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Let's Face It

Let's face it, and realize that the Communist boys are really in there fighting. They aren't using guns or bombs or pick handles but they are using something far more powerful and destroying. Professor Walter Riddel speaking last Saturday at the University of Toronto Alumnie Association meeting in McIntyre Community Centre called it, "Psychological Aggression." And, he said, they are using it to a greater degree than Hitler or Mussolini or the Japenese ever did. Another point he brought out was the fact that the Communists love to align themselves with socialist groups and labor groups. "The labor and socialist parties in Europe," that this pioneering prospector was had always loved the North and its said he, "are the strongest enemies the Communists have." And not the first enlisted Porcupine man, people, and to have won their affecyet the Communists try to undermine the peoples of the world There were some others put forward tion was the highest honour he had by declaring that they are backing the socialist and labor groups, for that honour. The truth seems to ever won. Let's face it!

Let's face the fact that in this area Communist led groups are in 1914, some hurrying from Porcu- was paying too much attention to saying, "If there isn't an LPP member in your riding, vote CCF, as pine Camp to the nearest recruiting him, and not enough to his pal on the it will be a vote in the right direction." Let's face that and see depot, and others who happened to platform, "Bobby Burns," a Scottish what it means. It means this: that the Communists are trying be in the South on buriness or holiday collie, mascot of the Princess Pats. to undermine what they consider the least likely to succeed party, not waiting to return before enlisting. Jack made many affectionate referin the election and thus bore into the very heart of the Canadian that it might be difficult to know who ences to Bobby in his brief address. worker. If the CCF is discredited by their insidious propaganda they will have won. How is that? you say. Well here's how. With the CCF on the sidelines after the election smoke and hot time. air has blown away, the LPP can then say that they are the only true leaders of the workers left. Too, they can say that the CCF was not properly organized and they can do a better job of beating the Capitalists.

The CCF party is not fooled by Communist manoeuvers but many people who are ordinarily in sympathy with the Left and liberals

Let's face it and not be caught in the toils of the Communist propoganda machine. Let us not sleep while the Trojan Horse is being pulled through the gates awaiting the moment to spew forth an army which would ruin us entirely. Let us not be taken in by their seductive, winning talk. Let's face it, and in facing it realize fully what is going on, and try to do something about it.

The propaganda machine is going full blast. Last Saturday an article appeared in the Globe and Mail which discredited the DP's ery, of New Liskeard, who was then dale township. He had come to the in the eyes of Canadians. It tried to put across the idea that the DP's are nothing but Nazis and should be carefully guarded from folk. Canadians who had fought against them. The insidious lie was Timmins took opportunity of the ed to speak, but he made an eloquent started and it is hard to tramp out. The days of the big lie are occasion to stage a public gathering and inspiring address, such as Reeve again upon us and we must be prepared.

The CCF Party has never solicited the help of the LPP's and ac- was practically no time to advertise After touching on the great services ring. cording to their leaders, Canadians all, and honest men, despite the meeting or to even make the oc- to Canada and to the cause of liberty what we think of their economic viewpoint, they are entirely op- casion known, there were over 850 given by the guest of the evening and posed to the support of the LPP party which is being thrust upon people present at the theatre, and a the others serving overseas. Reeve them under protest.

We feel, that despite all the campaign speeches by Mr. Colin Mayor J. P. McLaughlin presided hind Timmins, and that Pte. Jack Campbell and Mr. Drew, they know in their hearts that the CCF at the gathering, and in very effective Munroe would very shortly be pubis a purely Canadian organization, aimed at trying to work out for way explained the purpose of the licly honoured at South Porcupine. Canada what they believe to be a better economy for all Canadians, meeting. "We desire to do honour," As usual, Reeve Kennedy's word Mr. E. B. Jolliffe, K. C., is a reputable Toronto lawyer and has among said Mayor McLaughlin, "to the Re- was good. It was only a few days his aides such men as Andrew Brewin, another Toronto lawyer who turned Soldier, who was one of the after the gathering in Timmins that shares offices with Chief Justice McRuer of the Ontario Supreme first pioneers in the Porcupine and in a similar event was staged in South Court who is one of Canadas staunchest Tories. In the same office is Mr. A. J. P. Cameron, who is a leading Liberal and ran unsuccessfully in High Park riding during the last federal election. Such adian Expeditionary Force to set foot to capacity for the occasion. Jack men are net likely to be friendly with anyone who was connected upon the land of France." with Communsts.

