



WORLD BIKE TOUR

Mrs. Jayaswal, 33-year-old school inspector from India, is shown on his arrival in Montreal after covering 59,000 miles by bicycle. Disciple of Gandhi and son of a maharajah, he decided on a peace mission tour which has touched four continents. Welcoming him to Montreal are Councilor Charles Mayer and Police Sgt. Roger Dampousse.

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS

A note in Women's Wear Daily reads: "You can't sneeze at \$270 million—\$270 million worth of fur was sold by 9,000 retailers throughout the United States during 1955. Fur is a major market and every furrier should use his best efforts to get his share of it. One of the best ways is to advertise consistently."

A despatch in Women's Wear Daily from London states that Russian ranch mink sold strongly with average advance of 10 per cent from February levels at Anning, Chadwick and Kiever sale last week. The offering was 100 per cent sold with Italy, France and home buyers most active.

Official report on the day's selling states: Stone marten was 20 per cent sold and unchanged. Russian wild mink was 100 per cent sold, well in comparison, Russian ranch mink 100 per cent sold, average advanced 10 per cent. Czechoslovakian ranch mink 100 per cent sold, solid. Scandinavian ranch mink 88 per cent sold, solid well. Mutation mink 80 per cent sold, slightly easier. Russian black fitch 100 per cent sold, unchanged. Russian white fitch withdrawn.

Sable supplement consisting of new goods was offered at the end of the day, but created little buying interest. Anning will sell the main catalogue of sable consisting of goods first offered last February at the opening of the sale tomorrow morning and will then again go through supplement.

Price analysis of Friday's sale of Ambrut Fur Brokers, Ltd., follows: Stone marten top lot, 75 s. blings. Black fitch best specification, basis 6 rubles. Sold at considerable decline. Wild mink Siberian, verage basis 65.69 rubles; best firsts top price 142.6 pence. Northern average basis 45.55 rubles; best firsts top price 90. Caucasus, an average basis 47.88 rubles, top price for the one specification '05. Ranch mink, large males, firsts, up to 90; sm: males and large females up to 95, small females up to 72.6d. In average, males advanced 10 to 15 per cent, females advanced up to 20 per cent.

IMPROVED DEMAND

The following is a report of the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company (Quebec) Ltd. held recently: Silverblue types and wild mink were the best sellers to the mink auction. Demand for her varieties was in evidence but high sellers' bids prevented better clearances. General impression in the "stroom" had it that there was a noticeable improvement in the scope of demand for these furs. Silverblue sold 70 per cent at firm prices compared to April levels, while wild goods were 68 per cent cleared, likewise at firm prices with good demand. Standard ranch, pastels and sapphires sold 50, 55 and 45 per cent respectively at unchanged prices. A good attendance showed willingness to take on considerable merchandise but was handicapped by the wait-and-see attitude of shippers.

Wild mink, 68 per cent sold, good demand, firm; standard ranch, 50 per cent, pastels, 55 per cent, and sapphires 45 per cent sold, all three in fairly good demand, unchanged; silverblue, 70 per cent sold, fair demand, no comparison. A collection of white fox including a moderate offering of Russian whites was mostly withdrawn.

Top in wild mink (4,503 skins) was \$5 for MKR XDKDK. General price ranges were: MKR XLL DK, \$22.50, XDK and DK, \$23. Ont. XLL XDKDK, "Man": part 11 XLL, \$24-\$26.50; N.S. XDKDK \$24. Darks in general sold between \$12 and \$20 and Pert Dark, \$11.25-\$20.50.

Top in pastel (8,598 skins) was \$35.50 for 1 part '1 males and \$17 for females; 1 and 11 males sold between \$13.50 and \$22.50.

RELIGION AND LIFE

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DON'T BURY YOUR TALENTS

"Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely"—an old saying that has far too many historic examples in its support.

One reason why "absolute power corrupts absolutely" is that those who possess it feel that they can never be called to account for their deeds.

Hitler would never have done many things that he did if he had realized that he would be brought to book for his crimes.

In the past with the tyrants of the common he felt himself supreme, the one who would call others to give account to him.

