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A. L. MILLER, Editor

THE WEATHER—

WE HAVE enjoyed such amazing weather so far in this winter season of 1943-44, that possibly yesterday will go unnoticed.

January 26th, 1944, was a day that inspires fishermen to get out their tackle for the annual 24th of May outing; It was a day that brought memories of niblicks, drivers and irons, and of course second hand golf balls; It was a day that would give the kids an inclination to hunt up their spoils of marbles of a former year to say nothing of their fielder's mit.

Even the training planes from the local training schools, on their regular instructional runs over this quiet Village, had a lazy drone yesterday. Even the housewives could be seen standing in doorways for a breath of fresh air, and to get away from the oppressing heat of the winter coal fire.

Yes, yesterday was an unusual day for people in these parts. No snow in sight and hardly a semblence of frost remaining in the ground. We mention it here because in the blizzards of future years, it may be consoling to read of the summer weather of January 26th, 1944.

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THE DAY TO COME—

THE NATIONAL Liberal Federation is beginning to realize that to retain its strength in peacetime as well as in wartime, that the time is ripe to do something about it. The C.C.F. and the rejuvenated Progressive Conservative party under the leadership of Hon. John Bracken, are both taking tea in the front parlours of many Canadian homes, and the favoured guest of other years is taking a secondary place.

The favoured guest of former years can see quite clearly the trend, possibly a natural one, and apparently thinks it is time to do something about it. Senator Wishart McL. Robertson is directing the force charged with the job of convincing the country that the National Liberal Party under the leadership of Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, is best quipped to lead the people out of chaos after the war years.

Hon. J. L. Isley, regarded by the majority as a good minister of finance, made a statement in Montreal on Monday that sounded good. He said: "It is the Liberal belief that the best and fairest policy is to let people do what they want to do, subject to their not harming others or depriving others of their freedom in exercising their own."

While controls are accepted as necessities during war years, there are few Canadians who do not look forward to relief from bureaucratic dictatorship by the Government. With the Liberal party presently in power and practising these necessary controls, some may question their ability to cast them off like old clothes. However with men like Ilsley advocating such a policy, they may once again regain their favoured place for tea in the front parlour.

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SWOON-CROONERS—

SPEAKING of Frank Sinatra, and who doesn't these days, we notice that Al Capp, creator of that great American character "Li'l Abner," has now involved his hero in the swoon-crooning business. In a very clever take-off of the song that Sinatra has made immortal, "All or Nothing at All," Li'l Abner groans, "All for nothing at all, I'd rather give nothing at all." We don't know whether Al Capp was being satirical about the whole business but there certainly are a lot of people these days who might well be singing the same song. "I'd rather give nothing at all."

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WAGE COMPARISONS—

THE AVERAGE earnings of male wage-earners was $1,141 in urban centres of 30,000 population and over, according to Federal Government figures recently issued, while male workers in places having a population of 5,000 to 30,000 averaged $1,136; those in centres from 1,000 to 5,000 earned an average of $1,095 and under 1,000 population the average pay was $817. For employed female workers, the annual wage scaled from $530. to $354, according to population.

At first glance, the statistics appear to favor employment in the larger cities because of the comparatively higher annual wage in urban localities. Examination of the tables, however shows that the difference in pay for dwellers in large communities is not a great deal more than that for workers in small towns — a matter of only $5 per year between the two highest male categories and only $36 between the first and third male brackets. Women workers in towns from 1,000 to 5,000 population averaged $87. per year less than for their big city sisters.

The cold figures, moreover, do not take into account the lower cost of living in small places, compared with expenses in metropolitan areas. For instance, they do not show city workers spend $37.50 in a year for street-car transportation to and from work in a great majority of cases. Restaurant meals are relatively high in large centres; rents, taxes, and other normal expenses are considerably higher in the cities and even the cost of a theatre admission is greater in large places, to mention one luxury.

The householder in a village can also have the advantage of a garden, fruit trees, berry bushes and a few chickens to help reduce everyday costs. In a small town, too, places of employment, stores, the theatre and the church are often just around the corner, affording the saving of time which is a factor in economy.

People in small towns may not draw city-scale wages but it is safe to say ordinary economies more than make up the difference.