This newspaper is not trying to play up to any group or play mins Board of Trade, presented Pte. even better than the delightful one in Jack Munroe was one man in a group or play mins Board of Trade, presented Pte. Even better than the delightful one in Jack Munroe was one man in a group or play mins Board of Trade, presented Pte. favorites in the elections. Neither are we trying to influence any back Munroe with a well-filled purse, Timmins. "The South End people thousand, but there were a thousand the group of the south and group or groups, but we are trying to be fair in presenting at this time some facts which may not be known to the general public, who, Mayor McLaughlin and Board of In any event there was a full even- North. by not knowing them may listen to the whispers of hate. Canada is still a democracy, no matter what we feel or say at times, we all realize that we will get a hearing if we have anything worthwhile to offer and we want to know it that way. It would be to the disto offer, and we want to keep it that way. It would be to the discredit of this editor to keep off paper what he believes in his heart to be the truth. The truth shall make us free. Let's face it!

A Very Tender Subject

The Town of Timmins has been in the habit of asking for ten- on a bitter note. ders from all types of contractors for all types of work done within the town limits. It is the general rule for the Town Council to York, and I gather she included the decide which tender preperly fills the bill as to price and ability rest of America. She said the women to do the work properly. The subject of tenders caused a bit of dash interest and without by-play in the council chambers a week ago. The question arose in council whether or not the lowest tender would be the one to do not understand them. The men have the job or whether the job should be given to a local contractor if made machines of themselves, and his price was within a few hundred or so dollars of the price also they belt the bottle too heartily. thought to be fair. Now if the local contractor is going to get I assume none of this applies to Mo. the job whether or not anyone else bids for it or not, then why ther India, where the citizens are too should the council ask for outside tenders?

ing to death to have time for fitful Too, if the Town feels that they can get just as good work out of frustration. the local contractors at a fair price then there is also no need to But the Indian lady has some facts on Louisiana crayfish and Carolina ask outside contractors to submit a tender as there is little likeli- going for her. Romance is getting frogs. hood of the tender being accepted. But, if the Council wishes to rearcer all around. The trouble with continue the tender agreement and have outside firms bid for their remance is the trouble with spring. favor then they must examine every tender carefully and logically Epring is getting too technical. Old to see that the contractor is dealing fairly with the town as to cost values are changing. Spontaneity is and also not selling himself short just in order to get the contract. The transfer of the contract. It is probably this last item which the councillors were trying to prey to Dr. Kinsey, politics and toothget across at last week's council meeting. The letting of tenders There was a time when the first buthas long been a controversial subject with town councils and the tercup was a harbinger of the vernal subject has come up for discussion more than once in the hearing of season and now it's the annual John the editor. It is only natural that a town council should want to L. Lewis coal strike. Poets from time give the job to a local firm. The local firm pays taxes, it buys its out of mind have heralded the robin's goods and supplies locally as much as possible and its employees arribal as the tipoff to turmoil in a are local men. It is up to the Council to decide whether or not maiden's heart, but now, by cracky, I they will continue their present system of asking for tenders from see by the papers that the Robin has outside firms as well as local firms and also give the cutside firms a fair chance of getting some of those contracts or closing them off entirely and sticking to the local firms. Some fear that by know it's true. I saw it in the Herald sticking to the local firms they will be unable to keep expenses Tribune. down and get low tenders. Others feel that low tenders are not The Trib's anonymous chronicler, necessarily good for the town if the jobs go to outside contractors. even as I, went out to view the three flowers should be merchandized by the They feel, and rightly so, that the local contractor would not be platypuses at the Bronx Zoo-odd little pound like bacon. The gallant swain liable to be unduly high in his estimates and the town would bene- comb nations of beast, fish and fowl busts in on his light-o love with a his reigstration card, for which I can fit from any profits that might accrue in case the tender was pad- named Cecil, Penelope and Betty Hut- pound and a half of roses, and I ded a bit. If a local contractor is able to fill the bill efficiently ton. These worm-maddened immiand to the satisfaction of the tewn engineer, then we feel, that grants from Australia were having their with the hat-stand. the contracts should be let locally. If the Council feels that the accepting of tenders locally may have a deleterious effect and not save the taxpayer's hard earned cash they should stick to the present system of asking for tenders outside the town as well as may well replace the robin as harbin- hysteria that inevitably winds up at mier Drew. locally. Then they must face it and give all the tenders an equal gers of fine spring weather," the Trib's the preacher's. It may not be moman wrote, including in his piece such dern, but it used to be fun. chance.

