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CRASY-QUILT THINKING - -

- by Joseph Lister Rutledge -

THERE IS something highly confused in much of the thinking that seems to spring from the Combines Investigation Act. It is confused because it seems to suggest an attitude more eager to discover a victim than to protect the public. Finding a victim too often results in making quite innocent and reasonable actions

appear to be culpable. Recently there has been a flurry of official suspicion over the item of fencing. There had been certain meetings between industries interested in this trade, and it was suggested by the combines Commission that the purpose was to establish a common price.

One of the largest of these companies promptly disassociated itself from these gatherings of trading groups, so that there could be no possible ground for thinking of any collusion. That happened some years ago. Since then, although presumably there has been a diligent searching, it has not revealed any agreement as to prices between the Steel Company of Canada and other fencing manufacturers.

To people at large that would look like a clean slate, but not apparently, to Combines Act officials. Looking for another point of attack, they discovered that the prices of fencing quickly became known. Thereupon the ommissioners decided that this public knowedge of prices "resulted in the adoption of common prices by competitors," and had, in effect the same complicity as the establishment of a common price by prior discussion.

This is a sort of crazy-quilt way of thinkng. Surely, when prices are announced it does not follow that everyone else will adopt the price. Human nature being what it is, the greater probability is that all other similar producers would see whether they couldn't shave a little off that price. As for making a price known being a culpable act, could anything be madder than that? Once the first farmer has bought his first yard of fencing the price is public property. To suggest that it involves the creation of a common price level could only be if the price was at such a rockbottom level that to shade it the barest fraction would be a step toward insolvency.

To argue that a price being made public suggests collusion is the most crazy-quilt thinking we can imagine. Unfortuately if your interest is in finding a victim rather than the truth it isn't too hard to argue until innocence becomes a sign of guilt.

BEYOND THE MACHINE - -

MODERN MAN has been so successful in his scientific pursuits that he sometimes forgets there are limits to the powers of his

He has released the energy of the atom and is finding ways to put it to peaceful use. He can talk across the world, send sound and pictures across a continent, and fly faster than

Yet he still is not master of his planet. imes a year there are reminders that forces more powerful than human devices are abroad in the world.

Hurricanes swirl out of the tropics from time to time and pound the North American east coast, sometimes landing a destructive punch on parts of Canada as Hurricane Hazel and one of her rampaging sisters did last fall. Tornadoes sometimes sweep into Canada from the United States, such as the one which created havoc a few years ago at Sarnia, Ont.

Electrical storms often brew over Canada and cut a destructive swath across the countryside. In winter blizzards can paralyze travel and communications in broad areas, sometimes affected even major cities. Spring floods like the historic one in Winnipeg carry the threat of death and of heavy property damage.

In recent weeks a long spell of hot, dry weather caused millions of dollars' damage to crops in Ontario and Quebec, as well as bringing discomfort to residents of both urban and rural districts gripped by the heat wave.

Man's ingenuity may one day bring even the weather under its control. Dr. Edward Teller, famous atomic scientist, says atomic research will possibly enable men to change weather conditions within 10 years -- thus raising a new problem of trying to give everyone the kind of weather he wants.

But until that day, mankind glorying in scientific prowess will likely continue to be humbled on occasion by being made to realize that some of his greatestt achievements can be dwarfed by the forces of nature.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT --

- by Lewis Milligan -

"UNDER A 74-degree sun, a union sound truck played a bouncy recording of 'Let the Light of the Union Shine on Me' as 1,700 employees of the de Havilland Aircraft walked out on strike yesterday." Thus began a news item appearing on the front page of The Globe and Mail of Toronto. The item was headed,

other column appears an item headed. "TOR-ONTO JOBILESS TOTAL RISES 706." And at the bottom of the front page there is the regular "Morning Smile," which reads: "Willie, how many senses do we have?

"Seven, Ma'am." "Oh? Name them." "Touch, sight, smelling, taste, hearing, common and horse.

This brought to mind the saving. "A little child

According to the jobless item, the Toronto office of the National Employment Service has 25.463 unplaced applicants for jobs on its list. with the addition of the 1,700 de Havilland employees who walked off their jobs, there is now a total of 27,163 out of work in Toronto. That is not only a matter of simple arithmetic, it is a thing to wonder at. On the one hand we have 25,463 persons anxiously seeking jobs, and on the other 1,700 exultantly walking off jobs to the strains of "Let the Light of the Union

That is a new song to me, -- it sounds like parody on one of Moody and Sankey's gospel solos. It is a new gospel, which deifies the Union as a sublunary Providence, and the only "light" it can give to its jobless converts is cold moonshine. A more appropriate appeal to the Union would be, in the words of the original, "Let thy mercy fall on me -- Even me!" This latter from the striker's wife.

But why did these men walk off their jobs and deprive themselves and their families of the means of subsistance? They are getting an average wage of \$1.98 an hour) The reason given for the walk-out is that the CIO United Auto Workers were seeking a 10-cent-an-hour wage increase and asking the company to pay the full cost of a health and welfare plan, to which the employees had been contributing about one and a half cents an hour.

Even supposing the demand for an extra ten cents an hour were reasonable, there is no reason or common or horse sense in quitting the job and reducing the hourly wage of \$1.98 to zero. If they remain out on strike for only a month all the extra ten cents they might gain in a year might not make up for the loss of that month's wages. Actually it would take a year and a half to get out of the debt, and by that time the process of inflation would have reduced the purchasing power of the wage increase.