In this folly Hitler was not alone; there are too many on the ordinary walks of life who feel that they are free to use all that they have to gratify their own desires, ignoring the reckoning that is sure to come.

Jesus dealt with this tendency in His parable of the talents. We have been surprised lately to hear of the number of people who never heard of this parable, one of the most significant that Jesus ever gave.

At that time Jesus was facing the inevitable separation between Himself and His followers, and was trying to awaken them to the realities of the situation.

A certain rich man was going away on a long journey. So he called his servants and put his money into their hands, depending on them to use his resources in his interests.

He gave to each man according to his ability. To one he gave five talents, an enormous sum in the currency of that day; to another two talents and to another one.

He did not instruct them to do this and to avoid doing that. He trusted them to use their own initiative and ability and accept responsibility for the result. He was away long enough to test each man's fidelity and energy.

Then he returned unexpectedly and called for an account from each man of the use he had made of the money entrusted to him.

REPRESENTS 'ENIUS'

The five-talent man had made five talents more. He represents the genius, the one who can do what no one else can do. There are always very few of them, but how we long for them in the great crisis of history. For instance, in the two world wars.

And how many we have had in our time—Churchill, in statesmanship, Eisenhower in war and now in peace, Gandhi who used Jesus' Sermon on the Mount to

set a sub-continent free, Einstein in science, Karl Barth in theology, Schweitzer and John R. Mott in Christian missions—what a galaxy of genius in one generation! God raises up such men each for a specific purpose, and God has not forgotten His people.

The man entrusted with the two talents made two talents more. He received the same commendation and the same reward as the man who out of five made five. God judges us not by what He gives us, but by the use we make of our talents.

The two-talent man represents the person of ordinary abilities who makes an extraordinary use of them. This verage man does by far the main part of the world's work.

THE COMMONPLACE

As Theodore Roosevelt once said:—"In public life, it is not genius, it is not extraordinary subtlety or acuteness of intellect that is important. The things that are important are the rather commonplace, the rather humdrum virtues that in their sum are designated as character. If you have in public life men of good ability, not geniuses, but men of good abilities with character—and, gentlemen, you must include common sense as one of the most important elements in character—the government will go on very well."

Of course, he meant ordinary men for ordinary times. It is in the crises of history that genius finds his place. But in ordinary conditions, it is the man of substantial quality who is needed.

In the parable, it was the one-talent man who buried his talent in the earth. The severest sentence was pronounced on him. In this connection, it was uselessness that was the king of offenses. This man did not squander his talent, as did the prodigal son. He did not spend it on himself as did the rich men of Luke's parables, he just refused to do anything with it.

Somehow one feels that Jesus had this man particularly in mind on this occasion. It is the one-talent man who is tempted to bury his talent in the earth. The five-talent man will always be in demand. On life's ordinary character who can be counted on to see what is needed and to accept responsibility for meeting it will surely find his place.

But the man with the gifts lower than the average who finds difficulty in doing anything that when his best is done, gets little appreciation and much criticism, is inclined to say:—"What's the

Gov't Budgetary Surplus Climbs, Statement Shows

OTTAWA (CP)—The government tripled its budgetary surplus to \$90,614,000 in the first month of the 1956-57 fiscal year.

In his first monthly treasury statement of the new year, Finance Minister Harris reported Friday that the increase in federal revenues shot well ahead of the rise in expenditures, boosting the April surplus by \$38,695,000 from last year's \$32,519,000.

Mr. Harris is aiming at an overall surplus for 1956-57 of \$113,000,000, compared with a deficit of \$1,700,000 last year.

In April, revenues rose by \$66,359,000 to \$295,371,000 from \$229,012,000 a year ago. Expenditures increased by \$8,264,000 to \$204,757,000 from \$196,493,000.

INCOME TAXES UP

Major revenue gains were rolled up in the field of corporation and personal income taxes, import du-

ties, succession duties and sales tax.

Corporation income taxes yielded \$60,612,000 in the month, a gain of \$12,255,000 from \$48,357,000 last year. Personal income tax collections increased by \$16,351,000 to \$97,159,000 from \$80,808,000.

