

The clergy speak out

by the Rev. A. W. Fosbury

The new dictators

Democracy has been defined in terms something like this, "Government of the people by the people for the people." In other words, democracy is just what it means. Derived from the Greek words *demos* and *cratos*, which mean respectively people and rule, there can be no doubt regarding its inherent implications.

From the days of Magna Carta on, the Anglo-Saxon world has prided itself on its steady development of the recognition of the basic right of the individual to freedom of thought and action, provided such thought and action did not place unbearable limitations on his neighbor.

In the main, the Western World today is supposed to hold to this view. In this century, a world war was fought that "democracy and freedom might not perish from off the face of the earth." Unfortunately, we are now faced with dictatorships which have grown out of the freedom assured by democracy in the past — dictatorships which threaten to create such chaos in the economic order as to wreck the very way of life which we have cherished.

On the one hand we have the tremendously powerful multinational corporations of the business world and, on the other, the growing irresponsibility and power of some labour unions. One of the greatest problems confronting us is what we call "the energy crisis" the blame for which the Arabs have been saddled with.

A recent report of the gigantic Aramco Oil Company indicates that its profits for the last fiscal year were more than double those of the year before. It is interesting to note that only twenty-five per cent of the controlling interest of this company is owned by the Arabs. The other seventy-five per cent is in the hands of four American-based oil companies. That speaks for itself.

The steel industry, which is another basic industry, is another offender in this regard. Recently, the Steel Company of Canada released

an interim report of its profits and declared that its profits for the quarter "exceeded the estimates" of the directors of that company.

All this, after a very healthy hoisting of steel prices and just about the time that Mr. Justice Estey released his report that he found no evidence to support the charge that the steel industry has been making excessive profits. One wonders what may now be considered as "excessive profits."

Dafasco prides itself on the grounds that "Its product is steel; its strength is people." Its recent generous agreement with its workers is being made at the expense of the people — the populace at large.

We might also include in the category of basic industries the paper companies of Canada. Some of these concerns have been able to report profits in excess of two hundred per cent over the previous year.

As suggested above, some labor unions are also to blame, in part at least, for the rising cost of living. The recent actions of members of the T.T.C. labor force and of the Fireman's Union in Montreal are cases in point. Some of the members of the latter union were even accused of setting fires which broke out during their strike.

The idea of workers in public services being the servants of the public no longer seems to hold.

The order is too often reversed. John Q. Public is now their servant. Until the unions get to the place where they are concerned about the entire working force of the nation, they are not fulfilling their place in the scheme of things.

The only way to secure economic stability is for all of us to subscribe to the ideal of "Service above self." The fundamental need here is to accept for ourselves the attitude of the Man of Galilee who said, "I came not to be ministered unto, but to minister" and "I am among you as one who serves." True morality has a spiritual base. So also has true democracy.



THREE YOUNG trophy winners display a tableful of awards at the Rockwood Trail Riders award night and banquet Nov. 30. They are left to right Linda Burns, 18, of Milton, high point western winner; Greg Dales, 14, of Rockwood, junior high point competitor and Pam Worton, 15, of Guelph, high point English winner.

Teen-agers take RTR top awards

Youth had a heyday at the Rockwood Trail Riders annual banquet and awards night held November 30 at the Acton Meadows Golf Club.

Two new members, Linda Burns, 18, of Milton and Pam Worton, 15, of Guelph, copped the major awards. Linda was 111 Point Western competitor while Pam was 111 Point English. Another teenager, Greg Dales, 14, of Rockwood, a member since he was in short pants, won Junior 111 Point trophy.

Commenting on the young talent, Di Lindblad, a director and one of the original organizers in the 11-year-old club, said,



PAUL THOMPSON of Acton, new president of Rockwood Trail Riders, is welcomed by retiring president Gord Cox of Rockwood.

Guelph: trophy, Linda Burns, Milton; Sr. Barrels; Reserve, Kaz Milon; Western Game; Reserve tie, Linda Burns; Lyn Wilson trophy, Trevor Swan, Acton; Challenge trophy for Reining; trophy, Steve McIntyre, Acton; Greg Dales.

"We have more enthusiastic youngsters lately than we've ever had. I think it's terrific."

Dinner commenced with a catered meal featuring turkey, roast beef and all the trimmings. Sheila Buchanan of Acton said the grace. After the 120 guests had consumed large quantities of delicious food, President Gord Cox called the company to order.

He introduced and welcomed the incoming president Paul Thompson and spoke about the growth of the club, now counting 167 members. He thanked many individual members for special help during the year. Di Lindblad presented a gift to Joan Wilson of Rockwood for typing assistance of the club magazine.

Presentations
The President's Trophy was presented to Pat Thompson for invaluable club work.

Certificates of achievement were presented to member winning numbers of points followed by receiving of awards.

Enthusiastic dancing to the Trutones concluded an evening declared a grand success.

