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Commonwealth Response

"Swiftly and with complete unanimity," says a news report from Mont Tremblant, the Commonwealth ministers agreed yesterday to the Canadian proposal of a trade conference next year, and praised this country for initiating the move.

As the Montreal Gazette points out, the situation today is quite different. The principle aim of Prime Minister Bennett in the 1930's was to sell more goods and products. The great depression was near its lowest depths, and Mr. Bennett was hoping that by selling more to the rest of the Commonwealth this country might be able to pull itself out of its difficulties.

In hoping to transfer these purchases from the United States to the Commonwealth, Canada is acting in her own interests. Her deficit in trade with the United States is so great that it more than equals whatever favorable balances she may have with other nations.

"It is national self-interest—of a legitimate, prudent kind—that has motivated the Diefenbaker Government in promoting the meeting at Mont Tremblant. But it happens to be the sort of self-interest that offers the other Commonwealth nations an attractive basis for discussions.

The Truman Museum

A report from Independence, Missouri, tells of some of the gifts and mementoes which are in the Truman Museum which was recently opened to the public. Perhaps the most historic object is the gavel which the former President used in presiding over the first United Nations Conference.

Gifts which Mr. Truman received while in office are many and varied; just to mention a few, a pearl-studded sword from King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, a rich tapestry from the Shah of Iran, a silver ark of the Torah containing Jewish law scrolls, an oil lamp dating from the time of King David, gifts from the grateful Israelis who were given independent status during Mr. Truman's term of office and largely with his help.

Anonymous nature is a copy of General Eisenhower's book "Crusade in Europe" bearing the inscription "with lasting respect, admiration and friendship."

Mr. Truman being a man who likes to give a joke and take one, it is not surprising that little objects bearing humorous connections are scattered throughout the Museum. There are, for examples, newspaper cartoons which ridiculed his chances of election in 1948, a copy of the Chicago Herald-Tribune carrying the headline "Dewey Beats Truman" and a little motto he had on his White House desk proclaiming "I'm from Missouri. The buck stops here."

Mr. Truman may not have been one of the "great" Presidents of the United States in the sense that Washington, Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt were great, although there is no denying that the decisions he was called upon to make were among the more momentous ones of American history. But, in any case, the historians seem to have agreed that he was a very competent President who knew his own mind and who never hesitated to act with boldness when he was convinced of the justice and wisdom of a decision, traits which, unfortunately, do not seem to characterize the present incumbent of the office, for all his many fine qualities of heart and mind.

The Wrong Role

Lord Beaverbrook has added nothing to his stature by impugning the good faith of the British Government in its free trade offer to Canada. He assumes that the offer will be turned down and denounces it as "a trick" on the part of the British Chancellor, Mr. Thorneycroft, the purpose being "to leave no alternative but that of sacrificing Empire trade to a European free trade movement."

EDITORIAL NOTES

If Premier Bourges-Maunoury of France does have to resign it is to be hoped that the name of his successor will be one that is a little more easily pronounced.

An American judge has sued the state for \$70.94 which he says is owed him on his 1955 salary and for 6 cents which he declares was kept back from him in 1956. There's nothing like being exact in such matters.

Former Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov is "quite happy" in his new post in Outer Mongolia. That is the word from the Indian vice president who visited him recently. In the old days Mr. Molotov was reported to be a keen student of philosophy as well as of politics. Now, evidently, his studies are being rewarded.

The London Observer says that the British Government's excuse for permitting large imports of wheat from the United States is that "the American product has a higher protein content than the Canadian product." "But," comments the Observer, "no one in the grain trade believes this." Certainly, no Canadian trader believes it.

Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, director-general of the U.N. technical assistance program, said in Toronto the other day that, despite what civil defence officials may say, "Canadian civil defence tactics are not only unnecessary but useless." "There is no defence against the H-bomb," he added. Surely, that is a realistic view.

Not for many a day has there been a more controversial subject on the Canadian political scene than Britain's suggestion for a free trade agreement between the two countries. Central Canada can be expected to oppose it with might and main. The Atlantic area and perhaps Western Canada will want the Government to give it careful consideration. Almost certainly it will have a place in the next election campaign.



