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THE SEARCH FOR WORLD RECOVERY

THE VAN ZEELAND REPORT, released last week, is but one more effort to diagnose the problems of economic recovery in a common language. It represents a gigantic undertaking, far more complete than anything, excepting the Economic Conference of 1933, that has been tried before. Whatever may be the results of it, a great deal is owing M. Paul van Zeeland, former Belgian Premier and internationally respected economist, for the sheer courage he has shown in seeing it through. Whatever may be the judgment of the nations most concerned, it has a real value to the extent that it has redefined in clearer terms the obstacles and the states of mind producing them.

It should not be mistakenly supposed that M. van Zeeland was to solve the disorder. The task which he accepted at the request of the British and French Governments was to diagnose and chart the approach to international economic disarmament. Consequently what he has done is state the obstacles and make suggestions of his own together with proposals culled from the many plans of the statesmen and business leaders whose views he sought. Consequently he is emphatic in opposing a conference, even of the five Powers, Britain, the United States, France, Germany and Italy, upon whom he places the leadership, until discussions have produced agreement. This explains why it is that M. van Zeeland has heaped most of the difficulties at the beginning. Three of the five nations are democracies, which, despite their own stubborn efforts to direct trade down a one-way street, share the fundamental principles upon which international economy must be built. The other two are pledged to policies of economic self-sufficiency. Such autarchy M. van Zeeland admits to be "theoretically conceivable" but impossible of extreme application because of its cost. Thus the first difficulty to be encountered in getting discussions under way is the knowledge that co-operation for the dictatorships implies change.

In embracing the two policies in the leadership, it was impossible to exclude politics, which are as important in the philosophy of the totalitarian nations as any economic factors. Unquestionably politics have done most to complicate M. van Zeeland's task. These two nations not only dispute the democratic formula, but they are the ones most dissatisfied with things as they are. They have not only added to their own difficulties by building uneconomic instruments of force as a means of aiding their own policy, but they have forced adoption of a program that is further unbalancing the national economies of their neighbors. So much so that M. van Zeeland declares concerted limitation of armaments is inextricably bound up with economic disarmament.

And here enters another factor which not only obstructs international rapprochement but the informal discussions on which it depends. It too means change for the totalitarian nations, although it has to be admitted that in Germany the press, quick to evaluate the possibilities of the report's proposal for "liquidating the past," and its suggestions that there be "international economic and political administration of mandates" and "an open-door policy for all colonies," has been distinctly friendly, though as distinctly uncommunicative. But "liquidation of the past" adds another problem to the discussions. War debts are not the only remnants of the past. There is also that old political stumbling-block of treaty and territorial revision.

These are the things that make it difficult to see any immediate practical value in the van Zeeland report. Those who had imagined it would have found a way around the old problems will be mightily disappointed. Had there been such a way, the Belgian economist, also an able diplomat, would certainly have found it. The conclusion, therefore, must be that collaboration is confined, until conditions themselves impress upon some nations the advantages of change, to the democratic group. That may seem a narrow and pessimistic reading of the report, but if M. van Zeeland's efforts can impress the democracies with the realities of this he will have succeeded in a great deal.

LIFE'S THRILLS

AN AMERICAN AVIATOR writes from South America to a friend in New York describing a waterfall he discovered in Venezuela, which he estimates to have a drop of one mile. His measurement of the height was made, he says, by readings of the altimeter on his plane.

The stream, he told, pours from the edge of a high plateau, garmented with clouds, in a straight drop of between 5,000 and 6,000 feet, then falls another 1,000 feet over rapids at the base of the cliff.

The majesty of that fall may be imagined when it is remembered that Niagara Falls is only 167 feet in height, and that Kuken dam, in British Guiana, previously the highest waterfall known, is only about one-third of the new discovery.

Despite a common belief that man has practically explored the entire surface of the earth, there are still uncharted areas containing we know not what glories. It is still possible for an aviator, soaring over jungles and mountains where civilized man has never trod, to burst suddenly upon such pictures as the Venezuelan river that drops from a channel in the clouds in mile-high cascade of glittering water.

