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Imagination Is Wonderful

The Communists, not being interested in the result of their petition to the town council concerning the "forty raving, obnoxious" D.P.'s didn't attend the council meeting. Instead they chose to send one of their members to the radio station with a script reviling this paper for its attitude about the matter.

We have only this to say on the matter. The whole thing from every angle had the appearance of a plot to discredit the D.P.'s of this area and to gain publicity for the Communists at a time

when their stock is very low. This editor was in the police station at the time of the "call for help" from the Ukranian Hall at 20 Mountjoy Street. He heard the report of the police over their two-way radio and that report is in the police record today or any day which the Communists wish to check it, or any interested citizen for that matter. And if that report makes mention of forty persons creating a disturbance we will print a retraction in 48 point type (large heading type) on our front page. The whole matter was ridiculous and the communists know it.

It was thought to be good propaganda but it backfired and they don't like it. "The Voice of the Bush" program had the wife of Henry Meyer spouting propaganda instead of Henry who was busy nominating the stooges for council that night. Mrs. Meyer said that the l'orcupine Advance was inciting lawlessness. Bosh!

The Mountjoy Hall has the same recourse to police protection These withdrawals left only five men big and little advertisements in The members being re-elected on more in this town as that of any other public building. All they have to do when there is a fracas is to call the police and the police respond very quickly.

The police were very agile the night of November 14th and Even this, however, did not upset The late Sylvester Kennedy was a one of the candidates was claimed by their report was given very soon after they arrived. Perhaps to the acclamation tradition, for the born orator, with a ready Irish wit, one of the slates, he did not appeal the neurotic communists gathered at the building one man pro- only candidate to qualify at the sec- a keen grasp of public affairs, and himself to the eelctors on that ground. testing in a loud voice and using "obnoxious language" became and nomination was Dr. J. A. Mc- undoubted public spirit. He and his Instead, D. Mackie's election platform as 40 men. The imagination of the communist has shown won- Innis, who was accordingly elected by slate were visitors in the fray, though was against indifference on the part derful resilience and stretching powers in the past and we will acclamation. no doubt hear much in the future.

But for people who have sworn to ovrethrow the country by bloody revolution if they must, and whose members have talked of "blood flowing in the streets," they are very easily frightened What must their fellow travellers think of them? The big brave men who have been known in this town to intimidate war weary men and wonien from Europe. They have also been known to crowd people off the sidewalks of this town and to knock down one crippled man. Yes, we have the names and the circum- ratepayers in following this acclama- There may be something in the argu- ness and excitement but it is doubt-

stances. These are the brave men who booed out so loudly when Professor Watson Kirkonell was in town, knowing that they wouldn't be repremanded because they were a minority group. But we can be pushed around too much by minority groups. The Communists have shown us that. We don't wish to curtail them too much for fear that in doing so we make it more difficult for other minority groups which are trying hard to be good citizens.

The communists yap about the common man, surely he isn't that stupid and common that he would do the things that they propose, and have done. It is our belief that the common man, so-called, will lift himself, through democracy to something higher than mere existence on which the communists place so much emphasis, yet for which show so little concern in their country. Let's not hear about that D.P. again, eh fellows?

Teachers Ask For Tolerance

Miss Eilleen McGonigle, Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation president, has urged closer relations between teachers and school boards as the first step in eliminating salary difficul-

Another point which she raised is the matter of tolerance toward secondary school teachers. "If people wish understanding and tolerance for their children, why don't they give it to those who instruct their children?" She says. It is a moot point. It is one which has been discussed many times and one which should be so apparent that it doesn't require much discussion.

Teachers, we are told, are human. Then if they are human like No Canadian, he stressed, can hope capital and consumer goods and a the rest of us, then they would like to be treated as humans.

This matter of wages which Miss McGonigle brings up is an in this country some form of selective of prices and costs .-important one.

