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## SO RED THE ROSE

"Perverted publicity to smoke - screen attacks upon the Labor movement are most detrimental to Canada's best interests, contrary to principles of political democracy, and cannot be allowed to go unchallenged by a people that fought and bled in a second world war to make the world safe from Fascism," so reads (of all things) a portion of the resolution presented by the Labor-Progressive party recently forwarded to Ottawa.

What the resolution is really beefing about is the publicity given by the free press of Canada to the anti-Canadian activities of a number of communists currently operating under their title of "Labor-Progressive".

We would point out that criticism of the Labor-Progressive Party is not criticism of Labor as such, nor of Labor unions. It is simply a criticism of communist activities being conducted within this democracy.

We would point out, further, that the people who fought and bled in the second world war are quite capable of speaking for themselves - and the last group to deserve the privilege of speaking for the armed forces is the Labor-Progressive party, a group whose anti-democratic stand was particularly noticeable in the first few years of this war - until, in fact, Russia was forced into fighting, when the communists had to do an embarrassing about-face.

And if the Labor-Progressive motivators were to state the whole truth, it was not just Fascism we were fighting - it was Nazism, and other "isms" which would deny us our rights as free men which have been made possible under a democratic government.

All of which is quite well known to the leaders of the so-called Labor - Progressive Party. In sending their resolution to Ottawa they had no hope of deluding the members of parliament to whom it was addressed. They had no hope, either, of pulling the wool over the eyes of what they term the "commercial press".

What they did hope to do was to befuddle a certain number of the general public, many of whom do not yet realize the Labor-Progressive party neither labors nor progresses - it simply exists to encourage the spread of communist ideas in this country.

The Labor Progressive party is made up of a number of people who will always follow any "quack" doctrine which enables them to put the blame for their own misfortunes on the shoulders of someone else, plus a number of persons who really believe communism has something to offer the laboring man, together with a few intelligent people perverted with a belief in the futility of democracy; theirs is the philosophy of despair. But whatever motley crew makes up the body of the party, it is in Moscow one must look for the heart.

And the intentions which lurk in that heart have been adequately disclosed by the communist Fred Rose, Labor-Progressive's member of parliament in Ottawa. Comrade Rose is not charged with being Labor-Progressive, nor is he accused of working too hard for the interests of the working man. He is, in effect, charged with placing the interests of communist Russia above those of democratic Canada. He is accused of being too red a Rose properly to work for the Red, White and Blue.

It will take more than the writing of resolutions to remove the communist taint from the Labor-Progressive party. No "smoke screen" has yet been devised to hide its true colors - predominantly and undemocratically red. We are tempted to suggest that the Labor-Progressive party and its Rose would, by any other name, still smell.

## YOUTH ON TRIAL

A feeling of dismay, to put it mildly, fills the mind of anyone who gives even a casual glance to the police court news these days. The large number of young people from 16 to 22 years of age, who have appeared in the Police Court on serious charges should encourage even the most apathetic section of the public to pull its head out of the sand.

Charges of rape, assault, robbery and theft have been laid against youngsters who have their homes and presumably parents, in this Camp. Young people who had, because of their age, no right to a liquor permit, have been found with permits in their possession.

## BLUEPRINTING THE FUTURE

By Lewis Milligan

In Britain the architects of peace are at work and the pattern of a new society catering to the needs of the people will soon emerge," says the provincial organizer of the C.C.F. in Nova Scotia. Commenting on this statement, the Halifax Chronicle says: "This is the old pie-in-the-sky approach of ancient socialists. It is airy, vacuous and non-practical. It represents the attitude that the way to deal with pressing public problems is to theorize on them, talk about patterns and a new society, architects of peace and the like."

That is just what is wrong with the postwar world; we have too many architects and too few builders and willing workers. It is literally true of the housing situation. Since time began there never were so many plans and planners. It is an age of blueprints. We must have architects and engineers to design and plan modern structures and machinery, but these deal with brick, stone, cement, wood, steel and various kinds of metal, all of which can be moulded or harmonized into the desired shapes and fitted together according to plan. In this way we can predetermine the "shape of things to come" - things, but not human beings.