In The Days When The Porcupine Was Doung

By G. A. Macdonald

No. 53. One Man in a Thousand

Jack Munroe was generally credited ever."

other centres of the little camp, how- precautions of the brass hats, Bobby in the ring with him. ever, there was a general disposition was smuggled into France. How this Jack roughed through the four

Canada, having been seriously wound- hats. ed overseas. While still on the conspection tour with a view of plans for "Bobby Burns." settling returned soldiers on the land. The only other speaker at that rounds. Another popular returned soldier in meeting in the New Empire was Syl- His next important battle was when considered as one of Porcupine's own meeting simply as a friend of Jack

of their returned hero. Although there occasions. for lack of further room.

behalf of the people of the town by he said.

ing at the mink coats and observing the other wild life, departed recently

for her native Karpurthaia. She left

She said romance was dead in New

souis. This is because the men do

busy murdering each other and starv-

pus. Who can get romantic in a wel-

ing in the indoor platypusary.

Visitors And Spring

A high-born East Indian lady who lush description as "skies of a vast

green grasses."

Trade President T. F. King. If any man could be referred to in In his address, T. F. King pointed inspiring patriotic address by Reeve these terms with full justice and apt- out that in so swiftly "recording his Kennedy, and happy speeches by ness, and with all honour to the others claim" to serve King and Country, Councillors Boyle and McDougall and in the thousand, that man was Jack Jack Munroe had had the privilege excouncillor Culbert, the latter readcupine, star footballer, heavyweight brated fighting corps - the Princess presentation of the purse to the repugilist miner, prospector in Cobalt Patricia's - "a regiment," he said, turning hero. Another special feaand Elk Lake, "mayor of Elk Lake," "that had been in the thick of the fray ture was a pleasing solo by Maxwell and here of the Princess Pats Regi- from the outset - a regiment that suf- Smith. ment - to give him a few of the fered seven thousand casualties in Few fictitious adventure stories

with being the first man from Porcu- Pte. Munroe's response was that of Jack Munroe was Canadian born

be that so many of the pioneers of All through the evening one thing Porcupine hurried to join the forces seemed to disturb him - the crowd

Bobby was smuggled overseas with Jim Jeffries was offering \$500.00 to In Timmins, South Porcupine and the regiment, and later, despite all the anyone who could stay four rounds In May of 1917, he was back in members loved him, even the brass tackle."

There were stories current that Peter Maher and Tom Sharkey. valescent list, he visited Timmins with more than once Jack Munroe risked Then he fought Jim Jeffries for the the Government party here on an in- his life to assure the safety of his world's championship at San Francis-

Munroe's and was entirely unpreparin the New Empire theatre in honour Kennedy had a habit of doing on all

large number had to be turned away Kennedy promised that South Porcupine, as usual, would not be far be-

from the Porcupine, so far as known, were presented to Pte. Jack Munroe. T. F. King, president of the Tim- that the South Porcupine event was and hospitals.

"is a time of gentle, warm weather,

pus would like." He then went into

a long d'scussion of the platypus' diet-

ary fancies, including earthworms,

of living in the platypusary, and ex-

plained away the 5-cent admission

charge by saying that worms were going at a cent apiece on the open market,

that a platypus ate 120 a day, and

that the miserable little misfits were

so tempermental that they were apt

to up and die if they weren't stuffed

Well, I don't know how you feel, but

I think it's a pretty come-off when you

have to fit spring to a platypus' con-

ception, and where Robin Redbreast is

suddenly replaced by a miserable little

mind whether to walk, swim or cackle

like a hen. This young man's fancy

it all loused up with furrin' fauna,

Commie parades on May Day, Italian

elections, strikes, draft bills and flow-

ers that sell by the pound. That, I

has just sprung the brilliant idea that

Some busybody at Cornell University

pus chokes down at a sitting.

