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national council, later on the executive, and in 1937 made national secretary, a post he filled for two years without pay. In the fall of '38 he left his law job to give full time to the C.C.F. on a modest salary that has risen but little since.

Canada seems to be dividing itself into two main groups, both of whom want more abundant living, wider enjoyment of the fruits of democracy for all its citizens. Basic difference between them is that one group hopes to bring about the better order through regulated capitalism, the other plumps for Socialism. David Lewis plumps for Socialism.

Basis of the Good Society, according to Lewis, can be found in the Koran, the Old Testament, the New Testament, and within the minds of men of all religious creeds, races, colors. Capitalism, he says, is a soul-less society in which the search for a soul is permitted. Fascism is a

soul-less society in which search itself is forbidden. Democratic Socialism is determined to lay the material and spiritual basis for the Good Society by restoring the resources of the country to the people and thereby eliminating the suffering, injustice and internal conflicts of the present system.

Lewis also protests the heritage of John Stuart Mill Liberalism, as he calls it, the negative conception of peace as absence of war, internal peace as the absence of strikes, industrial conflicts and racial disharmony. He wishes to put positive content into the concept of peace, positive action to achieve, active existence of co-operative machinery for social progress, not merely for settling disputes. There should be mutual assistance so that disputes arise less frequently. On this basis, he points out, the International Labor Office has endured when the League of Nations failed, is functioning now, not by avoidance of strife, but through studies in bettering housing conditions, improving standards of the world's living and working.

Action to bring about the Good Society would begin with creating the conditions in which the people could take what they need for fuller living. The assumption that government under Socialism would give them benefits—hand-outs—is quite contrary to Lewis' beliefs. Socialization of industry would also prove not the upheaval people imagine. Facts of this war, he points out, have already taught unwilling people more than did nine years of sincere lecturing from the late J. S. Woodsworth, revered first chief of the C.C.F. party.

Circumstances would determine procedure, but the principal change would be an Act of Parliament enabling the transfer of ownership of Corporation X, making it, in our monarchical language, the property of His Majesty. Compensation would be given the present owners in the form of annuities or perhaps non-transferable bonds. The greater the number of stockholders, the greater the obligations. Fairness and public welfare would govern the arrangements, welfare being always the first consideration.

the oldest son, and Mordche, a boy of 18. Hirsch had an infant child of two, Rivkeh. Her mother was dead.

The Simonoffs would have liked to sent this baby girl along with the other evacuees, but the circumstances at the time made it impossible. Anyway, they felt reasonably safe. It was not likely that anything much would happen. Ribevsk, as I said, was unimportant. Of course, if the Germans found them, that would probably be their end, but that was a chance that all must take.

They were left with a supply of food for two weeks. I say two weeks. Really, by normal standards of eating, there wasn't more than a week's supply, but who was eating normally these days?

The first week passed with some excitement, of course, because the Germans entered the town. But the Simonoff cabin was sufficiently camouflaged to prevent detection. The Simonoff boys, of course, went about in the night as much as they could to see if there was anything they could wreck or any Germans they could kill.

It was Saturday, just a day before the two weeks were over, when Mordche came running back. He had startling news. He had overheard some German officers. They

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A Guerilla Chanukah

By DAVID SCHWARTZ

I CANNOT vouch for the story I am about to tell. There are so many things that happen in time of war and it is impossible to check up. I can only tell the story as it was given to me.

It is a story about some Jews in a small town in Russia. I cannot remember the name of the town. I was never good on those Russian names. I remember Veliki-Lukie, I am ashamed to say not because the Russians fought so heroically there, but because Veliki-Luki somehow reminded me of coca cola. You see—both have the same repetition of similar sounds.

Otherwise, I most always get the names of the Russian towns wrong. But the name of the village I speak of sounded something like Ribevsk. After all, what is the difference what its name was. It was a village like hundreds of others which the Red Army has been retaking from the Germans lately.

So let's call it Ribevsk. It was a small place even in peace time, with a population not in excess of five hundred. And, as the Germans

neared, it began to lose this population, with most of the residents going to the interior of Russia.

It was a grim time for Russia and the German peril was daily advancing closer to Ribevsk. Finally there came orders from the Russian command that the scorched earth policy be applied to the town. At the same time, the entire population of the town was order to withdraw to the interior.

This order was subject to only one qualification. Guerilla detachments of the section might designate certain people to remain to harass the approaching Germans. Only one family was left by the guerillas at Ribevsk—the Simonoffs and even they were ordered to remain only two weeks, since Ribevsk was not camouflaged to prevent detection. The Simonoff boys, of course, went about in the night as much as they could to see if there was anything they could wreck or any Germans they could kill.

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