

"OBSERVER" IS A MENTAL MUDDLE SAYS WRITER OF THIS ARTICLE

He is Mediaeval in His Ideas and Knows Nothing of the Communist Policies — Teaching Communism in the Universities.

Fredericton, N. B.
"Observer,"
c-o The Daily Mail,
Fredericton, N. B.
Dear Sir:—

The writer of this letter wishes to identify himself as a liberal—in the philosophical, though certainly not the local party sense. As a liberal he was both puzzled and indignant at an article signed "Observer" which appeared in The Daily Mail shortly after the Coronation. It was an ignorant—one might almost say superstitious—article, reflecting that incredible ignorance of modern and progressive political thought which blights the York County mind.

When "Observer" writes "The C. C. F., RIGHTLY OR WRONG, is associated in most people's minds with communism," he is content to rest in the fatty bosom of this prejudice. He is either unwilling or unable to dispel the popular confusion, is not anxious to prove (or disprove) "any actual connection between C. C. F. and communism. ALTHOUGH SUCH AN IMPRESSION EXISTS." He is simply saying what "is being freely said on all sides." Now in other articles, "Observer" has not played the parrot to the political rusticity of his environment. He has had shrewd and individual criticisms to make. Let us hope that his Coronation article is the result of ignorance—and that "Observer" is willing to learn and repent his errors.

In effect his article is reminiscent of the Hearst "red-scare" policy. It must be remembered that President Roosevelt of the U. S. A. was attacked as a communist during the last election campaign by American fascist interests. John L. Lewis is being

similarly attacked by these same interests today. In other words the technique of nascent fascism on this continent is to brand everything progressive and "third-party" as communist, and by frightening the public on a false issue, save it body and soul for eventual fascism. This technique was tried by the demagogue Hepburn recently. It is being used by the enemies of Spanish democracy who bray hypocritically about the "Red" government in Madrid. It is the technique used by both Hitler and Mussolini in their rise to power. As a student of History you have not, of course, forgotten the famous Dimitroff case. This cry of "Red Atheism" is today the battle cry of the reactionary anti-labor-Hearst press . . . and Hearst according to official figures receives \$475,000 annually from the German government.

You see, the battle today is only between progressive democracy and nascent fascism. In this country, on this continent, fascism parades in the uniform of extreme patriotism. It dare not don the black shirt. It simply seeks to develop a false sense of nationalism and imperialism, makes its appeal to the middle class by vaccinating it against progressive thought by means of "red-scare."

"Observer" mentions the existence of Marxist teaching in "certain" Canadian universities. I suppose there is not a university in Canada which does not teach Marx. Marx is NOT taught in Germany, Italy or Japan. The implication should be obvious even to "Observer," unless he advocates a burning of the books.

On the question of atheism "Observer" is again somewhat mediaeval. A new book "Towards the Christian Revolution," written by nine Canadian divines has just appeared. He would do well to read it carefully. I will quote on sentence: "Until Christians learn to understand and apply the lessons of Marxism they cannot enter the kingdom of heaven—nor, probably, can anyone else." The writers are sincere and ADULT Christians not to be sidetracked by proto-fascist superstition and chauvinism.

Neither does "Observer" show any knowledge whatsoever of the communist attitude on religion. I refer him to Engel's "Anti-Duhring," the chapter on religion in John Strachey's "Theory and Practice of Socialism," and the new Russian Constitution. In contrast study the fascist relations with religious sects in Germany.

"Observer" apparently knows nothing of the communist party and its policies. Has he heard of the popular front? Does he know the Comintern is temporarily subordinating its revolutionary aims to the battle for the preservation of democracy against fascism? Has he heard of the popular front government in France? In Spain? Perhaps when he says "communism" he means Trotsky . . . who refuses to co-operate with progressive forces in the defense of democracy. Perhaps he merely means the long beard and the bomb which we were once taught represented communism.

In other words the communist party is an ally of democracy and of progress . . . and we should not, cannot repudiate its help. We have a common foe to fight. If the next imperialist war comes we will find Russia on the side of the genuine democracies.