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A MISTAKEN IDEA—

WHEN A WEEKLY newspaper editor gets in to the Big Town — and it's seldom — one great faliacy is continually thrust at him by envious daily paper folks he meets. Unanimously, they ascribe the accepted superiority of the weekly editor's thinking time on his hands.

Apparently city folk, snatching their scraps of life from the very grasp of their next-door neighbor, are convinced weekly editors live a life of contemplation.

Daily newspapermen, whether they write copy or just hack out headings for it, don their overcoats about four o'clock each day and head for home. They stand in line for hamburger and queue up for beer. They battle home in bulging busses and struggle back downtown to the theatre or the hockey game.

These streamlined, mechanized people, in frantic quest of time for thought, might sometime try to put together one whole paper — just once a week.

There are ads to solicit; any business man in this town knows you can't fix up an ad in a minute — especially with the war to discuss. News items don't whip up from nowhere: each one involves a phone-call or a chat. Copy must be set up, which takes time, especially when subscribers drop in with a cheery word and perhaps a year's subscription in advance. Pages must be made up, the paper run off, folded and wrapped for mailing. That weekly deadline is far more ominous and relentless than any flashing light for a big-city press run.

And all this doesn't take in the time involved in book-keeping, bill-collecting, fishing and hunting trips and other positive essentials.

Just how the weekly editor, harassed by all these problems comes to be regarded generically as a philosopher by his daily contemporaries is a mystery. We venture a guess that he has no more time to think but that day to day — without being trodden down in the rush for the last street-car seat — he meets more people who do.

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JEOPARDIZING THE FUTURE—

CHRISTMAS season "cashing" of Victory Bonds has emphasized again the lack of fore sight of some Canadians who scrimp for months to save for bonds and then convert them to use the cash for gifts.

There aren't any figures available as to the number of Victory Bonds that have been cashed, but government officials say thousands of Canadians have lacked the shrewdness to hold on to them.

They subscribe to bonds from salaries already heavily taxed and yet seem unable to carry through this easiest form of saving to its natural conclusion. They cash them to finance their Christmas spending, for a vacation or to buy clothes. Some regard Victory Bonds as a form of Christmas savings club to which they pay a small sum weekly for the sake of having more money at holiday time.

Apart altogether from patriotic consideration, cashing of Victory Bonds just isn't smart. Many persons are making more money now than ever before. There hasn't been the same opportunity for saving in two or three generations. Those who don't do it are failing them selves.

Money spent now doesn't give the same return it will after the war. Prices are high. There isn't the same selection of goods there will be after the war — at lower prices. And money saved now is insurance against possible loss of work in the switchover from war to peace.

So, if you're tempted to hand that bond across a bank's counter for those crisp, speedily-spent $10. bills, remember that you probably won't get normal value for your money if you do spend and you'll probably regret the lack of the money later when it can be really useful.

And then there's the possibility, too, that your conscience may develop an image of a mud covered soldier in Italy smiling ruefully at you.

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CHOOSE YOUR WORDS—

THE CONSTRUCTION of the English language must seem formidable to New Canadians. One of them looking at a picture of a number of ships said: "See what a flock of ships." He was told that a flock of ships is called a fleet, a fleet of sheep is called a flock. And it was added a flock of girls is a bevy, a bevy of wolves is a pack, a pack of thieves is a gang, a gang of angels is a host, a host of porpoises is a shoal, a shoal of buffaloes is a herd, a herd of children is a troop, a troop of partridges is a covey, a covey of beauties is a galaxy, a galaxy of ruffians is a horde, a horde of rubbish is a heap, a heap of oxen is a drove, a drove of blackguards is a mob, a mob of whales is a school, a school of worshippers is a congregation, a congregation of engineers is a corps, a corps of robbers is a band, a band of locusts is a swarm, and a swarm of people is called a crowd. Now don't forget the meaning of "flock."

— The Companion

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Alice: "I wonder why there are so many more auto wrecks than railway accidents ?"

Marge: "That's easy. Did you ever hear of a fireman hugging the engineer ?"

The First Socialist ...

