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Our Heritage Under Democracy

By WILLIAM GUY CARR

Never in the history of the world was there a time when it was so necessary and important that every man, woman and child living under the protection of the British Flag should learn the story of the sacrifice and efforts of generations of loyal and patriotic citizens who placed loyalty to their King, service to their country and the interests of their fellow men far and away ahead of their own personal ambitions to gain wealth or glory and brought about our democratic form of Government under a limited monarchy.

To-day there remains but two great Democracies, the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States of America. Most of the other great countries are under more or less totalitarian control. For reasons best known to themselves the dictators are not content with dictating to their own people, but their

organized forces and paid agents are in every other country in the world using carefully planned methods to undermine the loyalty of the people and to destroy their form of government so that ultimately they will become as vassal states under the power of despotism.

There is no more glaring example than what has happened to Spain. Everything belonging to the past is more or less destroyed — religion, national character, traditions and art. No matter which side has won in the bitter struggle, a dictatorship will be the result, be it Communist or Fascist. If those who were entrusted with the government of Spain prior to the revolution, failed in their duty to such an extent that the population grew so dissatisfied that their anger and bitterness went beyond control, it was the men who failed in their duty who were to blame, not the principle of democratic government. Why, then, destroy the system because the human element failed to carry out its duty? What have these countries which have come under the control of dictators received in return for what they have lost?

They have seen the fond traditions of the past uprooted and destroyed; they have seen religion persecuted and God blasphemed; the citizens have had their individual independence of thought and action taken from them; they have lost their freedom of speech; they have seen the sacredness of the home and home life destroyed; they have seen the reverence and respect in which we hold motherhood scoffed at. The age old right of an individual to use his initiative and leadership in politics and industry has been taken away.

In return what did the citizens of those countries which allowed their loyalty to be undermined, until the structure of democratic government toppled and was destroyed, receive?

Instead of religion their children are taught "There is no God". Instead of enjoying their independence as individuals, they are treated as a common herd. They must exercise as they are instructed; they must serve or drill; they must work as they are told to work; they must earn just so much; and they must eat and drink just what the law allows. Unlike this Country or the United States, those who do not like to do what they are told are placed in concentration camps. In dictator countries the Minister of Propaganda does the talking for them. They, the people, may still think, but they must not think out loud.

To us our home is our castle no matter how humble or poor it may be. As such it is held inviolate by the law of the land. No person may trespass upon, no officer of the law may enter into your property or home except by authority of the Crown. A special warrant is necessary for the purpose of making a search or an arrest to correct a breach of the law, or to apprehend a criminal, or to prevent a crime from being committed.

We believe that our system of family life is the heart-blood of the nation. We believe that parents are subject to the law of God; that the children are subject to their parents, and that the whole family, as good and loyal citizens are subject to the State, reserving only the right to demand that "The Government shall be of the People, by the People, for the People".

In dictator countries, citizens have no more freedom to determine their own lives than did the negro slaves before the Civil War. Their minds are trained from the age of reason to believe that which the dictator and his henchmen determine. They must live as they are directed to live and die when they are told to die. At best they are being trained so that in the opinion of their dictator they will make the most formidable opponents to an attacking enemy and the most docile ammunition fodder should the dictator decide upon a war "to establish the Country's rights".

We respect virtue in woman; we love and reverence our mothers. In dictator countries, love is scoffed at; romance is considered nonsense; marriage is immaterial; divorce easy. Women, providing they are certified

as being sound of limb and healthy in body are only valued for the purpose of procreating the human race.

Under our democratic rule we may vote as we wish. Communists and others attached to various 'isms' are allowed to talk over our Government-owned radio net works. In dictator countries you must vote as you are told, otherwise you are likely to be 'purged'. If you fail to raise your hand in the recognized manner of salute and yell loudly and lustily "Heil Hitler" (or whatever the cry may be according to which country is concerned) the flat side of a policeman's sword will catch you a crack on the head which will just about knock you senseless, and you will linger in jail, or be sent to a concentration camp, until you change your views, or at least your attitude towards the established rule.

The difference between English speaking people and those who have accepted dictatorship forms of government is this. From time immemorial up to the present day, the British people have dethroned and punished and have even destroyed those who failed to carry out their trust and oath of office, instead of destroying the constitution.

Ever since the signing of the Magna Charta by King John in 1215, the rights of the subject have been recognized and considered sacred. To-day we elect our representatives who govern through the Crown.

British history from 1215 to date has not always been a happy one, but it has been less boisterous than that of many other nations. To-day the Crown still sits secure upon the head of our Most Gracious Majesty, King George VI, as the symbol of democracy and it is still the link that binds the chain of Empire. Within our time, not excepting anything in the centuries which have passed since the signing of the Magna Charta, there has happened the most astounding event in all the history of the British race. That event was the abdication of King Edward VIII, and the crowning of our present King George VI. On the tenth day of December 1936, King Edward VIII renounced the throne. Two days later his younger brother assumed the responsibilities which go with sovereignty. For such unselfish devotion to duty all loyal citizens must always feel true and heartfelt gratitude.

Each and every one of us must realize that in accepting such a responsibility this ex-service man, who served his country and fought aboard H.M.S. "Collingwood" during the war, did not hesitate when the call of duty came. He was asked to assume far greater responsibilities than any other man on earth.

From 1914 at the age of eighteen, when in delicate health, he served in the great war as a midshipman and sub-lieutenant, very humble ranks in the Royal Navy. To-day Governments may come and Governments may go, Presidents may be elected and discarded, but his responsibilities go on until death relieves him of his burden.

