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They Walk Alone

The newest edition of the Canadian Communist Party's manifesto on how to toe the serpentine Kremlin line makes the Commies more like the famous "on-again, off-again Finnegan" than ever. They have decided, under the crack of Comrade Tim Buck's lash, to abandon general support of the C.C.F. Party.

Naturally, there can be little or no doubt that Mr. Coldwell and his lieutenants are mightily pleased to be relieved of the embarrassment of Comrade Buck's alleged assistance, which was almost a millstone's weight around their necks, but the most significant thing about the Communist about-face is that it proves the impossibility of following the gelatinous policy of the Communists, a policy so well described by Comrade Lenin himself who declared that to attain the Communist goal it was necessary "to use any ruse, cunning, unlawful method, evasion, concealment of truth" at their disposal.

Comrade Buck's reversal of form is tantamount to a declaration of war on the C.C.F., which he termed "capitalism's last barrier against the advance of the working class." Buck and his motley crew of revolutionaries are now standing alone, "a 'thin, red line," against St. Laurent's "fascists," Drew's "war-mongers," Coldwell's "reactionaries" and Mosher's "subversives."

Ah, 'tis a gallant gesture, Comrade Buck! May your chest be adorned with Order of Lenin for your militancy! And if it's not a tade secret, let us know who writes your script. It's far funnier than Charlie McCarthy's ever was!

The Five-Cent Cup of Coffee

A cup of coffee seems to be a silly thing to get into an argument about, but the fact is that most things that make up for the enjoyment or lack of it in the individual's life, are small.

At a recent meeting of the Canadian Restaurant Association, Horace Kin gof Calgary said that, "A five-cent cup of coffee means that we are in a depression."

This of course is a lot of bunk. We have seen in this locality, how the best restaurants can serve coffee for a nickel a cup, and provide good coffee, not the stuff that is soaked for hours at a time

in a metal urn. As a matter of fact, the places where the best coffee can be ob- the opinion that gold is under-priced H. N. Stickley, Hollinger Accountant, tained are those with the biggest and most efficient staff, and with the most modern and comfortable surrounding for their customers to enjoy their coffee in. Only in the small hole-in-thewall eating places is a dime still charged for coffee, in this district.

Mr. King says that it costs the restaurant operator 8% cents to provide a cup of coffee for a customer. How is it then that so many in this district supply their customers with coffee at the reguiar nickel price? Can you imagine some of the local store proprietors losing at least 334 cents on every cup of coffe they sell?

There seems little doubt that Mr King must own a restaurant. He is in the same position that the dairy industry was before the introduction of margarine into this country. He thinks that people will go on paying ten cents for a cup of coffee, even if they know they are being swindled. The dairymen thought the same thing, but the price of butter has dropped nearly ten cents a pound in the last week.

We are not saying that people will demand a substitute for cof- the gold basis, the gold backing for counting. fee, but we are predicting that those who continue to charge ten cents per cup will soon find they have lots of coffee on hand but no one to drink it.

Decentralization of Industry

So far as we know, Canada has not undertaken any program nor prepared any detailed plan for the dispersal of industry to cope with atomic warfare. It is thought most people will agree that ne government could undertake the transplanting of existing large industrial units to less vulnerable areas due to the prohibitive cost if for no other reason. It is equally impractical to put all our key industries underground.

Since this country, in common with the United States, is a free democratic nation presently dedicated to the principle of free enterprise, no government should, even if it could, dictate to each industry that it must do. Therefore, for this, as well as financial reasons, it seems that whatever is done must be done by industry in the development of new wealth itself. We suggest that, as a preliminary step industry can start thinking seriously about the problem and bear it in mind when new facilities, such as branch plants are being expanded or altered due of the development. He recalled that to increased volume of business, the manufacture of new lines or the replacement of plants due to obsolescence or uneconomical op- of the revaluation of gold from \$20.67 eration.

Fortunately and fortuitously, there is already a definite trend the amount paid in 1948 by the Govtowards decentralization of industry for reasons other than that of defence. This trend should be accelerated since the results of decentralization will be of benefit not only to industry but to the country at large. There are many industrially undeveloped areas in Canada which as the normal industrial requirements for dispersal as well as the normal industrial requirements for water, power, northland and particularly in the labour, transport facilities and markets. Therefore, we suggest North West Territories and the Yukon. that any company contemplating expansion or the creation of new plants look first at areas which would not be so likely objects of attack as would be our larger cities and our plants and installations of strategic importance such as power plants, etc. This is a national problem that both government and industry should give the a plan to equalize these costs, as part most serious consideration.