Such a thrill is worth a lifetime of prosaic living among the familiar things of earth. It is even an event just to read about it in your morning newspaper, and to picture that fier at the moment when he first glimpsed his discovery.

Even in material things there are yet more wonders in the earth than are dreamed of in man's most vivid imagination.

SNAP SHOTS

And after two years or more in the City Council Dave wants information from Ontario about how the police commission should work. O tempora O Mores. O Damn. Good Lord, help us!!!

A commercial man wants to know why he cannot get a receipt for an amount which he paid into the police department in connection with radio fines.

"It is just not done here, you know." You just pay an amount of fine or costs in and have to walk out without getting a receipt. The difference between the older citizens of Fredericton and the new arrivals—like the commercial man—is that the Fredericton people put up with this kind of thing "because it has always been that way," while the new arrival from other places naturally asks questions when he finds our system peculiar and undemocratic.

It is all right to make a drive on dogs, providing ALL dogs are treated alike. Now that a drive has started on dogs, be sure and get them ALL, large and small, thin and fat. The fellow who has a dozen and the fellow who has one, whether he has been here one month or twenty years should be treated ALIKE!

We have heard of the poet and his dog; the Whistler and his dog; Llewellyn and his dog, and the General and his dog. Now, we are hearing of the traveller and his dog. Why is the traveller's little pet dog any worse than the other dogs who are running at large upsetting garbage cans—and in some cases knocking people down.

The people of English Settlement are nice because they bought window sashes from the Deputy Mayor's firm, was what we heard last evening. We always thought they were nice, anyway, whether they bought windows and doors or not.

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CITY COUNCIL

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sion. They were: Aldermen Crewdson, Forbes, McKnight and MacMillan.

Deputy Mayor David McCaughey, who has for the past year been 100 per cent. in favor of retaining the commission, made the motion last night to have it still retained and in this he was seconded by Alderman DeMas Ots. Deputy Mayor McCaughey although he has been in favor of retaining the commission, does not seem to know very much about it, and last night expressed himself as being anxious to receive more information and instructions regarding the Police Commission and their work from a city up in Ontario. The merits and demerits of the Police Commission have been discussed thoroughly in this city within the last couple of years. The Police Commission was abolished in Moncton and the former mayor of that city, C. H. Blakeny, M.L.A., who is a member of the Legislature and the chairman of its Municipalities Committee, could give Mr. McCaughey any information which he wants in regard to Police Commissions.

The Daily Mail stated on different occasions that 90 p.c. of the citizens of Fredericton were opposed to the Police Commission — and The Daily Mail still holds that idea. It is generally contended that the last election was not fought out on the questions as to whether the Police Commission would be abolished or retained, but that it was fought on various other issues. However, the people had a chance to express their views in regard to the Police Commission, which was one of the main features of the campaign, and they voted for Aldermen Good, Colwell and Wright, who stood for retaining the Police Commission. Therefore they can have no kick about the situation as it is at present. The idea is, however, the last civic election did not represent the opinion of the citizens generally.

HARD OF HEARING

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part in ceremonial occasions.

Impaired hearing among magistrates has become increasingly noticeable in certain localities; in others, where there are several magistrates on the list, it is sometimes hard to find enough to enable more than one court to be held on the same day.

But, on hearing of the Lord Chancellor's demands, one justice of seventy years immediately announced: "I have no intention of retiring from the bench."

Another, seventy-nine, said: "It is for the local benches to decide whether I am too old to continue my duties. I shall sit upon the bench as long as I can."

All justices of the peace are appointed, by special commission under the great seal, to keep the peace within the jurisdiction for which they are named. For centuries they have been drawn largely from the landed class of country gentlemen, naturally conservative. Recently there has been some labor blood.

DIED

BROWN—At Lynn, Mass., Feb. 1, 1938 Mrs. Catherine Brown, widow of the late Moses J. Brown, formerly of Fredericton, aged 89 years. The funeral will take place tomorrow (Thursday) with solemn service at St. Dunstan's church at 2:30 p.m. Interment will be made at The Hermitage.