Lord Woolton, former British Minister of Food, in an article appearing in the London Sunday Times dealing with the socialization program of the Labor Government, said: "It is folly to think that men who are good barristers and good talkers necessarily have the experience and mental equipment to control our industries. Yet, six months after the war ended, they have the industry of this country bound in fetters and they have announced their intention to create a new series of state monopolies, the magnitude of which would overwhelm the combined capacity of the most experienced and competent business men this country could produce."

From all accounts it would appear that the Labor Government was elected on its blue-prints for a new order of things, and that the Government and the people alike have discovered that it takes a great deal more than blue-prints even to build new houses, much less than new social orders.

"We are getting none of the things we were promised," says the Sunday Empire News. "We ask for homes and are bidden to share with one another." The Sunday Chronicle says: "The country is not satisfied. Today's grievances are wider and deeper than those induced by the war weariness that swept the Government into power. The Government has not begun to do what it was elected to do; instead, as

Teen-agers have been found drunk.

And in the opinion of many, those who end up in the Police Court represent only a fraction of those whose activities should bring them there.

The reason is not hard to find. There is not enough for young people to do. For the youngster who has finished his schooling and who has yet to assume the responsibilities of family life, there is a gap of inactivity, a period when he is mentally and physically "all dressed up" but with "no place to go".

For Timmins has grown to city size without a corresponding growth in social and recreational facilities. It is a town with a score of beverage rooms, but without a proper meeting place for youth. It is a town with a dog catcher, but without a recreational director.

And so it is that we reap the results in the Police Court every melancholy Tuesday. Those who have yet to mark their first ballot are being asked to plead guilty or not guilty this week and every week. The sins which are, in part, those of the town fathers, are duly being visited upon those who are, in part, the town's children.

## FIASCO IN ONE ACT

The Scene - An office in the premises occupied by the National Employment Service. Stage Directions - The Advisory Committee on Employment has called a meeting to discuss measures to be taken to encourage new industry.

Dramatis Personae - Representatives of the Board of Trade, Retail Merchants Association, Mine Mill and Smelter Workers Union, Canadian Legion, the Lions, Kiwanis and Kinsmen Clubs, and of the Town Council.

Action - As the curtain goes up we see a solitary member of the Town Council, a representative of the Canadian Legion and of the Union, plus two officials of National Employment Service - a total of five. They look about at the large number of empty chairs, eye each other questioningly, then arise and chant:

"Where are the members of the committee?"  
"What a pity!"  
"The Lions, Kiwanis, Kinsmen, are great,  
"But they're late!"  
"For Retail Merchants we've a cheer,  
"But they're not here!"  
"And neither are the Board of Trade,  
"We're dismayed!"

The curtain goes down, as members of the cast walk offstage, muttering.

Criticism: From where we sit, it seems only three of those invited showed up - and none of the five members of the committee responsible were there. The prospect for new industries in this Camp would appear bleak. For other opinions, see news story on this subject.

## ATTENTION PARENTS

In an attempt to provide sane recreation for young people in a wholesome atmosphere, a "Teen-Age Dance" is being sponsored by the Y's Men's Club of Timmins. The dance, which is intended for the young people, and for no one else, will be supervised by club members and their wives, to ensure that conditions at the dance are all that any parent could desire.

It is understood that if the dance is a success and can be conducted in the proper manner, it will become a regular feature of the young folk's social life in the town.

All young people's organizations are being asked to co-operate, and it is desired, too, to ask the co-operation of parents. If the dance gets an approving nod from them they can be assured their children will have a safe and sane outlet for that "jitter-bugging" instinct.

The dance is being held at the Pavilion, with complete co-operation of the management and orchestra. Regular bus services will take the youngsters there, and extra buses will bring them home at a good hour. A careful check will be made at the Pavilion door to ensure a "non-drinking" evening and while the young people will have complete freedom to enjoy themselves, supervision will be carried out to ensure that there is no relaxation from decent standards of conduct throughout the dance, which is being held on Wednesday, Apr. 24, during the Easter holidays, so as not to interfere with school work.

