

Youth Needs

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Youth possesses the qualities to fulfil that responsibility!"

Judge Hosking pointed out the qualities of youth and age that are necessary for progress. "Youth possess a sense of wonder, and enthusiasm, a willingness to try the impossible, to adventure into the unknown; older people like their old ways and look fearful at the new. Canada needs above everything else youthful qualities, the qualities which were displayed in many citizens during the war."

"Left alone youth becomes a prey of Nazism, Fascism and all the isms. Youth needs the co-operation and leadership of the older generations to get started on the right paths. With judgment that comes of age and willingness to do the impossible that is so much a part of youth Canada will begin to go places."

The general secretary then explained how the Y would fit into the picture.

"The Y is over 100 years old. Its entire existence has been with the working of youth, now it feels that it knows how to work with youth, that it has the skills, experience and confidence."

The judge mentioned the possibility of other community centers already in districts. "I welcome community centers in any town in which we work. At present our program is to go into a town without building, just use the present facilities until we see if there is a demand for a Y building. We work in co-operation with other groups and try to fill in the gaps that they might have missed."

"Youth needs leadership and we feel the Y can give it to them. Teachers mean a lot. A teacher must have the enthusiasm and spirit that sets off a similar spark that kindles the best in children. Leadership is the No. 1 factor in any organization and the Y concentrates first on leadership."

"We try to pick and develop leaders who know how to lead youth!"

The speaker stated that the Y does not compare or pretend to be a church; there is no creed or doctrine connected with it; any race or religion is welcome. "However," he said, "we do expose youth to the Christian life and try to inculcate in them a dedication of life doing good."

"Youth today have had a demonstration of dictatorship never seen before, they have witnessed the dynamic power of totalitarianism. Now youth needs another vision, a vision that love is greater than hate, that good is better than evil."

"Youth needs idealism from some source and it will get it somewhere. A Y seems to offer the best solution

with its trained leadership," the speaker concluded.

At the head table with Judge Hosking were P. T. Moisle, campaign committee chairman; Harvey Freeman, education and publicity chairman; R. E. Dye, manager Dome Mines; E. A. Smith, chairman campaign organization; W. "Bill" Roberts, Acting Mayor; O. R. Kenne, pres. Timmins Kiwanis; O. S. Carter, pres. Timmins Kinsmen; G. Adamson, pres. South Porcupine Lions; N. J. Goodfellow, sec. campaign organization; Rev. J. S. Scott, vice-pres. Ministerial Assn.; Dr. V. H. Harper, councillor Tisdale; J. P. Wilson, councillor Whitney; Dr. G. Lane, pres. Timmins Lions; Dr. E. Sommerville, pres. South Porcupine Kiwanis; T. E. Hawkins, pres. Y's Men's Club; J. Beatty, manager, Delnorte Mines; Vern Herbert, extension secretary YMCA of Toronto; W. J. Marks, managing editor, Daily Press; and Mr. Harper, pres. Schumacher Lions.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. Dye and a vote of thanks extended by Mr. A. A. Rose.

Noranda Strike

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cripple the company then but as the war was on and most of our boys were overseas we showed them we were backing them by remaining at work. And the company did take advantage of the war to put through these unsatisfactory conditions, a fact which our boys never forgot," the co-ordinator said.

In December, 1945 the union began further negotiations and in May, 1946 the company offered a 7c an hour increase. The union rejected the offer.

In October the Conciliatory Board recommended a check-off, and two weeks holidays with pay to which the union agreed but the company rejected.

On November 10th the company agreed to a wage increase of 10c per hour effective November 1st. The union turned it down and took a strike vote notifying the company that a strike would take place in 72 hours unless an agreement was reached. The union asked for 16c an hour effective Nov. 1st, and 10c an hour retroactive to May 16th.

The company said the check-off was a creation in the minds of union executives. The conciliators from the Dept. of Labor offered to hold an independent secret vote amongst union members to see how they felt. The union agreed but the company refused.

The strike was to begin at 7 a.m. Nov. 22. However, when the union heard the company was taking in provisions and men the strike went into effect at 11 o'clock Nov. 21st.

"There were a few brushes with company officials the first day," Mr. McGuire said, "and the intervention

of the provincial police was made at the request of the Mayor of Noranda, who, incidentally, was the chief accountant at the Noranda mine."