Help Crippled Children

The Timmins Kiwanis Underprivileged Children's Committee entirely to mining have been busy during the past couple of weeks preparing for the annual Easter Seal Campaign. Some of the letteres with the Easter Seals and the addressed return envelope have been mailed and the remainder will be sent out this week to the citizens of the district. Those who have received such letters are asked to use the in cases where phenomenally highseals on all their correspondence. In the addressed envelope grade ore is uncovered. place your donation, and drop it in the nearest mail box. A receipt Mr. Roberts then informed his audwill be sent in return for all donations.

The Timmins Kiwanis Club has been active in underprivileged and crippled children's work for over 25 years, and scores of children who would otherwise have been hopelessly handicapped, are leading happy and useful lives because of the assistance given by the club.

In 1946 the first survey of the Porcupine District to locate crippled children was sponsored by the Timmins Kiwanis Club. Last year a clinic was held in November and 105 examinations were car- Hear Leo Laporte ried out by the three specialists from the Hospital for Sick Children. All this work is carried out in cooperation with the Ontario On Accounting Society for Grippled Children.

Those needing hospital treatment are sent to the Hospital for Sick Children, where operations are performed free, but the Ki-

wanis Club pays for transportation, special braces and boots, etc. You can play an important part in this great work by your contribution. Anyone who has not received stamps and would like to make a donation, send the money to the Kiwanis Club of Timmins. Box 400, Timmins, Ont.

Death Does Not Holiday In Ontario



In his opening remarks the speaker

"Bookkeeping is not an end in it-

purpose for which the books are kept,

Accuracy in accounting, in the op-

"The operation of a gold mine re-

direction and predetermination if it

Gold Is Under-Priced Says A. Kelso Roberts, K.C.

Kelso Roberts, K.C. a candidate for Leo Laporte, Hollinger's Assistant Acthe leadership of the Progressive Con- countant. servative Party of Ontario, expressed 'The chairman of the meeting was and advocated gold backing for Canad- and the speaker was introduced by an currency in an address to the Can- Lawrence Morley, of the staff of the adian Institute of Mining and Metal- Production Engineering Department.

"Today Canada is without any ade- the purposes and uses of the various quate gold backing for her currency de- principles and methods of accountancy. spite the fact we have five times as and more specifically with the practice much currency in circulation in the Do- of those principles and methods at minion as we had in 1940," Mr. Roberts Hollinger

"There is great danger in this regard outlined the development of accountto any kind of stability between nations ancy as it is known today, tracing its and trading between nations," the form history to the days prior to the dise" member of St. Patrick Riding con- cove y of the American continent. He clinued. "Yet we in Canada have com- also discussed the legal aspects of the pletely forsaken the one basis on which profession and mentioned some of all currencies can be related and for the requrements imposed by law on which no botter substitute has as yet persons operating different types of been evolved namely the gold standard businesses as to bookkeeping and ac-

A member of the Canadian Institute self." Mr. Laporte said. "It is merely of Mining and Metallurgy, himself, for a means to the end. The end, or the more than 21 years, Mr. Roberts dealt at some length with legislation and seshould letermine the nature and numcurtiy regulations in regard to mining ber of records that are used." and industrial financing. He expressed the view that the present Ontario inion of the speaker corresponds to the address and for the talented ar-Securities Commisson was doing its the same element in other sciences work fairly and efficiently but felt and in the arts. that a speedier disposition of applications would be welcomed by those quires the greatest degree of wise in the mining industry.

Continuing, Mr. Roberts outlined is to be done economically and effithe "risk" taken by prospectors by the ciently, said the speaker. "With ----general public who subscribes funds the fixed price of gold and rising costs Mr. Laporte then proceeded to out-Government of a mine-conscious country, to develop the production of new wealth. He felt that those involved are entitled to shift considerable portions of the risk" at various phases made an overnight profit, as a result to \$35.00 an cunce, equal to ten times ernment by way of emergency gold assistance payments.

Then the candidate for leadership of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party dealt with the possibilities for mining development in Canada's

After comparing costs of transportation and commodities at Yellowknife with those at Kikland Lake, these two cownsites having striking similarities in their respective areas, he advocated of the continental defense scheme. The strategic position of the N.W.T. in world affairs today he explained, required a speedier development of the area which lends itself almost

"Unles costs at Yellowknife can compare favourably with costs in Northern Ontaric and Quebec," he pointed cut, "we chanot hope to open up the North West Territories rapidly except

tence that, in his opinion, for the sake of Canada's economic stability, special consideration should be given by members of Parliament, by conomists and financers to encourage the development of our nation's mineral wealth.

