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Soviet Objectives

Ilya Ehrenburg, Russian journalist whose name is widely known in the West, has given a valuable insight into the immediate, specific objectives of the Kremlin's current peace overtures.

The Russians, then, propose: (1) that Communist China be represented in the United Nations; (2) that Germany be unified and neutralized; (3) that Europe's smaller nations be encouraged to break away from NATO and make regional agreements with their neighbors.

"Agreement with Russia on any or all these proposals need not imply surrender to Communism," comments the Ottawa Citizen. "Each suggestion needs to be studied on its merits, having regard to the only rational objective which the non-Communist world can entertain, that is, the measures necessary to achieve a stable peace."

Death By Accident

In both the United States and Canada, reports the Metropolitan Life Bulletin, accidents constitute the greatest single threat to the lives of children 1 to 4 years of age.

Motor vehicle accidents outranked every other cause of fatal injury, accounting for more than one third of the total among these youngsters in the 5-year period 1947-1951.

Drowning was among the leading causes, particularly in Canada where it ranked second only to motor vehicles, being responsible for 22 per cent.

Milk Production Problem

A Royal Commission on Agriculture has been set up in Newfoundland, and it will inquire exhaustively, among other things, into the problem of milk production. In this connection the St. John's Evening Telegram remarks that the dumping of milk in the St. John's area has become almost an annual event.

The whole Canadian dairy industry, adds our St. John's contemporary, is in a state of uncertainty at the present time, with a crisis very much in sight. Substitutes for milk and milk products have appeared in large and cheap quantities.

"Things are changing now, and the trend seems to be for the skimmed milk to be the primary product, and the butterfat the by-product. Powdered skimmed milk is reconstituted into a milk-like substance which tastes a lot like milk and is advertised as just as good or even better.

"However, there is a case for the dairy cow, even if vegetable fat, and later perhaps vegetable powder, can be made to taste like milk, and put on the market with a bacteria count that is practically nil.

The Art Of Scything

Only occasionally today, laments the Ottawa Journal, does one see a craftsman of the old school who swings a scythe with rhythmic ease and precision.

More than three centuries have passed since the scythe was invented. Joseph Jenks of the Massachusetts Bay Colony was a skilled craftsman in iron work, and in 1646 the General Court of the Bay Colony granted him what many historians believe to be the first patent issued in America.

For two centuries and a half, farmers of the nation used scythes to cut grass and grain. On dew-moist mornings men went forth to meadows and upland mowings; each man cut a swath width that fitted his swing.

"It was a picture in motion," says our Ottawa contemporary, "to watch grandfather cut a swath across a low area in the meadow. With effortless ease he moved along with steady, unhurried swings. After each stroke he stepped ahead a few inches; his motions were as regular as the long pendulum that swung in the tall hall clock.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The quarterly meeting of the P. E. I. Fisheries Federation at Murray Harbour should certainly be an interesting one. The industry faces many problems which require to be threshed out to the satisfaction of fishermen and packers.

Tenders for construction of a cancer institute research building in Toronto are being called at the estimated cost of \$4,200,000. Equipment worth about \$1,500,000 will be installed and eventually two cobalt bombs will be added.

It is interesting to note that in the Coronation honours list Flora MacLeod of MacLeod, of Dunvegan Castle, Skye, 25th Chief of the Clan MacLeod whose visit to this Province is still recalled with much pleasure, has been created a Dame Commander of the British Empire for her social and public services to Scotland.

History is being turned backward for 2,000 years, reports Unesco, to reconstitute Rome's Circus Maximus, oldest in the city, where the Romans watched chariot races and other events. Rebuilt many times, the Circus was originally a huge park, without the tiers of seats that later became common.

Sir Charles William Chadwick Oman, English historian, died this date 1946. Born in India, he became a professor of modern history at Oxford and Conservative M. P. for that university. He was a specialist in military history and was president both of the Royal Historical Society and the Royal Archaeological Institute.

When The Smoke Cleared



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.

TRACTORS ON THE FARM

Sir, - In your farm news I read with deep interest that, according to a United Nations study, "one million tractors were made in the world in 1951"; also that, according to the above study, "North America has more than two-thirds of the world tractor fleet, while it has only 18 per cent of the world's arable land."

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

ORANGE GRAND LODGE

The Grand Lodge, L.O.B.A., of Prince Edward Island, was instituted and received its warrant on April 24, 1862. By its charter, it is the father of the bride, who always groans when the caterer's bills come in for the wedding reception.

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The Age Old Story

And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them to me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.

