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## THE NAZI RADIO

There is no exaggeration in describing Canadian radio as at present operating as verging on the Nazi type of administration. When any public utility is conducted in dictatorial fashion for the advantage of a small group and the use of a select few, it surely has developed the true Nazi characteristics. Radio—owned by all the people, paid for by all the people—in Canada has assumed such a discrimination in favour of the few that it can scarcely escape the brand of Nazism. The Advance recently has repeated examples of the sort of thing on which the charge of Nazism is based. All will remember the case of Mr. Geo. McCullough, who was refused a privilege that was freely granted to friends of the Dominion administration. Another case was that of the attitude to the Sirois report. Mackenzie King Liberals were allowed to express their views on the Sirois report on the air but Col. Geo. S. Drew was flatly refused that privilege, even though he was ready to pay for it. In that particular case, Canadian Radio left no doubt as to what it meant, as the refusal of paid time to Col. Drew was sandwiched in between two radio addresses by friends of the King party on the same report. Another case of the Nazi spirit animating the conduct of radio was the refusal to allow Dr. Shields, of Toronto, to purchase time to reply to an attack upon him over the air. One of the more recent illustrations of Nazi radio was the instance of the broadcasting of the Ontario Property Owners' annual banquet. In other years this banquet has been regularly given place on the air. This year, however, no such privilege was accorded it. The only apparent reason for the refusal to broadcast the banquet this year was the fact that Premier Hepburn was a guest speaker at the event.

In a recent issue The Advance pointed out how iniquitous the present conduct of the radio appeared to be, by transferring the Nazi radio policy to the conduct of the post office. Surely there would be an uproar, if Geo. McCullough, Dr. Shields, Col. Drew and Premier Hepburn were refused use of the mails simply because they did not belong to the little party headed by Premier Mackenzie King. There have been frequent objections in parliament because it was thought that one or other political party made so large use of free privileges of the post office department, but there has never been any suggestion that any party at any time was ever questioned as to the right to use the mails on a paid basis. To make the suggestion that the mails are not open for use, paid or unpaid, for certain improper purposes, is simply to beg the question:—Does this apply only to one party? In regard to the cases quoted no honest man pretends that there was any intention to use the radio for any improper purpose. Mr. McCullough, Dr. Shields, Col. Drew, Premier Hepburn were simply suspected of taking another side of the questions beloved by Premier King's dock. Indeed, there is reason to believe that it was not what they were going to say that affected the decision, but rather the fact that they were not of "the party of the part of a party." In any case, the refusal to give them fair play and British liberty was made without any knowledge of what they might say. For all the Radio Commission knew, or cared, Mr. McCullough might have been ready to talk about soap, Dr. Shields about soup, Col. Drew about coffee, and Premier Hepburn about cheese—all tried and tested radio topics that are believed completely innocuous.

It is interesting to note that in addition to the radio that would develop from carrying the Nazi radio principle into that post office department, the same idea could be extended to the National Railways. If Mr. McCullough, Dr. Shields, Col. Drew and Premier Hepburn are to be deprived of legitimate radio facilities, why should they be allowed to use the national railways, even if ready to pay their fares, Parliament is in session at Ottawa at present, and it does seem that this is the wonderful chance of Mr. Pouliot, member for Temiscouata, Quebec. No one could bring the matter so brilliantly before the public as could Mr. Pouliot. He could explain with graphic words that having established the principle that the radio is only for the good little followers of the sanctified Mr. King, steps should be taken at once to carry the ruling to its logical outcome and apply it to post office and railways. It already applies to government purchasing departments, he might add in one of those witty flashes of his. Mr. Pouliot will see in this extension of the Nazi radio idea the only hope for the freedom, the security, the happiness and the prosperity of those who adore only a little part of a great party. While this sort of logic may appeal to the mentality of men like Mr. Pouliot, it is more than doubtful if it will be accepted by the people of Canada in general. Already they have made it plain that railways and post office facilities are the property of all the people of Canada and for the use of all, irrespective of party or parts of party. What The

Advance urges at the present time is that the people find ways and means to make it plain that the contemptible prostitution of the radio will not be tolerated. It is vital that even the stress of war should not be permitted to obscure the danger in permitting Nazi ideas to gain hold in the administration of the property of all the people.