THE POLICE COMMISSION

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ED IN THIS CITY IS A FARCE AS THE VOTE AT THE LAST CIVIC ELECTION COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE CALLED ONE THAT WAS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OPINION OF THE CITIZENS. This applies to all civic election campaigns in New Brunswick as has already been explained more than once. The same people who are qualified to vote at a Provincial or Federal election should be qualified to vote on civic questions but instead such isn't the case. A CHINAMAN WHO HASN'T BEEN NATURALIZED AND KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT OUR CIVIC AFFAIRS MAY VOTE TO ABOLISH OR TO RETAIN OUR POLICE COMMISSION, WHILST MANY OF OUR LOCAL BUSINESS MEN FOR REASONS WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY EXPLAINED HAVE NO SAY IN THE MATTER. THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN THE LAST CIVIC ELECTION. THIS HOWEVER IS APPARENTLY THE WAY CITIZENS WISH TO HAVE THEIR AFFAIRS CONDUCTED.

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I was only here a few days when I was hailed into court and made to pay a fine because I could not prove that I paid my radio tax. Now, I am notified to come again and pay up because I happened to own a small Spaniel dog. I was not aware that there was a law against dogs. The streets are full of dogs belonging to your permanent residents. On one street there is a Fredericton business man who has at least a dozen Spaniel dogs. I noticed them running all over the back streets last Sunday.

Another thing I would like to know is: When a man pays five dollars or any amount in a fine into your police department why does he not get a receipt for his money. I was refused a receipt for mine.

Perhaps Fredericton has a special dog law for commercial men recently arrived, and another law for its permanent citizens — who can keep a dozen. I am not the only traveller to be so summoned. Thank goodness, the train goes both ways and a man who moves into your city can also move out if he is not satisfied with the way you do things.

Yours truly,
— TRAVELLER.
Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 2, 1938.

B. C. BILL

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same basis as the Chinese. That is, all except merchants and legation attaches, would be barred.

Another anti-Japanese motion will also be tabled, which would immediately reduce by 40 per cent the number of fishing licenses issued to Japanese on the Pacific Coast and which would in the next few years entirely eliminate the Japanese from Canadian waters. This motion is sponsored by Tom Reid (Lib., New Westminster).

On Thin Ice The anti-Japanese measures will, from the diplomatic standpoint, put the Government on thin ice so far as debate is concerned. The West Coast members have expressed themselves as determined to force their measures as far as is possible and the debate will be heated. The Government will be anxious to keep matters on an even tenor, so as to avoid any suggestion of international hostility.

Japanese population in Vancouver and over the West Coast is growing by leaps and bounds. Mr. Neill said. In some schools in Vancouver, 90 per cent of the children are Japanese. The present quota of Japanese permitted under immigration laws is 150 per year—75 men and 75 women. Chinese are barred except for a very limited number, and Mr. Neill claims Chinese population is decreasing.

Sentiment Runs High Mr. Neill admits that anti-Japanese sentiment in British Columbia is running high at the present time, due to the aggressive war the Japs are carrying on in China. Spy - scares crop up every day in every municipality on the coast.

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cent to such territory, from a ship registered in Canada, and no such article shall be transhipped on the high seas from any ship into any vessel bound for any such port or place."

The amendment would further provide that such war materials may not be taken on board any Canadian registered vessel consigned or destined for any prohibited area.

The governor-in-council would be empowered, from time to time, "designate any territory or territories in which there is a state of war or armed conflict, civil or otherwise," in respect of which the provisions would apply, to name the articles to be prohibited and to fix the time during which prohibition would remain effective.

Articles mentioned in the bill include "arms, ammunition, implements or munitions of war, military, naval or air stores, or any articles deemed capable of being converted thereinto or made useful in the production thereof, or provisions or any sort of victual which may be used as food by man or beast."

Owners, charterers or masters of vessels violating the regulation would be considered guilty of an indictable offence and goods concerned in such contravention would be subject to seizure and sale by the exchequer court.

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