Notes By The Ways

Britain is filling, according to Prof. J. A. Smeets, president of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge who says that Southeast England is sinking while Scotland gets higher. He is inclined to blame it all on the continued retreat of the Ice Cap, which is accompanied not only by a lifting of lands to the north and a lowering to the south but by a gradual rise in sea levels due to the melting of glaciers. The tilt is a slow process, to be sure, averaging about two millimeters a year. But we expect the Scottish Nationalists to make a big thing of it; and undoubtedly they will abandon any plans to monitor about with heavy objects like Coronation stones being reluctant to remove any ballast from the south. - Saturday Night.

Now that the Coronation is over, England is benefiting about having spent \$280,000,000 on the celebration. This normal John Bull is the father of the bride, who always groans when the caterer's bills come in for the wedding reception. But wait a while. In six months or a year, like other fathers, he'll be boasting about how much he spent to see his little girl properly launched in life. - Philadelphia Bulletin.

The spirit of comradeship aimed the early story of Tensing the Sherpa guide and porter reaching the summit of Everest and then turning back to help his exhausted partner attain the goal in turn. Perhaps it was also symbolic of the shape of things to come in the Western world, instead of the other way round. - Ottawa Evening Journal.

Prince Ingolf of Denmark says he would rather be a plumber than a prince, son of the heir apparent, nephew of the king, and in line of the succession. This sounds modern and democratic in keeping with the times, but we have to consider the prince's age. He is eleven, a period when the grimy intricacies of the profession of plumbing may well appear more glamorous than the glittering routine of a prince. Seeing that he cannot see to his royal destiny he might make plumbing his hobby. He would discover a fascinating occupation and possibly save himself some pocket money. So might we all. - London Free Press.

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At an adjourned meeting held April 29th of that year, Rev. D. Fitzgibbon, district secretary, Rev. D. Stewart, Rev. A. MacLean, Dundas, Rev. D. Morrison, Strathalbyn, Rev. D. McNeill, Woodville, and Rev. A. MacLean, Belfast, were appointed deputy grand chaplains. At that time there were fifteen primary lodges in the Province.

The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge was at that time divided into four districts: (1) Charlottetown district, including Boyle, Rose and Barton lodges, of which Francis Stanley was district master; (2) Belfast district, The Sword, Prince Edward and Lyon lodges, with Daniel Fraser, district master; (3) Strathalbyn district, Knox, Prince William, Tancred and Calvin lodges, with Neil Matheson district master; (4) Georgetown district, Trinity, Dalmeney, Union and Celtic lodges, with D. Kaye, M.D., district master. These were arranged into two county lodges: Queen's, embracing Charlottetown and Strathalbyn districts, and King's, embracing Georgetown and Belfast districts.

At this first Grand Lodge meeting a resolution was passed, recording sorrow over the calamity befalling the nation in the death of His Royal Highness, the Prince Consort, in company with Her Gracious Majesty the Queen and royal family in their bereavement. At the adjourned meeting in April the Rev. D. Morrison, in a touching address, bade farewell to the brethren on the eve of his departure as a missionary to the New Hebrides.

From "Past and Present in Prince Edward Island," 1906.

The Passing Scene

By Observer MANIFESTOS

"The G.C.P. are the first party to reveal their platform for the federal election. There will be, of course, a difference in emphasis, but it seems likely that the other party platforms will not be drastically different."

This excerpt from "Editorial Notes" in a recent issue of this paper set me thinking about the distinctive political bias which used to serve the purpose of telling one political alignment from another. Time was, and not so very long ago, when you could tell a Liberal from a Conservative, and vice versa, simply by his outlook on things in general. Principles, not tactics, provided the main issue at election time.

Sometimes these principles were held together by rather elastic strings. The Liberal front was generally regarded as binding on party leaders. It occasionally happened that a prominent politician became dissatisfied with some aspects of his party's plans and changed his affiliation. The present British Prime Minister is a classic example of this. He started his career as a Conservative, moved over to Liberalism shortly thereafter, and in due time, returned to Conservatism and became its leader.

Political conversions and reversions, however, were usually due to agreements or disagreements in the matter of party principles. It is only in recent times that men have got into the habit of changing sides for "personal" reasons.

In this country Liberal and Conservative may be little more than tags now with nothing distinctive separating one from the other. It was not always like that, however. Historically, Liberalism meant free trade, moderate state interference in business and commerce, expansion of educational opportunities, and a tendency to experiment in political and social reform.

These principles became so popular in England after the formation of the Liberal Party in 1830 that the Liberals were in office three-fourths of the time from then until the outbreak of the first world war. Which caused some waggish historian to suggest that about the only function of the Conservatives from 1830 to 1914 was to keep the Liberals up to their best work.

Conservatism, as the name implies, has historically been more cautious in political philosophy than Liberalism. "Make haste slowly" has been the slogan of the Conservatives and there have been a lot of worse ones in political history. In social matters they have been hesitant to change too rapidly the status quo, and in matters of trade they have been inclined towards protectionism.

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