

More Winds Of Change

A wirephoto map on the front page of our issue of yesterday gave an impressive picture of what the new drive for African unity means for the entire African continent and for Madagascar and the neighboring islands. The charter signed last weekend by the 31 chiefs of state at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, must be ratified by two-thirds of the states before becoming effective, but it is unlikely that there will be any hitch here. The new organization appears to have healed the split between the two main African blocs that caused friction in the past. There is no doubt, at any rate, that it means business with respect to its resolution calling for the eradication of all forms of colonialism in Africa.

The member states pledged themselves to settle their differences by peaceful means; but they also decided to promote volunteer corps in each of their countries to aid African national liberation movements where needed. This has direct application to South Africa and Portugal's African colonies.

South Africa's white supremacist government has dismissed as "so much hot air" the warnings of boycotts and military action issued at the Addis Ababa conference. Nevertheless, it has announced that it would be prepared for any eventuality. Its defence minister has declared that the South African defence force "already has been built to a balanced force and will be further strengthened."

South Africa refuses to heed the handwringing on the wall. It is as contemptuous of United Nations votes of censure as it is toward threats from other quarters. That is the tragedy of its position, that it is determined to go its way. But that way will not be tolerated by the nations now banding against it. Its failure to adjust itself to the "winds of change" blowing across the continent will only bring nearer the day of reckoning.

Jobs And Growth

Canada's Gross National Product jumped by the satisfying figure of 6.2 per cent in terms of real production last year, but unemployment remained a serious problem. The average number without jobs during the year was 891,000, or 5.3 per cent of the labor force. This was only a marginal improvement over the average 7.2 per cent rate of unemployment in 1961.

The apparent contradiction in these figures—rising economic activity but persistent unemployment—is worrying the economists and producing alarm at the prospects of further development in automation. This, suggests the Toronto Globe and Mail, may be an erroneous interpretation of the statistics which arise from studying them on a national, rather than a regional basis.

What seems to have happened during 1962 is that economic growth was largely concentrated in a few provinces—notably in Ontario. In these provinces, unemployment declined as economic activity rose. In other provinces, where growth was slower or perhaps at a standstill, the number of unemployed remained constant or actually increased.

There is a regrettable lack of reliable statistics to show how the Gross National Product is distributed among the provinces, but some idea of the levels of economic activity in the regions can be obtained from looking at employment in the various types of industry. In the fourth quarter of 1962 compared with the same period of 1961, employment rose in manufacturing, construction, transportation and utilities, trade, finance and service industries. It is not surprising therefore that in Ontario, where these industries are concentrated, unemployment in the same periods fell from 4.2 per cent to 3.6 per cent.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

"I do not condemn people who sit down in the streets to ban the bomb," said Britain's Defence Minister Thorneycroft recently. "I condemn people who do not have any views at all." That's a statement worth thinking about.

Revenue department officials at Ottawa recently conceded that the "simple" income tax form with which most Canadians struggled in the latter days of April was far too complicated. It baffled even the \$2.5 million electronic device provided to check and verify the tax returns. And because the form was too complicated, the percentage of errors rose from a normal of 12 to approximately 23, thereby slowing the process of verification. The authorities are now working on another—and let us hope more successful—job of simplification.

The streets of Athens, where Praxiteles once trod, might be expected to abound in statues of ancient Greek heroes. But those that did exist have either been carried off by conquerors or installed in museums. Accordingly, Greeks have reacted sharply to plans by a Greek-American organization to erect in one of Athens' main streets on May 29 a 12-foot statue of Harry S. Truman by an American sculptor, Felix de Weldon. The statue commemorates the enunciation 16 years ago of the Truman Doctrine, under which Greece got American aid. Some Athenians made biting remarks about the idea of a statue of Mr. Truman when Athens had no statue of Pericles. The New York Times quotes a professor of fine arts as saying that the Truman statue was "too big" and that a Greek sculptor could have done a better job.

