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**Hard to Draw the Line**

Sometimes we wish we didn't live in such a muddled world where Communism and anti-Communism seem to clash on every side.

If one could only recognize a Communist it would be so much easier. If they wore Joe Stalin moustaches or talked with a Russian accent or wore a Marx button in their lapel, we could shun them, ostracize them or have effective legal measures taken against them.

But instead of this, there are so many shades of reformers, who vary from out and out Communists like Tim Buck, down the line of Socialists, CCFers, Liberals and Conservatives, that no one can draw the line. It is easy to spot a Dr. Endicott or a Red Dean of Canterbury, whose public utterances brand them as Communist sympathizers. But it is impossible for the layman to say where Communist sympathizing ends and social reforming begins.

Take a letter which came in today's mail from the Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Anti-Communist League. It was copy of a letter which has gone to the Prime Minister, protesting a speech made by a Mr. Max Freedman to the Women's Canadian Club of Toronto who is reported as telling the ladies that on a recent trip to Europe he found "what amounted almost to a passion to get away from the old doctrine of national sovereignty and to try something new."

The Winnipeg organization takes this to be insidious Communist propaganda and asks the Prime Minister to use his influence to encourage the use of speakers who are

**How Presidents Are Elected**

Perhaps some of our readers, like us, have been vague on the way an American election is conducted. In the light of the recent presidential nominations which have focussed the spotlight on our neighbours, this article which appeared in the Oakville Record-Star will be of interest. The Oakville editor, an American by birth, puts us straight on how American politics work.

Every four years (Leap Years, incidentally) enfranchised U.S. voters elect a President, a Vice-President, Representatives (corresponding to our Federal Members of Parliament) and one-third of the total of ninety-six Senators. The ballots (or voting machines) show each party's nominees for President and Vice-president and for the House Representatives and Senate. The voters mark their ballots according to their preferences or, if they so wish, may indicate "write in" votes.

Article XII of the Amended Bill of Rights specifies that the actual official election shall be determined by the Electoral College. Each state appoints Electors equal to the number of Representatives and Senators to which it is entitled. The number of Representatives is based on the decennial census of population. There is approximately one Representative for every 30,000 persons. Each state, regardless of its size, has two Senators.

The Electors are bound to cast their votes in the Electoral College for those candidates who received the greatest popular vote at the polls. Therefore, if any candidate receives a majority of the total popular vote in any given state, all of that state's electoral votes will be cast for him. However, it is

**Pot Pourri**

In case anyone thinks Bermuda is still devoid of motor cars, Joe Hall, who returned this week from a visit there, tells us it is quite the contrary. Until 1946, motors were banned on this island tourist mecca, but since the law was relaxed almost ten thousand motors are registered. Over half of these are motor bikes of various sorts. It has made quite a traffic hazard as the narrow, twisting Bermuda roads were not designed for modern transportation, and Mr. Hall says there are numerous accidents. A letter from a friend in Bolivia to Bill Leslie, Roxy theatre manager, tells of the coming nationalization of the mines there. He speaks of how cheap it is to live in the South American country—steak 8c a lb., beer 15c a quart, rum, \$1.50 a bottle. Monthly cost of living he estimates at \$20. This is the only time of year when we envy school teachers and ministers. Yet it is surprising how many of these do not take their full vacations. Most of the ministers, for instance, are working for the Stay-at-Home Camp. One for a couple of summers spent his

deeply loyal to our country and opposed to the abrogation of our national sovereignty.

We don't know Mr. Freedman, have not heard him speak nor read anything he has written, but according to the Anti-Communist League he has spoken and written in favour of world government and the abrogation of our national sovereignty. We don't agree with him that world government will ever come, but we don't agree with his opposition either that his partisanship makes him automatically a Communist. The United Nations has been created with the idea of a form of world government, the ideal that no nation can do exactly as it pleases but must submit to a combined force which protects others from actions which will do them harm.

We should definitely be opposed to any extension of world government as interpreted by Communist Russia—a government of fear and hatred, suppression of civil liberties and slavery. If that is what Mr. Freedman espouses, then he should be taken to task. But if he proposes a theory by which nations will submit to some combined force like the United Nations to solve their differences, and not let their national sovereignty mean a lust for power and the imposing of their way of life on neighbours who do not want it, then perhaps he is just an Anti-Communist as the members of the League.

