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The Destructive Left

The middle class throughout the free world is under constant harassment these days from a militant, violent and dedicated group of left-wing revolutionaries who are bent on the final destruction of our way of life. They want to replace our society, our values, our traditions with a Communist, collective type of society where the well-being of the individual is subordinate to the will of the state — a state and a government which will not tolerate the ordinary free play of diverse political thought in the community and which will install a Communist dictatorship and complete the farce by calling it a "people's democracy".

said, "once you begin to pit your own judgments before the judgments of society, and put violence and the use of threats before law and order, then democracy is dead". If we allow a breakdown in law and order to take place, if we allow a ruthless, misguided minority to destroy our free institutions then we all shall be losers. The maintenance of law and order is basic to the creation of a satisfactory climate in which the parliamentary process can grow and develop and, in doing so, meet the changing patterns of society.

Yonge Not Thoroughway

Markham Township Director of Planning Kunio Hidaka has alerted Southern York County to a destructive danger facing communities in the Yonge Street corridor. Planner Hidaka particularly singled out the Town of Richmond Hill as being threatened with a kind of development death. But his warning should surely be noted equally by Thornhill, Langstaff, Richvale, Oak Ridge and Yonge Street communities to the north.

mentation that the Yonge Street corridor urgently needs attention. We must strive to make it much safer, more beautiful and more useful. Planners in Markham, Vaughan, Whitchurch and King Townships, and in Richmond Hill, should be paying increasing attention to the condition of Yonge Street. Indeed, Yonge Street improvements are even now underway in the town and great effort is being exerted by citizens and businessmen to do a good job.

Letters to the Editors

LET QUEBEC SEPARATE Dear Mr. Editor: If Rene Levesque, the Parti Quebecois and separatists succeed in the April 29 provincial election it may mean the end of French culture in North America. English Canada should cooperate if Quebec leaves. In every national crisis since 1867, the Red River Rebellion 1870, the Northwest Rebellion 1885, World War I, the depression when constitutional problems disrupted effective action, and World War II, the presence of Quebec in Confederation was a source of weakness, not strength. If Quebec separates, Canada should say "bon voyage" and there should be no army of occupation east of the Ottawa.

and press will soon wither and die. One of the motives for Irish independence in 1917 was the preservation of Gaelic culture. The Irish government has made strong efforts, but today Gaelic is a dying tongue, used mainly by a few thousand in the extreme west of Ireland. From across the Irish sea, English TV, radio, press and business are submerging Gaelic culture. In one St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, a sign was carried "If you are Irish, speak Irish". It was written in English so people could understand it. I hope Quebec stays in Canada and preserves French culture, but this is not our fight. We, the Anglophone majority, will have our future decided by Quebec as to whether we stay in Confederation or join the U.S.A. We can only be interested observers. The present threat of separatism has already cost Quebec a serious flight of capital, unemployment, and economic loss. Actual separation will cost Quebec even more in dollars, but by separating, Rene Levesque and company will probably soon destroy the French culture they claim to defend.

Individual enterprise and strong moral fibre are to be found in many walks of life and in many persons whose living may spring from private business, from government duties or from employment by huge, impersonal concerns such as General Motors. It is doubtful to me that the search for more dollars at any cost to other people is, especially conducive to strong moral fibre: and whilst, it certainly is true that it is a natural desire to make your own way, it is surely quite as true that it is also a natural desire to help others and oneself at the same time. As for the quotation from Winston Churchill — whoever wishes, intends or is actually building a "society in which nobody counts for anything — where enterprise gains no reward, and thrift no privileges"? The Liberals? The Conservatives? The NDP? I cannot imagine Pierre Trudeau, Robert Stanfield or Tommy Douglas taking such a stand. RONALD PERRY, 298 Palmer Avenue, Richmond Hill.



Anarchy On The March



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

The Important Role Of The Surveyor

Survey parties doing their field work with theodolite and tape are a common sight during the fine weather. The instrumentman, peering through a transit (theodolite) as it is commonly called, and the chainmen out measuring distances seem just a natural part of the scenery. Without the surveyor, the opening up of the North American continent would have been hampered. Always advancing with the pioneer homesteader and builder and often well ahead of them, the surveyor provided that slender but indispensable vanguard without which settlement would have been utterly chaotic and lawless.