Awards
Bareback Equitation: Reserve, Jackie Huck, Guelph; trophy, Greg Dales, Rockwood; Jr. Reining: Reserve, Cindy Johnson, Rockwood; trophy, Greg Dales; Jr. Steady Hand: Reserve, Jackie Huck; trophy, Jane Gulla, Rockwood; Jr. Barrels: Reserve, Kathy Short, Rockwood; trophy, Greg Dales.

English Dressage: Reserve, Linda Buchanan, Rockwood; trophy, Ray Skoropad, Rockwood; English Pleasure: Reserve, Ray Skoropad; trophy, Pam Worton; Working Hunter: Trophy tie, Pam Worton, Ray Skoropad; English Game: Reserve, Pam Worton; trophy, Linda Cox, Rockwood.

Obstacle Race: Reserve, Pam Worton; trophy, Ray Skoropad; Novice Pleasure: Reserve, Carla Wood, Acton; trophy, Linda Buchanan, Acton; Western Pleasure: Reserve, Lana English, Guelph; trophy, Bill Hacking; Trail: Reserve tie, Linda Dennis, Acton; Bob Dennis; trophy, Mo McGinnis, Rockwood; Reining: Reserve tie, Nelson Cole, Doug Wood, Acton; trophy, Bill Hacking; Pole Bending: Reserve tie, Tim Dales, Dave Taylor,



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Obituary

Lifelong resident dies at his home

A lifelong Acton area resident, John Mortimer Near, died in his home at 104 Mill St. E. on November 18.

Mr. Near moved into Acton five years ago, upon his retirement from a farm at R.R. 2, Acton. He had lived there since his birth on September 26, 1895, and was the son of Henry Near and the former Lavina Maude.

Mr. Near is survived by his wife, the former Emma Gilkes, two sons, Glen, R.R. 2, Arthur, and Earl, R.R. 5, Guelph, and two grandchildren, Katherine and Lisa. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Wm. (Myrtle) Bessey, living in Guelph.

Mr. Near was predeceased by his sister Pearl Bessey. He was a member of the United church. Funeral service was held on November 21 at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home with the Rev. Nelson and the Rev. Fosbury officiating. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ross Bessey, R.R. 2, Belwood, Elgin Bessey, Guelph, and Gordon Fines, Orton, all nephews, John Lightle Sr., Acton, John van der Brink, Acton and Andy Morden, Arthur.

Flower bearers were William Near, Acton; Ernest Near of Toronto; John Lightle Jr., Acton and Clarence Gamble, also of Acton.

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Board will study treatment of women

Haltion Board of Education will launch a study aimed at bringing in recommendations that would ensure the same opportunities for women in the system as exist for men if those opportunities don't already exist. Even though the study was authorized almost unanimously most trustees indicated that they felt there was no problem in Haltion.

The terms of reference provide for an investigation of relative opportunities for men and women at all levels in the system and to make recommendations to ensure equality of opportunity and encouragement for advancement and leadership if necessary.

The 15 person committee is expected to report back by Dec. 31, 1975. The committee is made up of trustees, senior administration, elementary and secondary teachers and principals and three members of the public.

In presenting the motion Mrs. Alexander said most administrators and trustees have assumed that there existed a fair and equal opportunity for all, yet in 1974 we do not have even one woman at the senior level of administration. There are three women principals at schools for the retarded but only four women principals out of 81 in other schools.

She said the Haltion Board compares favorably with other areas with regard to the inclusion of women in leadership groups, vice principal appointments and even principal appointments.

Tap resources
"However, if we are to tap the human resources that we have to the fullest extent, then direct action is needed at the board level. If we can identify and develop only four

women to the level of principal in our regular schools from a staff which includes 1,300 women, then the loss of leadership potential can only be a loss to our system and ultimately to our students."

While many trustees felt there was no problem and indicated that a study would only serve to support that viewpoint, Mrs. Alexander, Director of the Federated Women Teachers' Association of Ontario indicated that is not so.

She said this reporter than it wasn't an iffy question. "There is a problem." She noted results of random surveys of some of Haltion's female teachers indicate over 60 per cent would accept positions of responsibility if those positions were offered but only 50 per cent would apply for those positions.

She implied that the system provided encouragement for men but only rarely for women. She said men are approached via the grapevine and advised that so and so's position is coming open. That doesn't happen with women she indicated.

Trustee Tony Goodyear summed up the concern of several trustees when he identified what he felt was a danger of such a study. He

said the danger of people taking a certain number of appointments had to be made did exist. Trustee Fred Armitage amended the motion to delete the reference to opportunities in leadership for women and the motion now refers to a study into leadership and opportunity in education.

Mrs. Alexander said the amendment did not affect the terms of reference and would not weaken the committee efforts.

Trustee Edna Robinson, a former administrator with the board, recalled how Jim Hingston had encouraged her and actually convinced the Ministry of Education to permit a female appointment as principal of a secondary school.

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