

Christmas CAKE



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Is Soviet Russia a Democracy?

A great change appears to have come over Mr. Ernest Bevin and other leaders of the British Labor Party since they have assumed the responsibilities of government. During the recent three-power conference in London Mr. Bevin remarked that there was need for a new definition of the word Democracy. Mr. Molotov had used the word as applying to the socialist system in Russia, and to the method by which he proposed to set up the new government in the Balkan states. Mr. Bevin bluntly declared that Soviet Russia was not a democracy, and he likened the Soviet policy to that of Hitler, upon which Mr. Molotov got up and threatened to leave the conference if the statement was not withdrawn.

Mr. Bevin spoke as though he had only just discovered that Russia was not a democracy. That may have been the case, for during the general elections the Labor Party had capitalized on the popularity of Russia, and the chairman of that Party had held up Russian socialism as a model on which a Labor Government would build up a Socialist State in Britain. But when Mr. Bevin, as Foreign Secretary, came at close quarters with Mr. Molotov he discovered that Russia was not a democracy at all. Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden, in their dealings with the Soviet leaders, took that for granted and dealt with the situation accordingly.

In a recent dispatch from Moscow, Brooke Atkinson, special correspondent for the New York Times, said that in the common use of the word democracy the people of the United States and the people of Russia do not mean the same thing. "With us in America," said Mr. Atkinson, "democracy is a habit of mind as well as a political system. With us it is an expression of faith in the principle that over a long period of time the people as a whole are able to make wiser decisions than their leaders. Our Western democracy is flexible. We can spontaneously overthrow a government with startling speed, as in the Democratic revolution of 1932, or the Labor victory in Britain this year."

We can define democracy as "That form of government in which the sovereignty of the state is vested in the people, and exercised by them through representative institutions." The Russian socialists may claim that their system conforms to that definition. We would need to define what we mean by the "people" and by "representative institutions." We believe in the rule of the people as a whole through representatives elected periodically, after free and open discussion, by secret ballot. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press,

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Mrs. Elizabeth Boyce of Peterboro, Ont., holds the sheets which were used to bind her and her son, Oswald, when five gunmen ransacked their farm home and took \$10,490 in cash and bonds. Registered bonds valued at \$7,500, part of the loot, were left in corner letter boxes and later discovered.

and freedom of elections among several parties are the essentials of democracy as we understand it.

But those freedoms are not compatible with Socialism, whether it is that of Soviet Russia or the State Socialism which the British Labor Party or the C.C.F. Party have visualized in their programs. Socialism cannot be put into operation or maintained without some form of dictatorship. If the Russian people were to be given freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of elections, the Soviet Socialist Republic would very soon go to pieces. Socialism may be the very best system for the Russian people; they have never known freedom, and they do not miss it. But to the people of the Western democracies freedom is as necessary as the air they breathe.

We may admire what a planned economy has done to uplift the Russian people from the oppression of Feudalism, but we left feudalism behind us hundreds of years ago at the signing of the Magna Carta, and we have made wonderful progress under our free democratic system. The Russian people have profited by that progress and are sharing in our heritage. We may learn something from their daring experiments, but they have more to learn from our longer experience of freedom. All true progress is toward greater freedom—not away from it, and it is that reason that Soviet socialism cannot be combined with

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"The atomic bomb is a sword of Damocles. It is a shot in the arm we needed. It tells us 'You be good or you're going to hell.'" These words were said in Ottawa by the Boy Scout Commissioner, John A. Styles, who has just come back from overseas. A total of \$11,766,953 has been paid to 18,762 Canadian Army ex-service personnel applicants for war service gratuities during September and this has brought to \$63,206,672 the total gratuities paid to the end of September, according to the latest report in this capital. The home of the Irish High Commissioner to Canada, Hon. John J. Mearns, who has been away on

state business, was broken into in Ottawa by a unknown housebreaker and considerable damage was done to several priceless antique pieces of furniture in his beautiful house. Defence Minister, Hon. Douglas Abbott, has forecast in Ottawa that by March or April, 1946, the army's repatriation from Europe may be concluded with the exception of

BROOKLIN SOLDIER PHONES PARENTS FROM HOLLAND

Pte. John Blair Puts In Long Distance Call

Pte. John Blair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Blair, enjoyed a brief telephone conversation with his family on Sunday. Pte. Blair first talked from Gendaren, Holland, but owing to interruptions was forced to travel eighteen miles to Amsterdam to complete his message. He is in good health and wishes all his friends a happy Christmas as he expects to spend his third Christmas overseas.

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