When collective bargaining was first introduced and agreed to it was believed that disputes would be settled by mutural consideration of the interests of both parties. There were to be no more or fewer strikes; but there have since been more and worse strikes. Unions have gained in numbers and in power over the industrial and economic life of the country. Strikes have developed into community and sometimes national hold-ups Picketing, which was originally permitted as a lawful means of persuading non-strikers from entering a plant, has assumed the authority to refuse the employer and his clerical staff to enter the pre-

An example of this is reportted in connection with the present strike at the de Havilland plant, as followes: "The company's assistant comptroller, paymaster and manager of industrial relations went out to lunch after the strike began --- and reported that when they return. ed, pickets refused to allow them in the plant. They told me that if I come tomorrow and apply for a pass, I'll get in,' said E. H. Featherstonhaugh, manager of public relations." -- Be-

WARNING RENEWED - -

CANADIAN refrigerator manufacturers renewed their warning to parents today to minimize the hazard of young children closing themselves in abandoned ice boxes or refrigera-

Purchasers of new refrigerators to remove the hinges or latches from their ans." old cabinets before discarding them. If stored in the home, the cabinet should at least be

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pitching ability of Johnny Edwards, Jarvis is again on the way toward a Provinc al Softball Championship Since Johnny arrived in town early last year there has been a resurgence of interest in the sandlot pasttime that is community wide. The team that is community wide. The team behind him in 1954 gave him somthe crucial situations that developed. Moving into 1955 the team has steadily improved and a fine example of that improvement was shown at the game in Mount Hope on Monday ni-ght. It must be conceded that the pressure of opposition was not par-ticularly strong. Nevertheless the team rose to great heights when the occasion demanded. It is particularly gratifying to the fans, and probably Johnny Edwards in particular, to witness this improved support to to witness this improved support to his efforts. In this connection Johnny's receiver is a great example.

..... A newspage story in the August 30th issue of the Globe & Mail might well be disturbing to citizens of Hal-dimand County. The secretary of the Hamilton Blilding Trades Coun-cil is reported to have made the fol-lowing statement: "We don't agree with violence but if the County with violence but if the Count brings in an outside contractor to do their work after they (the County Roadmen) have stood in lines for weeks they (the County Roadmen) may have to take the law into their own hands."

Trades Council (Ron Taylor) is re mand County Council to ask for tenders to do road work within the County after falling to come to an in the best interests of the taxpayers. After all it is the general public that is suffering from the strike ferring to the decision of the Haldiagreement with the striking road-men.

The citizens of the County of Haldimand sincerely desire to see the employees on Haldimand County

roads treated fairly but they will not

roads treated fairly but they will not tolerate any move to take "the law into their own hands." Any sich move in that direction will completely nullify any hope of returning to work on Haldimand County roads within the forseeable future.

The Haldimand County Roadmen have a moral and legal right to seek better working conditions and we have no reason to believe they are not entitled to the conditions they seek. However, they are getting

not entitled to the conditions they seek. However, they are getting poor advice from some source when they permit their group to be associated with the suggestion of violence. We suggest that the citizens of the County might bestir themselves and discover that the system that has provided the roadmen with employment, regardless of conditions, is not seek. The fact is we will miss getting out the paper more deep ly than our readers are likely to miss it. It would be pleasant, however, to find our mail filled with letters on our return showing some evidence that we have been missed just a little. We expect the change will work wonders for Rusty, to say nothing of this department.



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the Customs man by sneaking through some small item bought in the tioned are assessed generously under onited states has become almost a national game with some Canadians."

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ed some of the class that should take them to a Provincial Championship when they tangled in the first game of the third round with Mount Hope on Monday night. The one-sided win was a soothing tonic for the treatment received at the hands of this club in the 1954 series. Johnny Edwards and his battery mate Oscar Phillips, provided an almost air-tight defence for the local team, while the offensive honours went to Roger Porter. Although he always turns in a creditable effort, Roger was really sparking on Monday night, both at bat and in the field. In fact, the entire Jarvis infield never looked better.

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Roy Edwards, at short, made two spectacular pick-ups that were labelled as hits and he also demonstrated the finer techniques of base running, much to the confusion of the Mount Hope team. "Red" Kelly, at second, had a perfect night in the field and broke the ice by scoring the first run. Bob Nixon covered everything within twenty feet of his base spot and further enhanced his reputation as the best first baseman in these parts. In fact, the Mount Hope infield looked juvenile in comparison to this quartet.

Taband and possibly the vehicle used to carry it also.

At the end of your holiday, as you near the Canadian frontier, tired, grubby, broke, but happy - give a thought to the patient, long-suffering Man on the Bridge. He will deal with you fairly and courteously if you co-operate cheerfully, like a good citizen,

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On the basis of the first tangle Mount Hope would appear to have about as much chance in this series as a snowball in Hades. It would be foolish however, to count them out, and the Jarvis team will have At The Churches ANGLICAN CHURCH
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CHRIST CHURCH, NANTICOKE to go into the second game tonight giving it everything they have to avoid an upset, Besides, the rules and regulations of the game will have to be observed to the letter to avoid

REV. A. J. LOGAN, TA., B.D. MINISTER JARVIS GARNET THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA Local fans will be sorry to learn that Selkirk was put out of Intermediate "C" competition on Monday night when they dropped their third game to Beamsville by a 4 to 3 score. We understand that Joey Dennis will be brought into the Jarvis line-up as a replacement for Gord Miller who broke his lear three weeks are

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ond game of this round, The arrangements for the second round of this series are not complete yet. The local Midgets are showing improvement with each game and if the team can be held together for another year, and there appears to be no reason why it cannot, they should go places.

as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot." (1 Peter I: 18, 19). Sunday School 11.30 A.M. in English. Evening Worship Service, 7.30 P.M. in English. Text for the Sermon: "And unto the angel of the Church in Sardis write: These things saith He that hath the seven Spirite of the service of the control of the service of He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars, I know tay works, that thou hast a name that thou livest and art dead." (Revela-

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