— By Lewis Milligan —

I listened last Sunday to a preacher of what is called the 'social gospel." He took for his text the words of St. Paul, "No man liveth unto himself," and he drew illustrations from everyday life to show that the welfare of a community is dependent upon co-operative effort on the part of every individual, and that the laziness or selfishness of one person can be a menace to the community.

He instanced civic garbage collection as an example of socialism, and said that if everybody had to dispose of his own garbage, that would be individualism. The same, he said, applied to local street paving, and to city water supply. He cited the case of a farmer who refused to co-operate with his neighbors in the extermination of weeds, with the result that mustard and thistle seed from the neglected farm were blown over the district. That farmer, he said was an individualist.

So far he carried me along and I said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Socialist." If he had stopped there and pleaded for conversion I might have gone up to the penitent form, but he spoiled the effect of his argument by declaring that no man could say "Am I my brother's keeper ?" That started me off on another track, for I recalled that the man who asked that question was a murderer. I set to pondering upon that story of Cain and Abel.

Those two brothers were farmers. Abel raised sheep, and Cain tilled the soil. Presumably they both worked hard, but Providence favored the product of Abel's toil, and Cain was "very wroth" at his brother's success. He was envious of his brother's good fortune. "And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth ? and why is thy countenance fallen ? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted ?"

But Cain could not see why anyone should be better off than himself. He nursed his grievance, and jealously rankled in his breast until it developed into hatred, "and Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him."

It appears that the two brothers had an argument in the field. Cain probably contended that he had not been given a square deal and demanded an equal share in the "profits." He was not going to allow Abel to "rule over him," and if he could not get his "rights" by fair means, he would obtain them by force. The divinely appointed order of things was all wrong.

Cain was thus the first Socialist — and the first murderer. This was the man who first asked that question, "Am I my brother's keeper ?" It was a question of evasion. Abel was dead and out of the way, and Cain was now in possession of the whole farm property. He had killed the Capitalist, but in doing so he had killed the whole business. Abel was evidently the abler and more enterprising of the two brothers, and now that he was gone the farm became barren and unprofitable "When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth."

These reflections brought me back to the preacher's text: "No man liveth unto himself." Abel was an enterprising and successful man, but he did not live unto himself. Cain himself and the community were benefited by the enterprise and efficient management of Abel.

The story of Cain and Abel is a parable, and it applies not only to farmers and communities, but also to nations. Germany is the Cain of the modern world. Hitler looked at Britain with eyes of envy, and complained bitterly of the "haves and have-notts." What right had Britain to her vast empire ? What right had Russia to all that territory ? — "Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him."

The Letter Box

Dear Friends:

Just a line to let you know that another 300 cigarettes have reached me. I certainly appreciate these cigarettes and wish to thank everyone for them. Best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

— KEITH FESS

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I wish to thank the Jarvis Branch of the Red Cross respectfully for their kind donation.

— A.C.1 J. A. MONTAGUE

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Hello Jarvis:

Just a few lines to thank you for the cigarettes I received a few days ago. They are always welcome, oui here, especially. In the four years since I left Canada, I have been well remembered by the citizens of Jarvis and vicinity and I want to thank everyone who makes it possible for us to get cigarettes and things from there, also Laird for the Record that I get.

I will close now by sending my best wishes for the coming year.

— DICK METCALFE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor—

We find little interest in the sheltered lives of those who have social security provided for them by others. We are more interested in, and more inspired by the venturesome ones who go out and face the unknown, depending on their own energy and resourcefulness to see them through. When the three gold desses were seeking to win the favour of Paris, one of them offered him wealth, power and security, one offered him love and beauty, but Athene — the Goddess of Wisdom — offered him "a life of shocks, dangers and deeds." Any boy who has ever read the story will tell you that Athene's gift was the only one worth considering, because it promised abundance of life rather than abundance of possessions.

The best and most satisfactory social security a man can have is the ability and the opportunity to provide for himself and his dependants under laws which protect his basic rights from all who would invade them.

A government, seeking to provide its people with the best social security will adopt measures calculated to put the greatest number of people in a position to provide for themselves; and will call on the taxpayers to provide only for the unfortunate who cannot do so. Such measures would include:—

Measures to promote the health and the physical and mental development of the citizens.

Measures to promote the moral development of the citizens, including man's duty to himself and to others.

