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## "Tight Money" Hurts Municipalities

The municipalities, like so many other segments of the community, are faced today with a serious problem of "tight money". Spiralling interest rates are forcing the municipalities to pay higher and higher rates for any money they have to borrow. Interest rates in some cases have hit a record high of 7 and 7 1/2%. Even the agency set up by the Provincial government to aid the municipalities in financing of schools sewers and water, The Ontario Municipal Improvement Corporation, has set its current rate at 6 1/2%. Long term debenture issues at high interest rates will mean ratepayers will be paying for such capital costs as schools at high interest rates long after there has been a material drop in the rate.

Premier Leslie Frost admits "immense concern" over the prospects. "Our great highways program, our huge hydro expansions, our work in eliminating pollution have been built on the foundation of a favourable credit situation".

The municipalities have as much to fear as Premier Frost. Rapidly expanding communities are hard pressed for new schools, roads, sewers and increas-

ed municipal services. But the ultimate cost of financing these things, at six percent interest or more, is going to be double what it was several years ago. Unless some additional funds are made available municipalities will be forced to cut essential services.

At the recent annual convention of the Ontario Municipal Association, the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs for Ontario, Mr. J. W. P. Carter urged municipalities to stay out of long term (more than 10 years) financing except in emergency projects "as long as this funny money situation exists." A layoff in borrowing would have a great impact on the future availability and borrowing of cash. Minor items should be paid for on a "pay-as-you-go" basis and municipalities should establish a revolving cash fund which should not be nibbled at as a cracker barrel.

Leading Canadian economists have predicted there will be no early end to "tight money". If that is to be the case then it is the duty of the Federal Government to provide some special provision so that the provinces and the municipalities will not be cut-off from badly needed funds.

## Yongehurst P. O. Location

The facts of the case in the matter of the recent change of location of Yongehurst Post Office are now well-known. What is still a mystery is the reason for the move. Mr. Cathers, the M.P. on whose advice the change of location was apparently made, has stated that Mrs. Costoff who had been sworn in as Postmistress at the original office was — at 63 — too old. However, Mrs. Costoff has claimed publicly that, (1) her daughter's name had first been suggested; (2) the post office department itself suggested that Mrs. Costoff would be more acceptable and (3) that Mrs. Costoff was then formally sworn in as postmistress.

Mrs. Costoff and her supporters have also persisted to claim that no indication whatsoever was given at the time Mrs. Costoff was sworn in that the swearing-in was merely a stop-gap arrangement or temporary in form. They go further and claim that no mention was made at any time that this lady's appointment was to be a temporary one. They further allege that even to date they have received no official notice in writing to the change of location. Apparently it is true the only notice given at any time was verbal notice by a post office inspector. Within ten days the location was summarily changed without further ado.

We have made a full and thorough investigation into this matter. Complaints have continued to come into our office and we could do nothing less. We would like to make it clear that we have discovered no complaints whatsoever against the administration of the Yongehurst Post Office by Mrs. Costoff. Nor have we received any complaints

since the transfer against the new Postmaster, Mr. James Craigie.

What the post office department does not seem to understand is that the normal tenor of many peoples' lives in the district have been affected and upset by this strange business which still remains to be explained.

The argument as to age seems to hold little water. It has been shown that there are postmasters close by who are in their seventies. It has been shown the post office has set age 70 as the upper age limit and on this basis Mrs. Costoff has another seven years to run.

The overwhelming evidence points to the fact that while the new location is not all that bad, the original site, mainly because of its location on the main highway, was clearly more convenient for the majority of the existing residents. This position may change with the development of other subdivisions in the Weldrick Road area, but today the position is that the Yongehurst Road site is much the preferred position.

In all these circumstances it has been impossible to understand why the post office department should have arbitrarily changed the location without consultation with the residents concerned and the department has not assisted by keeping so quiet in the matter. We urge that the department make a public statement NOW to explain its action. We would point out that a lot of people are deeply concerned and the explanation requires to be completely satisfying.

Has the post office department such a satisfying explanation to offer?



## Facts and Faith

(By Rev. Calvin Chambers)  
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL

We are living in an age when the individual seems to be of little or no importance. Many a man feels like a cog in a big machine, because of the assembly line and mass production era in which we live. The small business, with all of its local color, has been swept away in so many places by the efficiency of the super market and large department store.

