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POPULATION DROP

IN SIXTY YEARS, we have it from the eminent scientist, Sir Leonard Hill, the population of the United Kingdom will have fallen from 40,000,000 to 13,000,000. Only four years away—according to the present trend—there will no longer be any excess of births over deaths. In other words, by 1941, population will have reached the static stage, already passed by France and now approached by the United States.

This remarkable trend has been stressed for some time in its application to the white races. With the exception of Soviet Russia, it is general. Even in Italy the attempts of the Fascist regime to increase the birth rate have not had the results expected.

Science has been cautious and not by any means unanimous in providing the reasons for this development; but the figures reveal that it is a fact. And it is a startling contrast to the Asiatic countries, with which Russia could be at least politically linked. The Soviet's 162,000,000 people; China's 420,000,000 and India's 353,000,000 make the populations of western Europe and North America seem small, and may influence the long-term view of generally unpopular nations like Japan in their fear of the spread of subversive doctrines over powerful Asiatic groups that might some day be allied against them.—Hamilton Spectator.

NEW TROUBLE STIRS IN EGYPT

WITHOUT detracting from the well-demonstrated strong will of Egypt's young King Farouk, it is possible to see in his repeated clashes with the deposed Cabinet an element of political manoeuvring. It is not so easy to discover in the make-up of its successor just what the manoeuvring represents, or even where its inspiration lies.

Since Britain withdrew in 1922, Egypt's politics have been stormy, confused personal clashes between the strong men in the respective parties frequently involving the Crown. In recent years the Wafdist (Nationalist) group has held a Parliamentary majority and has demonstrated a distinct anti-British feeling, accentuated by the fact that the late King Fuad relied upon British support in rejecting its leadership.

Yet removal of the Wafdists cannot be said to have lessened Britain's concern over developments in Egypt, which for her is a first line of defense on the Suez and in Africa. The new Premier, Mohamed Mahmoud Pasha, was not exactly on Britain's side in the treaty quarrel of 1929, when the Government of the day rejected her proposals. More than that, it is reported that he has included pro-Italians in his new Cabinet along with "neutrals" whose neutrality does not prevent intimate friendships with the Wafdist leader, Mustapha Nahas Pasha.

Against this must be set the fact that the young King's adviser is Ali Maher, pro-British adviser to King Fuad, and who was recalled from the Senate to which the Wafdists "banished" him on Fuad's death, to take over that post. It is also of some significance that the clashes between the King and Premier Nahas Pasha began over that appointment and were enlarged to include the King's demand that Wafdist "Blueshirts," a quasi-military youth organization, be disbanded and a refusal to sanction appropriation of \$195,000 in "secret funds" for suppression of foreign propaganda.

While it, therefore, cannot be assumed that Britain's interests will suffer from the change, it likewise cannot be concluded that the change is altogether pro-British in its inspiration. What must be disturbing to Whitehall, in the face of Italy's anti-British campaign in Africa and along the Mediterranean, is the knowledge that the young King has been drawn into open warfare with the majority party, and is now reliant upon coalitions which, seemingly, are as susceptible to outside influence.

GERMAN DEMANDS RISE AND APPAL

COMES THE NEWS that M. Pierre-Etienne Flandin, former French Premier, has been to Berlin for conversations with Chancellor Hitler's spokesman, conversations which had the full approval of the French Government. It is not suggested that the Quai d'Orsay suspected Prime Minister Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax of withholding facts on the latter's talk with Hitler, but, the French being notoriously curious and direct, it was only natural that M. Flandin's curiosity should also be on the matter of German demands. The French have not been so reticent about what was said, perhaps, because M. Flandin was so "appalled by the magnitude" of the demands.

According to Angur, reliable London correspondent, adding to his distress was the frankness with which Herr Goebbels and Foreign Minister Constantine von Neurath made them and insinuated that there would be additional ones in the near future, including the return of Alsace, historic Franco-German trouble spot. Dr. Goebbels, as reported in this second-hand version of the Flandin report, pointed out that each time Britain and France refused to hear Hitler's demands, he had taken more than was asked and increased the "ante" still higher.

Sadly enough, that is about the truth of it. When rearmament concessions were refused, he quit the League of Nations and went the limit, and so fast that British statesmen are not a little disturbed by the fact that German factories turn out 300 planes per month, compared with the peak of 60 by France's nationalized industry. When treaty revisions went unconsidered, he tore up a great part of Versailles, ignored Locarno and marched into the Rhine. These are but the major "takes."

