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Canuck Fighters Acquire Culture Between Battles

Troops Overseas Are Given Opportunity to Get a Sound Conception of Old World Lands

BY FRANK LOWE
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LONDON (CP)—For the Canadian soldier on the Western Front or in Italy, the difference between mud and culture is only a matter of hours.

Through the Canadian Legion Educational Services, servicemen even in the front line can acquire first-rate cultural backgrounds between their periods of battle by seeing the best Old World achievements and hearing the best Old World intellectual leaders.

Describing how this frontline university works, Dr. E. A. Chatwin, overseas director, said the plan gives the men tours and lectures which would cost a peacetime tourist "thousands upon thousands." As a typical example, since he has just returned from the Italian theatre, he took a program now operating in Rome.

Each week, 50 men, 18 hours after leaving the front line are quartered in a modern hotel, taken on sightseeing tours and given lectures.

The first morning is devoted to talks on early Roman history up to the time of the Pantheon was finished in 110 A.D. That afternoon they tour the city and visit the places they have heard about.

Next day they are told about the coming of the Christians to Rome and later visit the Catacombs, the Coliseum where Christians were thrown to the lions and magnificent churches of St. Paul's and St. Peter's.

The third day is devoted to a political history of Italy since its emergence in 1867 as a unified nation, and the economic geography of the country. This is followed by tours to modern buildings such as the Victor Emmanuel monument, the Medici Senate House where Mussolini once ruled, and the Palace of Justice. The final day is taken up with lectures on literature and art, ending with a visit to the current opera.

Experts in Charge

All lectures and tours are handled by experts — men such as Professor Ottaker, world-renowned authority on European history, and Professor Santoli, author of the Encyclopedia Italia.

Similar courses now are operating in Ghent, Brussels, Paris and Florence. No figures are available on how many men have taken advantage of these cultural periods on the Continent; but recently the 10,000th Canadian serviceman completed seven days in university under a similar scheme operating in Britain.

Dr. Chatwin said the chief value of the courses is to give the troops "a sound conception of the countries they are in . . . to help them understand the problems other countries face, to help make them true citizens of the world."

"We have to face the fact that Canada has to live with Italy and Germany, and to ensure the peace we must ensure that Canadians know these countries."

The scheme is another Canadian "first," said Dr. Chatwin. Although Britain has similar arrangements for her servicemen here, she has never applied it to the front line. The United States have no such scheme but man American soldiers have attended the Canadian sponsored courses.

TROOP TRAIN TRANSFER

TORONTO (CP)—Toronto's Voluntary Reception Committee, numbering 1,600 car owners, has met all troop trains entering the city for the past five years to ensure servicemen a ride home. Almost 1,900 servicemen whose families could not provide transportation, were driven home in 1944.

SAVE PIG, SAVE FOOD

When a farmer saves every possible pig farrowed, he save a lot of food. Each pig born dead represents a loss of about 140 lb. of food. A pig that dies at weaning time, when about 10 weeks old, costs an additional 120 lb. of food, and a pig that dies after being finished for market involves a loss of 990 lb.—almost half a ton.

TIPPING EGGS

LUNENBURG, N.S. (CP) — The custom of "tipping eggs" on Easter Monday, brought here by the Hanoverians in 1753, was observed again this year. Competitors roll hard-boiled eggs along the street. If a contestant breaks the shell of his egg, it is given to his opponent.

The Week at OTTAWA

By DOUGLAS GREEN
 Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, May 15th (CP)—Canadian consumers, many of whose normal requirements have remained unfulfilled because of the necessity of meeting war's urgent needs, received cheering news last week—but a note of caution tempered its recounting.

A statement issued on behalf of Finance Minister Isley described the way in which wartime controls were to be relaxed, the elimination of certain war taxes and the reduction of others.

In addition it placed emphasis upon the necessity of preventing inflation, warned that without "firm and careful" action there was even greater danger of a post-war rise in prices than that which occurred in the first 18 months after the last European war, and said that a large part of Canada's resources will remain mobilized for use in the war against Japan.

Reconversion from war to peacetime production will take time even where industrial plants can be released to make the switch-over, and there will be great demands on Canadian supplies for liberated countries.

No assurance was given that goods would be immediately available for civilian use, even though restriction on the manufacture of a number of household goods would be removed almost immediately.

"In particular," said the statement, "prohibitions on the manufacture of a number of household appliances and other consumer goods will be rescinded. It is not anticipated that such products will re-appear in the retail stores for some time but the resumption of employment in their production can now be expected."