Hollinger Classes

The 150 employees of Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines Limited, who have been attending a series of special Evening Classes held throughout the winter months, at a recent meeting heard an interesting and valuable discussion of accounting and bookkeeping. The speaker of the evening was

17th of Ireland (Continued From Page One)

Mr. Laporte in his talk dealt with plebiscite would be held by counties. Had this plan been followed, four the six separated counties would have voted for union. But the voting wa ited Ireland, this majority was,

> Following the applau e given Rev. fronts and pressure groups. Fr. Martindale's address, Past President Jack Beattie expressed the apcountered they had ever maintained maneuvers once the underground goes into high gear their good humour, and also noting that had there been no trouble in Irea lot of the finest sort of citizens.

President F. A. Woodbury added his personal words of appreciation for tists who had made "Irish Day" car to be remembered.

CONQUERORS' GROUNDS Normran kings of England were the first to establish game preserves.

to finance mining ventures and by the to contend with, the mining industry line the purposes of various journals

He pointed out that Lloyd George had agreed to the dismemberment of Ireland. The land had been divided in peculiar way, with 4.245,000 or the one side of the line, and 1,279 000 on the other. When home rule was promised in 1914, the Northern section had threatened to rebel if this were done. At the time of the partition, it was understood that later not held by counties, but by sections, and while the returns in the six counties showed a majority against a un

reality, confined to a small area.

must know its costs and at all times the cash book, purchase journal, sales have a clear picture of operations." journal and the general ledger.

The chronicling of certain household events will this week suffer suitable allusion at the end of the column. We intend to let them dangle with, if you will permit, impetuous imperturability. Reason being that or Sunday we toddled off for a cup of tea with a good friend of ours who, along with the beverage, provided us with some notes regarding local gardening enthusiasts and the Timmins and District Horticultural Society.

'The Thursday Whim'

Elain Craig of Timmins placed sixth in a society sponsored essay competition of recent date. There were over one hundred and sixty essays entered from throughout the province; the subject being the conservation of wild flowers. And the Society received commendation at the O.H.A. convention held this month in Toronto. John Clark, lecturer for the O.H.A. stated the Timmins Society had presented one of the best horticultural shows in the province.

It will be well to add that local gardening enthusiasts can gather useful information by attending the lectures given once monthly at the municipal building by Jack Robinson, Hollinger gardener.

You will see, indeed a blind man could see it, the afternoon was spent in an atmosphere of dignity. We were so moved by the tenor of the period that we intend doing the column on the theme of a Chinese proverb which goes: "If you wish to be happy for a day, get drunk; If you wish to be happy for three days, get married; If you wish to be happy for eight days, kill your pig and eat it; But if you wish to be happy forever, become a gardener." But our Chinese is not as good as it should be, so we gave up

Anyway, we didn't dare snub the conventional in reporting the above for one very good reason which goes: "Now do it right or we'll fetch you a few smart clips on the side of the head." What we mean to say is after all we don't want to become an antipode. We like it here. And now for a few defamatory remarks concerning our family. They

are growing decidedly worse. The repulsive exceptions, that is, Basis of the trouble is a cosmetic manufacturing company who have got out individual lipsticks in the form of a penny match folder. Our father's and our sisters humour got slightly out of whack when the sire tore into

the lip matches in an effort to light a cigarette. The air was for the instant, so to speak, pretty colourful. Ther on Sunday the wicker seat of our mother's favourite rocking chair,

the one she hides in the basement between visitors, got suddenly tired. She refused to change chairs and got in some lively banter with her husband regarding repairs to the seat. Father, with amazing logic argued tha' rocking chairs are decidedly difficult to repair when people are seate' upor them. And by the time he had put across his point the Sunday reading scramble was over and he ended up gurgling in the pages of something entitled "Ginger Rogers and the Riddle of the Scarlet Cloak."

"Tell me." he finally roared, "did Julius Ceasar go bald over the intracacies of governing his achievements, or was it from the suppresion of certair emotions." It seems we shall have to watch the old boy closely in the future. The slightest things upset him.

Topping it off; our brother, a bushman who has got the art of snering down to a bear frightening degree, is currently at home. We bunk in the same room for as long as the writer of this column can stand it. Then we totter downstairs and collapse in the bathtub.