Few parents want inferior conditions for training their to others but leave him unscathed the Government's policy of operating \$1,877,000,000, both at the highest level children. They know that in the 20th century there is definitely The experience of other countries at a substantial fiscal surplus, Mr. in the B of M's history. The volume a relationship between quality and cost. If they want first rate makes it perfectly clear that once Cardner questioned whether sufficient of banking transactions had continuschool buildings and equipment they cannot purchase them at third-rate prices; if they want professional instructors they cannot expect t ohire them at the rate of untrained personnel. If they want individual consideration given their own particular child, they cannot expect it in crowded classrooms from teachers who are given no free time for contemplation or thought about goals beyond the immediate one of the lesson.

The Teacher's Federation urges that teachers and school boards get together to assure the children of the community of regard to the public interest." Good and adverse effect on the saving capa: visited 135 brancehs in Canada as well the best possible education.

bers on salary matters will eliminate much of the misunder- public realtions, business had to tell migh; be regarded as a substantial most inspiring experience. . . I cannot one vote which Murray controls. Added to the votes from the regional counstanding associated with unorganized lobbying by teachers' representatives," says Miss McGonigle. "All salary and other difficulties may be ironed out by closer relations between teachers and school boards."

It is surprising to go over the lists of business and political leaders and find out how many were at one time teachers. Yet many of them are the hardest to convince that the educational system must advance with the advancement of science and business methods. Labour of every kind is getting a break from business and industry - why the hold-back in the teaching profes-

The Financial Post Says--

eral Government is bringing all post Canadian Government thinking, as an sible pressure to bear to have the St. urgent defense project. Lawrence Power and Seaway Devel- One of the key points in this arguopment undertaken immediately as ment is the development of the Laban urgent defense project, states a rador-Quebec iron ore deposits.

Financial Post report from Ottawa

not at all.

As well, the Contain her name been were

Pushing Seaway Project-The Fed- given the very highest priority in

The re-elecion of the Truman ad- New Board - New technique in ministration in the United States has manufacture of continuous lengths of smoothed he pathway toward this goal. hard artificial board has been evolved Mr. Truman came out emphatically by U.K. firm, reports The Financial during his campaign in favor of "all Post in its "What's New column." New or nothing" on the St. Lawrence. He machine is said to cut production cost wants it developed as a combined less than one-third of average price. waterway and power development, or Processing is almost automatic; sawdust and resin are fed into end of ma. This attitude coincides with that of chine which mixes it in hopper, passes the Canadian Government. Ottawa it under heat by radio waves, a conwouldn't go as far as Mr. Truman, but tinuous length of hard board emergit pins high hopes on a combined pro- ing at one end of machine. Board can ject being agreed to by the United be finished with paint, printed de-States within the next six months. sgnr, vencers and in many other

In The Days When The Porcupine Was Doung

By G. A. Macdonald

No. 79. Old-Time Elections in the Porcupine

just move to different places! it was the rule to have municipal cipal elections and it was fun to hear contest being big men in more ways elections by acclamation in Timmins, each slate describe the other as than physically. while in the neighbouring township blacker than black. There was always The 1917 Tisdale council as elected of Tisdale there was no such atmos- danger of fisticulis at the election in that stirring election, comprised:

of them qualified, but three of them on the side. fill the vacancy.

that under the acclamation plan men of an election. of outstanding ability and public While there was great excitement af ermath of ill-will. spirit were often found on the old- and demonstration during that elec- Today, it can be remembered with

certainly had lots of distractions in the crowds hunted up the newly- with no ill after-effects.

Times change! Or, perhaps they the way of election excitement. In the early days of the Porcupine days there were "sla es" in the muni- ponent, both winner and loser in the

operation, not around election time. all the heat, no real fire seemed to cillors J. T. Easton (who headed the In more recent years, Tisdale has be kindeld. managed to get away from the old- In the election for the 1947 Tisdale as the elected reeve), J. E. Boyle, D. time election turmoil, and has in- council, there were two candidates Mackie and D. McDougall.

