

Sir Winston Reports

In his address before the British House of Commons yesterday, Prime Minister Churchill made a statement which—coming from such a source—is of prime interest and importance.

Sir Winston made it clear that while Britain still favours seating Red China in the United Nations after the Peiping regime has proven that it is willing to fore-swear aggression and abide by International agreements, he did not think, in view of events in Korea and elsewhere, that the time is ripe for raising this issue.

This is probably all we shall learn about the Washington conference for some time. The controversial issue of Red China's admission to the United Nations has been shelved for the present—since no settlement has been reached in Korea and Indo-China, both of which are areas for testing Communist China's good faith.

High supports, notes the Ottawa Citizen, have increased U. S. production yet failed to encourage consumption. They may be contrasted with Canadian policy, which has never attempted to guarantee farmers a profit but rather provides them a storm cellar in case of trouble.

Farm Capital Requirements

It may come as a surprise to many that 25 per cent of the farm land in Canada is owned by individuals or corporations not actively engaged in farming but filling the role of landlords.

Much of the new investment in agriculture and of the reduction in farm indebtedness has been from current earnings. However, there is also evidence of a substantial increase in the use of borrowed capital.

Great increases have occurred in farm capital requirements in recent years. Higher prices have contributed to this increase, but the basic cause is the rise in the size of farm units and greater mechanization.

U. S. Farm Program

The New York Times regards as "radically important" the issue involved in the Eisenhower administration's farm legislation. This is a flexible system of price supports for wheat, cotton and other key products, as opposed to rigid supports set at so high a level as to encourage the accumulation of surpluses that can't be readily disposed of either at home or abroad.

Our Assian citizens were the first to settle on our shores. They were then driven away, whose homes were destroyed and stock dispersed, but who afterwards returned with courage to take up the threads of life anew, and who now constitute almost one-fifth of our island population, who farm and fish, and who actually vote.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Opening shortly near Lydd, South England, is the first international civil airport to be built in Britain since the end of World War II.

The British Army's plan to make greatly increased use of "air lift" for the future movement of troops and equipment is now taking firm shape.

A fire believed to have been started by a boy playing with matches got out of control in an eastern Ontario hamlet Sunday night, causing damage over an area of fifteen square miles.

The late Senator Buchanan was a leading figure in Canadian journalism for many years, and a man of outstanding integrity and ability.

Sidney James Webb, Baron Passfield, English socialist, historian and statesman, was born this date 1859. Although he held cabinet rank in two Labour Governments, his greatest work was the placing of the British socialist movement by the books he wrote in collaboration with his wife, Beatrice Webb.



Summer Scenery On The Shore

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

SENATE APPOINTMENT

Sir,—There are none so blind as those who will not see. Apply this to the situation in so far as the vacant P. E. Island Senate seat is concerned and it fits like "a pocket in a shirt".

RUSSIA AND ISRAEL

Sir,—Recent press reports indicate Russia opposes Israel in the controversies between that nation and peoples near there.

NOTES BY THE WAY

For the statistically-minded, the C.P.R. reports there are "approximately 58,000 railway ties lying its right-of-way from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I. ISLAND GRIEVANCES

"Prince Edward Island has had its grievances, no doubt. Promises made at the date of Union have not yet been fulfilled.

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OTTAWA REPORT

The Federal Cabinet

By Patrick Nicholson

The Federal Cabinet has now for the first time become substantially a "St. Laurent" Cabinet. Prior to the resignations and appointments which took place on Dominion Day, it had still consisted chiefly of members selected by the late Prime Minister, W. L. Mackenzie King.

Today Mr. St. Laurent has only six remaining ministers who were selected and appointed by Mr. King. These are Mr. Howe and Mr. Gardiner, both dating back to the 1935 post-election Cabinet construction, when the Liberal Party began its present era of power; Mr. Martin and Dr. McConn, who were both appointed to the Cabinet in the reconstruction just before the post-European-World-War-II general election; and Mr. Gregg and Mr. Pearson, who were both brought in by Mr. King in the dusk of his career.

The average age of today's Cabinet is 55. Their average length of membership in the House of Commons is 10 years, and their average length of service in the Cabinet to date is 5 years.

THE AGE OLD STORY

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Employment will certainly improve as we come toward spring, but certain fundamental conditions exist which give cause for some concern.

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I had only a moment or so to decide how I should answer the question for it was clear that the man wanted to be on his way to his face.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

"The value of an article of any description is governed largely by its abundance or rareness, as the case may be. If it is common, it is likely to be cheap; if scarce, it is likely to be costly."

On this Island there are as many cows as people; on the South Coast of Newfoundland, only a few miles away, there are hundreds of adults and thousands of children who have never seen one, except in a picture book.

Famous Ghost Town

(Vancouver News-Herald) In recent months Dawson City, the most famous "ghost town" in Canada, has become ghostlier still.

At the height of its prosperity and fame as centre of the Klondike gold rush, from 1889 into the early 1900s, Dawson City had a population of 25,000.

I met the man—a stranger—half-way down the beach leading to a certain Point that will remain nameless. (I'd hate to advertise it as good sculpin ground.)

Without wasting any time in commenting on the weather and without expressing any concern for the state of my health he asked, point blank: "Is it rare?"

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