

THIS WEEK AND NEXT by Ray Argyle



The Anatomy Of Canada

Despite radical shifts in Canadian social patterns, there has been little fundamental change in the class structure of our society or in the dominance of an entrenched Establishment which runs the country through economic and political influence.

The North American democratic ideal of a classless society has always been little more than an illusion. The significant fact of present-day Canadian society is that all classes have been recently upgraded. This has come through a combination of greater material prosperity and new welfare measures which have made life more comfortable for lower income groups.

The preservation of this basic anatomy of Canadian society has not, however, prevented radical changes in attitudes toward moral, religious, legal and educational standards. As a result, the chief social goals at which Canada should be aiming can be now clearly defined.

The root of social change occurring today in Canada can be found in scientific and technical breakthroughs which have had tremendous impact on all levels of life.

Medical advances, which have improved health norms and increased life expectancy, have crystallized the need for effective medical and pension programs. They have forced society to move ahead because they have increased both the magnitude and the ease of solution of such problems.

Technological developments affecting every activity from farming to manufacturing have accelerated other changes. Automation has shaken the trade union movement like nothing since industrial unionism first challenged the craft unions. With the strike losing its potency, unions and management find themselves groping for new methods in labor negotiations.

The birth control pill has completed the revolution in sexual morality, brought a historic shift in religious attitudes toward procreation and blunted the threat of the population explosion.

The need for a trained work

force to man the industrial apparatus of a scientific society has not only forced our schools to transfer their focus from liberal education to exacting technical instruction, but has ensured that education budgets will continue to rise.

It must be recognized, therefore, that fundamental shifts in society are the result not so much of spontaneous changes in public thinking, but of responses to technical innovations.

The cultural affects are no less dramatic. Man's religion has been historically related to those forces he could not understand. As his knowledge of nature has increased, his affinity to religion has declined.

The tensions and frustrations of an age of such radical change have led many to seek refuge in escapism ranging from right wing political extremism to weird "pop" cultures which represent nothing less than a debasement of all cultural and creative standards.

The presence of scientific progress thus does not guarantee that society will always develop in the most favorable manner.

This is especially true in Canada, where little original scientific research is done and where the effects take longer to be felt.

The very top of the Canadian power structure — the Establishment of top industrialists, government and civil service figures and select social leaders — will always be largely self-perpetuating.

Canadians have a responsibility, however, to ensure that the class structure is based on merit and not on accidental circumstance of birth. The chief social goal of the country should be to guarantee upward mobility within our economic classes by helping the competent child rise from the most lowly of backgrounds.

This means more social workers, more child guidance, and elimination of all financial barriers to higher education for those of talent. When this has been accomplished, the anatomy of Canada will match the human resources available to this country.

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ROLLER SKATING - The roller skating concession has been leased to the Terrace Bay Sea Cadets who will operate this activity on the same schedule as last year. This activity will commence on Thursday, June 9th.

AN APPEAL TO PARENTS - from the Recreation Association

In the past five years minor athletics in Terrace Bay have taken a sharp decline. Almost every minor sports group is experiencing serious difficulty due to lack of interest on the part of parents and participants. This winter Minor Hockey tried feverishly to get coaches and executive members and almost had to beg people to volunteer their time.

The interest and enthusiasm of the children is not very high, mainly because they cannot get their parents behind them.

At one time Terrace Bay was the pride of the North Shore in almost every phase of athletics but year by year this reputation has faded away. This is not the entire fault of the children themselves, but of the parents. Parents today are looking for their own recreation and giving very little thought to the recreation needs of their children.

If we are thinking of re-building and reviving the reputation of Terrace Bay, this will require the whole hearted support of each and every parent. There are many parents who feel that their children have grown up and possibly are away from Terrace Bay and that they should no longer be active in the community as volunteer leaders. This is a false conception as it is vital to have all people providing leadership.

A group which needs this leadership is the minor activities. If we are to mold strong citizens for the future we must provide our children with this guidance. In Terrace Bay we do not have any serious cases of juvenile delinquency and our community is highly regarded as one which is trouble-free. This could very easily change if we are not cautious.

We are starting the fastball season and have nearly 100 boys and girls who want to play but are at a standstill as we do not have the required coaches. Meetings have been called but we have had absolutely no response, with the exception of one lady who turned out and volunteered her time as a coach.

A FINAL MEETING is being called for Tuesday, June 6th at 8 P.M. in the old library room of the Recreation Centre. **IF THE PARENTS DO NOT TURN UP FOR THIS MEETING THERE WILL BE NO MINOR FASTBALL SEASON IN TERRACE BAY THIS YEAR.** This could also apply to other activities.

REMEMBER - - IT'S UP TO YOU. Take care of your own recreation, but don't neglect that of your children's.

SENIOR FASTBALL - The Men's Senior Fastball League gets underway this week with 3 teams and an interlocking schedule with Schreiber. At a recent meeting Ken Johnson was elected president, Norm Boone vice president, John Cosgrove treasurer and Barry Walsh secretary.

Several older ball-players have retired but many new faces are appearing. Team names have changed. There will be Roly Sinotte's Shell Oilers, Zenmac Mines and Filane's. Ken Johnson is back as coach of the Oilers. This team will be primarily the same as last year and will be out to defend the league title. Zenmac Mines is a junior club headed by Buck Matio-wsky, Bill McKie and Cy Brassard. Filane's team is coached by Norm Boone. (Continued Page 11)