Innis had been nominated, but with- the excitement was even more blister- used as another argument for accla-

new town would not have election but every other form of publicity was be elected at the polls, for the 1917 costs added to its other expenses, used by the candidates. There were Tisdale council proved a goo done the other nomination had to be called to and dodgers letters and circulars, and acclamation.

what-have-you.

outstanding work of this council, to weigh the questions with all the until he moved to Timmins. under all sorts of disadvantages and facts before them. None of the candi- In later years, Tisdale had more difficulties unknown today, seemed to dates flunked any of the issues. than one election contest that put the warrant the good judgment of the Everything was open and above board. 1916-1917 one in the shade for livelition plan. It is a fact beyond dispute ment that it was all worth the price ful if it has had one with more real

tion, all this was mild and calm com- out bitterness, as a form of entertain-In any event, the town saved the pared to the doings at South Porcu- ment for the public at large, with cost of an election, and still secured pine on election night when the re- the added advantage that the contestthe nominations here, the people were a general celebration at South Porcu- to make the ratepayers imbibe conable to relax, and get ready to put off pine such as South Porcupine knows siderable practicable information their Christmas shopping until a day how to put on upon short notice, about their own municipal affairs.

Almost invariably in T.sdale those found him fraternizing with his op-

phere of peace, joy, harmony and co- meetings, vet, strange to say, despite Sylvester Kennedy, reeve and Counpoll, receiving amost as many votes

deed, on occasion, shown a good ex- for the reeveship, and the ten candi- The result of the election seemed da e for the four seats on the council quite decisive, and everyone settled The first five council boards in Tim- board were either on the E. G. Dick- down for the year. But someone raised mins were elected by acclamation, the son slate, or on that of the other can- some technicality about the election more than he is films - and he needn't get off more than one wise-crack, first mayor, W. H. Wilson, being didate, Sylvester Kennedy. Both of J. T. Easton and he promptly remayor for five consecutive years. slates held their own meetings where signed. Nominations being called on for he's closed down. Mayor Wilson withdrew at the end township affairs were thrashed out, the seat thus vacated, and the techof 1916, but the acclamation idea still with some of the candidates acting nicality having disappeared, J. T. held here J. P. McLaughlin, pioneer as if they were ready to thrash or be Easton was nominated again, and as merchant of the North, being elected thrashed. To add to the interest, there soon as he qualified eh was elected mayor by acclamation. Dr. J. A. Mc- were a couple of joint meetings, where again by acclamation. This might be drew to save the town the expense ing. The public meetings held at mations, as this councillor made as Moneta, Schumacher and South Por- good a councillor after he was elected There were a number nominated cupine, were excellent entertainment, by acclamation, as he would have

he had a battle royal on his hands, of the electors to municipal affairs, The 1917 Timmins council included: and had he been a less able man the and carelessness on the part of coun-J. P. McLaughlin, mayor, and Coun- result might have been different. cile to municipal management. He cillors A. R. Globe, Dr. H. H. Moore, There is this to be said for that con- stood on this same platform all the C. G. Williams, A l b e r t Barzeau, test, that the public had the fullest time he was in the township council. Charles Pierce and Dr. McInnis. The opportunity to hear both sides and and he was on the township council

or two before Christmas, that being There were speeches, and other noise, Probably, with the exception of a feature of life in Timmins in the and, of course, there was a parade, those intimately concerned in the The people of Tisdale may have events, except ill-will or other objectissues that were made so much of at world." looked after their Christmas shopping tionable ugliness. One of the proofs the time. But now all should agree earlier than in Timmins, but they of this was the fact that often when taht "a good time was had by all,"

> WEAPONS AGAINST INFLATION terest both to stimulate saving and to "wide disparity between the supply poilcy of easy money had been deof money and the tihngs that money veloped in a period of deflation and buys," Mr. Gardner s'ated, was in- unemployment, and he felt that there creased productivity, which in turn would be a definite advantage in independed ultimately upon more rapid troducing a further element of flexi-