Watching the star-studded gathering of NATO statesmen at the opening of their conference here, I was struck by the thought how lucky we in Canada are to be free of domination by the Generals.

The military have played a prominent and often decisive role in the long history of overthrowing governments and setting up puppet dictators in the countries of central and south America. The brass-hats in the Pentagon have often been expected of exerting no influence—whether explicitly or not—on the White House in Washington. But here in Canada we have always enjoyed a civil government free from military domination.

So it was startling to see many uniforms scattered among the delegates to the NATO summit conference. It was startling to see the grim-visaged gentlemen in their lavishly befringed and gold-laced uniforms who formed the solid block of NATO commanders, sitting down to eat with the politicians.

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god called "money", and when our hearts are with our earthly treasure, we soon become entangled in the world's web of deceit which, in turn, leads to just about every crime in the calendar.

How utterly foolish is this constant striving after the things that corrupt and rot, when we consider the brevity of life itself. Nothing in our hands we bring into the world, and we take nothing with us when we depart.

But passion and greed blind us to existing evils as the nations go on writing new immoral laws on the sands of eternity.

I am, Sir, etc.

P. H. MacARTHUR, Charlottetown.

MAN'S ERRORS

Sir—Man has never been a satisfactory animal in the sight of his Maker. For his sin of disobedience, our first parents were banished from the Garden of Eden, thereby losing their rights to live a sinless, godlike existence.

And since expulsion from their paradise home, both men and women have been making futile efforts to rule the world contrary to God's divine plan.

For many years, the government, one has but to pursue history's page to note the crimes and misdeeds marking man's pathway along the road of Time. And today, perhaps more than at any other time, men are chasing after false gods, giving only lip service to the Supreme Being.

God of this generation, is the

Bomb Shelter Unpleasant

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen LIFE IS A DO-IT-YOURSELF job, not pleasant, even for short periods. In one survey, lack of shelter was the chief complaint, followed by the amount of eating the same food over and over, and the behavior of others. These drawbacks need not exist but they were the major sources of psychologic discomfort among a group of 100 volunteers who participated in a two-week shelter during the summer and again in the winter in a navy shelter at Bethesda, Md.

According to John E. Rasmussen, senior research officer, they were handicapped and the shelter routine was followed to the letter. The amount of water for drinking but none was available for washing or shaving.

Two meals were served daily. The first consisted of survival rations, and the second of a variety of jellies. The same crackers were served for the second meal, but with a variety of peanut butter. Several kinds of soups were available to provide variety. Instant coffee and water were provided for both meals.

The winter group also found the shortage of water for bathing the main cause of discomfort. Complaints about the food were lengthy and the survival crackers were the time largest source of criticism. The summer group had the same gripe about water for washing but the heat and humidity were next on the list of objections. Dirt was third on the list.

Various lessons can be learned from this experiment. The physical and emotional needs are as important as the nutritional needs. The shelter should be a pleasant place to live, and the shelter inhabitants are elderly, injured, or sick. It is obvious that having a shelter—no matter how expensive—is only half the story.

THE LAW MUST BE ENFORCED

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

The Solid Block Of NATO Commanders

That those Generals were seated in our House of Commons was itself a testimonial to the tragic failure of our politicians—of all parties and in all countries—to negotiate acceptable terms of peaceful co-existence throughout the world.

The prime Minister Lester Pearson was speaking meaningful words of constructive hope to the delegates, the plenary of the NATO Supreme Command sat in our Parliament, looking at their medals, but some what glumly. One learns in the army to sleep with one's eyes open; that is what the Generals seemed to be doing, their faces, their hands grey and some flinched at the colour of raw beef, blank and maskable as their brains were closed to the words of their masters.

On their desks in front of them lay their symbolic brass hats, the uniform caps of USA, Britain and Belgium with the brass-encrusted peaks; the smart star-studded kepis of the French; the white crowned caps of the navies of Canada and Portugal; the stiff olive-green arbor-green of the German Reichswehr hat; the brass-green cap of the Danish army; the pale blue of Air Force caps. And on their breasts so much multi-colored ribbon that they outshine Joseph's coat of many colours.

