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

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Canadian Battle For Scheldt

The present closing stages of the Walcheren fighting is an appropriate occasion to review the battle for the Scheldt Estuary, says a British Information communique.

Although Antwerp is a liberated area, use of the port is impossible owing to the strong German defences on either side of the Scheldt Estuary, i.e. on Walcheren and in Breskens area.

The clearing of the Estuary will enable the Allies to use the greatest port on the continent and reduce the journey from the port of embarkation to the front from two days to a few hours.

As part of the twenty-first army group, Montgomery used mainly for the Scheldt battle General Crerar's Canadian First Army with Canadian, British, Polish, Belgian, Dutch, Czech and lately U. S. units.

The operations were divided into four successive attacks carried out with the support of a considerable air striking force:

(1) The southern boundary of the Breskens area of the Leopold Canal was reached by the Canadians on the thirteenth of September after the Poles on the right flank had reached the Scheldt at Terneuzen.

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he, knowing soldiers as he does, must realize that this source is all but dried up, particularly since the Government has virtually told the country that these men are not needed at the front.

"It was almost pitiful to hear him plead that 'there is no other way to correct the situation in time to be of use.' Certainly there is another way, and he knows it. That way is to send the men now in uniform overseas, in conformity with the expressed will of the people. That can be done as quickly as Parliament can be called together and a vote of confidence taken. Such action is much more likely to be 'in time' than that of hopelessly waiting for the draftees to volunteer.

"Then General McNaughton seemed almost to descend to bribery as he announced home leave for men who have been overseas for long periods. Certainly he laid out trouble for himself there, particularly when he spoke of some getting home for Christmas. He should know the turmoil that can cause on the battle fronts, with every long service man clamoring for preferment. Nor does this plan do much to explain the seeming anomaly that, while stories of the desperate need for reinforcements filter back, the proposal can be made to send a large number of men home.

"Nothing more clearly demonstrates the futility of the Government's position on the reinforcement question than this desperate speech by its new Minister of National Defence. He has been put in this uncomfortable spot merely to save the political face of the administration. Certainly scant consideration has been shown a national hero by thus putting him up to bear the brunt of an attack by aroused veterans, who still retain all their personal affection and respect for him, but are sickened by the fact that he has so easily allowed himself to be beguiled into a politically impossible situation."

EDITORIAL NOTES

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PUBLIC FORUM

NO REFER CAR FOR POTATOES

Sir—Unless potato cars are brought to the front of the island in large quantities within the next few days our growers stand to lose over a million dollars chiefly because of the shortage of C. N. R. officials in not providing the necessary shipping accommodation. The Canadian and United States markets are anxious for our potatoes but no cars are being run. There are any number of refer cars lying idle in Quebec and Ontario but we seem unable to have them brought here.

It is evident that the Transport Controller controls this situation but does not heed our requests for him change places with some of our potato growers at this time so that he might experience the shortage of refer cars lying idle in this season in getting their potatoes to market.

It is plain that many of these railway officials do not fully realize the plight of our growers nor the advent of severe frost in the potato crop. It is a pity that the growers, who produced a crop of potatoes in excess of other years, are being asked to give up their good faith as much as they are today, and unless relief comes quickly they will be unable to grow potatoes in 1945. This is a matter in which every Islander who is vitally interested as it is the most serious situation we have ever had to face at this time of year.

I am, Sir, etc. WEST PRINCE POTATO SHIPPER November 13, 1944.

WHY ABOLISH LATIN?

Sir—I note in this morning's Guardian a letter from Mrs. Frank headed "Physics and Chemistry for Schools." Some days ago, you published an article from Mrs. Frank, which dealt with the lack of it, in some of the public schools in the province. With the letter I am in hearty agreement, but the quality of the arguments advanced in the article leads me to believe that, if Mrs. Frank wishes to exert her influence for the betterment of education, she had better stick to simple but necessary things like fly-screens and out-houses. She is on firmer ground there. In an air of controversy, but because of this communication she gives utterance to several current misconceptions of the educational process. I wish to take issue with some of her statements.

To begin with, she says that "modern education" has that any subject is as good as Latin as a "mind trainer." No doubt, but I wonder what she has to say about the "modern educators" who are the Hutehins-Barr school in the S. A. ? Or are they Mrs. Frank and her friends who are so anxious to learn English that they are concentrating on English? Now part of the process of learning to use English intelligently is the analysis of word-meanings. In these days when the average citizen is exposed to a storm of propaganda of various kinds, that is the more important. English vocabulary is a hodge-podge; it is derived from the close interrelation of all modern languages, with many borrowings from Latin and from Greek, as well as from the modern European and Asiatic tongues. At a rough guess, about 20 percent of the words in this letter—and in Mrs. Frank's—are of Latin origin, either directly, or through French, in fact, the English and most accurate way of learning an unfamiliar word in English is by finding a Latin root in it, and to go on from there. I find in Mrs. Frank's letter that the range of the student's vocabulary, and the range of his knowledge of Latin and its application to English.