HERE'S HOPING HE CATCHES IT!

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Knocking For Seven

By "ONLOOKER" Thomson Newspapers, London, England, Bureau

Delete from an Englishman's vocabulary that cricket-inspired expression "knocking for six". Field Marshal Montgomery, you may recall, used it in an address to his famous Eighth Army before the Battle of Alamein, when he said that they were going to "knock the Germans for six" out of Africa.

As from now the English are using a different expression. They have just been knocked for seven. The Bank Rate over here has been pushed up by an almost unprecedented two per cent, and now stands at seven per cent — highest since 1920.

Announcement of the increase came from Chancellor of the Exchequer Peter Thorneycroft, who made the announcement one day and got out of town (to talks in Washington) the next.

Other increasing aspects about the announcement, it was made during the Parliamentary recess, which meant that the Opposition could not get up and start criticising the move right away. And (just accidentally) it was made when a large proportion of the Lobby correspondents the newsmen who cover Parliament for Britain's papers, were out of town playing in a golf tournament. It spoiled their day — just as some of the Lobby correspondents have often spoiled Mr. Thorneycroft's day.

WAITING TO SEE

Generally speaking, most people over here are adopting a wait and see attitude to the increase. Up, it is already predicted, will go charges on time payments. This aspect will hit millions, but it will not mean all that additional hardship.

But when — as is inevitable — house mortgage rates are boosted the increase may be crippling. About 2,000,000 over here have got mortgages outstanding. They are paying off interest at the rate of between six and seven per cent. It means that if a man buys a house costing \$5300.00. (tough to find these days!) over 20 years it costs him, in repayment of capital and interest, \$8300.00.

If the new rate is passed on to the housing societies and then to the buyer the cost of that house will now be \$10,600.00. Add to this some other increases recently made — fuel and light up, fares up, cigarettes up — and the extra mortgage repayments may well prove the proverbial last straws.

Soviet Naval Bases

By Dave Mcintosh Canadian Press Staff Writer

The great Russian naval problem is bases. This appears to be the obvious reason for recent Russian penetration into the Mediterranean.

Soviet naval bases now are confined to the far north, the far east and the Black Sea. In a major war with the West, Russian warships would have to operate offensively far from their dockyards, an extremely difficult operation.

Thus the Soviet Union wants to improve its base situation. Warships have been supplied by Russia to Syria and Egypt, and the Soviets are reported building a big naval base in Communist Albania.

Russia itself is vulnerable to attack from Western forces in the Mediterranean, the chief threat to it being carrier-borne aircraft and missiles.

RUSSIAN SUBS The Soviet navy now has some 500 submarines and it is steadily building more. There is little doubt that the submarine would pose at least as big a threat to the West as the German U-boat did to the Allies in the Second World War.

What especially worries Western defence planners is that the submarine now has the capability to fire a guided missile for distances up to at least 50 miles. A submarine lying off the Atlantic seaboard could hit

ferences are being held on the N.A.T.O. exercises that are going on over the large chunk of the North Atlantic right now, with American, Canadian, British, and other nations' ships are in "action."

Most of the answers, at the first conference I went to, were answered readily enough. But the American naval spokesman was bowled over by a question from a Canadian newsman who wondered how near to Russia the N.A.T.O. fleets were going.

"How far east are you going," he asked, "as you go north?"

The echoed music carries far, Arpeggios tremble down the glade, And evening opens wide a door To hear the vespers minor-keyed soon night moves in to take the sound.

From heading darkness, paths and stairs, The notes that climbed must now descend While lanterns burn on distant spires Unseen, the bells that rang so late Have stilled vibration, song is gone.

A silence closes on the night, Surrounds a quiet carillon. —William Vincent Stieler in New York Herald Tribune.

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The Age Old Story

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. —William Vincent Stieler in New York Herald Tribune.

