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Notes and Comments

Injustices of Unemployment Insurance

A great many employers and employees in small industry as well as in banks and mercantile stores are smarting under the conditions of the Unemployment Insurance Act, whereby these people are required to pay into this fund, from which they can hope to receive no benefits. Bank clerks, for instance, are never put on part time, and therefore receive no benefit. Likewise scores of other persons are forced to contribute to the fund who will never benefit from it. Why then, they rightly ask, should they be forced to pay insurance for some one else, an insurance that is nothing more than a tax.

It is disappointing that the Dominion government is coming to the country at this time with no promise of correcting these conditions, if elected. Those who are smarting under the injustice will remember this on election day, but more important is it that they register their protest openly to their respective candidates, and exact a promise of having the Act more fairly administered.

We're Still At War, Donald Gordon Reminds Canadians
Commenting on a statement made by Prime Minister Mackenzie King about relaxation of wartime restrictions, Donald Gordon declared that the system of controls would be intelligently done away with only at the proper time. We cannot proceed with the removal of many restrictions until our actual war production has been curtailed. You must remember we still have the Japanese war on our hands," Mr. Gordon said.

Canadians, he indicated, should not be too optimistic about immediate production of many kinds of civilian goods. Available material and manpower will condition such production. Many shortages exist and some of these will become more severe due to world supply shortages.

Goering and Niemoeller
(From The New York Times)

Germany, once a Christian nation, believed in Adolf Hitler. Martin Niemoeller believed in God. Because the steadfast pastor refused to turn from God and obey Hitler he spent eight years in Nazi concentration camps. Three days before Germany crashed to utter ruin he was freed by American troops. His first words to the German people were "Turn again to God."

One day after the crash Herman Goering was dragged from his hiding place. He is the foremost war criminal to be captured thus far. Characteristically, he came out whinnying. Because he wanted to surrender, he complained, he was arrested and ordered executed. Oh, no, he was no longer one of Hitler's henchmen. (Not one of these war criminals will be!) But the Reichsmarshal served the devil well. As Hitler's "loyal paladin" he waxed in power until on Sept. 1, 1939, he was chosen as heir to the leadership of the Third Reich.

The Nazis offered Goering to the world as the fat Petronius of pagan Germany, the knightly swashbuckler, the smiling interpreter of bad faith and the broken word, second among the supermen. But he was a thief and a killer. He looted empires and stole fortunes. He killed gently and ruthlessly. He headed the Prussian police when they were rooting out the last vestiges of freedom in Germany. He fired the Reichstag. He shaped the weapon with which Germany meant to conquer the world, the dreaded Luftwaffe. He sent it on a flying mission of annihilation over Rotterdam when resistance had ceased, as "an object-lesson." When the Luftwaffe failed against England, Goering began to pass under the shadow of Himmler, the cold-hearted executioner. Toward the end, with every wall toppling about him, with every avenue of escape blocked, he disappeared from the headlines. But his crimes are crimson. He cannot escape them.

Now, for all his batons, his medals and his uniforms, Goering is a captive. Niemoeller is free. The paths of no two men ever led to greater contrast. In the last war both were brave officers, Goering in the air, Niemoeller on the sea. Both enrolled under Hitler's swastika banner, but Niemoeller only until he discovered it signalled a descent into hell. No persecution could shake his conscience, once he took his stand. Goering, the gross materialist, never had a conscience; for him the dark descent was easy. Today he stands deep in the pit into which he did so much to plunge his country. We are starting to cleanse that pit. The big Goerings and the little Quislings both look vainly for escape. The land and the people remain a vast desolation. But while Niemoeller lives, at least one lonely star shines over Germany.

A New Target for Mitch

"Would Destroy Ontario," and "Sowing Seeds of Disunity." No friends, these are not the Germans that are referred to, it is merely Mitch Hepburn railing about George Drew. His guns are being aimed at the Ontario Premier instead of the Prime Minister of Canada for this election.

Prices Higher in the U.S.A.

A comparison of prices in Canada and the United States is convincing evidence of the greater effectiveness of the Dominion's price control system. Evidently in the United States freezing of prices was delayed until a considerable climb in prices had taken place. Visitors to the United States in recent months have noted the contrast and incidentally this has placed a damper on any temptation one might have for bringing back a few articles of wearing apparel or gifts.

Meals too are noticeably higher across the line and stress is laid in printed menus and on notices in restaurants that the prices quoted are those that were in effect April 4 to 10, 1943. That date, it will be noted, is sixteen months after Pearl Harbor.

To illustrate prices of meals one might mention that in a coffee shop of a hotel in Chicago a very ordinary breakfast costs 65c, as compared with about 40 cents in Toronto. Luncheon and other meal prices were similarly higher than in Canada. It is doubtful if Canadian restaurants are making any money at present prices, in spite of their permitted charge of "five cents extra for beverage." However, they have the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping to maintain the price ceiling, which is so all-essential in wartime.