Lord Woolton has said, it has taken more than it can do."

After all they had gone through in six years of war, the people of Britain can hardly be blamed for listening to the sales-talk of socialist "real estate" vendors with their elaborate blue-prints of a Utopia. The blame rests with those who knowingly or unknowingly deceived a war-wearied people into the belief that the future can be determined by a group of political theorists, and that a new order can be built up without pulling the old order down.

The very plans for the nationalization of industries were bound to have, to say the least, an arresting effect upon private enterprise. That was what Lord Woolton meant when he said that industry in Britain was "bound in fetters" by the announcement that the Government intended to create a new series of state monopolies.

Herbert Morrison, as president of the Board of Trade, must have realized the situation that the blue-prints of his party had created when he announced that the Government had no intention of socializing all industries and appealed to private enterprise to go ahead. This appeal to private enterprise for help is very different from the pre-election appeal to the worked-up prejudice against private industrialists, who were blamed for nearly all of the ills that flesh is heir to. There are too many "architects of

## Week's Building And Alteration Permits Reach \$15,380 Total

The total estimated building costs taken from the issues of building permits from the municipal building this week is \$15,380, a \$1,345 increase over last week's total.

J. V. McClung of 284 Tamarack St. was granted a permit for the largest venture, that of building a house and garage at an estimated cost of \$5,000.

Next was the permit granted to J. Swiki of 40 Ken's Ave. for the moving of his home and the addition of two rooms and new bathroom at a cost of \$2,000, with J. M. Martin of 121 Hart St. receiving permission for the installation of a concrete basement and the addition of another room to his home at an estimated expenditure of \$1,150.

William Scripneck was licensed to raise the roof of his home and to make an addition of four rooms to the upstairs portion of his home with the cost set at \$1,000.

Joseph Sylvester of Jubilee Ave. received permission for repairing the base of a wall and the building of a woodshed with the cost set at \$200. T. Kowalski received permission to erect a fire escape at 211 Algonquin Blvd. at a cost of \$450 and J. E. Lewis of 161 Hemlock St. was granted permission to add another room to the top story of his home with the cost estimated at \$700.

Walter Kevan of 76 Sixth Ave. was licensed to change the doors and raise the roof of his barber shop with the cost estimated at \$80. Herve Boucher was granted permission to install a basement in his home at 280 Tamarack St. at a cost of \$400.

J. H. Everly of 58 Lakeshore Rd. received permission to add an additional eight feet to the front of his home with the cost set at \$350 and George Thompson of 81 Commercial Ave. was granted a permit for the removal of a veranda and the extension of rooms at an estimated cost of \$200.

E. Creghur of 65 Columbus Ave. is undertaking the addition of rooms and the installation of a basement to his home with the cost set at about \$700 and Robert Guillemette of 110 Maple St. North is installing a basement at a cost of \$700.



The general meeting last Wednesday certainly showed the necessity for a new and larger hall. The attendance was such that every chair was taken, yet only the minority of the membership attended, in many cases owing to shift work. Many of the members have asked why all general meetings are held on afternoon shift. Well, its pretty hard to arrange meetings to accommodate all the members, but some day you will catch up with one.

With Comrade R. Bryson in the chair, acting as president, the meeting was in capable hands. President AI's voice was heard from the floor for a change.

The next general meeting, Apr. 24, Comrade Bob Stock will be in the chair with Lester Hill acting first Vice. The plans for the new hall will be placed before this meeting for discussion.

Instead of our usual summer carnival this year, it has been suggested that we hold a dance and floor show at the McIntyre arena. If it is in Jack's hands, look out for a good show.

A motion was passed on the floor that the Branch sponsor a baseball team in the local league. We ought to have lots of talent among our young members, who perhaps have played army baseball. It would be something to attract them, until we get established in our new home.