Measures to encourage technical and occupational training and to keep the citizens abreast of the times in their several occupations.

Measures to protect the right of the citizen to have and to hold what he has honestly earned against the depredations alike of evil men and of evil governments.

Measures to protect the right of the citizen to sell his labour to whoever is willing to buy it, without having to ask leave of or to pay tribute to anyone.

Measures to remove all obstacles that stand in the way of honest trading.

Measures to abolish all privileges enjoyed by individuals or groups at the expense of others.

Measures to remove the disparity between urban and rural incomes.

Measures to encourage investment in enterprises that will give employment, and increase the wealth of the nation.

Measures to encourage people during the days of their strength, to lay by something for their declining years and for their dependants.

Measures to provide for the cares of those who are unable to provide for themselves.

—E. J. YOUNG

The Weeklies Say . . .

— By The Canadian Press —

VALUABLE "ASSETS"

An immigrant who comes to our shores should be trained to be a Canadian. He should be taught what his rights are and what his corresponding duties are. Our immigrants are valuable assets. We should profit from what they have to contribute to our national life, and the only way to do so is to take an active interest in their lives and their adaptation to Canadian life.

Kamloops (B.C.) Sentinel

TURN TO NEW FIELDS

The Nazis have threatened retaliation following Russia's famous Kharkov trial. But it appears the Nazis are going to take it out on British and American airmen in Germany prisoner-of-war camps. Evidently they have no illi-treated Russian prisoners-of-war that they find it necessary to turn to new fields for their illegal and atrocious actions.

Melita (Man.) New Era

FOR WORLD PEACE

We who are apparently living in the lap of the gods, have every reason to feel the sense of our security. May we continue that security in our hearts and let us pray fervently for the eventual security of the world in the peace to come.

Rainy River (Ont.) Record

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

A former reeve of East York (Ont.) Township defeated for re-election by 89 votes, says he will not ask for a recount. He has been reeve for eleven consecutive years. We would think he would not ask for a recount. Eleven years is a long time to serve one's municipality as reeve. It is one the meeting had ended. Now some up-and-coming councillor may get a chance.

— Durham (Ont.) Chronicle

SURELY NOT !

The price offered for the return of empty bear bottles has, according to announcement, been increased. And we suppose some folks will argue that as a reason for emptying them faster.

— Acton (Ont.) Free Press

AFTER THE WAR

When the war has come to a victorious conclusion, those women who have worked so faithfully to supply comforts for those in the services, should not cease their efforts. Through such agencies as the Red Cross, aid can be given in the re-establishment of war victims in many parts of the world. There will be a great demand for those articles which the women are producing today.

— Picton (Ont.) Gazette

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Rev. W. H. Fuller, Th.B., M
Sunday, January 30

Knox, Jarvis:
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7.30 P.M. — Union
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Chalmers, Walpole:
2.30 P.M. — Afternoon Wo
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— ANGLICAN —
The Rev. J. E. Maxwell, B.A.
— Epiphany II —
January 30th

St. Paul's, Jarvis:
10.00 A.M. — Litany
11.00 A.M. — Sunday Scho
Bible Class
Christ Church, Nanticoke:
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11.30 A.M. — Litany
St. John's, Cheapside:
2.30 P.M. — Litany

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With a view to proper utilisation of surplus milk which from time to time accumulates under some circumstances, the Agricultural Products Board has authorized that certified milk manufacturers, dairy factories, and creameries may purchase or receive milk from the milk market when offered.

In the case of concentrated milk manufacturers who purchase milk under the authorization, and who to purchase or receive milk from such producers must be made by the Agricultural Food Board before fulfilling a claim for subsidy. The order, a permit will be issued. If the surplus milk is purchased by fluid milk distributors it will be necessary to conform with the following instructions:

"In cases where the milk is obtained from sources other than primary producers and is eligible for subsidy, the application must be accompanied by the vendor's invoices covering the applicant's purchases of milk, which invoices must state that the vendor has not applied for a fund of a subsidy on account of the milk mentioned in the application and must state that the subsidy has been paid or will be paid to the primary producer within 30 days of the receipt of the subsidy."