## NAZIS TO THE RESCUE!

Newspaper despatches say that Nazi troops are now pouring into Spain, but not with warlike thought, but rather on a mission of rescue—to rescue the people of Spain who are the victims of the disaster of the recent violent storm that visited that land, leaving in its wake a trail of fire, homeless and destitute people, and illness and misery. Any people who can picture the Nazis in the role of angels of rescue have such exuberant imaginations that they should be under restraint in an institution. The rescue work record of the Nazis is one that condemns them as the most brutal and unprincipled nation of thugs and gangsters that ever cursed the earth. The Huns marched into Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Holland, France, to "rescue" these nations, according to the Nazi propaganda, but the bitter facts of the case brand this form of "rescue" as the most despicable and degraded form of enslavement and abuse. Some of the nations that have been over-run may once have believed in the theory of "rescue," but today they realize in the bitterest fashion how little of rescue and how much of slavery and oppression has come their way. There may be glib neutral peoples who imagined there was some possibility of thought of rescue in the minds of the Huns as they journeyed along their gangster paths. With the record of the past year and a half, however, only the deliberately foolish will place any faith in the thought of German rescue aims. What appears to have happened is that the Huns have taken advantage of the calamity that visited Spain to force upon that country a form of help it did not desire. Dictator Franco apparently was able to stall off the Hitler gangsters until his country was overtaken by the recent disaster. With all the misery faced by his people, he no doubt was forced to allow the entry of medical units of the Nazi forces. With them, however, travelled such a horde of fighting men and equipment, that the invasion appears to have had all thoughts of rescue overshadowed by the movement of troops. There appears to be every likelihood that Britain realizes the percentage of rescue and the proportion of warlike plans contained in the German mission to Spain. It appears to be plain that the Nazis under cover of rescue talk are simply preparing for a land invasion of Gibraltar. London, England, newspapers appear to understand the situation and to suggest that the British authorities are ready to cope with the problem and to see to it that the Huns will not be able to use any backdoor plans of "rescuing" Gibraltar from the British.

## HEADS UP!

In recent weeks there appears to be some tendency on the part of some people to return to the gloomy view of the war that many held in the dark days around the time of Dunkirk and the fall of France. In a local restaurant the other night a group of young men drifted from melancholy talk about the possible length of the war to suggestions that it was not a surety that Britain would win in the end. There is no sense or reason in such ramblings. The facts of the case—the facts of life—are all against them. In the dark days after Dunkirk, there might have been some excuse for gloomy forebodings, though it is well worth while for all in Canada to recall the attitude of the British people at that time. The very time when conditions were at their gloomiest was the time when the British roused to the greatest cheerfulness and assurance. And it wasn't a case of "whistling to keep up the courage." It was a case of whistling to make the work go along the speedier. The optimism that counts is the optimism that works, that strives, that refuses to believe in anything but victory. "Now Britain is all alone!" was the German taunt. The British reply was, in effect:—"Yes, we're all alone—the whole four hundred odd millions of us."

To the gloomy logicians, let it be said that all the facts, all the logic, all the sound common sense are on the side of British victory. The British have the resources in men, money, material, supplies to match the world at arms. Above all, the British have the spirit—the spirit of courage, of determination, of energy, of work that makes failure impossible. All this is on the record for all to read. It is not "wishful thinking" to gather together all the data on record of the strength of Britain and the immeasurably greater strength that may be built up on land and sea and in the air. As a matter of sound reasoning, Britain cannot lose. The record so far proves to the thoughtful man or woman that for the gangsters to win the British will have to throw away the victory. Let it be said that this is something the British will not do—will not think of doing—whatever the gloomy guesses think or say. It is true that victory will not come from fine words. But it is worth noting that the ones who are working and striving and fighting are the confident ones, the cheerful ones, the ones who know. It would be wrong to waste time boasting or building false hopes. But it is even more mischievous and vicious to waste precious time and strength painting gloomy pictures that are a travesty on the truth.

## LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Watson, of Fort William, were visitors to Timmins last week.

Mrs. S. Walter and daughter Nora, of Smooth Rock Falls, are visiting in Timmins.

Mrs. F. Turcotte, of Kapuskasing, was called to Timmins last week owing to the illness of her mother.

Mr. Roy Fritz left on Friday for his home in Toronto, and to spend some time with relatives in Hamilton.

Miss Doris Passmore left last week to visit friends in Toronto.

Miss "Mickey" Lang of Sundridge, is the guest this week of her sister, Miss Patricia Lang.

Miss Orva McGrath spent the week-end with friends in Kirkland Lake.