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A meeting of the directors of the Silver Fox Exhibitors Association was held last evening in the Provincial Building and a large amount of business in connection with the Silver Fox Show to be held in Charlottetown in November was completed. It is expected that upwards of 500 foxes will be exhibited and crates and accommodation will be provided for that number.

TEN YEARS AGO

(Oct. 3, 1947) Resolutions recommending the inspection of fish canneries by officials placed permanently in the plants, and the introduction of three grades for canned lobster instead of the two now in force, were unanimously adopted at yesterday's annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Fisheries Federation.

Assurance that a proper life-guard service will be instituted at Cavendish and other beaches in the National Park has been received by Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, M.P. from Hon. J. A. Glenn, Minister of Mines and Resources. A public demand for such service has been growing for some time, and only recently a meeting of the Inkeepers Association passed a resolution asking that some action be taken.

Best To Form Safety Hubs

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. Safety is a habit all of us should develop. This is especially true for those who work in large industrial plants where accidents can happen so easily.

Most large concerns have safety programs and safety directors to protect the lives of the employees. Yet, primarily, safety is a personal responsibility.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

As far as your safety is concerned, it is your responsibility. No one suffers from an accident more than the person injured in the mishap.

There are countless safety rules, all of which probably carry very sound advice. But which are the best rules? Which rules should we memorize and practice each day?

The National Safety Council had a contest recently in which more than 1,000 safety rules were submitted from all over the world.

TEN RULES

The following ten rules were judged the best:

- 1. Correct or report any unsafe condition. 2. Use, adjust and repair equipment only when authorized. 3. Follow instructions; do not take chances; if you don't know, ask. 4. Help keep everything clean and orderly. 5. Report all injuries; get first aid promptly. 6. Use the right tools and equipment for the job; use them safely. 7. Use prescribed protective equipment, wear safe clothing; keep it in good condition.

AVOID HORSEPLAY

- 8. Don't horseplay; avoid distracting others. 9. When lifting, bend your knees, get help for heavy loads. 10. Comply with all safety rules and signs.

These rules were drawn up chiefly for industrial workers. But I think even you housewives can see where they apply to the home as well as the shop.

Yet, all things considered, we have got to admit that the best safety device of all is located just above the ears.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

J.M.: Should one force a child to eat? Answer: It is not advisable. If the child is continuously forced to eat, he will develop a dislike for the foods offered and the eating problem will become worse as time progresses.

MAXIMS

He alone is wise who can accommodate himself to all the contingencies of life, but the fool contends, and is struggling like a swimmer against the stream.

EARLY MAILS

A post office at Halifax, N.S., having communications with London and Boston, was established as early as 1755.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It takes one-fortieth of a second to wink your eye, but several weeks to explain it to your wife.—Brandon Sun

Shopping at a supermarket, I was standing near a mother and her young son when he picked up a box of something from a shelf and brought it over to her. "Oh, no, honey!" she exclaimed. "Put it back. You have to cook that!" —Ottawa Journal

An historical note dug up by some scholar tells us that Julius Caesar had to ban the parking of chariots in the market-place of Rome. Parking authorities may offer this as positive proof of their contention that parking is one of the oldest unsolved problems of urban life.—Edmonton Post

A new theory is that cancer and heavy smoking are both "diseases" arising from a condition of stress. And so, taking a few more daring puffs, we wait for science to find out how stresses arise and remove our worry including our worry about what smoking will do to us.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle

The Canada Savings Bonds provide a sure investment at a fair return. One always can cash them at face value and, because many of the purchasers are people of small means, this is important in an emergency. They always are worth 100 cents on the dollar. The catch, of course, is that if held to maturity the dollar may be worth considerably less than even in its present emaciated state. But that applies to all bonds.—Windsor Star

Cases of cats or dogs being left legacies by their departed owners are not uncommon. However, at Doncaster, England, a lady left £100 in her will to provide her tortoise, Ossie, a pet of 20 years' standing, with his favorite morsels of food — straw berries, oranges and apples. Ossie's not so slow, it seems. —Brantford Expositor

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