Incidentally, I know or have seen some dart players who would make a base hit, when they toss those feathers right to the base of the dart board. A committee will be picked to arrange the raising and management of the team.

Delegates were chosen to attend the district meeting to be held in the Legion Hall all day on Sunday, Apr. 7. District Commander W. Grummet will be in the chair, with the opening ceremony at 9 a.m. Then there will be a parade to the Cenotaph where a wreath will be placed at 1.15 p.m. Luncheon is at 2 p.m. and general business will commence at 3 p.m. No delegates were chosen for the Dominion convention to be held at Quebec.

We hope the coming of Spring will be beneficial to our sick members who have been unable to get around for some time. We extend our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery and hope to see them soon on the job, to Comrades, Bob Russel, Geo. Nippers, J. Knell, W. Brough, J. Smith, D. Cochler, H. Patrick, G. Marshall, J. Labene, L. Strongman.

Art Saint reported his visit to Toronto General Hospital and he says Bill is doing not so bad, and was in a cheery mood, also is still making himself acquainted.

Art also rendered the dart players a good turn by bringing up some dart flights as he knew they were badly

peace" working on "the pattern of a new society". What we need are experienced builders and efficient and willing workers for the reconstruction of the old established society of democracy, which was not planned and blue-printed, but which grew naturally out of the freedom of our people.

## African Marigold Is Named Horticultural Society's Flower

### Easily Grown "Golden" Flower Should Be Popular choice in Timmins

The Golden African Marigold was chosen as a flower to represent the Timmins Horticultural Society at a meeting of the Society's executive in Central School on Monday night. Discussion of the directors also centered on the desirability of having the municipality take greater interest in horticulture.

With President F. C. Hocking in the chair, the business of the meeting was taken up in forming new committees to function for 1946. The matter of publicity was discussed and plans were laid for a newspaper campaign and a series of films and lectures to stimulate public interest and membership.

Some discussion took place concerning the possibility of increasing the scope of the Society to include outside districts.

From Dr. M. J. Kelly, who suggested the African Marigold to the Society, The Advance learns something of the flower in question.

For gardeners whose leisure time is limited, the various kinds of Marigolds are especially valuable, it is stated. They are seldom attacked by insects or diseases and thrive with little care. Because of their long-keeping qualities, they are very desirable for indoor decoration. These showy annuals can be used to advantage in the foreground of shrub borders.

Marigold seed may be sown in a sunny window, a hotbed, a coldframe, or in the open ground. The African variety needs ample space for development and 18 to 24 inches should be allowed between seedlings. They bloom abundantly from mid-summer to frost.

needed. Flights, cigars and chocolate bars are always in great demand. We can understand the flights and cigars, but who wants to eat chocolate while partaking of the good old Bev-ridge, unless it is for a peace offering, when times are late.

A few words on comradeship: when a veteran on joining the Legion, whether he be a Colonel, Major or a Captain or just a plain Buck, he enters on the same footing and has every right to voice his own opinion and the same opportunity of a place on the board of officials. The same applies to service as well as rank. When a comrade questions the service of another comrade because he hadn't put in the service that he put in overseas, think of that comrade's age or his medical fitness. He wanted to be over there, but his age or medical prevented him, so why blame him.

We are comrades, no matter what service we had, whether it was a year or six years. That is what we stand for, unity and comradeship. Act up to it, and we will have it.

Get your tickets for the Vimy celebration now, from the steward or any of the entertainment committees.

If the loser of discharge button No. 168497 will call in at the Legion he can have same.

J. Gordon

## Notes To You

It is our melancholy duty to report that we are now faced with the prospect of turning over our offspring, the Terrible Terence, to the guardianship of the Minister of National Revenue.

His March family allowance cheque has not yet arrived -- we have no choice except to return him to Ottawa. To those of the Children's Aid Society who ma: be prompted to protest, we offer the reassuring information that he will be properly taken care of; we shall send him registered mail. What more could a doting parent do?