Surveying has been defined as the art or science of measuring the physical features and boundaries of any portion of the earth's surface and delineating them clearly on a map or plan. The part of the earth's surface to be surveyed varies from continents to foundations for cottages. There are many specialties in the field of surveying. Geodetic surveyors make precise surveys of large areas taking into account the curved surface of the earth. Topographic surveyors delineate the physical features and configurations of land surfaces such as mountains, lakes, rivers; and the location of cities, tunnels and routes of one kind and another. Hydrographic surveyors measure the depth of water in lakes and rivers. Mine surveyors establish the length and direction of mine shafts (vertical and adits (horizontal)). Construction surveyors set out the stakes to guide construction crews and land surveyors make all the surveys pertaining to property boundaries. Land surveyors constitute the largest group.

Surveyors may be professionals or technicians. It is a field women may enter, but so far it is predominantly male.

Surveyors seldom work alone. The typical survey party consists of three or more men — the chief, who may be a licensed surveyor, plus two or three technicians. The instrument man sets up and operates such instruments as the theodolite, transit, level, tellurimeter and geodimeter. The chainmen measure distances and the rodmen use a level rod or range pole to assist in measuring elevations, distances and directions. In addition there may be axemen to help clear lines through bush and forest and to perform other simple tasks. Most apprentice surveyors carry out all these tasks at some stage of their career for there is no better preparation for the man who plans to direct a survey party than to be able to do a stint of the work himself.

In the Spotlight

By MARY MONKS

Baha'i "Happening" Coming To Rochdale College This Month

When I was growing up, two topics were never brought to the dinner table — politics and religion. Being something of a rebel, I offended on both scores, to the discomfiture of my mother, and the delight of my radical father. It is this separation of belief from living, which still exists in far too many quarters, that is responsible for the more obvious divisions in humanity.

Christian and Jew, Protestant and Roman Catholic, black and white, each is bounded by his own dogma and hang-ups, and each believes himself to be of the chosen people and the devil take the rest. I've always liked (?) the story of a heaven composed of many walled cities, with every sect snug behind its own high wall, ignorant of the fact that the other guys got a place up there as well.

The founder predicted a world-wide social change of sweeping proportions, both materially and spiritually. It is with the latter that the Baha'i is concerned, and since it is the youth of the world who are most sensitive to the change occurring in the structure of society at all levels, it is to youth that the movement has its greatest appeal. These are the people on whom the future depends, and the ideals of Baha'i offer new hope on a pretty murky horizon.

The central message of the Baha'i community is the complete unification of all mankind as the only remedy for the ills which beset us. While this sounds a rather far-flung and nebulous ideal which has been preached before only to be overlaid by the arrogance of a man, the ideal being lost and forgotten beneath a welter of form, liturgy and often bigotry, the members of the community are taking practical steps to reclaim those who have dropped out through despair and lack of any constructive alternatives, and one of the first rules of Baha'i is "no drinks, no drugs". Many addicted to both have been reclaimed and given new purpose, including well-known entertainers and musicians. There is no evangelism in the community, certainly no tub-thumping or hallelujahs, but, to quote one of the members, "These young people are vital, lively and 'with it', having a sense of direction and 'high' on happiness and brother-

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOOKS RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY New Spring Arrivals Offer Wide Selections

MYSTERY Bell, Josephine, "The Fennister Affair". Sally Combes had just finished a two-month temporary job as a secretary to her uncle in Bermuda. As a farewell present, he arranged for her to go on a cruise around the Caribbean aboard the M. S. "Selina". It seemed an ideal holiday but —

FICTION Becker, Stephen, "When The War Is Over". Sometimes a little piece of history comes to light after a long time, and falls into the hands of an artist. He proceeds to tell lies about it — for it is part of a serious novelist's job to tell important lies with luck and skill create a greater truth.

Butler, William, "The House At Akiya". This haunting novel set in modern Japan tells the story of a man possessed. Butler is a master of psychological narrative for which his economical but poetic prose is particularly fitting.

Drabble, Margaret, "The Waterfall". The Waterfall is a strong modern expression of the concept of body and soul — an exploration of the physicality that engulfs human life.

Harris, MacDonald, "Trepfeff". The narrator of this sad, funny, completely engrossing book is a successful psychiatrist with a lovely wife and family and all the toys that middle affluence can buy.

Renault, Mary, "Fire From Heaven". The Story of Alexander the Great's life from childhood to the age of twenty when he succeeded his murdered father, King Philip of Macedonia.

NON-FICTION Collard, Elizabeth, "Nineteenth Century Pottery And Porcelain In Canada". The results of 20 years' research, this study, the first of its kind, is a survey of the ceramic wares used by Canadians in the nineteenth century.

Causo, Thalassa, "Making Things Grow". Here at last, for everyone who has ever wanted to grow beautiful houseplants is a book that dispels forever the troublesome myth of the green thumb and shows you exactly what to do — winter, summer, spring and fall — to make your potted plants, window boxes and hanging plants flourish and give delight.