Mr. Bill Sanson left last week to spend a few weeks in the Bahamas before going to California where he will take a course in aeronautics.

Mrs. C. E. Taylor and son, Bobby, and nephew, Peter Caldbick, were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Caldbick.

On only one day's notice, Hubert Smiley, manager of the Kapuskasing branch of the Dominion Stores, was called to report at North Bay depot of the R.C.A.F. for immediate acceptance. He had enrolled some weeks previously when the mobile recruiting unit was in Kapuskasing.

Police Magistrate S. Atkinson, of Halleybury, who is senior police magistrate for this part of the North, and who presides at police court at Timmins, South Porcupine, Kirkland Lake, Elk Lake, Englishart, New Liskeard, Halleybury, Cobalt, Latchford, was recently elected as a member of the executive of the Ontario Magistrates Association at the annual meeting of that body in Toronto.

Among the personal notes in The Halleyburian last week was the following of local interest:—"Robert Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peters, Browning street, is the latest Halleybury boy to sign up with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Robert, who has been employed at a mine in the Porcupine district for the past year, enlisted last week and has his medical and other tests for the force. He is now awaiting a call to report for duty, according to his last letter home, and hopes to pay his parents a visit before going on active service."



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## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

From Africa there still comes news of progress and success to British Arms. From Albania and Lybia the news still is pleasing and promising. Britain is better prepared for any possible invasion than ever before. The air raids on Britain appear to be under better control than ever. But there is the threat to Greece from the expected German march through Bulgaria. There is the menace of Japanese moves in the East. There are people who cannot see the volume of good news for the page or two of ill report. To these—to all—again The Advance commends the words of the King:—"Put into your task whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshakable. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips, and our heads held high, and with God's help we shall not fail."

"Loyalty to the party" was once a political slogan, but it has been superseded by the call to be loyal to "a part of a party."

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## World Day of Prayer to be Held Here on Friday, February 28

The World Day of Prayer service will be held locally this year in St. Matthew's Anglican Church basement meeting hall on Friday, Feb. 28th, at 3 p.m.

A cordial invitation is extended to women of the town and vicinity to attend and join in this service.

An offering will be taken which will be sent to the Inter-Board Committee of Women's Missionary Societies of Canada for the distribution of mis-

sonary literature.

As an introduction to the World Day of Prayer on Friday a broadcast will be given from Ottawa by Mrs. Wade, Dominion President of the Anglican Women's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, on Thursday, Feb. 27th, at 4:45 pm

The Women's Day of Prayer will be observed at South Porcupine on Friday, Feb. 28th, in St. Paul's Anglican Church at 3 p.m. The congregations of both churches will unite for this service of women.

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over some of the private radio stations making immense profits out of an improper private monopoly? Or is this idea against the Nazi principles of radio operation in Canada?

Announcement is made that the province of Ontario will pay a bonus on hogs. If anyone asks why the province should do this, rather than the Dominion, the answer is that the Dominion has been bonusing hogs for quite a while.

The radio feature, "The Theatre of Freedom", would be more popular under a different name. To refer to "Freedom" in connection with anything over the radio is to irritate or rouse to laughter. It is akin to the radio trick of referring to Hitler and Mussolini as "the sweethearts."

Some of the official utterances about the purchase of war savings stamps give a suggestion to the municipalities at the moment. At present some municipalities are finding it necessary to prosecute citizens for failure to buy dog licenses for their pets. Why not issue appeals such as:—"Buy your dog license to-day, and save the town from bankruptcy to-morrow."

## Presentation of Veteran Jewels at I.O.O.F. Lodge

There was an event of special interest at a recent meeting of Timmins Lodge No. 459 I.O.O.F., this being the presentation of Veteran Jewels to two popular and valued Oddfellows who have won the honour by twenty-five years' service to Oddfellowship.

At the Lodge meeting there was a large attendance no less than 22 Past Grands being present.

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Bro. W. H. Pritchard, P.G., presented the 25 years' Veteran's Jewel to Bro. Geo. Hogg, of Cobalt Lodge.

Bro. Geo. S. Drew, P.G., presented the 25 years' Veteran's Jewel to Bro. W. J. J. Richardson of Parry Sound Lodge.

Both members thus honoured made apt and suitable replies, thanking their lodges for the honour conferred and speaking of the value and inspiration of Oddfellowship.

After the lodge, the members were entertained at supper by the entertainment committee.

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