In this connection, I should like to recommend three books to Mrs. Frank. They are my authorities—some of them. They are all by "modern educators." One is the Story of Language, by Prof. H. W. Fowler of the English department, Queen's. There the curious may find how the knowledge of origins of the language is necessary to understand it. The second is The Latin Language, by Frederick Boerner, which is concerned with the close interrelation of all modern languages, and their derivation from the older forms. This book is a masterpiece of clear and concise writing. The third is Language in Action, by S. I. Havakava. This book is concerned with the analysis of word-meanings, with special reference to the misuse of words in our own time.

I admit that the teaching of such Latin as is taught in the public schools leaves much to be desired. The text needs to be changed, and the main emphasis put upon the relationship between Latin and English. But I refuse to admit that it should be discontinued.

Mrs. Frank observes with happiness that "science has penetrated almost every activity in our time. Indeed it has. The application of scientific laws to production has mechanized our lives. A little more experimentation with test-tube babies, and we, like our cars and refrigerators, will be rolling off the assembly line, and what is the solution? She wishes to emphasize vocational training (the word comes from Latin, vocare, to call, training to the point where the child will be the servant of science, and not its master. She mentions the robot book, but it is in the same class with the plane and radio, and, I suppose, penicillin. All good, because all scientific. It was brought up to think that a liberal education was to fit a man for living, for the pursuit of happiness, and not solely for the pursuit of money. Vocational training is indeed necessary, but if our education is all specialized, and if that specialization begins too early, we will end up as an unintelligent and narrow set of craftsmen, unable and unwilling to understand each other, and all game for any political opportunist or social revolution-

Notes By The Way

The Danube resembles nothing to evoke memories of Strauss and his enchanting waltz as tank battles rage around Budapest and the Red Army closes in for the kill. But music will come back to Europe when the Huns have lost their way.—Hamilton Spectator.

Of the first 20,000 Australian casualties in New Guinea, 17,000 were caused by malaria, says General Sir Thomas Blamey, C-in-C of the Australian Military Forces. Malaria had been beaten by the Australian Army Medical authorities and it has been proved that it can be held down by good discipline. One battalion in New Guinea had hardly any casualties because it applied anti-malarial measures rigorously.—Australian News Letter.

Great problems, both economic and social, are smacking in front of the Canada people. Our course for years to come is likely to be determined on the very near future. Let it be said that Canadians used the opportunity and privilege which is theirs to take the path of their own choosing. The answer lies in an awakening of the value and importance of the democratic privileges and the exercise thereof.—Kamloops, B.C., Sentinel.

To commemorate the occasion of the Prime Minister's 63rd birthday last November, when Mr. Churchill gave a dinner at Tehran, at which the principal guests were President Roosevelt and Marshal Stalin, a silver plaque has been presented by Sir Rogers Bullard, British Minister at Tehran. It will be placed in the dining room of the Legation. The order was carried by the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company, and engraver was Mr. G. T. Friend.—London Times.

Though we roam the sea almost at will, the campaign on the Asiatic mainland goes badly. Further, though our own planes are able to maintain a steady pressure, their pressure is light as compared with the pressure which can be applied by land-based planes. A thousand plane raid from carriers, impressive though it is, carries no where near the weight of a thousand plane raid by heavy bombers in the European theatre. And before we have finished with the Pacific, the chances are that pressure on the European scale will somehow have to be brought to bear on the theatre.—From the Baltimore Sun.

Our garden will be bare of flowers this year. Tomatoes, lettuce, beans will take their place. But we still have our blue-eyed and And Susan has a garden in her face.

Her eyes are morning glories, wide and sweet. Her hair is tangleless fluff, blown atop the little legs that run to meet. You at the gate, hopefully, just in case.

Her mouth, so like a pink rosebud, turns down. Its corners when she finds you still bear to her the need of a word. That was that kiss you from her. It is not now. Tomorrow it may be, or the next day.

Her flower-petal fingers cling to mine. I match my steps to her small, shuffling feet. She waltzes, waltzing, the tomato vine. My eyes are for the garden in her face.

—Jane Davis in the N. Y. Times.

any who may come along. It is true, therefore, that the need for vocational training cannot be denied. It is also true that the need for cultural training comes from Latin culture, to cultivate—the mind) training cannot be done by any means in language and its workings just as easily as we need plumbers and radio operators. We need people who are able to use of his scientific investigation, and apply it for the well-being of the public. We need a high standard in Latin training for everybody. And as, if we are going to put citizens in the public schools, we need a closer relation to his future career as a farmer or a machinist than the conjugation of a Latin verb will bear to his intelligent use of his own tongue. Latin is every bit as much vocational as the sciences.

One more point. "Latin," says Mrs. Frank, "is fine for those who love it enough to devote years to its study." I wish to make it clear that my belief in a liberal education does not derive from any particular passion for Latin. I do not spend my evenings reading Horace and Lucretius. I do not know, but I scarcely imagine that Mrs. Frank spends her reading Kendall's College Physics, or even the Dominion High School Chemistry. These things are tools for the job, and the job is too big to be finished by any one technique or process. It is the job of making intelligent and potentially happy citizens.

I am, Sir, etc. MILLAR MACLURE Prince of Wales College Nov. 13, 1944.

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