Clergy Comment

Poor Get Poorer and Rich, Richer

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During the years since the end of World War 2 billions of dollars have been given to the poorer nations of the world. In spite of this, the poor get poorer and the rich get richer. Average per capita income in Canada is $2,650, while in Tanzania it is $70, why? The first reason is because we give with so many conditions attached to our gifts. Over 80 percent of international aid is "tied aid", which means the receiving country must buy what the giver wants him to — often what is not really needed. This keeps the developing nations in a state of dependence, not able to assert their own ideas or characteristics. Just as God created man in his image, so we are trying to shape the nations of the third world in our image. But this should not be.

The second reason the gap between the rich and poor is widening is because we are essentially only interested in ourselves. We have the money and the power and therefore force on others trade agreements which benefit us. Then we give small amounts to them in charity so that we feel good (and Christian!) and they feel like second class citizens.

OUR GAME, OUR RULES

A third reason that the gap has become wider is because many countries have been duped into playing our 'game' with our rules. Their own rich social and cultural values are sacrificed in favour of the overpowering economic values of the affluent nations. But in the game of "money, money, who has the money" they never have it.

From March 9-19 most of the churches in Canada are cooperating in sponsoring an educational program called "Ten Days for World Development." Unlike most other Lenten campaigns of the past, is not primarily a program to raise money. It will attempt to help us fulfill the first requirement of world development -- understanding. This is so important that many people are saying that it is better not to give at all than to give without understanding. Our ignorance of the real needs of people means that we increase their misery when we give what we think they need.

GIVE UP 'DO-GOODISM'

In this modern world of developing nations the Church can play a significant role, but we must give up our 'do-goodism', paternalistic attitudes. We live in a world of big business and political struggle, but many of the leaders of these companies or countries are also concerned people. They are not completely deaf to the Word of God for our day - unless it is not spoken. We must learn, we must be concerned and we must speak of God's love for all people.

The man who picks the coffee we drink, the bananas we eat, the sugar we use, receives but a few cents a day for his labour. We are dependent on him for our food, so it is our responsibility to see that he is fairly paid for his labour.

Ten Days for World Development - our brothers and sisters are waiting for our response. (Watch "Man Alive" on Channel 5 on Monday, March 12 and 19 for two programs related to this theme)

Things Not So Sweet in the Sugar Bush

Stan McEnery surveys maples that will go untapped in the Lloyd McEnery sugar bush near Limehouse.

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Maple Sugar time is neither here nor there for Georgetown area residents. The farmer having to live with that temperamental old lady known to most as Mother Nature, has found her more than uncooperative this year.

In order to have the sap flowing in the Sugar Maple to any extent you have to have warm days and cold nights, with temperatures in the day at an average of 40 degrees dropping at night to the freezing point.

Lloyd McEnery, who operates a sugar bush at Limehouse on the Bruce Trail, says the poor season and the high cost of labour has prevented him from setting up his operation. This means the closest Maple Sugar operation to Georgetown is near Acton.

However, Mr. McEnery says he is thinking of moving his equipment down the 6th Line to a new bush for next year.

Limehouse 4-H Girls Practice Modelling

On Saturday, seven Limehouse Cubs and their four leaders attended a resource conference for second year Cubs in Centennial School, Georgetown.

Eight displays were set up for the boys to learn about, including morse code signalling, coin and stamp collecting, paper sculpture, rope making, leatherwork, and a display by Bell Canada.

Limehouse Akela Steve Thompson set up the leatherwork display. Games, songs and lunch were included in the day.

Last Wednesday at the regular Cub meeting, two boys received badges. Bevin Palmateer received his collector's badge and Wayne Anderson his toymaker's badge.

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Thursday evening on the CBC 11 o'clock news, Colin Hoath commented while a film was shown of the polar bear named Huxley, performing on the belt machine designed by a local man, Wayne Lister.

He said Huxley would soon be brought to Ontario for further testing at the University of Guelph.

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Seven attended the 4-H club meeting at the home of the leader, Mrs. Anderson, Saturday.

A letter from home economist Mrs. Bannister mentioned achievement day and a summer garden. The girls practiced modelling and chose Cathy Rokols as commentator, and discussed background for their display.

They made buttonholes and sewed on buttons, including shank buttons. Mrs. Anderson demonstrated the tailored hem. The girls worked on their garments for the remainder of the session.

—Mrs. A. W. Benton.

Worked Here in Law Office

A former Georgetown woman died recently in hospital at Owen Sound.

Mrs. Jean Suddaby was a member of the law office staff of Hewson, Ord and Helson when she lived here, and a member of the Business & Professional Women's Club.

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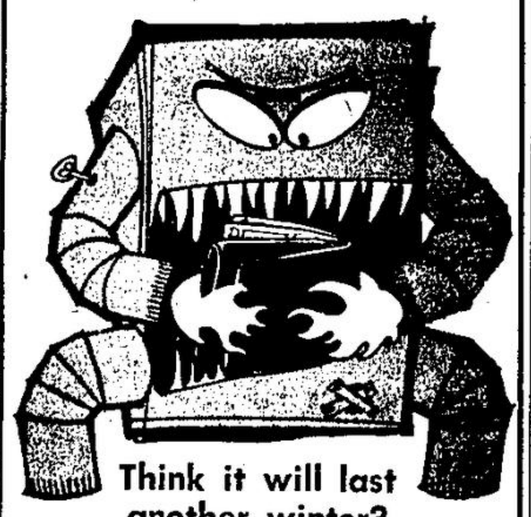

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