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## **Coming Soon!**

### **Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers**

## **To be held in March**

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## MORE FOR '64

1963 is now history and a rather sombre year it was too. There was but small rejoicing, expressed largely by those who revelled in the rise of the gross national product. In retrospect, however, 1963 could hardly be construed as one of the more beneficent years of our time. New found freedoms were many but were shaded by a terrible wave of universal hatred, bigotry, greed and violence which was culminated, towards year's end, by the senseless and brutal assassinations of several world figures. As the cold grey light of the New Year dawned, it took more than just a little imagination to expect much improvement in the days to come.

1964 is but one month old, and, if anything, is plunging into the maelstrom with greater acceleration. Kenya, independent a short month or so, is busily hacking out a nation a la Mau Mau, Zanzibar celebrated one month's freedom in bloody revolt and the ten year old Federation of Rhodesia has packed it up as a failure. Those much maligned colonists, the British, must be having a quiet chuckle as their American (a free world for everybody as long as they do as we say) Colonist cousins are having so much difficulty with their Panamanian hassle. Mix in Cyprus, Indonesia, Malaysia, and of course Fidel and Mao and Nikita and garnish with the local traffic and accident tragedies and it can be readily seen that 1964 is starting off with the proverbial Bang. So much for Man's inhumanity to Man and it is to his everlasting credit that in the face of such dreadful forebodings he can engender any hope at all.

HAPPY NEW YEAR. — Editor.

## WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

Because of the many enquiries from the membership requesting that we broaden our activities to include the ladies your executive investigated the matter and, by committee, spent a good deal of time and effort to discover what could be done. Shortly before Christmas, this committee, through the pages of the Groundsheet, published a complete, but tentative program of a proposed cabaret. This was a proposal only and was clearly indicated as such. No attempt was made to persuade or coerce the membership to accept this proposal, as written, but rather it was to find out YOUR WISHES and a return Postage-Paid card was included in this respect. It is regrettable to report that, to date, only 12 replies, both pro and con, have been received. On the basis of this meagre information, your committee can only conclude that, insofar as the cabaret is concerned, you are definitely not interested. For those of you who have written and have seriously enquired and wanted some form of mixed social, you can be assured that despite the disappointing results of the above, your committee is still formed and are willing to work on your behalf. They do need your help. Let us reiterate what has transpired before:

Are you, members at large, interested in a mixed social?

What would you like to have?

Would you like a dance and cabaret?

Would you like to hold it in the armouries at New Westminster?

What do you think the cost should be?

If not a dance, etc., what would you like to see?

If you are really interested will you answer these questions,

If you are content with the present series of programs that your Association sponsors, please acknowledge same.

DO YOU WANT ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES  
 SUCH AS MIXED FUNTCIONS,

IF YOU HAVEN'T ANSWERED ANY OF  
 THESE QUESTIONS, WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?



## SENATOR RAPS INGRATITUDE OF 'TWICE SAVED' BRITAIN

Headline above indicates remarks of U.S. Senator Stephen (Young, (Dem.)), with respect to his recent appraisal of Great Britain.

It seems that Sen. Young is miffed because the U.K. is selling \$12 million dollars worth of buses and trucks to Cuba. The Senator goes on to say, quote, "The United States saved Great Britain in the First and the Second World Wars and yet this supposed friend is delivering buses and trucks to Communist Cuba." He further stated, "England further demonstrates her ingratitude by negotiating sales to Cuba of heavy machinery."

These banalities of the Senator, ludicrous as they may sound, are not to be taken lightly, but should be regarded as the babblings of an infantile mind, at least according to this writer.

The U.S. saved Britain? Hell! Countless thousands of good American G.I.'s did, indeed, lay down their lives but they would be the last to say they did it for Britain. They did it for Old Uncle Sammy and don't you forget it. It is gratifying to know that the logical and really important American leaders have expressed nothing but praise for Britain's stand in both world wars and readily admit that without their courage and steadfast denial, under almost unbearable pressure, Democracy, as the U.S. knows it today, would have long since been non-existent. History records that the U.S. got into W.W. 1 only at the most propitious moment and into W.W. 2 only because they were attacked by Japan.

It is noted that Sen. Young is seeking re-election next year and it makes one wonder what kind of qualifications are needed for this high sounding office. Young rationalizes his country's sale of wheat to Russia as an expression of the American Free Enterprise success but somehow feels that buses don't qualify. If this be a representative of the freedom of Democracy it makes one wonder, What kind of a Nut can run for office in this society? It seems that all you have to do is mouth off about Britain and your in.—RON HURLEY.