We must as a nation, be careful that we do not embark on witch hunts and become over-suspicious of reformers. If there had not been reformers in the past we would still have child labour, unjust prison laws, feudal barons and royal oppression.

possible for a candidate to receive a majority of the total United States popular vote and still lose the Presidency. This is so because all of each state's Electoral votes will be cast for the candidate who has a majority in that state whether it be one-half of one percent or a clean sweep. A candidate might win narrow majorities in a number of states having enough electoral votes to elect him to the Presidency and be snowed under in the remaining states. He would have won the total popular vote but would have lost the Presidency.

There is another possibility by which the leading popular candidate may find himself out in the cold. If, after the Electoral College meets, it turns out that no single candidate has a majority of the total Electoral vote, the election is then thrown into the House of Representatives. The House then votes to see which of the three candidates having the largest number of Electoral College votes shall become President. The gimmick is that each state, under these circumstances, has just one vote, regardless of its population. This constitutes a veto power for the small population states against any candidate who cannot corral a majority. It is the thing which has kept Democratic politicians in mortal fear of the "Solid South" for eighty-seven years.

Representatives are elected every two years and it is possible, under this system, for the President in office to find himself trying to get legislation through an opposition House. Senators are elected every six years so only thirty-two of the ninety-six Senators are up for election every even numbered year.

Many school teachers spend a good part of their summer going to school themselves. Some of the high school staff obtain three or four weeks' employment marking papers in Toronto. Some teachers become farmers for the summer months, some work as counsellors at summer camps. Perhaps this long vacation business is only an illusion—looks good from a distance, but isn't so good when you have it. A telegram from Bill Bradley provided some amusement for Ruth Norton and Jimmy Valentine at their wedding reception on Saturday. Bill's knack for verse to suit the occasion resulted in the following:

The siren growls his loudest blast,  
 Life's conflagration comes at last,  
 Poor Charlie has capitulated,  
 The thin ice breaks on which he skated;  
 This stubborn boy at last surrenders,  
 He joins the ranks of reckless spenders,  
 Sweet Ruth knows how to handle Jim,  
 Henceforth each boy becomes more gym.

**Ballinafad Minister is St. John's Guest Speaker**

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and finally brother and sister were brought together on their knees, beside the mother's death-bed. The brother thought his mother had not known of his ill-deed, and so had continued to show her love to him, but he knew he should confess now before it was too late, and seek forgiveness. So, he did, and his mother replied: "Yes, I knew, son, but I forgave you from the start, and put it out of my head," and she put her hand on his head and blessed him. That was too much for his sister, she got up from her knees, ran from the room weeping, and made her way to her little church, where her minister found her sometime later kneeling at the altar. She told him her story, and added that such love and forgiveness had vanquished all the hate from her heart and left only peace and love and warmth. "Which think ye, would love him most?"

Misses Joan and Audrey Bishop sang very sweetly as a duet "They that wait on the Lord they shall mount up on wings as eagles they shall walk and not faint."

Mr. Gibb announced that St. John's would worship in Knox Presbyterian Church the first three Sundays in August. Knox Presbyterians would worship in St. John's the last two Sundays in August.

Let us remember: Love never faileth.

A reporter for a large city news paper reported in his paper an incident which he himself had witnessed the evening before. He had a rather expensive seat for a special medical concert near the front of the hall and noticed an elderly lady and a badly crippled young man, evidently her son, were admitted into two inner seats in front of him. They were neatly dressed, but it looked as though this was a rare luxury treat for them. It was quite an effort for the boy to get his crippled frame adjusted. Just as he had an usher come along with a well dressed young couple, and noticing the seats taken, checked his stubs and said "I am sorry, there must be some mistake somewhere" and asked politely for the stubs of the lady and her son. On examination he apologized to them and said an usher had shown them into wrong seats, their were much further back. Quickly the boy and his mother began gathering up their belongings. When the young lady took in the situation. With a very gracious manner and charming smile she said "No you stay where you are, we will take your seats." Though the lady and her son wished to decline her gracious offer, she insisted, stubs were exchanged, and the fortunate young gentleman escorted his process to their seats further back. The reporter said it left a very pleasant taste in the mouth for all of them around there. Christian love practiced, always does.

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