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

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Those Milk Subsidies

The Federal Government has discontinued the milk subsidies, and there has been a good deal of argument with regard to the proper price increase to consumers.

The producers' subsidy of fifty-five cents per hundredweight, was to compensate farmers for increased production costs, which were not brought about through any acts of the Provinces.

The producers' subsidy of two cents per quart, granted when wartime cost-of-living bonuses proved to be inadequate. This was abolished on June 1 with a consequent saving of \$20,000,000.

These subsidies were paid by all the people through taxes, regardless of the individual consumption of milk. Now they are to be entirely abandoned.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, born this date 322 B. C.

Today the Feast of the Holy Angel-Guardians.

Prime Minister Atlee recently stated: "In a democratic approach to the problems of the world there is no freedom more important than freedom of the press."

Turkey declared war on Russia this date 1853, (which began the Crimean War), and was backed by Britain. Afterwards, Lord Salisbury, Prime Minister, declared Britain "had backed the wrong horse" at that time.

When the farmers are prosperous we all share in their prosperity; when times are hard with them, the rest of us suffer in our turn. There should be no grudge of fair prices for farm produce, for the farmer makes the money circulate, and is deserving of every encouragement.

None seemed happier than the children and teachers, unless it were the parents, when schools resumed yesterday. One may have too much of a good thing, and three months' vacation, with practically nowhere to go for one of them but the streets and thoroughfares, belonged to that category.

Charlottetown lost a fine citizen in the death of ex-Councillor McKee, who was a gentleman in every sense of the word, and whose expert knowledge of engineering made him a valuable asset to the Civic Government of his time.

The new month opened out warm and blustery. Though a melancholy feeling is associated with October, from the general decay of nature, there occurs, nevertheless, some of the finest weather of the year. There may be frosts in the morning and evening but the middle of the day is often enlivened, as September has been this year, by all the sunshine of July without its oppressiveness.

It is easy to be wise after the event, but the recommendation of the coroner's jury in the case of the death of Mr. Poole, is both natural and humane. Every precaution should be taken to prevent live electric wires endangering the lives of citizens at the outbreak of fires.

Mayor Macdonald is quite right in claiming that the increase in the cost of living is actually very much greater than the Bureau of Statistics announces. The Bureau takes certain staple products and expenses, and gauges its rates on these; whereas, as a matter of fact, in nine cases out of ten the staples are not to be had, and the substitutes cost a great deal more.

The Scottish Liberal Party has drawn up a detailed scheme for the establishment of a National Parliament for Scotland. Two Houses are proposed, the Upper to consist of the Lord Provosts of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Dundee, and representatives of the county councils, peerage, and universities. The Lower House would be formed by two representatives for each of the present Scottish constituencies, elected by the system of the single transferable vote.

When General Dwight D. Eisenhower visits Edinburgh tomorrow, Oct. 3, he will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Edinburgh University, and afterwards, in the Usher Hall, he will be given the Freedom of the City. It is expected that General Eisenhower, who is accompanied by his wife and son, will spend ten days in Scotland. They will stay at Culzean Castle, Ayrshire, where the suite to be presented to the General as a national gift is being prepared.

During the first six months of this year Canadian imports amounted to \$879,874,953 compared with a figure of \$798,694,969 during the comparable period for last year. As was the case prior to the war the largest source of supply for Canada in the matter of imports was the United States, commodities and raw materials from that country amounting to \$618,367,109. According to figures released by the Department of Trade and Commerce there has been little change in the dollar value of the total flow of imports from the United States since the end of the war in August, 1945.

The first half of 1945 imports amounted to \$618,120,814 which was only \$246,295 less than in the corresponding period this year.

Notes By The Way

A preacher complains that the young people of to-day rarely go to see the old folks at home. But with Bingo coming in, as assurance have they that Paw and Maw will be at home?—Ottawa Citizen.

The modern trend has reached even into the realm of that age-old fraternity—the junkmen. No longer designated as "junkies" but as "junkmen" for their convention in San Francisco this month, they will be known as the National Association of Waste Material Dealers.—Vancouver News Herald.

Australian airlines may install sky cradles for child passengers. The Ottawa Citizen reports that collapsible cradles will be stowed away in dirt-proof plastic bags, and moved when needed. Diapers, bottles and rattle will be provided with each cradle.