In the realm of politics the ordinary man on the street no longer believes that his opinion really counts. It is diplomats, committees, lobby groups which make and determine the actions of a country. We may condemn the Nazi's and the Communists for the way they have treated human beings, but much of our Western way of life is marked by similar outlooks. Our lack of concern for the individual reveals how much we need a new insight into the meaning of human life.

Sometimes the Church is cursed with the same neglectful spirit. How often we are tempted to imagine that a worship service is a success in terms of the number who are in attendance. We often give the impression that we are more concerned about the "how much" or "how many," rather than on "who." A church is considered "a going concern" if it adds fifty to sixty new members each year. We are impressed with statistics, but lack interest in the individuals.

All this indicates that the Christian must fight to maintain a right sense of values, especially in the realm of the individual. How important is each man! Jesus tells us that the very hairs of our heads are numbered. If God notices the sparrow that falls, how much does he notice and value the individual man.

This truth needs to burn its way into our hearts if the Church is to witness effectively to people who feel lost and alone — who feel the universe is against them. Only Christ can give us a real concern and interest in the individual. The love of Christ in us, sees the importance of the individual. This love is something we cannot manufacture ourselves. It is a gift given whenever we come under the power and control of the One who said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down His life for his friends." The Cross, tells the story of One who laid down His life for all men.

On the cross Jesus was still concerned with the individual. He promised the thief, paradise, he gave his sorrowing mother into the hands of John. He prayed for forgiveness upon all who had harmed him. His spirit in us, can make us like Him. And if we are, then we will always see the importance of the individual in every experience of life.

## "Dear Mr. Editor"

Disapproves Change Yongehurst P.O.

Dear Mr. Editor: Re change of Yongehurst P.O. we have dealt with the Costoff family at Yongehurst Grocery for more than 11 years and found them conscientious, honest and very efficient. Bill Costoff, and his wife, who operated the store for the greater part of this time, worked hard for the community, supporting all our activities. I would like to ask Mr. Cathers and all concerned with the Post Office change a few questions.

Why move the location of the post office from Yonge Street at the bus stop, from a thriving grocery store with a full time postmistress (duly sworn in) to a location off the beaten track on Weldrick Road, which is often impassable in the winter, and put in a small variety store, with no full time postmistress, and with only one other house on that side of the road from Yonge St. to Bathurst?

Hillsview Drive, May Ave., and Yonge St. residents would certainly find it almost impossible to walk all that distance for their mail. In fact numerous people on Yongehurst find it too inconvenient. It seems that Weldrick Rd. people will be the only ones to benefit, and even they will still be dealing with the Yongehurst Grocery.

It just doesn't add up, and as for the excuse given as Mrs. Costoff's age, she is one of the most alert and efficient storekeepers in our area.

Sincerely,  
M. Blackburn,  
Yongehurst Road

Advertising in "The Liberal" Gets Results

Dear Mr. Editor: If, during the "Open House" which marked the opening last week of the new office and store of York Office Equipment in Richmond Hill, there had been only one third of the number of visitors, we should have been more than satisfied.

As it was, so many people came in during the three-day event that our wildest expectations were far exceeded.

We used "The Liberal" exclusively for our advertising and it is only fitting that we should say "thank you" to you and your staff for the fine co-operation which we received and for the excellent results obtained, together with our congratulations on the "pulling power" of advertising in the Richmond Hill Liberal. York Office Equipment, F. J. Picking, President

Paul Delmer

## Corrects Spelling Error

WHEN IS A MAN'S NAME RIGHT? Is the spelling correct when it is recorded on his birth certificate? Or the way it is spelt in the newspapers in his own country by his own countrymen? Or should we accept the spelling imposed by a foreign press?

Well, I have not personally seen Nikita Khrushchov's birth certificate so I cannot testify that this or that is the way the name is spelt thereon.

Every reader of this paper can tell me how the Western Press spells it. Or ought to be able to do so — it appears in print often enough and always spelt KHRUSHCHEV. A year or so ago there was however no such conformity. This particular spelling grew on the press gradually. Today it is universal. Last week a leading daily paper sent out hoards of reporters and photographers armed with dollar bills to award each person accosted so "correctly" spelt this name. Only one out of fifteen spelt the name correctly according to what the daily newspaper considered to be the correct spelling. But most of them were universal in ending the name with the letters EV. A dollar was given the fifteenth who spelt the name KHRUSHCHEV.