Meanwhile let those of us who are sincerely interested in the conservation of our culture be not betrayed by the attitude, the mental muddle, which "Observer" reveals in his article. I am sure he has not gone into the enemy's camp deliberately. I trust he will soon write another article which will clarify his own position and the position of his misguided readers after a genuine reconsideration of his position.

The writer of this letter is not a member of the C. C. F. He writes merely to defend freedom of thought and action . . . and to damn the potential fascism of "Observer's" thinking.

Sincerely,
A FRIEND.

THEIR DAY

Superiority of Man
Has never been my creed,
Until Dame Fashion shorter skirts
Has suddenly decreed.

I turn up dresses, shorten slips,
And miles of hems I stitch,
While lucky Man, if pant lengths change,
Just takes another hitch.

—E. M. Gardner.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Bridal Shower for Miss Irvine

Mrs. James D. Badcock was hostess yesterday afternoon at a charmingly arranged shower and bridge at her home on Lansdowne street in honor of Miss Mary Irvine whose marriage takes place in the near future. Tulips were the floral decorations of the house. Mrs. Badcock was assisted by Mrs. Hedley Wilson and Mrs. Delmas Olts. The guests played bridge the prizes being won by Mrs. Frank VanBuskirk and Mrs. Kenneth McAdam. The guest of honor received several beautiful gifts of china.

Bible Class Enjoys Annual Outing

Yesterday afternoon the members of the Adult Bible Class of the St. Paul's United Church and a few friends enjoyed a very pleasant outing to the Nashwaak Valley. The party, numbering fifty in all, motored to Taymouth where a delicious chicken dinner, with all the fixings, was served by the Ladies' Aid of Taymouth United Church. The committee in charge of the supper was highly complimented on the excellence of the dinner and the very efficient manner in which the hostesses looked after the comfort and pleasure of their guests, a hearty vote of thanks being extended them by Rev. Mr. Telford. This enjoyable affair, which has become an annual event, was under the capable management of Roy Graham, Geo. Chapman, Robin Munro, Mrs. Ralph Albrant and Mrs. G. E. Cumming, who looked after the transportation and other details and in the evening carried out a program of amusing contests and games in which all participated. Mrs. J. E. Sewell acting as organist. A pleasant feature of the program was the presentation to Rev. Geo. Telford, leader of the Bible Class, of a beautiful pen and pencil set. The presentation was made by Mrs. George Chapman, class president, who expressed in a few words the appreciation and esteem of the class to which Mr. Telford replied, complimenting the class upon their loyalty and enthusiasm and assuring them that the service of this group of men and women to the welfare of the congregation was inestimable. The party returned to the city about ten o'clock, all feeling that the fellowship of such a gathering was an inspiration and spiritual uplift, and that the class would resume its work after the summer holidays with renewed vigor and a deeper interest in the things that are really worthwhile.

Left for Woodstock

Mrs. Isabel Fraser, Grand Jurisdiction of the Pythian Sisters for the Maritime provinces and Mrs. Lovilla Mason of New Glasgow who were in the city last evening in connection with the local meeting in the city left for Woodstock this morning.

Mrs. J. P. Byrne and her sister Miss Burns, who have been visiting in Montreal, have opened their home in Bathurst for the season.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hatt

Mr. and Mrs. Loudon Powell of Vancouver, B.C., arrived in the city yesterday and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hatt at their home on George Street. Mr. and Mrs. Powell are former New Brunswickers both being natives of Westmorland county. They spent the past year at Hillsboro with Mrs. Powell's relatives, the Beatty family and were accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Howard also of Vancouver. Mrs. Powell is an old school friend of Mrs. Hatt and both she and her husband have many friends in the province who gave them a warm welcome to their old home. The party who are travelling by motor left this morning on the return journey to their Vancouver home. They are making the trip by way of Boston, New York, Portland, Oregon and Seattle and expect to arrive on the Pacific Coast in about three weeks time. Mrs. Powell was before her marriage a member of the staff of L. Higgins & Co., of Moncton, N. B.

