

Changed Lives As Only Solution Of World's Problems

**Retired Vice-admiral of
British Navy and Former
Communist Leader Ad-
dress People's Forum.**

Declaring that the same spirit which had produced the Great War still remained in the world, Vice-Admiral Sidney Drury-Lowe, C.M.G., R.N., of London, Eng., stated that the only solution to the international problem was changed lives. He was speaking last night at the People's Forum in the Rialto, theater.

"We are not going to get the better world we long for until we ourselves are better," the speaker stated. "The old spirit of war remains: greed, self-interest, pride, fears and suspicion. The League of Nations has accomplished a great deal. But we are where we were. Only when we begin to change lives, starting with ourselves, will we have the world we long for."

It is of much more value to do something now than to project ideals into the future, asserted James Watt, a former member of the Communist executive in Great Britain, who also addressed the meeting. Both Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe and Mr. Watt are members of the Oxford Group now visiting Ottawa.

Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe stated that after the Great War, being impressed with the waste of war and its futility in settling international disputes, he left the navy in order to devote his life to the interests of peace and international goodwill. Until he met the Oxford Group he thought that all the reforming had to be done with the other fellow. He knew that there was something lacking, but he did not know exactly what was wrong. The Oxford Group taught him that he must start with himself. He must be honest with himself and with those with whom he lived.

"You must surrender all the things which keep you back—which you yourself know—then you can trust to God," he said. "When you do surrender there is relief past understanding."

Need Spiritual Power

Outlining his work with the Communist party, Mr. Watt told of how he came to discover how all his ideas were of little worth if he did not give them practical application in his own life. "We need spiritual power to make our social theories come true," he declared.

The Communists he knew in England, he said, were not only sincere, but he thought they had the only adequate answer of all the parties there to social conditions as he knew them, and were willing to make any sacrifice to make their ideas come true. Yet behind it all, the speaker asserted, he could see the personalizing of the things they believed in. He himself had been sincere; he wanted Communism to come, but to come through James Watt.

"The challenge of Christ," he stated, "was not to a point of view but to a quality of life I lacked. Christ is the only answer to our social problems. It is more valuable to win a man than to hold an ideal."

The last time he was at Geneva, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe said, there was bewilderment and a lack of faith. The delegates believed only in practical ways of doing things. Both individuals and nations must surrender a great deal, he averred. Change lives and there would be a change in every direction of life. If this was done, then the plan for an ideal world would come by God-guidance.

Rev. P. P. W. Ziemann, the chairman, introduced and thanked the speakers. He announced that the speaker next Sunday would be Prof. F. R. Scott of the law faculty, McGill University, whose subject would be "Free Speech."