He too, and the entire Western Press, according to the Soviet Press, is wrong. The correct spelling is with an O, i.e., KHRUSHCHOV! This is the way it is always spelt in English language journals published by the Soviets themselves. This is how the "Moscow News" spells it. This is an English language weekly newspaper any tourist in the USSR can buy on the bookstalls there. Are there any readers who have toured in the Soviet Union who can confirm this? Also available in Moscow in every Intourist office is an English language "Review of the Soviet Press" published by the Soviet Information Bureau. This publication consistently spells the Soviet leader's name "KHRUSHCHOV".

We should therefore be able to concede that Khrushchov's own Nationals and Government departments know how to spell their leader's name. I wonder how it came to be changed and what Khrushchov himself thinks when he sees his own name mis-spelt in every English language journal he sees?

Since this was written I have noticed that the same Toronto daily which gave dollar bills to people who "correctly" spelt the Soviet leader's name KHRUSHCHEV, has now swung over completely (without public comment) to my spelling. I imagine the Soviet authorities here put them right!

Talking about Soviet publications, it is not generally realized here that Soviet citizens who are able to read in foreign languages have the whole world of literature available to them. There are the equivalent of our public libraries everywhere. Anyone may borrow from them. I visited one in Moscow and saw there the collected works of authors from every country in the world. The poetry of Homer, Erasmus's "Praise of Folly", the collected works of Bernard Shaw, H. G. Wells, Mark Twain, Ernest Hemingway, and scores of others including of course all the works of Shakespeare. The library was overflowing with books in the English and other languages on the subjects of fiction, philosophy, history, mathematics, physics and other sciences by foreign authors. Many of them are translated into Russian and other Soviet languages. There are more than sixty languages spoken in the Soviet Union. The study of one foreign language is compulsory in all schools, so it cannot be said that there are not many who can enjoy this feast in the world's literature.

Support for my lone forecast two weeks ago, when I plumped for a Labour Victory in the British General Election has grown very rapidly. Within ten days of the forecast the British Premier was himself almost convinced of the very real possibility.

When Labour first came to power in 1945, the Government nationalized the steel industry. When Churchill recovered power six years later, his government restored steel to private enterprise. The Labour Party is pledged to re-nationalize the industry. Like a game of noughts and crosses! The same game has been played with road haulage and here too the Labour Party is pledged to re-nationalize.

But it is not on these issues that victory will be achieved. It will be won because a majority of Britishers have always been persuaded that a Labour Government is more likely to be successful in negotiation with the Communist world. And Labour's promise to make a new bid to break the nuclear deadlock and lead the world to peace will have a very powerful appeal to millions of voters. Gaitskell's victory at the polls will bring sweeping changes in Foreign Policy which cannot fail to affect the entire British Commonwealth. Labour is pledged to establish a neutral zone between East and West consisting of East and West Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Labour proposes also to neutralize the Middle East and to take it out of Cold War politics. The Labour Party is also pledged to vote and urge other countries to vote for the admission of the Communist Government of China to the United Nations. They are also pledged to end nuclear tests, regardless of what other nations decide. In practice both the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R., at least temporarily, have banned further tests. So this last appeal loses force. However, their combined and total appeal to the yearnings of people everywhere is likely to bring a new premier into office this month. Only time will tell whether that will be a good thing or not. If Labour achieves office and fails to lead the world to peace as it claims that it will do, then the British Liberal Party may once more after nearly half a century in eclipse, find itself being much sought after.

On the local front this week there is much to report. Richmond Hill has its first beauty queen, "Miss Allencourt" with her attendants. They will be taken on a tour of their "kingdom" in an open sports car as guests of Shelton-Mansell Motors Ltd. Their "subjects" are invited to turn out to welcome them.

At the end of this month, on the 29th, 30th and 31st of October, in another contest, a "Miss Richmond Heights" will be selected. Later it is mooted that a "Miss Yonge Street" and a "Miss Bayview", a "Miss Thornhill" and a "Miss Maple" shall be sought. All these queens would then compete for the title "Miss Richmond Hill". The merchants really are enlivening things in the district and deserve the support of local people who should make it a habit to "shop locally".

The people of the town were pleasantly surprised when they saw the "Majorettes" perform on Richmond Heights recently. There were many remarks like this, "I did not know we had anything like this in the Hill". The same merchants of Richmond Heights who thus introduced the police trained "Majorettes" who made such a hit, will introduce the Richmond Hill Police Band during the dollar days at the end of October. This will be the band's first public performance though they have been studiously practicing for some months. All who saw the "Majorettes" will know that the band will prove another treat. The town has a pretty useful police force, don't you think?

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