The day is fast approaching when the eating establishments and juke boxes will be those attracting the most business. There can be no pleasure in patronizing restaurants or kindred establishments, growing more hideous and unmusical all the time to be turned into "innocent" people whose patients are being treated at the point of exhaustion.—Brookville Recorder and Times.

There is a great amount of carelessness in regard to locking doors. Many people go out for the evening and merely shut the door behind them. Other people have had robberies but believe they probably have that "it can't happen to us" idea. It is even more dangerous without locking the door because a "tough" character will probably batter an old man or woman into unconsciousness in order to achieve his ends.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

The world-wide strike wave probably has at least a high-water mark in up-country Malaya, as a few days ago says The Christian Science Monitor. Chinese Buddhist priests in a month plus the equivalent of \$10 a month plus food and other necessities would conduct no more prayers until they were paid \$1 a week extra for special prayer meetings. The laborer is probably worthy of his hire. But wouldn't it be a great turn of events if the Buddhists let the priests go on strike and learned to pray for themselves?

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The cold, bare, legal procedure, quantity known as naturalization, was supposed to charge a person alien in speech, in thought and in action. It is a patriotic, to bind him to us with his body and soul, and to differ from us. Our immigrants who come to us with foreign tongues yet bring gifts of talent and industry, cannot be treated as Canadians unless they are subjected to influence at the highest levels, and we may well ask ourselves at this hour, whether the native-born do not also need a new birth of Canadianism. What is the answer?—Hamilton Spectator.

Women workers wearing themselves while standing in line to buy nylon hosiery, the States are cutting so seriously into industrial production that executives of many leading industries are seeking a way to get their hands off their employees. The New York Journal of Commerce reports. This attempt to cut down on absenteeism and to get workers to light by whistles in their explanation of why they have been unable to build up stocks of hosiery in retail stores. The report is reported to have started in a New York brokerage house where nylon was awarded to workers with good absenteeism records and was widely spread throughout the country.

The saving of flour accomplished by bread rationing in the United States amounts to 14,000 tons of flour a week, or 13.5 percent. It is a matter for congratulation that it is being done in the United States, saving that was expected. It is officially admitted that the rate of saving may slow down in subsequent weeks. The rationing of flour, which has attended the introduction of the bread ration, the saving has been remarkable. Now that the rationing of flour is being made, all that remains is for the Minister of Food to see to it that the machinery of bread rationing runs as smoothly as a well-oiled machine as long as it is needed.—London Economist.

Many trains on United States railroads are now driven by Diesel locomotives burning oil, and quite a number of American and Canadian locomotives are to oil burners. During this war, when conservation of coal became urgent, British railroads began to experiment with locomotives converted to oil. The results were satisfactory and today there are 1,200 oil burning locomotives on the four main lines. A saving of over 2,000,000 tons of coal a year is effected and the amount will grow in the ratio of increasing adaptation of oil locomotives and the building of new ones for oil only. Many engines on Canada and United States railroads have automatic coal fueling which gives the fireman a relative ease in the matter of fueling. The flow as required "piping" job locomotive is a hard sweaty job that requires great physical effort. It is a high time the fireman got a "break".—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

PUBLIC FORUM

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AGRICULTURAL COURSE FOR VETERANS

Mr. May I draw public attention to an Agricultural Course for veterans at the Vocational School. It will re-open October 7 and additional students can be admitted at monthly intervals if there is enough room.

Robert Snaelle is in charge and has amply proven his capacity for such a job. With better facilities he can now improve on past courses. There are extra rooms at the Experimental Farm grounds, as the Y.M.C.A. has been moved in from the Airport. An excellent staff of teachers in all departments is now available.

The knowledge and experience gained in such a course is invaluable for modern farming practice, and a lad is handicapped unless he has a good knowledge of chemical, physical and biological problems helps any farmer, and makes him a more intelligent student of the soil.

I suggest that veterans seize this opportunity to grapple with farm problems—that is, if they intend to farm.

I am, Sir, etc. J. WALTER JONES Premier.

October 1, 1946

The End Of The Tether

(Professor A. Trainin, in U.S.S.R. Information Bulletin)

In Nuremberg, where Adolf Hitler's raucous oratory was heard for years, where Goebbels prophesied so knowingly and so much and Rosenberg spouted Nazi ideology, the Nazi defendants made their final pleas. The final pleas of the defendants to all practical purposes conclude the proceedings in a courtroom.

