

THE WORLD OF TODAY AND TOMORROW
(By R. J. Deachman)

It's a strange world. Strikes are springing up here and there, a harvest of Dragon's Teeth, an aftermath of war. One might almost wonder, at the moment, who governs in the United States—the people or John L. Lewis.

The farmers of Canada are protesting against conditions in agriculture, few returned men are going back to the farms. They are less hopeful of the future there, prefer life in the cities. Parliament squabbles about the way of doing things, rather than about getting things done.

A Dominion-Provincial Conference has just broken up because of inability to agree about anything except the need for action. The United Nations makes progress slowly. Russia, unfamiliar with our ways, wants her own way at every turn, sulks when displeased. We wonder how long it will be before the Treaty of Peace is signed, petulantly ask if the drawing up of the Peace Treaty is going to take as much time as the winning of the war.

Is that enough? One might go on indefinitely. In nature, we are not confined to blacks and whites. The Master Artist who made things as they are put into the picture the softer tones, grays, mauves and pinks. Let's take them as they come.

The Other Side
John L. Lewis is not the President of the United States. He represents a small minority of the people. Temporarily the voters may be indifferent. Democracy is a strange creed. The compass, under

certain conditions, may vary but as a rule it swings to the North. In the midst of the worst crisis of American history Abraham Lincoln was able to console himself and the nation by these simple words: "This too will pass."

Farm conditions will adjust. We hear now of people leaving the farms, this, in time, will alter the balance of population. If it proves a serious movement, farm land will fall in price. Conditions in the cities may become less pleasant as population increases. The price of farm products will rise in relation to other products, the farm will become a more pleasant place to live. There is something to be gained from rowing against the current rather than with it, at least it strengthens the muscles of the arms.

Failure and Success
The Dominion-Provincial Conference failed but, in the end, those who differed will return to settle their differences or find another way of doing things. We have amazing ability for developing new equipment. The binder seemed at one time to be the ultimate in farm machines. It's out of date now, washed up, soon it will be a museum curiosity. We improve mechanisms, our minds improve more slowly.

In time the nations will settle down. Even the greatest of the fakirs must get tired walking, in bare feet, over hot needles or making a boy disappear from the end of a high pole. There is in the world today a more genuine desire for peace than ever before. Tortured countries seek peace, rather than war. Russia has a world of her own

to exploit. Isolationism is not now as strong in the United States as it once was. The graves of this war are fresh in our memory. Let us keep them green so that we may never forget. Let us remember that when Pandora's box was opened and all the evils of the world let loose Hope remained. Only the loss of Hope could destroy the world.

CANADA TO SUPPLY OVER 2 MILLION TONS BREAD, MAY-SEPT.

There is no doubt on Parliament Hill in well-informed quarters that the import discussions which have taken place in London, Washington and Ottawa on proposals to alleviate the disastrous effects of the world food shortages will lead to further intensive actions in Canada to help in this great international crisis. It can even be reported that the close collaboration between these three English-speaking capitals and the latest discussions on the part of officials have given hints in Ottawa on broad lines of future policy.

"The maximum supplies of bread grains that are at present likely to be available from May through to September, 1946, have been assessed at some ten million tons of which Canada expects to supply 2.3 million tons," said Acting Prime Minister Ilsley in the House of Commons in indicating Canada's plans for increasing such supplies. "Screaming requirements for the same period were expected to total 13.4 million tons leaving a deficiency of 3.4 million tons or about 25 percent." Then he made this significant declaration: "A further intensive review and scaling down

of these requirements to the barest minimum needs are likely to reduce the gap over this five-months period to something under one million tons. Inevitably severe hardship will result and great danger of famine will continue. The Canadian Government has agreed to associate itself with the United Kingdom and the United States governments in maintaining constant review of the situation.

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The Wartime Prices and Trade Board has now decided, as part of its policy to relax many of the wartime controls, that it is advisable to discontinue payment of this consumer subsidy which is costing the taxpayers of Canada over \$20,000,000 a year. You are now being called upon to pay the two cents instead of the Government paying it out of your taxes. This means that on June 1st your quart of milk will revert to the old price in effect before the subsidy was established.

It is noteworthy that in the face of rising prices all along the line, milk will cost no more after June 1st than it did three and one-half years ago. In contrast, according to a recent statement made by Donald Gordon, Chairman, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, the comparable price in the United States is now equal to seven cents per Canadian quart higher than the Canadian price.

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