think, is the final straw.

ing's entertainment. There was an

many honourable titles he won in his two years' fighting, and has earned have more glamour than the life story busy, genial and adventurous life. for itself a name that will live for- of Jack Munroe, of Cobalt and Porcupine and Elk Lake fame.

pine to enlist for overseas service in a modest man and a good seldier, and bred, but as a youth went to the the Great War of 1914-1918 - one in Beneatii his manly words of grateful United States. He seemed to have over a thousand - first of a thousand! appreciation, it was easy to see that the faculty for being "first" in any-Of course, there was the possibility what he wished to say was that he thing he did, and he did many things. He played tackle on the great Butte (Montana) football team that "cleaned up" everything it tackled from Chicago to the Pacific Coast.

Jack Munroe played on the Olympic A. C. team of San Francisco, coast champion, when he began boxing as an amateur and won the Coast heavyweight championship in his first tour-

The next that was heard of Jack Munroe, he was level boss in the An-

to award the honour to Jack Munroe, was accomplished is a military sec- rounds, and actually brought Jeffries It was well known that he was out ret, but the fact is that when the to his knees. This started the report on the prospecting trail when word smuggling proved successful, the offic- that he had knocked down the greatreached him that war had been de- ers gave at least tacit allowance for est of all champions to that time. clared, and he immediately dropped the beloved collie to remain with the But Jack always said, "No! I brought everything to get into the ranks. regiment he loved, and all of whose him to his knees by using a football

A little later Jack knocked out

co, but was knocked out in two

the party was Captain Tom Maglad- vester Kennedy, then reeve of Tis- he fought Jack Johnson for six rounds. After that, he met a number of less famous heavyweights, and then suddenly disappeared from public notice, the sporting world being surprised to learn that the prospector so well known around Cobalt, Porcupine and Elk Lake was their old friend of the

During his service overseas, Jack Munroe was shot through the right chest, and the injury to cords and nerves caused a condition somewhat similar to paralysis of one arm. He spent about a year in French and English hospitals, and when he came back to Canada to convalesce, he gradually recovered the use of the arm. But before that he was a busy man most of his time recruiting.

It is an interesting sidelight on his character, that when he would be and the first member of the first Can- The Majestic Theatre was crowded asked about his injury, he would al-Munroe himself claimed afterwards French and English doctors, nurses

Letters to the Editor

Timmins, May 25th, 1948.

spent nine months in New York look- blueness and soft refreshing winds and children gamboling on the soft Dear Sir:-"A platypus' idea of spring," he said,

With reference to Premier Drew's Yesterday was chosen as a day a platy- speech over the air May 24th last, at 10.30 p.m. wherein he thoroughly denounced Mr. Jolliffe, the CCF leader mealworms, crayfish bullfrogs and egg in Ontario, concerning the latter's custard. He touched on the high cost criticism of the Provincial Police, I wish to state that, considering Mr. Drew has just returned from a lengthy trip to Northern Ontario, he must think we are just plain dumb in the North to expect us or anyone else to believe in the prowess or ability of the Provincial Police, when we have in recent years, and months, also even of days duration only, anything from a dozen to a score of unsolved major crimes, including such cases as the Gold Ridge Stock farm murder, the hit and run "Back Road" murder, Kidikel murder, the recent Deluca murder, and many other indictable cases too numerous to mennon-citizen who never made up his tion. Probably Mr. Jolliffe realizes the serious jeopardy the people finds itself unable to turn to thoughts are in with the perpetrators of those of love when he is immersed in statisghastly crimes, still running around tics about how many worms a platyat large, through the elementary methods and inability of the Provincial

Spring was doing fine until they got Police, to cope with the same. Furthermore, an expensive squad of them are in their element checking a bunch of weary miners when leaving the mines, reinforcing the Summary Motor Vehicle Act, or as in the past, checking him regarding his registration card and having a mine's identification disc, lunch pail carrying miner fined \$5 and costs for not having ground, but when it comes to protecting him and his family from the crifirst day in the outdoor platypusary. I am holding out for the old-faminal it seems Mr. Jolliffe must have after a sothful winter of gourmandiz- shioned spring with posies peddled by a better or broader definition of what the bunch, a sky-full of robins, and the and who constitutes supervision of "These curious egg-laying mammals your; folks all struck by a sudden mass crime and law enforcement than Pre-