Really, we haven't had so much fun since the time we contemplated suicide over an unrequited high school love affair.

Suicide, that is, where is thy blooming sting?

Inside Labour

by Victor Riesel

There's a letter hidden in the files of Arrogance, nc.--sometimes known as John Llewelyn Lewis--which proves that the \$1,000-a-week-coaldiggers' boss needlessly and deliberately called a \$1,000,000-mine strike just to give the country the jitters, thumb his nose at other labor leaders, and swing back into the hot limelight in which he loves to swagger.

nowwants. And he could have gotten it exactly a year ago.

That letter is evidence that he had a chance to get exactly what he says he That letter is evidence that the Old Gray Bear is what he used to be--and that he is subtly grabbing for vast power, the kind he has day-dreamed of since he first began battling U.S. Presidents (Calvin Coolidge).

The document proves that what Lewis wants as much as "mine safety" is personal control over a federal bureau which in turn has considerable power over everything beneath the earth's surface: oil and metals, as well as coal. That's what this strike is all about.

Now for the letter: It was written a year ago to John L. Lewis by Dr. James Boyd, chief of the Bureau of Mines, whose appointment touched off this coal Pleasantly and politely, the letter told Brother Lewis that Dr Boyd would like

to see the great John L. They have never met. They have never talked. Mr. L. doesn't know anything about Dr. Boyd except what the miners' research dept. tells him.

And the letter informed the Old Scowl that a new chief of the bureau's Health and Safety Division was about to be appointed. Wouldn't Mr. Lewis like to come in, or sit down someplace with Dr. Boyd to discuss and suggest a safety chief? Disdainfully, John L. Lewis ignored the letter. He never replied. Not

even with one of those Shakespeare-worded notes on brown wrapping paper (Mr. Lewis' latest method of communication to other labor leaders) saying No. Just nothing--although the new chief of Health and Safety was empowered to inspect all U.S. mines, recommend safety measures, give wide publicity to unsafe pits, train coaldiggers in rescue and first aid work, and study electricity in mines, the presence of dangerous dust, etc., etc.

This was exactly what Lewis had been screaming for. But Lewis had been in the shadows too long. He wanted drama. And he's got it. He wants the right to name the Director of the Bureau of Mines because the bureau has vast power and a Lewis stooge would do exactly as the Disdainful One would command. It's always been thus inside the mine

workers union. Ask a man who carries a card.

The Bureau spends almost 50 per cent of its time on petroleum alone. More time is devoted to metallurgy, or analyzing coal nad investigating coal reserves for the mine owners. Recently Boyd's aides have been studying the substitution of metallic titanium for other scarce metals.

Just where does John Lewis come off demanding veto power over such a

ant Republicans were about to give Lewis what he's long wanted. Bills backed by majority whip Sen. Francis J. Myers (Pa.) would have given mine inspectors power to close unsafe pits and shifted federal mine inspection from

Dr. Boyd's bureau to a new mine safety division in the Interior Dept. One Senator behind these proposed laws -- Matt Neely (D.W.Va.) said bluntly he was "the servant of the miners". The coaldiggers themselves have

friends in Congress. But John L. doesn't want their help. That's the easy way--without oublicity, without becoming the Wagnerian character even in silence, without cost to the country's wage arners and property owners, without sneeringly showing the other labor chiefs just how powerful he is even in his loneliness

At a \$1,000 a week, and expenses, you can afford the luxury even if 500,000 coaldiggers and railroad workers go home payless to the wife and kids

HEARD ON THIS BEAT

There's been only one real boss of the American Communist party since it sent its apparatus underground. He's curly-haired, disdainful Eugene Dennis alias Frank Waldron, rather than sickly, sneered-at William Zebulon Foster, who hasn't been able to make a decision without Dennis' okay, nor even hold an important parley without Dennis-Waldron at his elbow. Now this is the payoff on the Communist story at the minute:

It has been learned that for some months now, perhaps a year, Dennis, who munist public machinery, the open political party, newspapers, clubs, etc., etc., is ace-high in Moscow, has been actually preparing to disolve the entire Comand operate out of the underground through controlled unions, intellectual

In the past year Dennis has sent emissaries to certain non-Communist union preciation of the club for the guest chiefs, asking that they make peace with the Communists. All such messpeaker's address, commenting that sengers have been thrown out, leaving Mr. Dennis with just a handful of unwhatever difficulties Irishmen had en ions and a New York political "party" (not the Communists) as a base for