However, what is probably exercising French statesmen is not that the demands are continuing to increase, but that there is actually no limit to them; that, even if satisfied in part or in whole, the policy of demanding would be substituted for one of just taking. This is a point on which Dr. Goebbels or no other German spokesman can give ascertainable assurances. Give Germany "political predominance in Austria," withdraw French support for Czechoslovakia on the minorities issue, and return all the colonies asked for—the three points made to Flandin—and what assurance has any one, even those most willing to believe in Nazi honor, that Germany will not absorb Austria, Czechoslovakia, and any other territory she feels she has a right to, or can win?

SNAP SHOTS

Complaints come from all sections of the city regarding the dogs which frequent the streets and are a nuisance to the citizens. There is a law to prevent this but it is not being enforced.

The proceedings of the Conciliation Board should be made public through the press, no matter whose corns are trampled on. This is fair not only to the miners but to the operators. The general public should know the true facts regarding conditions. There have been too many "statements" from both the miners and the operators. Now we want the facts.

If the County Council is not satisfied with our market why do they not use their own at the County Court House?

Many a man thinks that he is falling for a girl when in reality he has been neatly tripped up, and made a forced landing.

It will be good news to hear that through the efforts of Ald. Dr. B. R. Ross of Carleton Ward the stone crusher and rock pile has been removed from Aberdeen Street and will be replaced by suitable dwellings.

FRANCES

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"This girl," he said, "is a witness. She is not charged with anything. She is simply being detained and she must not be treated as a prisoner. She must be given all possible attention and kindness and treated simply as a lady who is remaining there until the trial."

"She hasn't been treated as a prisoner since she has been in my custody," said the deputy.
The Chief Justice asked her if she had been comfortable.

"Is there anything you want?"
"Can I see Bill. That request to see her 24 year old boy friend whom she must testify against, was the only one she made. When the Chief Justice explained it did not lie in his power to grant it, he asked whether there was anything else she wanted. "No, nothing," she said simply.
"Good luck," the Chief Justice said to her as she left his chamber.

Her freedom was short-lived. After she had given her testimony at the concluding session of Robicheau's preliminary hearing on the murder charge Wednesday, breaking her dramatic silence when she was on the stand the previous night, she was informed that she was "free to go now."

No sooner was she out of the court room, however, than the Crown warrant was served on her, and she was taken back into custody.

The fate of the other material witness in the Robicheau case, Louis Frateur, 43 year old Italian junk dealer, remains uncertain.

LAST TRIBUTE

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was represented by Premier Dystart, Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., Hon. A. C. Taylor, Hon. A. P. Paterson, H. R. Pettigrove, Fair Wage Officer was also present from Fredericton. In addition to the official set many private friends from all over New Brunswick were present at the funeral. Owing to a heavy cold W. G. Clark, M.P. was unable to be present.

Rt. Hon. W. L. McKenzie King sent a telegram of condolence on behalf of himself and his Cabinet. Other wires of sympathy came from the following: S. W. Jacobs, M. P. (Carleton), Montreal; the family of the late Mrs. Joseph Michaud, Edmundston; James J. McCann, M.P., Renfrew, Ont.; Rev. Arthur Ryan, C.S.S.R., Woodstock, Ont.; Hon. Colin A. Campbell, minister of public works, Ontario; John P. Barry, M.P., (Northumberland) Chatham; J. L. Neville, Fredericton; O. L. Boulanger, M.P. (Bellechasse), Quebec; Hon. Charles A. Dunning, federal minister of finance; Mrs. Allison A. Dystart, Bathurst; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilbert, Fredericton; LeBaron LeBlanc, Montreal; W. A. Breaux, Shediac; Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Bourque, Shediac; Dr. C. J. Veniot, M.P. (Gloucester), Bathurst; Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, provincial minister of health and labor, and Mrs. Roberts; Hon. J. B. McNair, K. C., provincial attorney-general; Mr. Justice A. T. LeBlanc, Moncton; J. E. J. Patterson, M.P. (Victoria-Charleton), Florenceville; Joseph LeBlanc, Ottawa; Hon. P. J. Arthur Cardin, federal minister of public works; Hon. C. G. Power, federal minister of pensions and national health; H. R. Emmerson, M.P., (Westmorland), Dorchester, and W. Allen Walsh, M.P. (Mount Royal), Montreal.

In addition to Mr. Michaud the following will act as pallbearers: Mayor D. L. MacLaren, Judge H. O. McInerney, W. A. Ross, L. McC. Ritchie and Allan G. McAvity, all of Saint John.

