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POLITICAL PROPAGANDA ADVOCATES REORGANIZED SYSTEM OF PUBLIC CHARITY

As the political campaign of the federal Conservative party progresses the real policies of "re-actionary torism" have begun to show through the silver coating of the "progressive" prefix adopted at the Winnipeg convention. It becomes more and more evident that "progressive" is only a prefix to fool the people, and Mr. Bracken only a bit of window-dressing for the same old Tory policies which have brought disaster in other years.

Just how "progressive" the party is can be learned from "The Letter-Review", a propaganda sheet subsidized by interests concerned with the election of the Conservative party. "The Letter-Review" is a four page letter published each Monday, with resident editors in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. The subscription price is quoted as \$10.00 per year, so we take it that outside of its free distribution to editors and the like, the subscribers are mostly men with addresses on Bay St., Toronto or St. James St., Montreal.

The Liberal program of the present administration at Ottawa is criticised and a call issued for a Conservative government under which "free enterprise" may flourish. The present government should be defeated says this propaganda sheet so that a new Conservative administration can wipe out Unemployment Insurance, the Health Insurance Plan, the Industrial Development Bank, the public ownership of air-ways policy of the King Government and other projects which the "Letter-Review" says have been wastefully undertaken by the government.

The reactionary idea of the ideal Canada is expressed in these words by the "Letter-Review": "we want a re-organization of our system of public charity, so that those who cannot, OR WILL NOT PROVIDE FOR THEMSELVES, MAY AT LEAST BE FED AND CLOTHED."

The re-actionary tory view thus expressed is not what Canada wants for the future. Our boys are not fighting and dying for a Canada that will have any system of public "charity" to dole out the bare necessities to keep unfortunate ones "at least fed and clothed". The "Letter-Review" says the Liberal government is going to be thrown out of office because it has not the courage "to stand up for FREE ENTERPRISE". We could not follow a Liberal party which stood up for the free enterprise ideals of "The Letter-Review", and the re-actionary tory elements whose interests it and John Bracken are serving today.

We have absolutely no use for a system be it called "free enterprise" or any other name, which enables a few to exploit the people and resources of the country for the benefit of their own selfish interest and gain.

The powerful reactionary interests in Canada hope to poison the minds of the people against the present government, and then use the radical plans of the C.C.F. as a bogey to scare the electors into electing a reactionary tory administration, when the apostles of exploitation under the guise of "free enterprise" would have a field day.

The Liberal government has done a good war job, attested by the bitter attacks of its opponents conscious of this truth. There has been no new crop of millionaires in this war, and plans are well laid for a reconstruction period when the interests of the masses, not the interests of the few will be the concern of government. The alternatives to the Liberal policies of the present administration are the extreme socialism on the left, and the old reactionary torism on the right. The C.C.F. has many splendid policies but to attempt to cure our ills in the difficult post-war days by giving the government a mandate for state socialism is an experiment fraught with great danger. More dangerous is the threat of reactionary torism with its old policy of privilege for the few and as the "Letter-Review" says this week "a re-organization of PUBLIC CHARITY so that those who CANNOT OR WILL NOT provide for themselves, AT LEAST may be FED AND CLOTHED." Re-actionary torism is the same whether called by the prefix "progressive" or any other name. It is the same whether under the leadership of Meighen or Bracken. Canada wants none of it. We've had too much of it in the past.

The sinister propaganda of the re-actionaries must be defeated, if we are to have a Canada of tomorrow, worthy of the sacrifice of today.



A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada

(By Jim Greenblat)

How is Canada food-faring during the war years? Not badly at all. Despite rationing and certain shortages, civilian consumption of principal foods is at a higher level than pre-war years. According to "Canada at War" for April, in terms of nutrients our diet generally is better, and here is how the 1943 consumption compares with the average for 1935-39: total meat plus 12%, beef plus 29%, milk products, excluding butter, plus 18%, eggs plus 24%, butter minus 4% and sugar minus 20%.

With the eyes of Canada focused on the Health Insurance bill before Parliament, a recent health service survey is of interest, which shows an inequality of distribution in, principally, physicians. While urban areas and high income localities are not so badly off, there are many rural areas which have no doctors at all. This works a great hardship on the people, mainly affecting health of older people and the very young. By the way, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimates that persons 60 years and over will increase by 20 per cent in the next ten years. In March, 1943 Canada had 11,620 physicians, 3006 of which were in the armed forces. The ratio of increase of physicians has not kept pace with population as shown by a comparison of the year 1901 when we had 5475 for 5,371,315 population; in 1941 it was 11,160 for 11,506,656, or one doctor for every 1,094 of population. In the United States it was one for 794. The main problem is one of distribution it appears. It is notable, however, that in 1943 Canada had provided 4.5 physicians for every 1000 men and women in the armed forces.