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reported that the bank's assets stood at \$1,991,000,000, total deposits at ed to expand throughout the year; special services of the war and early post-war years had been replaced by

sibility on business men. "I hold no This point, the speaker continued, now numbered 9,300. Referring to brief," he said, "for any concern that took on added significance in that ex-journeys he had made across the conin this day and age operates without isting levels of taxation had a direct tinent, in the course of which he business practice was the first essen- city of the public, particularly that as the bank's offices in the United

Inside Labour

by Victor Riesel

- This movie colony had the "investigation jitters" just exactly a year ago when its producers, writers and actors were hysterical over Congressional probes of its politics. There's more hysteria today. But not over politics. This town has "job jitters" almost to the point of panie. It's getting tougher to make hard dollars out of mushy make-believe. The brutal fac s are that the people on a thousand Main Streets and Broadways just aren't flocking to see the multi-million dollar sad sack film spectaclesand, according to a survey I've just made along with leaders of the movie unions, Hollywood is at its lowest ebb in decades.

By ac ual count almost 40 percent of those normally working on films in the studies are jobless today. Profits are so low producers are down to arguing with the Screen Extras Guild over cuts in pay for extras in mob scenes. The extras protest that take-home pay is already as low as a \$1,000 a year, which makes them the worst-paid of all AFL members.

My favorite movie union official and I toured the studio sound stage sector and found only three lots with any substantial movie making-Para-

mount, MGM and Twentieth Century-Fox. Judging from sentiment on other lots, there isn't much hope for immediate recovery of this mul i-billion-dollar amusement industry.

Over at the Warner Bros. vast studio, where 28 featured films were produced this past year, plans, as near as can be learned call for only ten feature pictures. At RKO, which has done little in the past few months, they are shooting one small pix now and haven't had more than two rolling at a time since Howard Hughes took over. Telther I nor friends could find any indication of scheduled heavy camera work there in the early part of '49. Sam Goldwyn is turning out more brilliant additions to our language

Enterprise Studio, which turned out the heavy money loser, "Arch of Triumph." has virtually shut completely. So have the producers over at Eagle-Lion and many of the independents.

Of course, firings and layoffs are lengthening faces everywhere, and oldtimers who were there during the 1930-31 depression tell me that morale is ower new than it was even then. What's done all this? Here's the answer I got from one of Hollywood' top production experts. "The prinicipal reason is the decline of the foreign market," he said. "As

you undoubtedly know, approximately 40 percent of the movie industry infor the six seats in council, and eight with considerable sound information done as the leading man at the polls. come came from the foreign market. This has been substantially curtailed, On the other hand, it can not be causing a sharp drop in the gross (profit) or any picture produced. This has insisted on withdrawing so that the There was no raido in those days, calimed that a good council can not frightened the people who have to put up to \$5,000,000 into a picture. the U. S. is failing on individual pictures. It's true that there has not been a sharp drop in the over-all box office take, but the average picture is earn-

ing substantially less money. In order to keep up the level of box office requalified for the council, and so an- Porcupine Advance, slashings of cards than one occasion, though never by ceipts, we need more pictures, because the theatres aren't able to keep a film running as long as they used to do. This, of course cuts the profits on It is interesting to recall that while each picture, and the investors are hesitating to throw in their money. "There's another factor, television. It's got the industry littery."

But despite the jitters on the job front, politicking is back to normalcy, Teh loud left-wingers of last year are quiet. They haven't given up trying to invade the Screen Actors and Screen Writers Guild, but they've been slapped down. They have virtually no influence here any longer, except through a handful of producers. The Hollywood Republicans (who seem to be for Harold Stassen in '52)

and the Democrats, free of the bitter badgering of the Commies, are going about their political activity in good-natured competition. They tell a gag here t y p i c a l of the pleasantries of this rivalry. Pat

O'Brien, the Democrat, ran into movie hoofer George Murhpy, the Republican movie leader, and asked:

"How's your foot George?" "Foot?" Murphy queried

"The foot you had in the White House door," Pat retorted They both laughed and went to lunch.