Married Fifty Years Ago at St. John

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Conlon, Saint John, today quietly celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day. Mr. and Mrs. Conlon were married in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception by the late Rev. J. J. Walsh, afterwards Monsignor Walsh, and eight children, four sons and four daughters, were born of the union. The sons are L. A. Conlon, manager of the London Life Insurance Co., Saint John; C. A. Conlon, Jr., manager of the Canadian Oil Co. in Montreal; F. O. Conlon, associated with the London Life Insurance Co. Saint John, and James H. Conlon, director of the Department of Municipal and Federal Affairs, of this city. The daughters are Mrs. H. F. Duston, Mrs. D. R. Arcott and the Misses Josephine and Mary Conlon of Saint John. The couple will be the honor guests at a family dinner party this evening, when they will be surrounded by their children and members of their families. Mr. and Mrs. Conlon have a host of friends who will join in extending to them hearty congratulations.

Dr. Kingsley Appointed Interne

Friends in Fredericton and Marysville will be interested to know that Dr. J. Dudley Kingsley, recently graduated from McGill University, has been appointed as interne in the surgical department of Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Kingsley is one of three Canadians appointed to the Johns Hopkins staff. The other appointees are Dr. Palmer Howard of Montreal, son of the late Dr. Campbell Howard professor of Medicine at McGill; and Dr. Frederick Graver of Vancouver, B.C. Dr. Kingsley is also a graduate in Arts from U.N.B.

Pythian Sisters Hold Banquet

Mrs. Isabel Fraser of New Glasgow, Grand Jurisdiction of the Pythian Sisters for the Maritime provinces, and Mrs. Lovilla Mason also of New Glasgow and a Past Grand Chief were in the city yesterday and were guests at a banquet at the Eureka Grill given in their honor by the Peace and Celestial Temples of the Marysville and Fredericton Temples of Pythian Sisters. The tables were bright with spring flowers with old-fashioned nosegays as place cards.

After the banquet a joint meeting was held at Castle Hall with the Marysville Chapter in charge of Mrs. Hugh Titus. The initiatory and closing ceremonies were in charge of Mrs. Watler Howell, of the Celestial Temple. In memory of the late Mrs. Harry Mallory sympathy was expressed to the members of the bereaved family. Miss Vera Jonah sang "In the Garden" and was accompanied by Miss Grace Walker of Marysville.

The Grand Chief, Mrs. Isabel Fraser was presented with two gifts a relish dish from Marysville and a beaded bag from the Fredericton Temple. The degree of order was conferred on Miss Lucy Anderson. An address was given by the Grand Chief on the Aims and Objects of Our Order. Miss Fraser was accompanied by Mrs. Lovilla Nason a Past Grand Chief who also addressed the meeting. Miss Mason was Grand Chief when the Fredericton Temple were installed in 1923. After a long session the meeting closed with the usual ceremonies.

Horticultural Society Meets

The directors of Fredericton Horticultural Society met last night at the home of Harry Fradsham, South Devon, where plans were made for the summer's activities. These plans will be announced at the first season's meeting Friday night. At the close of the business Mrs. Fradsham served delicious refreshments.

I.O.D.E. Opened Convention at Quebec

QUEBEC, May 31—Honored by the presence of Her Excellency Lady Tweedsmuir, the opening ceremonies of the annual convention of the National Chapter Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire took place on Saturday evening in the Convention Hall of the Chateau Frontenac. Preceded by the procession of standard bearers while the orchestra played "Land of Hope and Glory," and escorted by a guard of honor from the I.O.D.E. Girl Guides, Her Excellency accompanied by Mrs. W. G. Lumbers of Toronto, national president of the Order, and attended by her lady-in-waiting, Mrs. George Pape, entered the ballroom and took her place on the platform. Other guests on the platform were Mrs. W. C. Hodgson, of Montreal, Quebec provincial president; Mrs. F. T. Hand-sombody, regent of the Quebec Municipal Chapter; Mrs. F. W. Bates, provincial president of Saskatchewan; Mrs. Ernest E. Ross, of Quebec, national standard bearer; Right Rev. Philip Carrington, Lord Bishop of Quebec; and His Worship the Mayor. After the opening prayer by the Bishop, a short address by Her Excellency, who also conveyed greetings from the Governor General, Mrs. Lumbers, on behalf of the I.O.D.E., presented Her Excellency with a life membership pin and a bunch of yellow roses. His Worship the Mayor expressed greetings from the city and Mrs. F. J. Hand-sombody, regent of the Quebec Municipal Chapter, gave the address of welcome, which was replied to by Mrs. F. W. Bates of Saskatchewan. Miss Rosetta Joseph presented Mrs. Lumbers with a basket of flowers from the Quebec I. O.D.E.