*It is always inflating to the ego to receive words of praise but in this instance it is more than justified. The following letter was forwarded by one of our lucky prize winners from the draw and it is reprinted verbatim. This, in some measure, should make the efforts of those hardworking gentlemen, Nelson Scott and Bert Stephens, seem worthwhile.—Ed.*

2846 E. 24th Ave.,  
Vancouver 12, B.C.  
December 30th, 1963

Mr. W. N. Scott,  
The Westminster Regiment Assn.,  
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Mr. Scott:

On behalf of my wife, Mrs. W. B. Peters, may I take this opportunity of expressing our thanks and appreciation for the wonderful Christmas gift of a first prize on your Annual Regimental Draw. We have purchased tickets from friends over the years, never dreaming that someday one of us would hit the Jack-Pot. Thanks also for your nice wish for our welfare during 1964. I am retired from the Vancouver Parks Board and both the wife and I are nearing seventy so we will probably need it. May we extend our sincere wishes to yourself and the Regiment, for the coming year.

Speaking for myself, for a great many years I have been interested in the Westminster Regiment. In the early twenties I was with the Imperial Tobacco Company, and had the pleasure on occasions to represent the company at your mess, when cigarettes were donated. At that time the company participated in the annual fair at Queens Park, and my very good friend Col. Corbould was in charge of Concessions for the New Westminster Exhibition. These are fond memories.

Another event to do with your regiment was when the American Legion Outpost here in Vancouver paraded with you on the November 11th Remembrance Day Service, 1938. We are still active, and I have been the Adjutant for Vancouver for a number of years. We are nearly all Canadians who served in the first or second war, in the U.S. Army. My ancestry goes back to 1778 as United Empire Loyalists at Kingston, which was then Fort Frontenac. Our first Vice Commander for the Outpost is Henry Rowbottom who was born in London, England, and served in the South African War. Our Service Officer's father was the engineer in charge when the streets in the east end of Vancouver were laid out, about 1905.



Mrs. Peters and I are very proud of our family. Our older son has been with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals since 1939. At the present time he is at Vimy, Kingston. He was six and a half years overseas. Our younger son was also with Signals, serving four years overseas. He is an Auxiliary Police for New Westminster. Our daughter lives next door to Mr. Carlson who sold us the draw tickets.

I would be pleased to have a couple of books of tickets for your 1964 draw, to dispose of here in our Legion Post. We are associated with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 179, Commercial Drive.

Again expressing Mrs. Peters' thanks for having been so lucky on Friday 13th, and wishing all of you the very best for 1964, I am,

Yours very truly,  
Willard B. Peters.

## ADOLPH MUST BE SMILING

During my recent readings and research, I came across some of the most alarming and shocking diatribe, in the printed word, that has been my misfortune to read. If it were not for the sinister and deadly seriousness of the message it could almost be dismissed as Comic Opera stuff but history has alerted us and we can ill afford to ignore the prattlings of seemingly deranged minds.—*Ed.*

**WUNS:** Simple sounding inoffensive word on the surface, I am sure, completely meaningless to us all. WUNS, however, is but an abbreviation for a much more gaudier title, 'World Union of National Socialists'. This evil sounding organization has set itself up on a vast international scale complete with World H.Q. at, of all places, Arlington, Va., U.S.A. The spirits in the nearby U.S. national memorial cemetery must be restless indeed. They are, according to the literature, exceedingly well organized and are expanding, universally, on a wide scale. They embody the use of the old familiar Nazi Swastika and lurking eagle as official insignia for the group and sprinkle their correspondence, liberally, with Heils, Sigs and much reference to the infamous former leaders who were dispatched at Nuremberg so many years ago. They have an official working agreement as extensive as the old Magna Carta and as high sounding as the U.S. Constitution and named, ironically, after the site of its origin, *THE COTSWOLD AGREEMENTS*, held in the Cotswolds, England.

You may have heard of the man Colin Jordan, an Englishman. Well, he has been chosen as the new international Leader with another Nut named Lincoln Rockwell, an American, as Deputy. They have an official monthly publication, *The STORMTROOPER* and a rather large catalogue of their own books and pamphlets. Here, for your information, are some quotes and statements from this printed garbage.