You can do that if you've got the innate decency to feel that your political rival may be just as right as you are.

And, despite all its woes, Hollywood has returned that political decency and interest and enthusiasm, and less has taken the play away from the lefties. HEARD ON THIS BEAT:

PORTLAND, Oregon - FBI and Military Intelligence agents covered the maneurvering as carefully as any of the newsmen - and discovered the greatest concentration of Communist union "whips" ever together in one city since the official Communist Party conventions.

Those comrades, who think they've been operating secretly, ----e photothe services of excellent men. After turns were in and known. There was ants were earnest and sincere enough graphed and rephotographed several times as they spoke at the floor microphones or sat sulking at their tables. They should have known that no regulare newnpicture hawk would waote a negative or a flash bulb on them. Some of the information gathered is going right up to Army Chief of Staff Omar

If quight to be remembered for a long time that the delegates from the notorious CIO Electrical Workers (UE) sat silently while other delegates There was everything usual at such battle, none remember any of the cheered Phil Murray when he said: "This country is still the best in the

> Out of the bitter fight between the right wingers and the pro-Communis's, startingly enough comes the news that CIO has been hard hit.

For example, Murray himself revealed that his powerful Steelworkers are operating at a loss because they had to pay out \$1,000,000 last year to keep other CIO outfits alive. The UE reports that because radios, washing-ma-Chief corrective to the present retard the rate of capital outlay. The chines vacuum cleaners etc. etc. are not selling at least 80,000 of their members are jobless or just picking up a few dollars working part time. The entire raucous, swaggering pro-Communist crowd in CIO, except for the UE and the Fur Workers, have only 82,000 members according to Phil Murray himself, which means that the CIO's membership must be down to about 4.000,000 or a little less. What's happened?

Rollicking Mike Quill, who is purging the Communists from his strategic MONTREAL-B. C. Gardner, presi- boom in capital expenditure on new Further, he said, it was highly de- Transport union, which the leftists infiltrated so they could cripple big cities dent of the Bank of Monteral, told plant and equipment in Canada dur- sirable that an increased porportion at strategic moments, is preparing right down to the most minute detail for shareholders at the 31st annual meet- ing the past two years, an encourag- or corporate financing should be his convention next week. In line with this, he startled some ing this week that doctrinaire social- this expansion had not been matched done in equity form than through CIO convention by walking in sunburned despite endless Por land rain. asked him if he had just flown in from Hollywood or Florida. He grinned and said in his brogue: "No, Victor, those Commies would think they've got me on the run if I walked in here palefaced. So I got me a sun-lamp at a gymnasium here just to make the leftists think I can beat them and still Gordon R. Ball, general manager, have time to spend hours in the open.

> Walter Reuther now has two bodyguards, supplied by his Auto union, with him all the time. Also a trained nurse to handle his wounded arm. . . Because the CIO refused to be brushed off as was the AFL parley in Cincinnati, President Truman had to send official thanks to its conference here. However he promised CIO leaders nothing either on or off the record. To develop their new national strategy, the Political Action Committee

officials here are talking with regional CIO chiefs from throughout the country. Then they'll take the best vote-getting techniques used in each Such an at ack, Mr. Gardner as- in the elimination from the public the larger volume of more normal section, weave them toge her and use them in 1950 . . . After taking the worst beating they've ever had in the 30 years they have been operating in The staff of the Bank of Montreal this country, pro-Communist CIO chiefs will meet in Detroit next weekend to decide how to exploit CIO now that they've managed to keep from being Ther ewas no doubt at any time that Phil Murray single-handedly con-

trolled the CIO convention and personally had the votes to overirde any combination of right or left wingers against him. The CIO has chartered hundreds of lit'le unions of musicians, building workers theatre employees, "Direct and official contact between teachers and board mem- tial, and, to achieve more effective portion of the community which states Mr. Ball said, "This was a bakery and biscuit makers, waste paper makers, etc. etc. Each of these has speak too highly of the fine spirit of ci's and Phil Murray's own steel union, which he also controls, he walked teamwork, enthusiasm and devotion into the convention with a full majority of the delegates present. These are sibility of using a flexible rate of in- of which I found evidence on all the facts of life of a labor convention. For the next two months, if Murray wants to see a chap by name of Presi-