Will Receive Bachelor Arts Degree

Among the graduates in this year's class who will receive their Bachelor of Arts degree at St. Thomas' College, Chatham, are John T. McEvoy son of Mayor A. J. McEvoy and Mrs. McEvoy of Devon and J. Cyril McManus, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McManus, also of Devon. The twenty-seventh commencement exercises will be held on June 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper Kent, Bathurst, motored to this city for a few days last week. They have returned home.

Mrs. F. T. P. Young, Caraquet, was a recent visitor to this city visiting her son, Duncan Young.

NEW BRUNSWICK PAVING SCHEDULE FOR YEARS 1937-38

The following table shows sections of New Brunswick highways now paved and sections scheduled for paving in 1937 and 1938:

Highway No. 1, St. Stephen to Saint John, 89.1 miles:
St. Stephen to St. Andrews, 20.5 miles, paved.
St. Andrews to Woodland Road, 23.7 miles, to be paved 1937-38.
Woodland Road to Prince of Wales, 27.1 miles, being paved 1936-37.
Prince of Wales to Fairville, 10.1 miles, paved.
Highway No. 2, Quebec Boundary to Nova Scotia Boundary, 411.3 miles:
Quebec boundary southward 32.1 miles, to be paved 1937-38.
From Mile 32.1 to Aroostook Bridge, 32.1 miles, being paved 1936-37.
Aroostook Bridge to Perth south limit, 7.3 miles, paved.
Perth to Bath, 17.5 miles, being paved 1936-37.
Bath to Florenceville, 9.0 miles, paved.
Florenceville to Hartland, 9.0 miles, being paved 1936-37.
Hartland to Woodstock, 11.0 miles, paved.
Woodstock to Allendale, 22.9 miles, to be paved 1937-38.
Allendale to McKinley Ferry, 30.2 miles, being paved 1936-37.
McKinley Ferry to Fredericton west limit, 7.5 miles, paved.
Fredericton east limit to Gagetown, 32.5 miles, being paved 1936-37.
Gagetown to Westfield, 40.6 miles, to be paved 1937-38.
Westfield to Fairville, 12.3 miles, paved.

Saint John (Market Square) to Nauwigewauk, 20 miles, paved.
Nauwigewauk to Sussex, 25.4 miles, being paved 1936-37.
Sussex to Penobsquis, 8.1 miles, paved.
Penobsquis to Jones, 34.2 miles, being paved 1936-37.
Jones (through City of Moncton) to College Bridge, 21.3 miles, paved.
College Bridge to Frosty Hollow, 8.7 miles, being paved 1936-37.
Frosty Hollow to Nova Scotia boundary, 10.0 miles, paved.

Highway No. 2A, Oromocto to Westfield via Broad Road, 38.4 miles—Gravel Road.
Highway No. 2B, Hartland to Woodstock, 10.5 miles—Gravel road.
Highway No. 3, St. Stephen to Fredericton, via Long's Creek, 80.5 miles:
St. Stephen to Long's Creek, 63.5 miles, gravel road.

Long's Creek to McKinley Ferry, 8.7 miles, being paved 1936-37.
McKinley Ferry to Fredericton, 11.4 miles, paved.
Highway No. 4, Vanceboro to Thomaston, 18.7 miles: Gravel road.
Highway No. 5, Houlton to Woodstock, 10 miles: To be paved 1937-38.
Highway No. 6, Bridgewater to Florenceville, 9 miles: Gravel road.
Highway No. 7, Fort Fairfield to Andover, 5.3 miles: Being paved 1936-37.

