

QUESTION OF HUMANITY: LEST WE FORGET

AN EDITORIAL

This time we all fight the war. And the odds are against us.

Once there was a distinction between soldier and civilian. "Our boys" across the sea died for us "back home." Not any more. Not when the bomb goes off. We'll all be as dead as the soldiers in whose memory we uncover our heads on this once-a-year occasion.

If there are any left alive to absorb the fallout let's hope they erect no memorials to our bravery or to our intelligence; let's hope they go back to basic questions and spend their energy there—asking. Let's hope that the memorial our children erect to the 20th century is one of understanding—an answer to the haunting question:

WHAT SORT OF CREATURE IS MAN THAT HE WAS RULED AND RUINED BY HIS OWN POTENTIAL FOR DESTRUCTION?

On this Memorial Day we prefer to look forward rather than back.

In the letter which follows we indulge in the sort of after-midnight ramblings which label us dreamers, subversive, "peace-mongers," appeasers, idiots. We are willing to take all this, in the hope that we underline the questions which force us to face ourselves.

We don't know the answers. Banning bombs by itself won't do; we know that. It won't do because it doesn't get to the causes—in men's souls—which promote bombing and the idea of bombing.

Our hope, at this point, is simply that the very posing of the questions will put us one step nearer to that ideal called HUMANITY.

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Empress of England—at sea—2 a.m. September 15, 1962.

"Be innocent of the Knowledge . . . 'til thou' applaud'st the deed."

—Macbeth, The Bard

BLAM! (thunderous applause).

My friend:

When shall the winter of our discontent turn to summer? While the great nations of the world unabashedly announce the nuclear test shall resume, and that the world's greatest contradiction in terms, the "clean" bomb, is capable of laying waste to an area one third the size of England, the victims of this political malice huddle together in the false security of conventional wisdom.

Ministers in their pulpits (elevated, of course, to mark their lofty calling) preach the BROTHERHOOD OF MAN and other colloquial expressions, and in the same breath invoke the power of the Diety to smite the enemy. And the H-bomb is a mighty smite indeed.

Several scientists cause to be published a list of fruitful statistics proving that there is no danger to present or future generations from atomic fallout. A few other men of science meet at conferences and cause to be disseminated a list of frightful statistics to prove the very real and very apparent danger from the bombs (so candidly termed "deterrents" by their exponents), and politely and with the utmost tact suggest to the politicians that they might discontinue testing as soon as possible if it wouldn't be too much trouble, because if they continue their present games with bigger and better firecrackers, someone—namely several million unborn—is/are going to suffer for ever and ever and ever. **AMEN.**

But the politicians do not particularly care about the unborn, for theirs here and now is the POWER and the GLORY.

The people who do care march blindly to Trafalgar Square from Wembley Park behind leaders who are doing the same thing for, no doubt, somewhat different motives. And our mentor, the fellow with the beard and the long hair, spends a night in police cells, which gives him a martyr complex for life.

There is not much that the little man can do except reach for the jam on the lower shelf that the politicians have