CLAIM ALTA.

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the peace, order and good government of Canada in relation to all matters not coming within the class of subjects by this act assigned exclusively to the provinces or in the alternative, falls within the exception found in sub-head 10 (A) of Section 92 as an undertaking extending beyond the limits of the province.

"(B) If the legislation is what it purports to be, an act to ensure the publication of accurate news and information, its subject is criminal law. The Dominion Parliament by Section 136 of the Criminal Code has made it an offence to publish wilfully and knowingly any false news whereby injury or mischief is or is likely to be occasioned to any public interest. The Alberta legislation now under consideration seems to be an attempt to supplement this provision of the Criminal Code.

"(C) The Act is part of a larger body of legislation which has for its avowed object the introduction into the Province of Alberta a new political and economic system known as 'Social Credit.' The keynote of this system is the so-called monetization of provincial credit which must mean the creation and issue of currency or paper money by the province.

"(D) The proposed legislation attempts to constitute the lieutenant-governor-in-council a court to try the question of whether any newspaper has been guilty of any contravention of any of the provisions of the Act.

"(E) The proposed legislation would destroy the status and powers of companies within its cope which were incorporated by Dominion charter."

For Propaganda

The provision in the bill requiring newspapers to publish corrective or amplifying matter of any statement relating to government policy the factum says, could be and was intended to be used to compel the newspapers to publish propaganda in favor of the policy of Social Credit.

The provision compelling the disclosure of the names of writers and sources of information was not limited to statements of government policy. It would, in practice, deprive the newspapers of a large body of news which they receive in confidence from sources that cannot be disclosed.

"Both the compelling of the printing of statements which the newspapers do not desire to print and may not believe to be true and the suppressing of news which the newspapers do desire to print amount to censorship of the press," the factum states.

"It will no doubt be contended that the bill can be supported as legislation dealing with property and civil rights in the province or as a matter of merely local or private nature in the province.

Of National Interest

"It is submitted that the publication of newspapers in Canada is an undertaking of national interest and importance and that it cannot be held to come within these categories merely because every newspaper has its office of publication within some particular province. The following considerations support this contention:

"(1) There are upwards of 100 daily and more than 1,200 weekly newspapers in Canada and these newspapers largely control the scope and character of the foreign news entering Canada and collect and disseminate without regard to provincial boundaries virtually all the domestic news which reaches the people of Canada.

"Their interpretation of current events and their editorial discussions of public questions exert a powerful influence on Canadian public opinion. To place the newspaper press of Canada under any control but that of the Parliament of Canada would be seriously disruptive of national unity.

MRS. C. P. WRIGHT

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associations.
Mrs. Wright is a graduate of Acadia University here. She also studied at Toronto and Oxford universities. Only once since the town's incorporation has a woman been elected to the Wolfville Town council. Mrs. Laura H. Moore, elected in 1920, held office for one term.

DIED

ESTABROOKS.—Passed away at Waterville, Sunbury county, Thursday, January 6, 1938, Mrs. Annie M. Estabrooks, wife of Albert E. Estabrooks, in her 73rd year. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon, January 9, with service at the home at two o'clock. Mr. Glen-denning will officiate in the service. Interment will be made at Waterville.

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OUR MAIL BAG

RAILWAY PROBLEMS

To the Editor, Daily Mail,
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:

I have read R. J. Deachman's letter discussing a recent statement of mine, as published in various journals, with keen interest. I am obliged to him for making a definite contribution to that practical discussion of the problem which is badly needed.

As Mr. Deachman points out, the questions at issue are extremely complicated and this must be kept in mind in considering the estimates of savings which have been offered.

I have pointed out in various addresses that the estimate of \$75,000-000 annual savings was obtained by careful study made by our officers, using 1930 as a basic year. It might be compared with an estimate of \$60,000,000 made at the same time by the late Sir Henry Thornton, and one of \$56,000,000 offered by S. W. Fairweather of the Canadian National Railways.

The details on which these estimates are based are both voluminous and highly technical. They were set out in Extensive Exhibits filed with the Royal Commission on Transportation in 1932. The similarity of the results reached through independent research by two different organizations, confirmed by outside experts, should leave no room for doubt as to the scale on which savings may be obtained. It must be remembered that in addition to actual savings in operating expenses, unified management would increase the power of the railways to serve the public conveniently, and to meet the competition of other forms of transportation more effectively.

