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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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For The Fallen

It was Pericles, greatest of Athenian statesmen, who addressed these words to his countrymen at the close of the Peloponnesian War...

"For while collectively they gave their country their lives, individually they received that renown which never grows old..."

Instead of offering condolence to the parents of the dead, Pericles invited them to seek consolation in the belief that...

"More grievous to a man of high spirit at least is the misery that accompanies cowardice than the unfeared death which comes upon him..."

Many of the bereaved will say that no eulogy, however inspired and heart-stirring, will bring back to them their dead...

"We see the alchemy of providence at work all around us. Why should we rail at death, for death has been the savior of humanity?"

The foregoing quotations are taken from a thoughtful editorial in the Globe and Mail, which adds:

So let the words, so rich in noble sentiment and ripe wisdom, of these two great men, an Athenian and a Scot, whose lives were separated by four and twenty centuries...

How They Stand

Here is a Canadian Press summary of the political situation in the liberated countries of Europe at the war's end:

France—Functioning under Gen. de Gaulle with real political showdown awaiting return of prisoners and forced laborers.

Poland—Homeland apparently under control of Soviet-supported provisional government while right-wing government remains in London.

Italy—Liberation of northern Italy may require reshuffle of government to broaden base. Czechoslovakia—New Liberal government under President Edouard Benes operating from Kocice.

Belgium—Big question centres on left-wing protest against return of King Leopold.

Netherlands—New coalition government operating, with members of resistance apparently stable under Queen Wilhelmina.

Norway—Too soon after surrender to determine part resistance leaders will play in political future.

Denmark—King established coalition government pending election.

Greece—Recent resurgence of right-wing government after defeat of leftists has resulted in potentially dangerous situation.

Conference Difficulties

It is obvious, says the Winnipeg Free Press, that the San Francisco conference from the outset has been haunted by the spectre of Poland—a matter which is entirely extraneous to the business in hand.

But, apart from Poland, the conference has encountered a series of snags having to do with points of procedure. The first was over the chairmanship of the conference.

Ever since the Dumbarton Oaks text was made public, the leading statesmen of the United Nations have been declaring, and with good reason, that the future peace of the world depends upon the continuing collaboration of the great powers.

Yet, at San Francisco, not only has there been no meeting of minds, no common course of action, but the world was told from the podium of the conference that there were misunderstandings and direct conflict.

Later reports from San Francisco indicate that the consequences of these early disagreements are not as serious as they at first appeared to be. What most people feared—that Russia should be placed, unnecessarily and without cause, in a position of isolation—has not occurred.

This is not the first time that the Latin-American countries have acted as a bloc in international affairs. They did so at the Bretton Woods conference and again at the Chicago aviation conference.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It was a celebration to be proud of, and will live in memory for generations.

Alas, there is always something to keep the rabbit's tail short, and the announcement of the loss of gallant Capt. MacMillan's minesweeper Esquimaux at the top of our rejoicings is a case in point.

Those favouring a Canadian for Governor-General are boosting London High Commissioner Massey on the ground of his experience and wealth.

Sevastopol recaptured by the Russians this date 1944; it surrendered to the Germans on July 1, 1942 after a siege of eight months; it was stormed again by the Soviets, and captured liberating the whole of the Crimea, the beginning of the end of Hitler's invasion of Russia.

Savings deposits in Canadian chartered banks continued to set unprecedented levels during March, with the month-end total rising \$94,144,000 from that at the end of February to a new high of \$2,724,692,000, according to the monthly condition statement released by Ottawa.

Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner in London, announces the Hudson's Bay Company will award two scholarships yearly to Canadians to enable them to study economic theory and business practice in Britain.

It should no longer be necessary to argue the many-sided and unanswerable case for the early abatement and ultimate abolition of smoking in our urban centres.

If I have battled well Who was not made for battle Let me go!

In some far field, Lord, I would salt the cattle, Tell By the note Of the bronze bell Hung at a heifer's throat Where grass grows deep and the clear waters flow.

Notes By The Way

In her many achievements Canada has been primarily a pioneer. We attempted to bring to a successful conclusion a labor that made the world wonder at their audacity and magnitude.

When a V-bomb hit a block of workmen's flats in Southern England recently a young soldier lost eight relatives—his mother, his father, his two brothers, his sister-in-law and two nephews.

A pretty young Dutch miss—the first woman member of the Dutch underground to be liberated in Holland—was captured by the Nazis and incidentally how she wriggled out of a German officer's clasp.

Stands Scotland where she did? That is, and has been for a long time, a rhetorical question admitting only one answer.

Dwelling on "what might have been" does not help the present much, but it might serve as a warning to the future.

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Allies Faced With Big Problem In Germany

(By DeWitt MacKenzie, Associated Press War Analyst) Now that the Allies have knocked out Nazism in the bloodiest and most devastating conflict ever known, and we stop to check up on the great achievement, we find ourselves facing the staggering paradoxical problem of what sort of victors ready have the hand—in short, whether the United Nations really have won the war.

The measures of our success should be known, and it will lie in the extent of Allied co-operation in the rehabilitation task. Six months ago Marshal Stalin with there was no need to doubt that, if the fighting alliance of the democratic powers had stood the trial of war that far, the more so would the alliance stand the trials of the concluding stage of the war.

At the end of the last war the Germans laid down their arms and marched home to a country which was short of supplies because of the naval blockade.

Thus Germany, which was an integral section of the European economic structure, is dropping out of this place and undoubtedly will come back over a long period of years in an entirely different role.

Still, while the Allies have a straight and narrow path to follow, it is not entirely clear, there's no indication that they can't make the trail together.

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As well as the active national socialists among the minority there is also a group of pan-Germanist socialists who are equally undependable. Their leader is W. Jaksch who ingratiated himself with the Czechs in 1938 by fighting with them against Hitler.

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