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OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

Written expressly for The Stouffville Tribune by Dean Wilson

It is quite clear in well-informed circles backstage in Ottawa that the end of the war in Europe will not bring the expected results in relaxation of war effort or wartime controls for Canadians, judging by the reaction of the average man and woman throughout this country where it was believed that almost complete relaxation of such effort or controls would accompany V-E Day. Consequently, there are a good many people who are disappointed, though these people should not have expected too much, especially in view of the war against Japan being intensified rather than eased

at this stage. Moreover, restrictions in Canada will have to be balanced with the needs of supply in other United Nations as well as devastated Europe. In other words, manpower and materials must be controlled to a certain extent for a certain time in order to create such an economic balance so that officials in Ottawa stress now a need by the common man and woman for consideration of these factors. Thus, relaxation of some degree may be expected in certain directions as conditions permit, whether this will involve luxury or necessity being no longer a consideration. This was shown only lately in the disclosure that sugar was in short supply now more than at any time during the war in Europe. This was shown in the hint that gasoline restrictions may be eased considerably in time. This was shown

in suggestion that liquor distribution may be made more liberal soon. This was shown in the extension of some control only lately over clothing and textiles since these are needed badly in Europe. In short, relaxations will come in some directions but controls or restrictions may even be extended in others. Generally, it is expected that relaxations may be a fact more and more in efforts to help housing, such as greater release of steel, wood, tin, hardware, and so forth; but it is not expected that much relief may be forthcoming for at least a little time in the fields of clothing, textiles and food, especially since these are in greater demand today than ever before both at home and in Europe. Indeed, estimates of food supplies moving into civilian consumption in Canada during the last twelve months period, according to the latest information in Ottawa, do not show any material changes from the previous twelve months except in fruits and vegetables where better than average crops together with greater imports resulted in the substantial improvement in per capita supplies, though the needs today are greater than at any other time.

Behind the tremendous work accomplished by Canada's delegation at the World Security Conference at San Francisco, there have been many deeds which were not fully, nor properly revealed to the man-in-the-street across this country, though these achievements of this delegation composed of practically all political parties in the House of Commons are recognized along Parliament Hill. Canada's delegation made certain contributions or suggestions for the creation of this permanent pattern of world peace in order to strengthen the functions of the general assembly, which is the principal body of this world security organization, and the functional basis of the security council particularly adding the usefulness of so-called "middle" or "smaller" powers in addition to its composition of the permanent "Big Five" seats of the major powers. In fact, Canada emphasized properly that the significance of a nation, whether "middle" or "small" should be adjudged on the

estimate of its past contribution to the common cause in men, munitions and money and its likely contribution in future in the same things rather than the mere population of any nation. But there is another extremely important thing which every man and woman in Canada who is interested in the establishment of this world machinery for stopping wars in future should know and that is that Canada's delegation did much more than appeared in the news, working behind the scenes as a sort of watchdog for the common good of all and aiding the common cause of peace by throwing its weight behind those suggestions or amendments which were akin to Canada's view rather than put them forth and prolonging deliberations unnecessarily, even without getting credit for them.

Just as problems of demobilization have come to the forefront now in Ottawa, it can be reported that the call-up system for compulsory military service and its relation to National Selective Service has been in the limelight along Parliament Hill where it is indicated that the techniques involved in ending the call-up system are under careful study. Already, it is known, that the Director of National Selective Service, Arthur MacNamara, has sent a telegram to Chairmen and Registrars of Mobilization Boards across Canada, urging them to relax pressure immediately for cancellation of postponements for industry of those over twenty-five years of age and those working in war industries, textiles, lumbering, base metal and farming. Other changes are expected in time so that the whole system may be altered radically before long, though a report heard in Ottawa insinuates that there will be no sharp cut in military inductions in the United States in the immediate future under present plans.

The huge amount of mail sent out from Ottawa by members of Parliament has gone down because the mail franking privileges of these representatives has expired, though such mail was extremely heavy before the expiration time due to the election. "Some of the great medical discoveries made during

the present war will save many more lives in the future than were lost during both Great Wars," said in Ottawa by Dr. C. H. Best, famous Canadian medical authority and co-discoverer of insulin. He has been Director of Research of the Royal Canadian Navy. Corporal Bob Watt, nephew of Mrs. Cora Casselman who was a member of Canada's delegation to the San Francisco meeting, only woman member of this group, has been killed in action in Germany. He was a well

known champion tennis player and he was a noted figure in this sport across Canada. And another distinguished Canadian woman in Ottawa, Senator Cairine Wilson, who is the only woman member of the Canadian Senate and the mother of eight children, said in the capital that it was deplorable that present housing regulations in Canada prevent people with children from renting suitable living accommodations.



Earl Toole

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Equality of Opportunity for All on June 11th

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