A MINER

Inside Labour By Victor Riesel

HEARD ON THIS BEAT Meeting secretly in a Chicago hotel a few days ago, pro-Communist leaders-

of CIO unions set up an undercover machine to fight chief Philip Murray. Just so the record's straight, let me name some names. Official leader of the tight little committee is the communications' union boss Joe Selly. Others in the room were Julius Emspak and Jim (The Brain) Matles, pro-Communist

bosses of the CIO electrical Workers outfit. First objective of the "Committee" is to prevent Murray from warring on those CIO councils which want to campaign for Henry Wallace. Second objective is to be set to launch immediately a new labor federation if Murray expels the leftist bloc for disobeying national CIO policy. . . Incidentally Mur-Munroe. Pioneer prospector of Por- of belonging to Canada's most cele- ing the formal address and making the ray knew every detail of the secret meeting a few hours after the lads pulled

> FBI agents are investigating violence in the meatpacking strike. . . Some 10,250 strike notices have been filed in the past eight months with more tocome in the next 45 days. Between now and June 30 thousands of contracts.

covering 2,240,000 workers expire. . . There is no evidence of an "employer plot" t oprevent wage increases. Analysis of hundreds of new labor contracts discloses an average pay increaseis 11 cents an hour. Some raises as the one Sinclair Oil just gave the CIO, went as high as 171/2 cents an hour. . .Some of the men now pushing the Mundt Bill to outlaw the Communist Party are ex-Communist leaders of the 1925-1930 vintage who split from the Party and now occupy important labor posts. If they look closely at the bill they'll find that they themselves are liable for arrest and prosecution under the proposed law. So are many members of the Socialist Party and leaders of some of the nation's largest unions who once urged a "popular front" with the confades. The unnoticed gimmick, among other things, is a clause which specifically states that there should be no statute of limitations on Communist activity. In other words, many an ex-leader of the 1920 1930 Communist Party would be liable for prosecution . . . A lot of faces are going to be as red as their old time Party cards.

SHORT STORY DEPT: Every day at noon the Portland, Ore. YMCA plays a chimes "concert" which has become a city fradition. Recently a Portland Radio station sought to record the chimes as a signature for its pubhours. Those old-timers all made good handsome soldier's handsome dog. The Logorica was a signature for its purpose. The lic service announcements. But the station owners discovered that the Petteeing that the recorded chimes would not be used for commercial purposes His approval came by return mail. . .

Among the others to receive Petrillo's permission to break the musicians' strike ban on recordings are 25 religious groups; 28 government agencies; and the Armed forces Radio Service which got a blank check to produce unlimited records for the sole use of overseas troops and Army hospitals.

Souvenirs of the Japenese Navy are still floating off the U.S. North Pacific coast. Every so often, a salmon troller sights one of these un-exploded mines and scurries out of the fishing areas. So the CIO fishermen have demanded that the U.S. Navy go on a new mine-sweeping expedition and clear the fishing grounds so that night trolling is made safe, salmon eaters happy. . .

Some of the AFL seamen who picketed the Stock Exchange are still stiff and discolored from battling the New York Police. But they don't have to relive those scenes merely in their minds.

'The seafarers' leaders were far-sighted enough to photograph the fracases with sound movie cameras although the fighting got so rough that one cameraman was knocked down five times.

And now, Paul Hall, the seamen's energetic leader, is sending the film around to other unions to show them how police act when a picket line swing's into action. Hall's theory is that police are tightening up on strikers all overand the other unions can learn from the film of the Wall Street Strike.

Victory through airpower escaped the CIO Food workers near Stockton, Cal., the ther day. The oufit hired two airplanes to drop strike leaflets on the huge Costa County asparagus beds but after awhile the planes were grounded for buzzing the vegetable fields too closely. . . When CIO rubber workers' organizers trying to unionize the U.S. Rubber Co. plant near Hogansville, Ga., found the roads too muddy for autos, they got to the workers by hiring a horse.