Yields on succession duties increased to \$24,154,000 from \$3,369,000; on import duties, to \$38,620,000 from \$27,347,000; sales tax, to \$19,928,000 from \$16,599,000; on other excise taxes, to \$27,757,000 from \$21,870,000.

Interest charges on the national debt increased slightly in the month, but this rise was offset by a decline in defence outlays.

Debt charges increased to \$44,367,000 from \$40,527,000, while defence spending eased to \$56,065,000 from \$60,502,000. Outlays on the army dropped to \$13,048,000 from \$17,065,000 and on the air force declined to \$26,025,000 from \$30,098,000. Navy spending increased to \$8,849,000 from \$7,668,000.

Family allowances costs rose slightly to \$32,560,000 from \$31,269,000.

Electrolux Holds Convention in Charlottetown

The Charlottetown Branch of the Electrolux (Canada) Limited were hosts to 150 delegates and their wives at a two-day convention at the Charlottetown Hotel on Friday and Saturday.

Sales awards were made to several managers and dealers by Division Manager, W. R. Blaney, Halifax. Plans were also outlined by Mr. Blaney on the annual convention to be held at the Mount Royal, Montreal, in August. Two island scenes were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Blaney by O. K. Presby and a bouquet of roses to Mrs. Blaney from the visiting delegates.

On Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Presby entertained the managers and their wives at a buffet supper at their home, North River Road.

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Alberta Sells New Group Of Oil Leases

EDMONTON (CP)—The Alberta government's total take from petroleum and natural gas sources since Leduc has climbed to more than \$25,000,000 with the latest sale of leases bringing more than \$3,000,000 into the provincial coffers Friday.

Sale of leases in the prolific Pembina field—one of the best produce in Alberta since Leduc was covered in 1947—and in several other proven fields brought a total of \$3,283,861.

Oil companies paid a total of \$18,463,112 for leases on 34 parcels offered in the Pembina field. Parcels in the Bonnie Glen, Erskine, Fenn-Big Valley, Kofre, Sturgeon Lake South and Sundre fields brought another \$14,211,119 and 31 wildcat parcels sold for \$609,633.

Bidding was apparently brisk and several of the 100 or more oil company representatives who waited in a smoke-filled room

Thursday night and Friday for results to be announced said prices on many parcels were "extremely high."

The highest paid was \$2,711,000 by Triad Oil Co. for a single 320-acre parcel in the Sturgeon Lake South field. Compagnie Francaise des Petroles paid \$2,565,600 for a 160-acre parcel in the Bonnie Glen field. Ohio Oil Co. paid the biggest single price in the Pembina field—\$898,711 for a 320-acre parcel.

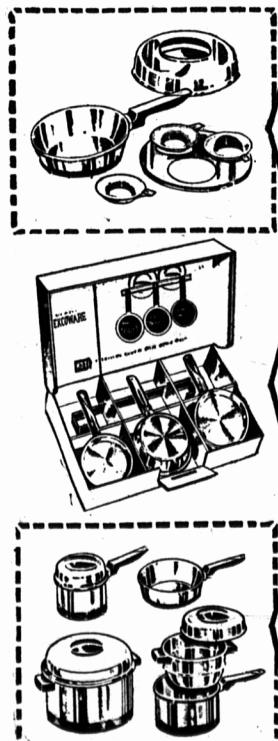
The total take in the sale, on which final results were announced today, brought to more than \$54,000,000 the province's total received so far this year from sales of leases, drilling reservations and gas licences. With royalties included, the total take this year is almost \$70,000,000.

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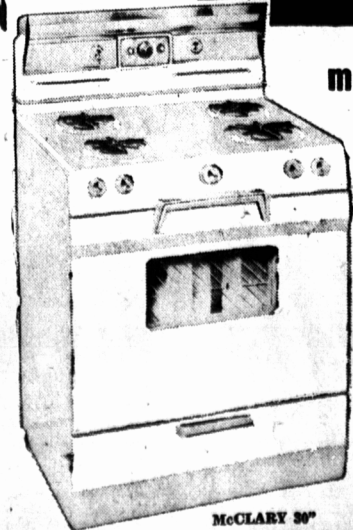
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