An engineering graduate of the University of Toronto, Flt.-Lieut. W. E. Cowie of Ottawa is responsible for the research which brought improvement of the parachute to be used by the R.C.A.F., which is much less costly, gives greater ease of movement and is completely fool-proof. It will be used by fighter pilots, instructors and trainees in Canada. No longer will they lug behind them the cumbersome parachute pack containing the canopy. The new device enables the man to carry only the harness, while the pack remains in the cockpit. Sgt. George Bennett of Chatham and Hamilton, Ont., a veteran of 1,306 parachute jumps made the test jumps necessary.

There apparently is pressing need for officers and seamen to sign agreements with Merchant Seamen's Manning Pools established in Canada to engage for service for the duration of the war, or for two years, whichever is the lesser period, on foreign-going ships of Canadian registry. The Canadian government has arranged to operate a number of ships constructed in this country and a continuous flow of trained seamen is, of course, necessary. As a special inducement merchant seamen so signing will be provided once a year with round-trip transportation at a cost to the seamen of one-third of the single first class or coach fare, for their annual leave.

An enemy of food production on our farms is the lowly weed. The department of agriculture shows what can happen if weeds are left to go to seed. For instance a single plant of wild mustard, stinkweed, fox-tail or pigweed produces from 10,000 to 20,000 seeds; shepherd's purse will run as high as 50,000 and the tumbling mustard about 1,500,000. What could a field chuck full of them do?

Hon. J. L. Ilsley, minister of finance, hit the nail on the head addressing a gathering of residents of organized women's groups held in Ottawa last January, when he said that the government could not have made its stabilization policy work without the co-operation of women of Canada. Price control would have broken down entirely but for their support, he said, and if they had not been prepared generally to economize,

to observe price ceilings, to refrain from hoarding and to practice conservation, nothing the government could do could possibly have been effective. This coming week has been set aside in Canada to pay tribute to the women for the part they have played.

Approved by German authorities, pamphlets have been forwarded to Berne, Switzerland for distribution to Canadian prisoners of war in Germany. Subjects covered deal with advice to the next-of-kin, handling of the home pay account; insurance assignments, disposal of credit balances; rate of exchange; advances of pay by the detaining power; disposal of personal effects; promotions; mail and parcels; educational facilities and rehabilitation benefits. The pamphlet will help the camp spokesman or Senior Canadian in advising the lads of arrangements made on their behalf by the various departments of government concerned with their welfare.

Processors of fruits and vegetables (the essential kind) are now being asked by National Selective Service to produce in maximum quantities this year with the indication that every effort will be made to see that labour is on hand when needed, during the critical coming season; and this even while high priority industries are also looking for additional labor now.

Beautiful Niagara Falls and wartime needs! The House of Commons was told of an agreement for a temporary additional diversion of water at Niagara, about 4,000 cubic feet of water per second, on the Canadian side. For wartime only, the additional energy estimated at 620,000 K.W.G. per day, will be made available for use in the United States. Engineers of both countries are taking all feasible steps to minimize any effect of the diversion on the scenic beauty of the Falls.

The farmer, under certain conditions, is liable to excess profits tax, that is if his profits, on all his farm operations after deducting the proper allowances for expenses etc., amount to more than \$5,000. But there are qualifications. He is entitled in calculating his tax, to deduct from his total profits a salary allowance for himself of not less than \$2,500 and not more than \$5,000, if he is a full time farmer, of course. A very clarifying statement in this connection has been issued by the Income Tax Department to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, whose address is 165 Sparks Street, Ottawa. This Federation has issued a special press release and presume that anyone interested could get a copy. It simplifies figuring out what is usually a headachy job.

Reduction of the butter ration for Canadians, temporarily in June, is influenced by the fact that output during the first four months of this year declined 12.4 per cent or nearly eight million pounds as compared with the same period a year ago. As against this our record of cheese production for the same period showed an increase of 27.8 per cent. The subsidy of 30 cents a hundred pounds has a big bearing on that, undoubtedly.

When the tea and coffee ration upped 40 per cent recently it is quite likely that tea was more welcome to farm workers than urban workers, and for coffee vice versa. An unofficial estimate is that 90 per cent of farmers drink tea.

Because some employers do not keep adequate books and records some difficulty is arising in administration of the Unemployment Insurance Act, says a Department of Labor release, and regional inspectors have been given authority to remedy the situation. While they do not want to force small employers to have elaborate book-keeping systems, yet there are certain requirements which must be met, mainly records giving name and address of each employee, whether insurable or not, actual days of work done by each, pay periods, gross remuneration and deductions for the purpose of contributions.

New regulations now permit Mobilization Boards to grant postponement from military training to male school teachers for an unlimited time instead of six months as has been the case.

Specific retail ceiling prices for spring lamb went into effect throughout Canada on May 1.

Man leaves his footprints on the sands of time. A woman leaves her lipstick.

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