Mr. Deachman has assumed, as others have that the estimates may be judged by comparisons made with the present depressed traffic conditions. A full and accurate discussion of the subject may be found in Professor L. T. Fournier's volume "Railway Nationalization in Canada." On Page 321 of that work the following statement is made:

"On the basis of 1930 figures, gross operating revenues of the unified system would be \$450,829,000 and total operating expenses \$318,824,000. The operating ratio would be 70.72 per cent, which compares with the Canadian National operating ratio for 1930 of 91.2 per cent, the Canadian Pacific operating ratio of 78.4 per cent, and their combined operating ratio of 85.8 per cent."

Mr. Deachman's further questions concerning Maintenance of Way and Equipment have not clearly differentiated between the variation in costs resulting from changes in business conditions and the reduction in costs made possible by reason of having one integrated property only, instead of two duplicate and competitive properties, to maintain. I believe however, that he will also find the information he desires in the work which has been quoted.

I should regret any tendency to permit discussion of estimated savings important as these are—to interfere with acceptance of the fact that the dominant question is one of correct public policy—one of principle. The estimates offered by myself and others were submitted to show the scale on which savings might be effected. They are intended to present this honestly. The details and particular steps by which savings will be accomplished are, however, for the moment of secondary consideration, and it would be erroneous to assume that the possibility of relieving the public treasury from a great burden by unified management depends on the acceptance of any specific plan of savings.

I agree thoroughly with Mr. Deachman's contention that the "man in the street" is entitled to full details of any plan of unification. I have tried to lay down the general principles on which one could be based. As can be readily understood, it would be impossible for me to make an ex parte statement of how the plan would be carried out in detail, until agreement on the general principles has been obtained. It must be obvious that the savings would be substantial enough, under any system of unification, to afford considerable relief to the public finances. It is hardly necessary for me to stress the need for and the benefits which would result from that relief.

BOY SCOUT TOY SHOP

To the Editor, Daily Mail,
City.

Dear Sir:

The Fredericton District Boy Scout Toy Shop was held in the Capital Transit Building. It was officially opened December 4th, with Basil G. Law, Rover Scout, in charge, assisted by A.C.M. Gerald Langmaide.

As in the past, a great many toys and articles of clothing were gathered in the city and vicinity, and the Association is indeed grateful for the kind assistance rendered by those whom we found it necessary to approach.

Over 750 families were reached and from the many letters of appreciation we have received, we feel confident that our work, etc., in helping others, has not been in vain.

A special vote of thanks is offered to the following who greatly assisted us: George Thompson of the Capital Transit; W. W. Fenety, for the use of the Capital Theatre; Kitchen Brothers, E. M. Young Limited, Zellers, Metropolitan, F. W. Woolworth, Maritime Electric Co., N. B. Telephone Co., The Daily Mail and The Cleaner, and also to Miss Mary Stratton who knit 25 pairs of mittens for distribution.

Respectfully submitted,

BASIL G. LAW.

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SAYS BRITISH

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the forces which have made Japan move in a glare of glory is that Japan now believes it pays to conquer as by conquering they achieve a great position."

Repercussions seemed likely today. While what the consul said there may be considerable subscription, it is not conceded that any representative of a foreign nation has a right to tell Canadians or their Government what they should do or comment on domestic policies. Consuls have been reprimanded before for their utterances, the last one being the consul of Italy.

A protest from Japanese authorities against Dr. Chang's strictures upon its aims and ambitions may also develop.

QUEBEC

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"Oh, yes. Everytime the door opens I think it is my friends, the police. When they are not conducting raids they are sending spotters around to see what we are doing."

More than a dozen raids have been conducted by the city and Provincial Police to date. Each time hundreds of pieces of literature are seized. But next day the offices are open again and within a week the literature is flowing in and out.

But you do not need to hunt for Communist offices to buy Communist papers. You can buy them on the streets from newsdealers.

Circulation Increased
Louis Kon, head of the Quebec Friends of the Soviet Republic, claims the circulation of the papers has increased since Duplessis started to enforce his padlock law.

"When the Communists make some headway in this province, the first thing they are going to do is erect statues to Duplessis and Raynault," he said. Raynault is Mayor Adhemar Raynault of Montreal, a close friend of the Premier and a man who hates Communism.

Kon is suing the City of Montreal for \$2,000 damages for preventing a meeting called under the auspices of his association and he is attempting to challenge the validity of the padlock law in the courts. Kon has been in Canada for thirty years and is a naturalized citizen. He was born in Russia and, although he is not a member of the Communist Party, he is a Communist by conviction. He was once a newspaperman and once publicity man for the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company, famous in election campaigns as the "power trust" company.

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