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STOPS PUBLICATION AFTER FORTY YEARS

Winnipeg, January 26 - (CP) - The Boissevain Recorder, a Manitoba weekly newspaper, has suspended publication after almost 40 years continuous publication for lack of a linotype operator. The Recorder is owned and edited by W. V. Uhlman, one of the best known newspapermen in Manitoba.

News of the Countryside

From The Record's Correspondents

HAGERSVILLE

The funeral services of the late Frederick Phillips was held from his late home Thursday afternoon and was largely attended. Rev. W. J. Mumford of the United Church officiated. The late Mr. Phillips was in his Fifty-fifth year and had been a patient in the Hamilton Sanatorium for the past Eighteen months. His widow and child survive. He also has one sister, Mrs. F. Smith of Hamilton. The pallbearers were: Willis Hewson, Robert Almas, Herman Walt; Bert Roulston; William Bier; James Morgan. Burial took place in the Hagersville cemetery.

Pte. Fred Phillips of Nova Scotia is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. F. Phillips.

Mrs. Fred Hager was hostess for the January meeting of St. Andrews Presbyterian Womens Missionary Society. The president, Mrs. W. Gordon presided over the large gathering. Mrs. Isaac Jepson and Mrs. Slager conducted the devotional period. Mrs. Harvey Clark read the chapter in the study book "British Guiana." Mrs. Hager was appointed delegate along with the officers of the society to attend the annual Presbyterial convention to be held in St. Enoch Church in Hamilton the latter part of this month. Miss Mary Elliott invited the society to her home for the February meeting. The hostess served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Floyd Knisley and small son are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Knisley.

Rev. D. J. Curzon has moved his family from Arthur and are now occupying the Rectory on Victoria Ave.

Pte. Bruce Gordon who has been a visitor with his parents at the Presbyterian Manse, has been transferred from Camp Borden to Centralia Station.

Juveniles were responsible for the damage done to the local public school and Community Service Station. They were brought before Police Magistrate E. E. Buck and after a severe lecture to the offenders and boys, the boys were let off on suspended sentence.

Mrs. Scott Laidlaw was hostess for the January meeting of the Past Noble Grands Club of Forward Relebrigde on Tuesday afternoon. The president, Mrs. George Robbins received over the business part of the meeting. Mrs. Harry Hodgsons read the minutes and Roll Call in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Jack Wilson. Letters were read from Charles Simmons, Marvin Laidlaw, George Winger, Bruce Winger, Peter Campbell, Blake Hodgsons boys who are in the Armed Forces who received Christmas boxes from the club. Arrangements were made to hold a Valentine party in the lodge rooms when all the ladies of the town are expected to attend on Friday afternoon, February 11th. Proceeds for war work. Court Whisk was played and prizes won by Mrs. Roy Simmons and Mrs. Army Hodgsons. Five o'clock tea was served by the hostess.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeNaib passed away on Thursday after a short illness of pneumonia. Karin Lynn was six months and twenty-six days old. The funeral services were held from All Saint's Anglican Church on Saturday afternoon at 2. o'clock. Rev. D. J. Curzon officiated. The pallbearers were four girls: Flora Basile, Mary Basile, Mary Maggio and Doris Pearson. Interment took place in the Hagersville cemetery.

A.C.2 Donald Brown of Trenton, spent over the week end with his parents, Charles and Mrs. Brown.

Pte. Peter Campbell of Ottawa, spent a weeks furlough with his parents Charles and Mrs. Campbell.

Miss Alice Giles entertained the members of the Ladies Euchre Club to a supper on Thursday night. Prize winners at cards were Mrs. Alice Titchmarsh and Mrs. Gordon Birdsall.

Mrs. Frank Whitford entertained at cards and supper on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bonham were in Aurora, N.Y., on Wednesday attending the funeral of an aunt, the late Mary Helen Nichol, wife of Benjamin Lade. Mrs. Lade who was in her Seventy-ninth year was born and raised in this district.

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SANDUSK

Mrs. Wilfred Krouse and Mrs. Arthur Lofthouse visited with Mrs. Arthur Stewart last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman and Mrs. Arthur Lofthouse and son Reggie, were guests on Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson and Mr. Dixon. Games were played during the evening, and later the hostess served a delightful lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lofthouse were guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. William Lofthouse.

