

History

WHO WERE THE LOYALISTS, ANYWAY?

They were the Boat People of 1783.. farmers, artisans, merchants and clerks loyal to the British cause in the American Revolution, who, after having had their farms and buildings burned, their goods stolen or destroyed, and their lives threatend, looked for sanctuary to the wilderness north of the American colonies, where the British flag still flew.

This year is the bicentennial of the arrival of the United Empire Loyalists. CBC Radio's IDEAS marks the anniversary with a two-part series about THE LOYALISTS: The People and The Myth. Prepared by Toronto freelance journalist David Cayley, the programs will be heard on Mondays, November 14 and 21, at 9:05 p.m. (9:35 Nfld.). Production: Robert Prowse, Ideas' executive producer. Host: Lister Sinclair.

To help listeners understand the plight of the Loyalists, David Cayley outlines the nature of the American Revolution in the Nov. 14 program. He describes who the Loyalists were, and tells how and why they had to leave their homes in the Thirteen Colonies. He discusses their military role (a number of them fought with the Provincial Corps, a sort of guerrilla group), and their role in the founding of Canada. Cayley says: "We tend not to recognize the extend to which the American Revolution was a civil war, splitting all classes and families. Until recently U.S. histories recalled the Loyalists as traitors. For at least a century in Canada the Loyalists had a tremendous vogue, but since the First World War they've been almost forgotten. Those refugees began coming to our country at the beginning of the American Civil was in 1776, after the fall of Boston, but the great masses of them were jammed into military transports in New York when the war ended in 1783, and

sent to Nova Scotia. Only a few of them were wealthy. The rest were desperate. New Brunswick was created as a special province for them in 1874."

In the Nov. 21 broadcast Cayley talks about the founding of Canada and the Loyalist heritage, discussing who they were in relation to who we are today, and how our notions of loyalism have changed over the years. He says: "Up to the time of the First World War, imperialist sentiment was strong here, and because the Loyalists stood for unity of empire they were remembered warmly. While unity of empire is not

such a burning cause with us today, another aspect of the Loyalists does matter to us... what they reacted to in the American Revolution. They were Tories, and it's interesting to see what ploitical culture has produced in Canada."

David Caley was producer and then host of CBC Radio's morning show in Vancouver, from 1974 to 1977. Since 1979 he has been a Toronto freelancer, and is one of the most frequent contributors to IDEAS. His series Coming Into the World was heard in September, and his earlier series included The World of the Child, Nuclear Peace,

The Politics of Information, and Between Two Ages.

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BLANCHARD EXPOSITORY

-Blanchard salutes the Soccer team;

-Kevin M. not only reigns as "Patricia the Stripper" - he also wears cute Pink Panther P.J.'s.

-A certain Blanchard R.A. would like to get HIS hair curled by yet another R.A.

-Room 315 is moving "out" into the world.

-Peter R. has a way with balloons!

-Laura S. likes "the neighbors visitors" better than her own.

-Halloween House Party coming soon.

-New Banner Co. in Blanchard, head office is in the laundry room, with branch offices in 314 and 206.

-H.H.D.D.L.A.T.W.O.T.T. right Glenn!

-Need wallpapering done? See the Biology boys.

-"Mom" loves surprise parties!!!

-Blanchard's House Prez has problems walking up at the Barn, right Kathy?!

-"Straight to the top boys!"

-Steven M., don't you know Panther's have tails?

-Blanchard Girls are Intermural Softball Champs again...What's new aye! We are the champions of the world!!!

-Blanchard is getting a fourth floor.

-Happy Birthday Ruston.