*A few of the purposes of The Cotswold Agreements:*

*Immediate:* To form a monolithic, combat-efficient, international political apparatus to combat and utterly destroy the int. Jewish Communist and Zionist apparatus of treason and subversion.

*Eventual:* To work toward the unity of all White People in the National Socialist World Order.

... To work toward just allocations of suitable portions of the earth's surface for exclusive sovereignty of the Black Race, of the Yellow Race, of the Red Race, and of the Brown Race.

**INSIGNIA:** The insignia of the WUNS shall be a swastika with a small globe in the centre, in the color of the Jew and United Nations blue flags, signifying the White Race crushing and eliminating these foul and alien bodies. Or consider these items of interest that one can purchase.

*The Big Lie.* Photostats showing that Hitler did not invent, but actually exposed the Big Lie about "six million dead Jews" as in fact perpetrated by the Jews themselves, 2 color, 4 pages, 5c ea.

**PEACE CREEPS:** Beautifully done cartoons which make fun of the Peace Creep movement. Will keep you and your friends laughing for hours. Min. 50 per order, 1/2c ea.

1964 *Am. Nazi Calendar.* Inspiring Nazi photos for each month with quotations from Adolph Hitler, \$1.00.

There's much more and much that is more insidious as well but I'm sure this will give you an idea of this iniquitous organization. I have saved the most alarming, or what should be the most disturbing to us all locally, to the last. As stated, this foul-minded body is expanding and there is fairly strong evidence to indicate that they intend to include our own area in their plans. The following letter was written under the heading of the



American Nazi Party at Arlington, Va., U.S.A. For obvious reasons names have been omitted.

Mr. J X  
Dumbville, B.C.

24 Jan 1964

Dear Mr. X

Thank you for your recent letter.

We were glad to learn that your group has been studying *Mein Kampf*. This is the "Bible" of anyone who wishes to call himself a National Socialist and fight for an Aryan world. I am not sure whether you are familiar with the World Union of National Socialist — the *only* politically active world wide Nazi Organization — and am enclosing some descriptive material. Although there is no organized section of *WUNS IN CANADA* at the present time, we hope there will be one before too long.

Best National Socialist wishes!

Heil Hitler!

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY SECY.

It seems almost beyond comprehension that this type of group could get established anywhere and I am sure that you are all as indignant as all get out. Remember, if we ignore this type of Rot, Our Complacency could mean Our Disaster.

— RON HURLEY.

### SICK AND VISITING REPORT

In the many years that this committee has been serving our members in military hospitals, this year has been the greatest in respect to receiving donations and in particular, Christmas donations, from the Association membership. To T. A. S. Hamilton, Mrs. Garnet Blackburn and family members (on behalf of our departed Comrade, Garnet), Danny Pastro, Bas Morgan, S. W. Tipping, Doug Allen, Ernie Winding, D. M. Dunwoodie and to many many others whose names, unfortunately, I have failed to get from our secretary, many thanks on behalf of myself and the committee. Please, fellow members, don't get the idea that this is a come-on for further donations for in reality our fund is in excellent condition. At every "DO" several members approach me with the intention of donating to the Hospital Fund, but I refuse them with the explanation that due

to the support of our Christmas activities, our Association is economically quite sound. Further, the amount that your executive budgets for my committee is never fully exhausted and believe me that is a most excellent state to be in.

With this seeming abundance at hand we were able to prepare some nice Christmas gifts for our hospitalized comrades. These included bedroom slippers, handkerchiefs, chocolates, lifesavers, socks, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, and reading matter. Tommy Thomson and I delivered these gifts to Shaughnessy and George Derby on December 18th, 1963. Each parcel was suitably gift-wrapped and enclosed was an Association Christmas card inside. Some we had to leave at the bedside because the members were asleep but those who opened theirs during our presence expressed profound pleasure which was more than enough reward for our efforts. The executive received a very nice letter of thanks from Bert Neve at George Derby expressing his thanks to all. Our comrades in Hospital were: A. L. Coote, W. Lawson, A. Fisher, T. J. Franklin, Neil Wickwire, W. Camp, D. Corcoran and G. A. Neve.

Thank you,

BERT STEPHENS.

### WHAT BECAME OF KELLY?

No names, in particular, this month, but would appreciate finding some on the lengthy list of members that were printed in the December issue.

### LEST WE FORGET



F. Harding, Sedgewick, Alberta.  
Robert Tomkinson, Ladner, B.C.  
T. Franklin, New Westminster, B.C.  
Daryl McAuliffe, Kamloops, B.C.



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