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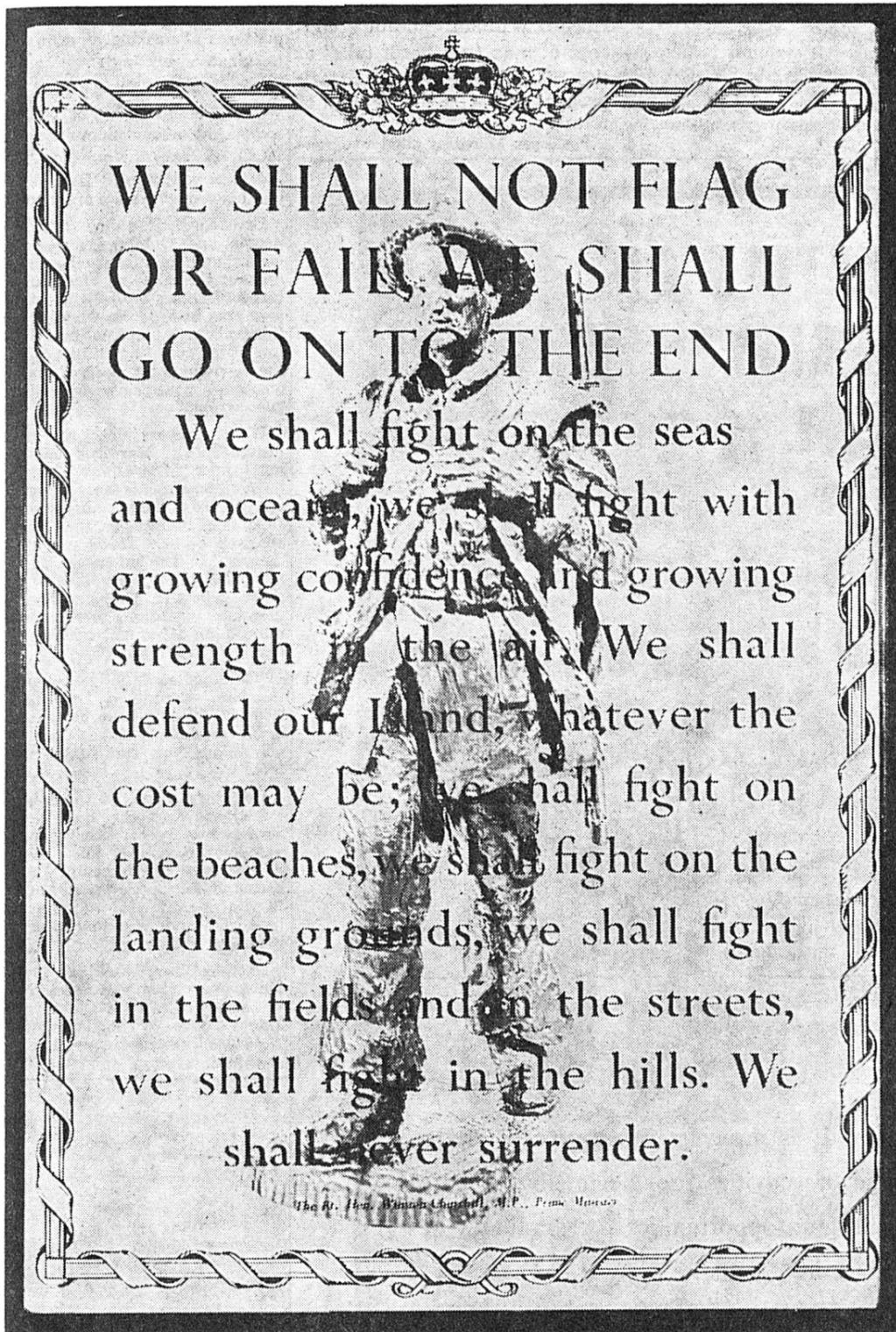


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More Try Rhodes

Nine University of Alberta students have applied this year for the honor of a Rhodes scholarship—but only one will be successful.

According to the secretary of the provincial selection committee—John Duby of Edmonton—this is probably a record number of applications from Alberta since the scholarship was established in 1904.

It will take three to four weeks to get all the information required on applicants, Mr. Duby said. The winner is expected to be announced early in December.

Sources say all applicants are top students. A seven-member

selection committee made up of well-respected people from various points in the province must make the final decision on the basis of personal judgment.

The committee gets documentation on each candidate, meets the candidates, has luncheon with them, interviews each one and then makes its choice.

IMPORANT QUALIFICATIONS

Most important requirement for a Rhodes scholarship is quality of both character and intellect. These traits are looked for by the committee in making its selection:

Literary and scholastic attainments; qualities of manhood; truthfulness; courage; devotion to duty; sympathy for and protection of the weak; kindness; unselfishness and fellowship; ex-

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hibition of moral force of character and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in his fellows; physical vigor, as shown by fondness for, or success in, manly outdoor activities.

To be eligible, applicants must be male, between 19 and 24, and each in his third or final year of university study.

PEI—NO UNIVERSITY

Two scholarships are awarded in Ontario and Quebec and one each in the rest of the provinces, except Prince Edward Island, which has no university.

The scholarship—valued at about \$2,250 annually—enables each winner to study at Oxford University in England for at least two, and possible three, years.