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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held in the hall on Friday night. Lunch will be served. All interested in the church are urged to attend.

Y.P.S. Meeting

The Y.P.S. held a very successful meeting in the church on Friday night. Bruce Stadder, the President had charge of the meeting which opened with a hymn, followed by prayer by Lloyd Rutherford. Margaret Biggar read the scripture lesson and the minutes of the previous meeting were given by the secretary, Rev. S. M. Gordon of Hagersville, was the guest speaker and he gave a very interesting talk on farming conditions in China. The meeting closed with a hymn and the Mizpah Benediction.

W.M.S. Meeting

The Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Caldwell Easton on Thursday afternoon with a good attentndance. Mrs. Fuller entertained by reading a very interesting story of life in the missionary schools and also conducting a Bible quiz. During the time the ladies quilted. The president then conducted the devotional and business session. Reports were given by the various secretaries and treasurer Mr. Fuller closed the meeting with prayer. Mrs. G. Roth offered her home for the March meeting.

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RENTON

The Institute meeting for January was held at the home of Mrs. Ed. Mathaws on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Allen Graves has sold his farm to Mr. Gee of Silver Hill.

The East branch of the Institute held their first Red Cross quilting of the season at the home of Mrs. H. McCawill on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Keith and daughter of Woodhouse were Thursday evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. McBride.

The young people of this vicinity and surrounding district have been enjoying the skating on the quarry east of the Village on No. 3 highway, the past few weeks.

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Weekly War Commentary

Written Specially for the Record
— By John C. Scott —
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The British-Russian separate peace incident of last week appears to have died down — on the surface at least — again with carrying by Russian newspapers of Britain's reiteration of her fixed policy that no separate peace with Germany is possible, but the motive behind the publication in the Communist Party organ Pravda of the rumour — which caused the furoro in the first place — is not known.

Full significance of the publication of the false item is still unexplained, although many commentators have suggested — in their speculations — various possible reasons.

The item, credited to Pravda's special correspondent in Cairo, said "reliable Greek and Yugoslav sources," had transmitted information of a secret meeting in "the Pyrenees Peninsula" between two British officials and Foreign Minister Ribbentrop of Germany.

The final paragraph of the item, which was carried without comment, packed the punch: "the meeting had the aim of finding out the conditions of a separate peace with the Germans. It is understood the meeting did not remain without results."

British sources immediately reiterated their repeated declaration that no peace would be negotiated with Germany without full accord of all the United Nations, and the Foreign Office officially called the Soviet government's attention to the denial of separate peace plans.

Indirectly Supervised

Pravda, unlike Izvestia and Red Star is not actually an official mouthpiece of the Soviet government or its army. But like all Russian newspapers it may be said to be under at least indirect government supervision. Thus it is safe to conclude that publication of the separate-peace rumor was not merely irresponsible journalism.

If we are to cast aside possibility of any truth in the story, there remains the question mark — why was authorization ever granted for its appearance in print ?

Many commentators have hazarded that there is some connection between the story and the request of the Polish government in London for Anglo-American mediation in the Russo-Polish border dispute. The Russians have made it plain they want to handle the Polish question without interference. The implication in the carrying of the Pravda item conceivably may have been intended as an oblique hint for the British government to keep out of Russia's dealings with her European neighbors.

One Washington writer has pointed out that the Russians have urged the opening of a western front in Europe for many months, and to date only preparations for opening the front have been accomplished. Suggesting possibility of a separate Anglo-German armistice, he reasons, may be calculated to place upon Britain a certain onus to open the western front in the shortest possible time, in order, once and for all, to disprove the rumor.

Other explanations of the move — some fairly logical, some utterly fantastic — have been offered. Until the diplomatic history of the war is written, years hence, we probably will not know the full truth.

Allies On The Move

There appeared to be no dissension on the fighting fronts, however, and as last week ended British and American troops were in the midst of a new amphibious attack on the Tyrrhenian coast of Italy, the Red Army thundered its way to fresh successes in the Leningrad region and the Allied air bombardment of Germany reached new fury.