Dominis, John, "The Cats Of Africa". One's first encounter with a pride of lions is an unforgettable experience. Suddenly someone says "Lions". It is as simple as that. There they are, 15 of them, a couple of fine males, half a dozen females and an assortment of cubs — all lying in a stupor, scattered over the ground like tawny bolsters, drunk with sleep, sun and food.

Heliman, Lillian, "An Unfinished Woman". An Unfinished Woman speaks for Lillian Heliman's life in the world outside the theatre. It is in no sense a predictable theatrical memoir. Instead she offers a detailed, unsparring self-scrutiny and a passionate, sometimes comic, always candid account of her experiences which range from New Orleans and Hollywood, in Spain during the Civil War, or in Moscow and Leningrad during World War II and twenty years later.

Massingham, Betty, "Flower Arranging In Color". A complete A to Z guide to the tricky but worthwhile art of flower arranging, all types of flower arrangement are clearly described from small arrangements for the house, to larger arrangements for weddings, churches and parties.

Shirer, William, "The Collapse Of The Third Republic". In six lonely weeks in the spring and summer of 1940 a single battle brought down in total military defeat one of the world's great powers — its second largest empire, an old and highly civilized democracy which Thomas Jefferson said was "Every man's second country". The world watched Hitler's defeat of the French Army. Spremo, Boris, "Boris Spremo (Continued on Page 14)

Murder Of The Countryside

(St. Thomas Times-Journal) Dozens of gravel pit operations across Canada are rapidly chewing up thousands of acres of beautiful countryside and causing misery to hundreds of families.

They disrupt the life of long-established and once quiet rural communities with the almost-constant roar of heavy gravel truck traffic. For those living close to pit operations, noise and dust are constant vexations. Properties are devalued.

This should be stopped. Pits should be cleaned up, and they should not be permitted to continue operations on the doorstep of residential communities. More important, priorities must be established — peace and comfort must take precedence over profit and gain.

Municipalities are almost powerless to regulate the gravel industry, and most provinces have made only weak efforts to regulate the operators. Ontario, for example, is considering recommendations of a legislative committee that would require operators to pay security deposits of up to \$100,000 to the government to insure the rehabilitation of lands spoiled by the industry.

The recommendations, which give nothing more than political lip service to the growing protest against the operators, are not good enough. They are only a patronizing gesture to those who have suffered over the years at the hands of the operators.

It is time the industry cooperated with municipal and provincial governments to try to find a way that will make gravel pit mining acceptable to local communities. If this cannot be done, then it is time to ban gravel pits from inhabited areas.

Catholic Trustees Set Policy For Members Attending Conventions

Faced with long lists of conferences and conventions concerning various aspects of education, York County Roman Catholic School Board recently agreed it should have a policy to serve as a guide to trustees and administrators.

At its regular meeting on April 7, the board approved policy recommendations presented by Superintendent Joe Hodge. The policy will allow each trustee a budget of \$300 for the year; expense statements must be submitted following each convention attended.

The policy requires that, if travelling by air, the trustee must buy an economy class ticket, but if travelling by train may travel first class. The board will pay ten cents a mile for trustees travelling by car, or the amount of economy class air-fare — whichever is the lesser, and if two or more people are attending the same convention the policy recommends they share transportation whenever possible.

Registration fee and an allowance of up to \$35 a day will be paid for out of town conventions. For local conventions and conferences trustees will be reimbursed for expenses plus mileage.

Trustees will be given discretion in selecting conventions, conferences or workshops they wish to attend, choosing from a list to be prepared by Mr. Hodge. There is no obligation for a trustee to attend a convention in any year, but the preamble to the policy states:

"In order for board members to keep properly informed about educational developments and practices, and to become more thoroughly conversant with their role as trustees, and to exchange ideas with trustees and senior officials from other jurisdictions, the board believes that its members should, from time to time, attend conventions, conferences or workshops."

It is also recommended that for companionship and discussion purposes, at least two trustees attend a convention. AURORA: Scanlon Bakeries, which recently shut down and put more than 100 people out of work, is back in operation under a new name, Granny's. The firm will continue to turn out the well-known Granny's butter tarts.

County Board Committee Updates Vocational Education

With many new vocational courses now operating in York County Board of Education secondary schools, the board's advisory vocational committee is taking a hard look at equipment, facilities, and the relationship of courses to business and industrial needs. Several sub-committees have been appointed, including laymen who are skilled in various areas of business and industry as well as trustees, administrators and teachers of vocational courses.