First signs of a labor swing back to President Truman are showing. Although the Textile Workers' Emil Rieve is one of the President's toughest crities, his union paper says this week that "Against Stassen, Dewey and company, Truman is sure to get labor's nod". But Rieve's publication expresses little hope for a Truman victory. . . Previously, the Pennsylvania AFL endorsed Sitting forlornly in the balcony as a spectator at the steel workers conven-

tion, the biggest ever held in the U.S., was R. J. Thomas, once president of the world's largest union. . Virtually all of Labor's Political Leagues, which together had planned to raise some \$18,000,000 for campaign funds this fall, have railed to collect any sizeable sums. In fact, one such outfit hasn't raised enough to hire a \$25,000-a-year director (I don't mean the AFL.)

CIO chief Phil Murray went out of his way at the Atlantic City, clothing workers' convention to attack Harold Stassen. . . There is a chance that the U.S. Steel Corp. may by-pass the CIO and give its people a raise directly, without negotiating with the United Steel Workers this summer. Simply announce it,

The west coast's AFL Sailors' Union has organized a "Guards and Watchmen's Branch and soon will negotiate for them with the American Patrol Service, the Allen Detective and Patrol Service, the U.S. Protective Service and the Young Patrol Service. Just to see to it that the boys can protect their ships, union leader Harry Lundeberg has set up a "school" to teach them "Duties of a guard, Jiu Jitsu, efficiency, alertness personal appearance -- and

Driving up to Boston behind Phil Murray in this crowded CIO convention circuit, as I just did, you learn a lot about the CIO chief from the boys who know him in his home town of Pittsburgh.

They tell you how he loves lots of children around him; how he used to turn down Franklin Roosevelt's social invitations just to go into some coaldiggers' shack and gab; why he never takes an airplane and hates trains; how he relives and spins long yarns of old Scotland on longer auto trips around the countryside.

And you also learn that Murray's a bitter, angry and determined labor leader, now building up steam in his 982,000 dues-paying steel workers' outfit for a ramming strike of the entire steel industry exactly one year from now - a strike so hard hitting it will buckle the entire nation; a general walkout so tough that it will prove again - just 12 years after the 1927 sitdowns that the CIO is tough and won't fall apart despite the shellacking it is taking.

All this is an old coaldiggers' union tactic.

Remember that for some 30 years Murray was the tactician, the operational chief of the United Mine Workers and that, when he split with the blustering John L. Lewis, old Eyebrows began floundering. So it's an old coaldiggers' technique, Murray plans to use when his cur-

rent no-strike contract ends on May 1, 1949. And part of that tactic is to go on the offensive long in advance of the walkout, pick up steam, get his million followers ready for an all out assault on big steel, the symbol of big industry. The assault has begun. Murray, if you watch closely from now on, will

talk tougher about big business than any of the professional radicals, for whom he has nothing but contempt, by the way. He'll talk as he did at the CIO clothing workers convention in Atlantic City the other day.

The CIO, its president said, has no more use for the swashbuckling monopolist, that greedy selfish pirate of American buiness than it has for the sel-

fish, greedy forms of either fascist or Communist dictatorships." That's the first CIO slogan - down with the monopolists. Then comes the campaign against profits.

"It (the CIO) cannot lend comfort to a system which provides approximately seventeen or eighteen billion dollars worth of net corporate profits to American business. The CIO contends that there is too much extortion being practiced by American business.

"We don't have in the U.S. what might commonly be regarded as a system of true free enterprise. We have in the U.S. today a form of commercial piracy, hijacking and racketeering and the CIO can lend no comfort to that.

"We have in American business today a great many selfish men and a great many selfish interests and it should be the business of a movement such as ours in the interests of our country . . . to urge the institution here of a type of balanced economy that will provide for all the people a more equitaable distribution of our national wealth."

That's class warfare talk, and Murray knows it. But that's the way he'li get up steam and carry his people along when he throws a 1,000,000 steel

steel workers on the picket lines. And he believes that such picket lines will be necessary in '49 - for '48 is what he calls a "lean year for labor." The year when most of the big CIO outfits not only sweated it out for small wage hikes, but lost many strikes, at the end of which thousands of strikers, for the first time in a decade, were

not rehired. Murray feels that the showdown will come between the big steel union and Big Steel. What you hear from him and read about him from now on, put down as fuel to get steam up for the ramming machine.