Troops of the Allied 5th Army began striking at the very outposts of Rome itself with the assault late last week deep behind the enemy's present defence lines. Commandos, Rangers and regular troops made the landings between the mouth of the Tiber, Rome's historic river, and Nettuno, 30 miles down the coast.

The landing again demonstrated the vulnerability of the long narrow Italian peninsula to invasion.

The Russian drive in the Leningrad region has resulted in the capture of Mga, a key rail junction, thus reuniting Russia's second city by rail with Moscow for the first time since the city was laid under siege by the Germans two years ago.

At the same time Leningrad gained a permanent rail link to tap supplies coming from the northern port of Murmansk through Volkhov.

Eddy Gilmore, Associated Press correspondent in Moscow, writes that the successes of the developing Russian offensive on the Leningrad front shows that the Germans have fallen victim to one of the neatest bits of military strategy since the war began. He said it is becoming more and more apparent that the Red armies cleverly pulled the Germans out of position by two feints to the south, putting the Nazis around Leningrad in a desperate plight, and there are signs that the current offensive may prove to be one of the most decisive of the war.

In the air, British and Canadian bombers followed up their heaviest attack of the war on Berlin — 2,300 tons of bombs being dropped on the Nazi capital — with a 2,000-ton attack on the important industrial city of Magdeburg.

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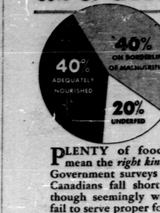

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:- FEDERATION FACTS -:

— By Norman High —

The Dunn Township study group has organized a Credit Union. The provisional directors were elected last Thursday night when the group met at the home of Ed Hannah, and they were empowered to proceed with collections, call subsequent meetings and procure the necessary forms for incorporation. This action came after several weeks of study on the project. Mr. Blandy, President of the Municipal Employees' Credit Union, Ltd., Hamilton, and Mr. Gordon Smith, Secretary-Manager of the same Credit Union and President of the Credit Union League were present to assist in the organization.

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There has been considerable discussion throughout Haldimand on this topic of Credit Unions. It should be stated that a person who becomes a member of a Credit Union for the sole purpose of finding a more satisfactory place to invest large sums of money is not a desirable type of member. The motivating force in a Credit Union is the co-operative spirit of its members and a willingness to pool their resources for self-help through their own credit organization. Coincident with the above is the regular savings feature of the plan.

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Why did the group in Dunn decide to start with a Credit Union ? It would seem that they wanted to start a co-operative and this was the simplest form that could be started. To get it under way there are needed no paid officials, no building, and consequently, no high investment. When the organization starts its members start saving money and buying shares. By forming this organization the group is setting up a workable form of co-operative which will give them opportunity to experiment with co-operative procedures and at the same time build up a capital reserve for future enterprises of like nature.

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The Haldimand County Junior Farmers and representatives of the Junior Institutes have decided to sponsor a youth conference in this county. This conference is to include every young people's organization in the county and is an attempt to promote more coordination of activity for the youth of Haldimand. Every young person should now reserve the evening of Wednesday, February 23 to attend this meeting. The Junior Farmers will be making further announcements as the final plans for the conference are completed.

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Youth conferences in different counties throughout the province have been given added impetus by recent developments in the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. Before the United Farmers of Ontario joined with the Federation, that organization had its Young People's and Women's departments. It was felt very strongly that any farm organization should give a definite place to these two groups if it was to make anything like a complete contribution to farm living. Recognizing this truth, the Ontario directorate of the Federation now includes six women representatives and six young people.

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The National Film Board is co-operating with Haldimand County in having made available a projector and films for use right here in our own area. Rev. Sruith of Byng will be making use of this service in several schools, and the series of interesting educational films or single films may be had for other meetings such as Forums, Women's Institutes etc. The project will be getting under way about February 1st. For further information, get in touch with Rev. Smith or your Haldimand Federation fieldman.

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The last Forum Broadcast in the series on Farm Finance came over the air on Monday, January 24th. This was review night of the series and most of the Forums added a special feature to the evening's programme. The Cranston Forum planned a debate on the topic "Resolved that modern inventions have done more for the farmer than for the farmer's wife." May we assume this to mean that they have solved the problem of finance in that neighborhood and are now merely deciding for whose benefit the money is to be spent ? Let's hope they let us in on the secret !

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