A schedule was worked out with the provincial police to allow maintenance men to enter the mine. "We did not want the machinery to deteriorate, but we did insist that production must completely stop," the union official said.

The committee was called to Ottawa to discuss the strike with the Department of Labor. The company again offered 10c an hour effective Nov. 1st and 7c an hour retroactive to May 16th. Again the union rejected the offer. However, the check-off seemed to be the contentious point and again the Dept. suggested a secret vote of members which the company refused. "A mine official said that half the miners wouldn't know what they were voting on anyway," Mr. McGuire said.

Holiday season came and went and the picket lines patrolled steadily, their families enjoying a good Christmas thanks to the help received from Timmins and other unions.

On January 20th a top mine official notified the Dept. of Labor that only 20 percent of the union wanted to strike and the strike would be over in a week.

Then a crisis arose. "Some of the maintenance men going in and out took sick and we issued new passes to others to take their place," Mr. McGuire said. Then we discovered that all of the passes were being used instead of being turned in when the sick men recovered. Immediately we called for a mass picketing.

"It began the morning of January 22nd with all members out on the picket line and everyone was stopped from entering the plant."

"The police experimented with tear gas in an effort to break the picket line. But the weather was too cold and the gas didn't rise over three feet finally blowing back in the faces of the police themselves."

"The mass picketing continued for three weeks along three miles of picket lines in the coldest weather, but our men's determination never wavered. In fact the tear gas had strengthened it."

"During that time the company kept 20 odd men in the plant working about 20 hours a day."

"A commission arrived from Ottawa and made certain propositions and proposals which we considered quite fair. However, again the company wouldn't agree," Mr. McGuire said.

"The commission proposed 15 cts an hour effective Nov. 1st and 10c retroactive to Feb. 1st, and in lieu of the check-off plan a union encouragement plan whereby union would have a desk in the medical office for collection of dues."

"The company offered 12c an hour effective Nov. 1st and 7c from May

16th. Then the company attempted a fast one.

"The company asked that the union make a show of faith by restoring 195 passes first, wanting us to refuse so the police could be turned on us."

"The union agreed with the understanding that the passes would remain in effect as long as the company lived up to their part of the bargain."

"On Feb. 8th the passes were restored at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The company and union met at 3.30 and the company offered 13c an hour from Nov. 1st and 7c from May 16th. We cancelled the passes at 5 o'clock."

"In the meantime 9 men had come out of the mine and the company had lost that many in the deal."

"Then the company agreed to 13c an hour from Nov. 1st and 10c from May 16th. We immediately called a union meeting and the members voted to accept."

"In addition we received a desk in the medical room for the union to collect dues; a no discrimination clause; and an agreement that all men would be back to work in 14 days."

"While we didn't reach our full objective," the union official said, "we did make a tremendous gain. This was the first successful strike in the metal mines in Eastern Canada."

Mayor J. E. Brunette

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communities, the work on a sound basis. Expenses will include salary for the General Secretary, office help, office quarters, office supplies and program equipment. In regard to these expenses, all monies collected during this campaign will be spent locally under the direction of the local Board of Directors.

I am personally proud to state that I know of no other district which is in a better position to welcome such an organization than here in the Porcupine camp. When the Y becomes a reality, it will be in a position to accept and assist towards the work that has already been done by the church, service clubs and other community organizations interested in the welfare of our youth.

The Y, as most of us know it, is an organization which has during its long history, throughout the world, exemplified the motif "Do unto others, as you would they do unto you" . . . or, regardless of religion, color or creed, "brothers all!" Within its organization athletics and education programs stand high. Boxing, hockey, soccer, baseball gymnasium subjects and camping top the former, while in the latter program we find general school subjects augmented by world, national, provincial and local affairs study. In addition, there are groups formed for such subjects as photography, woodcraft, painting and bus-

ness administration . . . just to name a few. Further, we all know of the Y's work for the working boys and girls . . . how, thanks to the generous contributions made by public-minded citizens . . . night schools are available for those finding it necessary to be employed in daytime. I could continue to list many, many more "benefits" that the Y has contributed through its organization towards the betterment of Canada . . . but time does not allow that today.

In closing I again remind you there is to be a fund-raising campaign, for a total of \$30,000. A representative will call on all citizens and will be pleased to answer more thoroughly any questions pertaining to this worthwhile project.

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