dent Harry Truman, all the CIO leader need do is to shout across his own Rear of the Blair House, the President's temporary residence while the White House is being repaired, is separated only by the width of a small alley from the back of the CIO's headquarters in Washington. . . Still the best showman and pormoter in labor circles is Jimmy Petrillo (you haven't lived if you haven't heard him tell of his adventures as a park dommissioner in the Chicago zoo.) His musicians union has gained 53.00 members in the past year, more than any of the AFL outfits picked up.

Although the pro-Commie unions have virtually no membership in the U.S. proper, they have spent big dough unionizing the fish canneries that ring Alaska's strategic waterfront, sugar refineries in Hawaii's key defense areas, and 17,000 Panama Canal zone workers. How come?

Labor people here tell me that gov. Dewey beat them in this state because he came here, got dusty o nthe rural roads, stood out in the rain, mixed says that he can lower the tax rate with the farmers, rode with Grange leaders to examine the vital dams in the to 60 mills "by hook or crook" and area and fought it out on specific issues. They point out that Oregon is one lower the assessment too? Jimmy Bar- of the few states of its kind Gov. Dewey carried and they believe that he tleman may be an experienced coun- made the same aind of fighting campaign elsewhere that he did here, he would have won. . . Incidently the labor crowd and the Democratic Party

Hollywood Republicans, among them members of the Screen Actors Guild, and some of the California labor people who campaigned for Dewey and Warern now are taking of organizing for Harold Stassen in 1952 . . . Powerful California unions have begun to buy and operate radio stations. ment of land in certain areas of the The AFL Ladies Garment workers and the teamsters are now broadcasting town under the new zoning by-law? over their own facilities. . Next month Reuther's radio station hits the Bartleman has a patch of land right airwaves in Detroit. . Incidentally, only one of every nine auto union memin the heart of the town which he is bers cared enough about the election to give a dollar bill to Reuther's Political Action Committee in 1948.

To make sure that it has 'a new batch of secret cells around which to impeding the progress of the town, build new labor machines, the Communist Party is shifting many of its Do you think Mr. Editor, that this is people into midwest plants where they will join unions, work secretly and the act of one who wishes to serve try to come up as the new unrecognized leaders of many local unions. . . Shortly after Phil Murray clears up his desks back home, he will cal lon Cilizen. Mr. Truman to roll back prices. Since this can't realy be done, the CIO will

start its fourth wage round ballyhoo right after New Year's . . . And don't think the Yuletide spirit will make union brothers love each other. Now that the Commies have been temporarily chopped down as a problem, just watch the AFL and CIO giants battle it out for prestige and Editor. followers.

Economic Basis Says B of M Pres.

Socialism Attacks

ism was attacking the moral and by an offsetting increase in saving, the issue of additional debt. economic foundations of the nation. The result was competing demand for "that it will be possible to establish strong impetus to the upward spiral regimentation is established, no inter- attention was being paid to the conest or class in the community can trol of expenditure. Governing bodies

dians, it placed a particular respon- outlays." its story more completely and in source of venture capital. terms more readily understood by the The president referred to the posman in the street, he asid.

IN OUR TIME

technical advance. There has been a bility into the interest rate structure.

economic dictatorship that will apply After expressing his approval of might well be expected 'to give a lead serted, was a challenge to all Cana- budget of all but absolutely necessary banking business.

By Howie Hunt



"And now, ladies - Just drop a teaspoonful in your dishpan

Letters to the Editor

cillor and may have been mayor at one time but if he can do that little job he is a magician. Wasn't it dear Jimmy who wanted to sue the town some years ago over assessment

and who complained about the assess-

holding so that pride will go up and the community?

Mr. Bartleman doesn't wish to lower the assessment, he merely wishes it couitable.