Immeasurable and undeniable though their crimes were, these creatures who made a mockery of justice all their lives are entitled to the principles of that very justice to have their final say. In accordance with Article 24 of its regulations, the International Military Tribunal on August 31, after nine months of proceedings, heard the final pleas of the major war criminals.

The latter of course, were quick to realize that the tribunal was not the tribunal of Nuremberg. They had their final say, and they would have to use words that were strange to the ears of the international law and their love for children.

On one question they were unanimous, however. They knew nothing about the crimes against humanity. They had never heard of Maidanek, Oswiecim, Buchenwald. This was their final act of aggression, aggression against the truth.

For four years, beginning in 1941, the world press and radio continuously informed nations of the systematic annihilation of entire peoples organized by the Nazi state. The air was filled with the cries of victims and the wrath of liberty-loving nations.

It would seem, however, that in the very heart of Germany there is a group of people who knew nothing at all about these things. Who were these people? They were the Nazi regime only at the trial in Nuremberg.

An individual defense of each of the war criminals was built up in a very primitive way. Each in his final plea tried to get away from himself, to make himself out to be the opposite of that which he actually was.

Goering, second funder in the Third Reich, organizer and commander of its air forces, in his final plea declared: "I did not want war and did nothing to bring it about." The head of the Hermann Goering, who was hit by the paintings and carpets from Paris to his own villa now claimed that he had been moved only by a single sentiment—love of his country!

Alfred Rosenberg, organizer of the large-scale plundering and the slave regime in the Eastern territories occupied by the Germans, in his final plea declared: "I strove for the improvement of the physical and spiritual well being of the peoples of Eastern Europe. I opposed coercion with all my might."

Hjalmar Schacht complained to the tribunal: "This is an affront to my sense of justice." For years he had been indifferent to the crimes of the Nazi regime, but now he has become very sensitive. His feelings were hurt because the prosecution refused to regard him as a man who had created and secured the financial basis for fascist aggression, as a fanatical pacifist.

Fritz Sauckel, whose character and biography may be summed up by the single epithet, "slave-dealer," in his last plea likewise attempted to get as far away from himself, the real Sauckel, as possible, and fervently assured the tribunal that in heart and soul he remained a sailor and worker.

A dyed-in-the-wool pogrom-monger and permanent editor of the sordid Der Stuermer, clamoring for the blood of Jews day after day, Sauckel now chose to appear in the role of a would-be Zionist. "I demanded the creation of the Jewish state," he declared in his last plea.

Imagining themselves to be more clever than their fellows, another group of defendants chose to construct their last plea in a more convincing manner by pretending to bring to the attention of bystanders, accidental visitors in the courtroom. Saying nothing at all about themselves or the things that brought them to the prisoners' dock in Nuremberg, they spoke about various things in a general way.

Nazi Germany's Minister of Armaments, Albert Speer, for example, delivered himself of a brief exposition on the theory and practical application of the "final solution" in his country, he assured his listeners, "is in danger of being terrorized by technique. The development of military technique in the next five or ten years will make it possible to shell one country from another."

Speer carried on in this manner, but neglected to say anything about himself. Ribbentrop was smart enough to refrain from lectures in a general vein, but his biography was very well known, he had to talk about himself. His final plea was couched in the usual Ribbentrop style.

As is known, Shakespeare introduced an element of comedy in every tragic situation. In the case of the trial of the major war criminals, the trial's comic relief was furnished by Rudolf Hess, who in his final plea tried to prove that he had been constantly surrounded by lunatics. "The people who surrounded me when I was a prisoner in the last year of my life were queer, incomprehensible men. One might have thought they were insane."

Though lost in a maze of lies, the defendants sounded more truthful when they spoke of Hitler and his regime. Hans Frank, one of the closest associates and cruellest exectors of his policy of terror, told the tribunal that the road of Hitler was the damnable road of political madness, death and destruction.

Hess, too, of course, claimed that the Führer was insane. "The Führer," he said, "was quite normal in the last few years. A number of my colleagues told me that in expression of his face and eyes he radiated a quite normal, terrible to see, something that bordered on lunacy."

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