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WE HATE COMMUNISM

Cited in theory as a form of government in which the means of production, the natural resources and the profits derived from the investment of moneys are shared equitably by all the people, communism evolves, on being put in practice, into a form of government wherein the people yield all rights to the state — and to a state controlled by one man. Communism is another word for dictatorship.

And we hate dictatorship.

Following no party lines, we may alternately praise or criticize the Liberals, the Conservatives, or any other organization currently flaunting the third party banner — to the extent they adhere to, or turn away from, a system of government which may be democratic.

The democratic system of government we understand to be the one which allots to the individual the fullest possible measure of individual freedom in the many phases which go to make up the individual life. It is this system of democracy which is most despised by communists. It is this individual freedom which communism must destroy to survive.

Defenders of Communism point with pride to the splendid, heroic record of the U.S.S.R. We incline to the belief that Canadian communists' knowledge of Russia consists solely of what information has been doled out by Soviet bureaux of propaganda. Few have gained any knowledge of Russia from first-hand experience. Russia has seen to that. No country has offered less opportunity to the independent observer than has Russia.

Russia has in the past twenty years shown remarkable progress. Perhaps in another twenty years it will attain the standards of living made possible under democracy. They have had a long way to come, on a hard and difficult road. And they have progressed, let us not doubt that. But their progress compares favourably only with the progress made under their former rulers. It has little to teach the democratic countries except the fact that to achieve such progress, one of the most ruthless administrations the world has known had to be put into effect.

Any suggestion that we follow a similar system in Canada oversteps the borders of ideology.

Defenders of communism point with pride to Russia's record in the last war. And certainly the record of the Russian Army the field is a glorious one, into which has been written the eventual defeat of that section of the German army which confronted it.

But we cannot see what pride Canadian communists can take in the fact that Russia refused to make a treaty with Britain when that country first faced a possible conflict with Germany — another dictatorship. Russia also contrived useful terms with the Japanese — another dictatorship.

Russia went to war with Germany only when that country's armies had crossed the Russian borders. Russia entered the war, not to aid the United Nations, but because she had to fight to survive.

That she did survive is in itself a tribute to Russia — and to the amount of supplies which she sought and received from the United Nations, AND to the fact that she managed to keep out of the war with our enemies, the Japanese, AND to the fact that the United Nations destroyed the fighting effectiveness of the German navy, air-force, and a considerable portion of the German army.

Following the cessation of hostilities, Russia continues to show progress of a kind. Nearly a dozen small countries have been occupied in one form or another to ensure that Russia is bounded by "friendly" countries. How many more countries it will be necessary to occupy in order to make certain that the "friendly" countries are in turn bordered by, let us say "neighbourly" countries only Russia knows and only time will tell.

Judged by the past, Russia's contributions to world political thoughts and deeds will be decided solely on the basis of Russia's own welfare, and without any consideration for the welfare of others. A communist state, dictator-controlled, need not be expected to support either the ideas or the ideals of democratically governed countries.

And what does a small-time editor in an Ontario mining town hope to accomplish by writing the foregoing paragraphs?

We are not stupid enough to imagine that Stalin will lose any sleep over this editorial. His snores will sound as rhythmically as ever before. Russia will continue to "progress" along the lines he lays down.

Granted. What particularly grips this writer and what brings this editorial into print is the fact that Stalin, dictator of the communist state of Russia, is not content to let it go at that. The communist octopus must stretch into every country in the world. The communists must interfere, as best they can, in any and every form of democratic activity.

A good example of this subversive action is given the spotlight in Ottawa this week. Another example occurred in the complications which the communists managed to intrude into the deliberations of the Windsor strike.

And what worries us is the possibility of the communists — "Labor-Progressive" is the current word for them, we believe — making the necessary co-operation between miners and mine-operators even more difficult to obtain. For we have communists in the Porcupine Camp. And Communism is the same in Canada as it is in Russia. By whatever means come to communist hands, they intend to make the administration of democracy difficult and in time impossible. Communism is anti-democratic, it is therefore anti-Canadian.

Those who support the Labor-Progressive group in this country are supporting a pro-

gram which would establish communism here and we point out again: communism is anti-democratic, therefore anti-Canadian. This country has fought too hard against the dictatorships in Germany, Japan and Italy, to submit quietly to the policies imposed by a dictator anywhere.