Highway No. 8, Fredericton to Newcastle, 108 miles:
Fredericton to Penniac, 6.3 miles, paved.
Penniac to Doaktown, 51.7 miles, gravel road.
Doaktown to Newcastle, 53.6 miles, being paved 1936-37.

Highway No. 9, Fredericton to Sussex via Chipman, 69.5 miles: Gravel road.
Highway No. 10, McGowan's to Starkey's via Chipman, 64.1 miles: Gravel road.
Highway No. 11, Matapedia to Moncton via Caraquet, 277.6 miles.
Matapedia to Campbellton, 11.6 miles, being paved 1936-37.
Campbellton to Dalhousie, 8.4 miles, paved.

Dalhousie to Belledune River, 27.0 miles, to be paved 1937-38.
Belledune River to Bathurst, 24.8 miles, being paved 1936-37.
Bathurst to Chatham via Caraquet 113.3 miles, gravel road.
Chatham to Chockpish River, 49.6 miles, to be paved 1937-38.
Chockpish River to Moncton, 41.8 miles, being paved 1936-37.

Highway No. 11A, Bathurst to Newcastle via Short Route, 43.5 miles: Gravel road.
Highway No. 12, Newcastle to Chatham, 5.6 miles: Paved highway.
Highway No. 13, Pokemouche to Shippegan, 10.7 miles: Gravel road.

Highway No. 14, Moncton to Penobsquis via Alma, 74.3 miles:
Moncton to Albert, 33 miles, being paved 1936-37.
Albert to Penobsquis, 41.3 miles, gravel road.

Highway No. 15, Gilbert's Corner to Port Elgin, 34 miles:
Gilbert's Corner to Barachois, 11.6 miles, being paved 1936-37.
Barachois to Port Elgin, 22.4 miles to be paved 1937-38.

Highway No. 16, Aulac to Tormentine, 32.7 miles: Being paved 1936-37.
Highway No. 17, Campbellton to St. Leonard, 98.4 miles: Gravel road.

Honored With Doctor's Degree

Rev. Father James Hill, Rector of St. Thomas College, Chatham, N. B., was recently honored with a Doctorate of Laws degree at Laval University, Quebec.

Commercial Air

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exactly six hours later. The plane battled headwind all the way while the big Pan-American Sikorsky was whisked along on a fifteen to 20-mile tailwind.

Captain William N. Cumming, veteran Scottish flier who was in command of the British plane, said he hugged the ocean most of the way, flying at an altitude of about 1,000 feet, while the Sikorsky stayed up at about 8,200 feet most of the way on the downward leg.

The plane was moored about 300 feet offshore while a United States customs launch met it for regular customs inspection. P. E. Beshwa, representing Imperial Airways here, and William Van Dusen of Pan-American Airways, boarded the skyliner to greet arrivals.

Commanders of both planes reported the flights were handled like clockwork. Neither plane attempted a fast trip, as the preliminary flights are largely intended to map air charts for passenger service which will be started within six weeks.

The Sikorsky, under command of Captain Harold E. Gray, is a four-motor job with a top speed of about 192 miles an hour. Its passenger load is twenty-five, while the Empire flying boat of the Imperial Airways can reach a top speed of 200 miles an hour, but carries only 16 passengers.

Alberta

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bondholders and thus acquired the budgetary position where it could make ends meet this year, except for \$1,200,000 of debt to be paid off. So no assistance was recommended.

If, however, during the year this interest is paid and a shortage then results, Parliament, which will be in session long before the fiscal year ends, could authorize whatever aid is required, and Hon. C. A. Dunning, Minister of Finance, has intimated that this would be done. It would be precisely the same sort of assistance as that given Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

If there should be default on Alberta's securities tomorrow it will be bad once again for the Provincial credit, and will possibly have wider influence on Canadian credit generally. But the Government here says there is nothing that it can do about it. The Bank of Canada could do something, but, if it followed the February precedent, as is likely, it will not help either.

Hitler is now assailing both Communism and Christianity. The unlamented Kaiser used to say, "Me und Gott," but his successor just says "Me."

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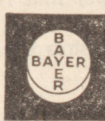
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