He is fortunate as having as his wife the daughter of an illustrious family of noble race, Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore. The importance of and the sacredness of marriage and family life as a Christian and civilized institution was never more emphasized than when, on the twelfth day of December 1936, two days after his brother's abdication, he spoke in the Throne Room of St. James Palace. The King's audience consisted of the Lord Mayor of London, Aldermen and Sheriffs of London, three hundred members of the Privy Council, and the High Commissioners of India and the Dominions. The sad task of signing the Instrument of Abdication had just been completed. That Instrument read:

"Whereas, by Instrument of Abdication dated the tenth day of December instant, his former Majesty King Edward the Eighth has announced his irrevocable determination to renounce the Throne for Himself and His Descendants and the said Instrument has now taken effect whereby the Imperial Crown of Great Britain, Ireland and all other, His Former Majesty's dominions is now solely and rightfully come to

the High and Mighty Prince Albert Frederick Arthur George. We therefore the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm being here assisted with these of His Majesty's former Privy Council with number of other Principal Gentlemen of Quality, with Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of London, do now hereby with one voice and consent of tongue and heart publish and proclaim that the High and Mighty Prince Albert Frederick Arthur George is now become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord George the Sixth by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, To whom we do acknowledge all Faith and constant Obedience with all hearty and humble affection; beseeching God, by whom all Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Prince George the Sixth with long and happy reign over us.

Given at St. James' Palace this the twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six."

Words cannot describe nor can imagination properly picture the awe and solemnity of that momentous occasion, nor is it possible for any other person than himself to know how he felt when he bent his head and took upon his shoulders the weight of responsibility which had proved too great a burden for his elder brother. History records the fact that throwing back his head, and squaring his shoulders, he replied slowly in a firm clear voice, "I meet you to-day in circumstances which are without parallel in the history of our country. Now that the duties of sovereignty have fallen to me I declare to you my adherence to the strict principles of constitutional government, and my resolve to work before all else for the welfare of the British Commonwealth of Nations". Thus the new King spoke.

Then came a pause and in lower voice obviously shaken with emotion the man spoke. He spoke from his heart just the same as you and I might do... He was speaking as a man with a wife and family... and he said "With my wife and helpmate by my side I take up the heavy task which lies before me. In it I look for the support of my peoples".

Was a greater drama ever conceived by the mind of man, or a greater burden ever shouldered by an individual for the benefit of mankind since Christ Himself knelt in the Garden of Gethsemane and begged "Oh Lord if it be Thy will allow this chalice to part from me... but not my will Thy will be done".

In the light of these facts the Royal Visit to Canada must not be regarded as a show where crowds gathered to see a spectacle or satisfy their curiosity; it was an historic event of such tremendous importance that the eyes of the whole world were upon the Dominion. Radicals, and masters of international intrigue, will use the reception we gave the King and Queen as the yard stick by which to measure their future activities.

It is time that the ex-service men of the Dominion made it clearly and wily known that, while we believe in democracy and the liberty of the people, we are no longer going to sit quiet while unnaturalized aliens, disgruntled cranks, hired emissaries of other powers, and those addicted to the practice of Communism, Atheism, Nazism and other 'isms' work like termites to tear down our Constitution and the democratic form of Government which it has taken our forefathers generations to build up.

We must make these trouble-makers understand that deep down in our hearts we are loyal to the King and Queen and their beloved children. Let us leave no doubt in the minds of the people who inhabit the rest of the world, that we intend to give our only rightful and lawful Liege Lord George the Sixth all the support for which he asked when he became King.

On Thursday, June 15th Colin Sinclair of King celebrated his 83rd birthday at the home of his only daughter, Mrs. W. H. Ramsom. He has 6 children, six grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

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Dated at Richmond Hill, in the County of York this 14th day of June, 1939.

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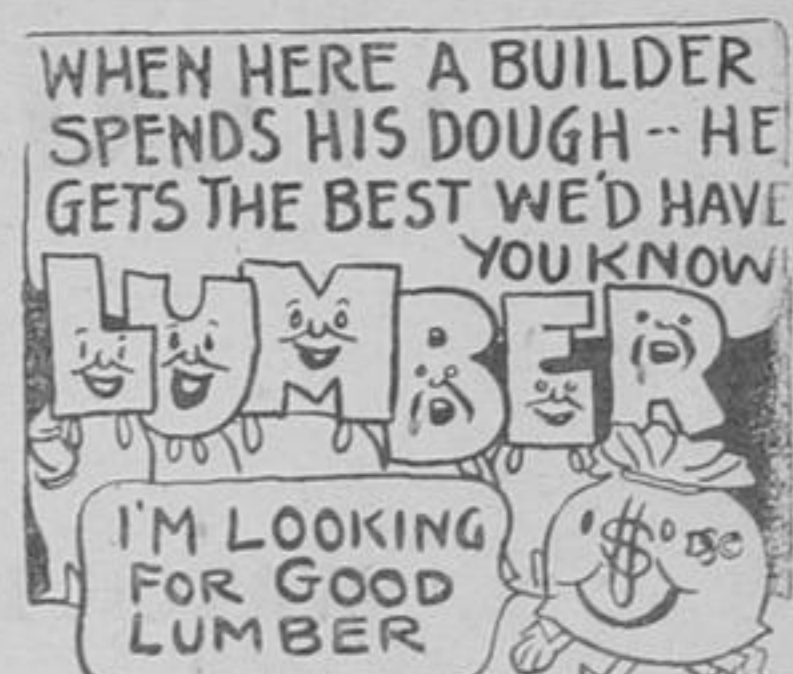
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