Let us be friendly to Russia. Let us cooperate with Russia if we can. Let us at the same time preserve in this country the principles of democracy. Let us defend ourselves against those of the Labor-Progressive group who refuse to support those principles — who, indeed, are at present working against them. Let us keep a watchful eye on this group which, though almost ridiculously small, has shown it can be ridiculously dangerous in the amount of interference it can accomplish.

This group exists in the Porcupine Camp, which sent some 3,000 of its best to fight for democracy and against dictatorship. Let's not stop fighting now.

We hate communism.

WAS IT ALL IN VAIN

Under the above heading, the Northern News of Kirkland Lake undertakes to improve our education. We print it in humility and shame.

After all the publicity Kirkland Lake and district has received in the past few years, there's still one newspaper in Northern Ontario that hasn't the faintest idea of how many people make their home here.

We're sure it wasn't intentional but last week's issue of The Porcupine Advance declared "As Kirkland Lake's population does not approach 50 per cent of that of Timmins, anything they do should be well within our scope here."

This statement was part of an editorial urging the formation of a youth organization in Timmins similar to the locally successful Kly Klub.

According to the paragraph we quote from The Advance editorial, Kirkland Lake must be struggling along with a population somewhere between 12,000 and 15,000 people.

The municipal assessment bureau here sets the present population of Kirkland Lake at in excess of 20,000. The population of Teck Township in which Kirkland Lake is situated is something like 24,000.

The 1944 assessment in Timmins set their population at 24,000. Allowing for a healthy post-war boom, it is probably not now more than 30,000. Timmins' peak year, 1941, saw an assessed population of 29,140.

There are the facts and figures. — Porcupine Advance please copy.

WE GREATLY SYMPATHIZE

We think we know how the Editor of the Northern News must feel. Obviously a gentleman, a scholar and a booster for Kirkland Lake, Comrade Hornick has seen his population decimated by the stupidity of a neighbouring editor.

We are sorry, but "all the publicity Kirkland Lake and district has received in the past years," did not reach us. We were mucking about with population trends in Europe at the time. That does not excuse us, of course — there are books of reference. We have since checked them over. Even they seem affected by the war years.

The best the Dominion Bureau of Statistics can do for us is give us the figures of 1941. And here's what puzzles us, Hornick, old boy — our 1943-44 "Canada Year Book" put out by the Bureau of Statistics fails to list Kirkland Lake at all. We can't find it. Either our eyes are dimmed, or the Bureau is getting as careless as we are.

Give us another year and our reference library will be up to date. Meanwhile, we've marked in the margin of the Bureau of Statistics' little tome, the fact that Kirkland Lake's population is in excess of 20,000 and still we hope, going strong.

In addition its population is much more conscious of the recreational needs of its young people than is Timmins, which has a population round the 30,000 mark, not including those who use the jail as a lodging house.

TINNED GOODS FOR EUROPE

The Senior Catholic Women's League has started something. We wish it every success. Here's how it goes: The C. W. L. plans to put up signs in the grocery stores, urging people when buying tinned goods for themselves, to buy a tin for the people of Europe and drop it into a carton to be provided.

Whether this is the most practical scheme in the world, we wouldn't know. We do know that it gives everyone a chance to make some small sacrifice for the good of others. That is a Christian act, the opportunity for which will be welcomed by many.

THE CANCER APPEAL

In April a province-wide campaign will be organized by the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation to raise two million dollars for an all-out war against cancer, second only to heart trouble as a "killer" disease.

The plan provided would help save 80% of those attacked by cancer. The foundation comprises a board of men and women of this province, advised by 24 leading medical authorities on the disease. It is hoped to organize and conduct prevention clinics where required to pay a proportion of the cost of treatment for those needing financial help, to conduct programs of research and education.

The foundation hopes to receive the co-operation of every community in Ontario.

World News in Review

The United States FBI chief, Edgar Hoover, has announced the arrest of Lieut. N. Redin of the Soviet navy on espionage charges. Arrested as he was about to board a Soviet naval vessel, the lieutenant had been under observation for months.

Two "want of confidence" motions were defeated by the Liberals in the House of Commons this week. They defeated a Conservative amendment by 149 - 49 and a C.C.F. amendment by 182 to 25.

Russian troops are now reported as withdrawing from Iran, leaving other nations to ponder on what agreement was arrived at, before the move was ordered. The Russian delegate to the UNO security council made an implied threat to walk out if the case is discussed before Apr. 10. The U.S. has asked for an immediate hearing.