Don't answer that one, please. jfw

This weeks gloom is somewhat brightened, however, by the fact that we no longer need to use Mr. Dalton's Timmins-Schumacher service to get to work. The dime-a-time proposition has been whacking the stuffing out of what's left of the bank account, and on due application, accompanied by certain fees, we have been admitted to the Order of Freeman of Upper Toke Street -- "Snob Hollow" they call it, we believe.

And we've got one of those new-fangled stoves that works with a click. No more ashes. No more going out for coal. No more sitting up all night to make sure the pipes don't freeze. All we have to do now is learn which knob turns on which element.

We burn more fingers that way! jfw

Now that you've caught up with our personal affairs, maybe you've time to lock at what old blabber-jabber is frothing about, across the page there. He's been bargaining about with the most ungodly smirk on his fuddled map this week. All because he rather fancies the heading he's slapped on his latest anti-communist blurb -- "So Red the Rose", being a small steal from Omar Khayyam which he thinks is a sly dig at poor Fred Rose, the Labor-Progressive M.P. who's been in and out of jail the past few weeks.

We have yet to view anything quite so insufferable as that wide column want-wit across the page, when he thinks he's being clever. It makes it difficult for the really clever people on the staff -- like us, for example -- to put their heart into their work.

Don't turn the cool, mossy side of the North's personality to these visitors but show them the rich, ripe bark of pleasantrty and goodwill," reads an editorial we enjoyed recently. Good idea -- here we go.

Woof! Woof! jfw

We are pondering over the possible significance of the fact that the titles of the films being shown by the three local theatres next week all have a geographical association, and a western one at that. You have your choice of "Dakota", "The Virginian", or "San Antonio" -- Texas, that is.

We want it to be known that we did not miss that anti-western crack made at council the other day. Councillor McDermod cut us to the quick when he stated that some of the Wartime Housing homes out west had blown

down. And the Mayor didn't make us any happier when he agreed that the west was a terrible place.

We don't want to seem vindictive, folks, but the strict adherence to the truth which is bred in all westerners prompts us to retort that the wind would blow down a lot of houses in this camp -- if there was room enough for the wind to get in between them.

## Legion Official Will Address Kiwanians

Next Monday's Kiwanis meeting will see the Canadian Legion occupying the spotlight, with J. Harry Fee, of Sault Ste. Marie, vice-president of the Ontario area, as guest speaker.

Earl Burgess, President of the Ontario Legion and Thos. Maghadey, a former president will be guests, together with other Legion notables.

## NO FOOD DRIVE

The Catholic Women's League has announced indefinite postponement of their drive for canned foods for Europe.

## CAR RECOVERED

A car belonging to Oscar Suvila of 82 Birch St. South was stolen between the hours of 11 p.m. last night and 7.45 a.m. this morning. The car was later recovered standing before the Paris Hotel in Ansonville.

## Gold Output Slumps Here In February

February's gold output from the Porcupine Camp decreased almost 4,000 ounces from January production, and production of silver dropped more than 1,000 ounces in the same period, according to the statistics branch of the Ontario department of mines. February, of course, is a short month.

The value of the total February production in the Camp however, showed an increase over that of a similar period last year. The figures are \$2,542,893 for February, 1945, and \$2,788,894 for February, 1946.

The situation was evidently better in other areas as the daily average production figures of the Ontario gold mining industry in February showed an increase of nearly 4% in tonnage milled and slightly over 3% in value.

An indication of the overall improvement in the gold mining industry is represented by a 16.33% increase in tonnage handled by the gold mines in February of this year as against the same month of 1945. Value for these comparable periods also shows an improvement of 10.78%.

## Kiddies Get Hep Early: Give With "Hubba, Hubba"

Street scene, Timmins.

Two little girls were making their way home from school at noon on Tuesday when they passed a serious-faced, male passer-by. The ages of the little girls were, for a certainty, no more than six.

On passing the man, one little girl looked up and said, "hello."

The greeting was returned and the man had scarcely gone two steps away from them when the second little girl looked up and exclaimed:

"Hubba, hubba."

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