the fact remains that Canadians have been absolutely indifferent to the state of military preparedness in times of peace, and the Canadian militia the most neglected section of our nation undertaking. In fairness to politicians it must be said that they have, in this connection, simply reflected the attitude of the public. The lively protests in recent years against expenditures on the militia and all the rest of the shoutings of the loud-voiced pacifists are vivid recollections in the minds of those who deplored our lack of interest in some degree of military preparedness. So the charges and counter charges on that score fall to settle anything, especially when uttered by individuals, who never wear a uniform at any time in their lives, either in boys' brigades, naval cadets, school cadets, militia or home guards or active service units. To old soldiers the ravings of these politically militaristic gentlemen only serve as an aggravation. Old soldiers find it difficult to accept military criticisms from the Safety First lads no matter how loudly they shout.

No this strange campaign has been very unsatisfactory. All it has done is add to the confusion, create dismay and leave many important issues up in the air.

With many the decision has been made. They reason they know what they have with King; they don't know what they'll get with Manion. In many ridings the decision comes local. Here in Halton it also becomes a case of the known against the unknown. Many reason that Hughes Clark has been a very able representative, the best Halton has had in a area; many years. Familiar with all the problems, especially that of agriculture and with four and a half years of service behind him he should be able to render even greater service. So it is service and experience against complete inexperience. Both candidates are ex-service men—both determined on vigorous prosecution of the war, both ultra loyal, but

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Making character studies will develop your skill as a photographer—and it's a type of picture-taking you should know. Try it—you'll have plenty of fun.

John van Gulder

one has a thorough grasp of the vital problems of the day with a vigor and determination possessed by few; the other untired, superficial in his knowledge of the matters that count; and (critically lacking in the vigor that the hour demands.

The decision then is who? The TRIED or the untired, the KNOWN or the unknown?

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