Canada's new governor general, Field Marshall Viscount Alexander, will arrive here about Apr. 10.

First definite signs of starvation have been reported in Hamburg, Germany, where looting of food stores has increased.

Former Air Minister Power, has declared in Ottawa that the Canadian people will demand swift justice for

"this most heinous of crimes." He was referring to the spy probe now being conducted, in which a Labor-Progressive M.P. Fred Rose has been charged under the Official Secrets Act.

Sudbury's tax rate has been upped 3.3 mills to a new rate of 47.3 mills. It is still considerably under the rate in Timmins, as is the separate school rate, only 1.5 higher than for public school supporters.

Mrs. Evelyn Dick, 26, has been charged this week with the murder of her husband, John Dick, whose torso was discovered off a district roadway, more than a week or so, by playing children.

A new government order in the U.S. has clamped restrictions on building any new commercial or industrial construction unless specially authorized; this, in order to conserve materials for veterans homes. The objective is 2,700,000 new homes in the next two years.

A 6'3"3 German P.O.W. jumped off a train somewhere between Graton and Ayley, east of Mattawa, last Saturday night. He is 28, with blue eyes, brown hair. His nose is long and straight. His name Hanz Hilbert.

Mrs. Edward Towers Buried Wednesday

Requiem high mass was solemnized on Wednesday morning at the Church of the Nativity with Rev. Father O'Gorman officiating, during the funeral services held in that church for the late Mrs. Edward Towers, who passed away early Sunday morning at her home, at the age of 31 years.

Mrs. Towers, a life-long resident of the town, was known to many people here. She had been in failing health for the past seven years and had been confined to her bed for a period of six months prior to her passing. Her mother, Mrs. E. J. McDonald, predeceased her in September of 1943.

The deceased was born in Timmins on Mar. 13, 1916, her maiden name being Mary Elizabeth McDonald. Her father now resides at 8 John Ave.

Mrs. Towers received her education at St. Anthony's school and the Holy Family school, spending her first year of secondary school at the Cobalt high school. Following an academic course, she took a commercial course at the local high school.

After her graduation she worked as bookkeeper for the Beatty Washer Company for a period of five years. Her marriage to Edward Towers, formerly of Cobalt, took place on June 1, 1937. Mr. Towers is the owner of Towers Refrigeration here.

Surviving, beside her husband, are two sisters: Mrs. Len Godin of Hamilton, who was present for the funeral, Mrs. Earl Cavanaugh of 8 John Ave., and one brother, O. S. Jack McDonald of the R.C.N.V.R., in Halifax, who was also present for the funeral.

Previous to the services the body rested at Walker's funeral home.

An uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Leo McDonald of Ansonville, and another aunt, Mrs. P. J. McDonald of Cobalt were also present for the services.

Pall bearers were Al Smiley, Harvey Webb, Charles Vachon, Johnny Van Rassel, Tommy Goodman and James Aspin of Kirkland Lake.

Evidence of the high esteem in which Mrs. Towers was held in Timmins was shown in the large number of friends attending and the many floral tributes received.



Again Bert and I report for the column, Jim Knell, in the last report we had of him, was stated to be doing fairly well under the circumstances and we sincerely hope he continues doing well.

This week, to our sick members out of town, we send our best wishes for a speedy return, to Billy Terriere and Tom Grenfell in Toronto General Hospital.

Comrade Art Saint, our messenger of good will visited these comrades this week on his monthly trip to Toronto, taking them a little sunshine from Timmins.

Harry Pope of Toronto visited Billy a few times in the last week or two reports Billy was doing alright and certainly making himself acquainted.

The Fish Supper sponsored by Al last Saturday afternoon, will not be a habitual occurrence, as someone sug-

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sides, and can give with the comedy, too. In his role as Howie, the sailor who can't get to sea until he fakes, what amounts to a desertion and is forcibly sent there, Drake is given every opportunity to proclaim that he is about to become one of filmland's outstanding personalities.

Opposite him, as his girl-friend Spar, Chris, Janet Blair is in just about her most captivating role to date. She, too, sings and dances and, of course, looks as gorgeous as usual.