Tax Reductions

The statement announced the elimination of the eight per cent. tax on building materials, the 10 per cent. war exchange tax on imported manufacturing and producer machinery and equipment and building materials and the 25 per cent. excise tax on household electric and gas appliances.

In addition, a cut from 25 to 10 per cent. in the excise tax on radios, phonographs and cameras was announced. The excise tax on passenger cars, previously ranging from 25 to 80 per cent., was changed to a flat 10 per cent. tax.

Changes in these taxes, said Mr. Isley, were necessitated now by the end of the war in Europe and the urgency of making "an early beginning in the transition to civilian production and employment." General tax changes must necessarily await action of parliament.

The report last week by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics that Canadian farmers have indicated they will seed 869,700 fewer acres to wheat this year than they did in 1944 recalls that even this reduced acreage is 914,500 acres above that recommended by the joint Dominion-provincial conference on agriculture held in Ottawa last December.

The conference advised that acreage planted to wheat be cut from 23,384,000 in 1944 to 21,500,000 acres this year, or 92 per cent. of the 1944 seeding.

However, the bureau said, the decrease in wheat acreage will be taken up by an increase in the acreages to be seeded to oats, barley, and flaxseed—a step recommended by the conference.

The report placed the intended barley acreage at 8,071,600, an increase of 11 per cent. over the 1944 acreage. The conference recommendation was that 1945 barley plantings be 10 per cent. greater than the 1944 figure.

For Canada as a whole the indicated acreage to be seeded to oats is 15,057,100 acres, against 14,315,000 for 1944. The indicated seeding to oats is below the recommended 16,000,000-acre figure.

For flaxseed the 1945 intended acreage is reported at 1,212,500 acres, a decrease of eight per cent. from the figure of 1,323,100 acres planted in 1944.

Farmers, the bureau said, have stressed the effect of a late spring season is causing them to shift to coarse grains and flaxseed.

Federal Nominations Close

Nearly 1,000 candidates entered the federal election field at the close of nomination Monday—the largest field in Canadian political history. A Canadian Press survey revealed that 965 candidates had been named by the various parties. The Liberals entered the largest number of candidates with 236 seats contested. The C.C.F. making its first nation-wide bid for power, entered 205 candidates. The Progressive Conservatives were right behind with 204 riding contested. The Social Credit and the Labor Progressive parties have 94 and 70 candidates, respectively, in the field.

ROYAL OAKS

WINDSOR, Englad (CP) — The King and Queen, Princess Elizabeth, Princess Margaret and the Duke of Norfolk planted red oaks in Windsor Great Park to commemorate the work done by British agriculture and Allied interest for the Red Cross.

Notice to Creditors

IN THE MATTER OF THE Estate of William Garbutt (otherwise known as William Robert Garbutt), late of the Township of Trafalgar, in the County of Halton, Farmer, deceased

All persons having claims against the estate of William Garbutt (otherwise known as William Robert Garbutt), late of the Township of Trafalgar, in the County of Halton, Farmer, deceased, who died on or about the 23rd day of February, 1945, are requested to send the same to the undersigned Solicitor on or before the 19th day of May, 1945; otherwise the estate will be distributed without regard to their claims.

GEORGE E. ELLIOTT,
 Solicitor for the Executrix
 49-3
 Milton, Ontario, April 27th, 1945

TOWN OF MILTON SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES

Town of Milton, County of Halton, To Wit:

Notice is hereby given that the list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes in the Town of Milton, in the year 1945, has been prepared and copies thereof may be had at the office of the Town Treasurer, that such list has been published in the Ontario Gazette on the 3rd day of March, 1945, and unless the arrears of taxes and costs as shown on such list are paid on or before 10 o'clock (Daylight Saving or Standard Time as may then be in force) in the forenoon on Tuesday, June 15th, 1945, the Treasurer of the Town of Milton will proceed to sell by public auction the said lands or such portion thereof as may be necessary, at the hour of 10 o'clock (Daylight Saving or Standard Time as may then be in force) in the forenoon of the said 5th day of June, 1945, at the Council Chamber in the Town Hall in the Town of Milton.

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1 Milton	Friday	5	9	4	20	7	9	11
2 Oakville	Tuesday	9	6	1	26	11	6	8
3 Georgetown	Wednesday	3	7	2	27	5	7	9
4 Acton	Thursday	4	8	3	28	6	8	10
6 Burlington	Monday	8	5	7	25	10	5	7

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