What worries Dennis-Waldron is discipline. Since he and the other party big shots face jail, and some of top agents are being publicly discredited by land, this country would have missed Congressional probes, the party is split by fractions seeking control. And each fraction sends mimeographed publications through the mail to other members exposing each other

> Actually, John Lewis called out the coal diggers on a two week holiday because there's too much coal above ground--and the excess tonnage piling up weakens John L.'s chances for successful pressure on the operators this summer. The nation now can run for some four months without a chunk of coal being dug--Meanwhile just to keep his organization boys in training, Scowling John is spending some \$5,000 a week in an effort to invade New York and Philadelphia. In N.Y.C. his tough lads are going after some 35,000 taxi drivers and in Philadelphia it's theatre workers. . . He'll get real tough May 1st.

In the White House inner sanctum it's beginning to look like the early New cannot leave anything to chance. It used in accounting. These included Deal days. Slowly Mr. Truman is developing a core of bright young men who go up to Capital Hill with great power and all the authority, if less of the brashness and color, of the old Tommy Corcoran-Harry Hopkins crowd. First to emerge is serious, youngish David Lloyd, a White House assistant and nember of Mrs. Roosevelt's American's for Democratics Action, which until recently was the New Deal's own D.P. camp.

Next to quit in Washington will be Army Secretary Kenneth C. Royall -- and the labor people expect he will be appointed to the U.S. Senate by North Carolina's governor (there's a vacancy) where he will add one more needed vote for Mr. Truman's program. . . The labor lobbyists worked all Thursday night buttonholing and pressuring Senators to support Vice-President Barkley's efforts to bust the filibuster.

What I consider the beggining of one of the big political stories of the year is breaking quietly in Maassachusetts labor circles. There the AFL political chiefs plan to set up a local section of their national political league by enrolling individual members--and they need not be union duespayers. Anybody paying his buck is welcome. It's similar to enrollment in a political party. Once this becomes a national policy, the league can pile up millions of members and a mighty political machine independent of the Democrats and Republicans, a machine which can be turned into a political party overnight.

Short Story Dept: Pickets get bored too. So, when round-the-clock parading was ordered in Charlotte, N.C., by the CIO textile workers, the union hired a movie outfit and flashed films on the side of a house facing the plant past which the pickets trudged.

Romance and Sandwiches: -- To keep its people amused at lunchtime, the Standard Oil Co. of N.J. now shows movie shorts between 42 and 2 o'clock three times a week.

No Morning After: -- One thing some of the CIO men who work in Akron rubber plants may never have is a hangover. This boon to the good rubber workers comes from a strange chemical called tetreathyl thiruam disulphide used to vulcanize tires. British doctors have found the stuff useful in curing alcoholics, because when mixed with hard liquor it makes a ldrunk sick. This the Akron CIOers discovered sadly not so long ago when some of the tetraethyl stuff polluted the air of their plant in powdered form. A few of the boys stopped in for a gentle beer after work and one drink apiece was enough to knock them out. . .

Union spare that Tree--The drive to unionize tree surgeons has been launched by the AFL. First company to feel the assault is Boston's Davey Tree Expert Co. No small field this, there are some 20,000 tree docsant There's one batch of union members who'll go out on a limb regularly. Union, spare that

They Don't Always Get Their Man: -- The rail unions have been fighting to have double crews put on the huge diesel locomotives. The Engineers' and firemen's unions joined in the fight and the railroads finally agreed to take on one extra crewmember and call him a mechanic. Now there's a new light between the two unions--over which outfit gets the newcomer.

There's one union which sends every one of its members to its conventionsbut it has only 56 oldsters. They're the sideographers, the men who engrave stuff on the head of a pin, and also the steel plates from which roll off the country's bonds, banknotes and postage stamps. Their convention is in May, one of some 75 AFL enventions to be held this year. If those who want a full list of conventions, time, date, place, etc., send me a note, I'll mail them the list.

In some plants, the number of a worker's dependents, not his seniority, decides whether he'll be paid off or not. . . Anna Louise Strong was kicked out of Moscow because she showed sympathy for Yugoslavian maverick Marshall Tito. . . In Brooklyn alone, the anti-Communist auto workers have taken some 15,000 followers from left wing United Electrical (UE) Workers Union locals in the past year. . . The AFL Teachers Union is lifting the charters of locals controlled by pro-Communists in an effort to keep the lefties from influence in our education system. . .