Models' Slaying Baffles Crime Doctor

Models' slayings stun the Latin Quarter! Radio's Crime Doctor trails his most amazing foe... and the trail leads to a triple murder and triple chills for audiences as they watch Columbia Pictures' "The Crime Doctor's Warning" coming to the Palace Theatre, Sunday midnight. What is the painting of death? ... What secrets were locked in the mind of the man without a memory? ... When will the murderer strike again? Only the Crime Doctor knows the killer... but will he live to tell the police?

Starring Warner Baxter in the title role, the film features John Lital, Dusty Anderson, Coulter Irwin, Miles Mander, John Abbott and Edward Ciannelli. William Castle directed from the story and screenplay written by Eric Taylor.

Second half of this program at the Palace for Monday and Tuesday only is a top-flight musical film "The Gentleman Misbehaves."

Milland, Goddard Return in "Kitty"

Although Rosamond Marshall's story of a street girl's rise to the boulevards of the nobility in the England of Gainsborough's day has been cleaned up for the consumption of film audiences, the screen version of the novel still manages to generate considerable heat. The picture, has been given a racy, mischievous quality that makes it most flavorful entertainment for adults, at the Cartier on Wednesday and Thursday next.

The Kitty of the story is snatched from the gutter by a decadent heel of a peer and transformed by him into a lady for the selfish purpose of advancing his own fortunes.

The girl's first marriage is to a rich ironmonger. After his death she is won by a duke heading the British foreign office. This second marriage enables her mentor to win back the post from which he was removed by the duke.

Notes To You

Went to Purim Ball,
jfw

Western and Comedy For Weekend Fans

"The Laramie Trail" will please western fans at the Cartier on Friday and Saturday.

Bob Livingston and Smiley Burnett, at first suspected of murder, unravel a mysterious fire-slaying, shoot it out with culprits responsible and save a youthful cowpuncher whom the daughter of a Spanish rancher loves. Efforts of a comic-crook lawyer to involve Livingston in the slayings come to naught when a mysterious stranger seeking the cowboy star proves to be his brother and not someone seeking vengeance.

"The Blonde Stayed On", with Andy Clyde, and Episode No. 7 of the "Tiger Woman" Serial, with movietone news.

"Hargrove" Sequel Is Shown At Cartier

Movie-goers looking for a laugh will find it at The Cartier on Monday and Tuesday.

The characters created by Marion Hargrove in "See Here, Private Hargrove" have inspired a sequel that serves the cause of comedy equally well as did the original. Any version one may have to war pictures now that the conflict is over cannot justifiably apply in this instance since "What Next, Corporal Hargrove?" looks at the late disturbance strictly through the eyes of a humorist.

The film strives purely for fun, and a laugh is a laugh whatever the background. Its entertainment is such that the offering will be heavily patronized wherever placed on display. Played in the spirit in which it was conceived, the picture marches along snappily, not one dull moment being allowed to intrude.

Tuxis And Trail Ranger Group Hold Joint Meeting

The Tuxis and Trail Ranger groups of the First United Church met in joint meeting at the church last week. Following a short business meeting, carried on individually by each group, the members adjourned and were shown films on herring fishing in Northern Canada.

Jobs Follow Organization

But Employers and Workers Must Assist

During the war organization of manpower was made possible through co-operation of employers and workers.

This co-operation is no less necessary to assist in organizing the employment market during the present critical period.

Some manpower controls still remain. These are still law. They are aimed at assisting in organizing the employment market.

Remaining controls are designed to help employers and workers—and actually require only minor assistance from the public.

YOU ARE URGED TO COMPLY WITH THE FOUR CONTROLS WHICH REMAIN:

- 1—Employers MUST notify the National Employment Office of any need for workers, as soon as that need is known.
- 2—Where employers engage workers outside the National Employment Service they MUST notify the nearest NES Office within three days, that an employee has been engaged. (Form NSS 312 is provided for this purpose.)
- 3—Unemployed workers seeking employment MUST register with the National Employment Office if unemployed for seven consecutive days.
- 4—Generally speaking, any employer or employee MUST give seven days' notice to the other party of any intention to terminate employment. (Form NSS 120 is still required.) Exceptions may be learned from the nearest NES Office.

The partners to industry—employers and employees—should help the National Employment Service to promote a high level of employment by complying with these simple rules.

Only with public support can an employment service give full assistance to the community.

Make full use of the Local Office of the National Employment Service. It is there to serve your needs, and those of the entire Community.