All very impressive—and all very frightening in its significance. Booked rooms were filled with telephones and press blood-letting buttons.

EX-NAZI JAILED

NIJENBERG (Reuters)—Former senior Nazi Joseph Paur, 64, was sentenced Monday to seven years in prison at hard labor for aiding jointly in the murder of 2,400 Jews in ghettos in the Ukraine during the Second World War.

The prosecution alleged Paur, former head of police in the Sodor district, supervised the sealing off of three ghettos by police while the inhabitants were rounded up for execution.

SHOOT AT SHIPS

COPENHAGEN (Reuters)—Russian warships recently fired on several Danish trawlers and chased some Swedish fishing vessels, it was reported Monday. Both incidents were reported to have taken place in international waters.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Homework is what teenagers discover they do do when it's time to crawl into bed.—London Free Press.

The small children were strictly forbidden to touch the telephone. So the father was both surprised and annoyed one day when his call home was answered by a tiny "Hello." "Who is this?" he sternly demanded. "I answered the call and hung up."—Montreal Star.

An article in the Journal of the American Medical Association relates that drinking a glass of water daily can cause a severe deficiency in the human system (known as hypohydration) the symptoms of which can be mistaken for intoxication. This may be expected to introduce a new chapter in traffic code—"Honest, your honor, I was just on my way home from the circus."—Detroit Free Press.

"Quiet Sun" Research

National Geographic Society

American scientists are planning regular research assault on earth's life giving neighbor, the sun. The assault will be carried out by a team of 50 men, the United States will participate in the international Years of the Quiet Sun, a sequel to the International Geophysical Year's work on earth-sun relations.

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Our Yesterday's

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

May 28, 1938

Considered a progress has been made in the Leiland National Park since the program began last year. J. Smart of Ottawa, assistant controller and chief inspector of the National Parks of Canada, said yesterday.

Mr. Smart is accompanied by Stanley Thompson, well-known golf architect.

A 12-foot eight-inch white whale was landed on the shore near Vernon Bridge Thursday. Whales are seldom seen about the shores of Prince Edward Island and a whale one is considered a novelty.

TEN YEARS AGO

May 28, 1928

Mrs. W. M. Brehaut in addressing the Rotary Club at their weekly luncheon meeting at the Charlottetown Hotel said in part: "A wise nation preserves the life of its past... all the objects which are the evidence of a nation's history are being lost."

How the many beautiful objects of furniture came to this country in its ships is a mystery, and the household equipment, made of native goods, suffers not at all in comparison with the pieces brought from their homes by pioneers.

NOTES BY THE WAY

One should pity the blind, but it's worse to feel the rascal at the end of your nose. Galt Reporter.

"So your wife is talking to me?" the judge asked a "what-ifs" who was up for vagrancy. "What do you do?" "Well, your honor, I wash the accused," explained the accused. "The washin', the old woman does it. She takes the washin' back the old woman cooks money and I talk her out of it."—Montreal Star.

Italian psychiatrists and neurologists have announced a campaign of health by music instead of pills. Ravel's "Bolero" and Schubert's "Waltz of the Flowers" stimulate lax stomachs. Bach's "Concerto in D Minor" awakens the heart and lungs. And "The Swan" is a tranquilizer for the nervous who suffer insomnia.—La Nazione, Florence.

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France And Her Allies

Manchester Guardian

Twice this month France's allies are likely to be at loggerheads with her. First, there is the GATT conference on trade starting in Geneva in mid-May. Second, there is the North Atlantic Council's military committee, opening on May 22, which will discuss the French interest in allied nuclear force.

The Germans, Dutch, and a less extent the Italians are keen to expand their trade outlet beyond the Common Market countries. Dr. Erhard and Dr. Schroeder have both indicated that the time when the wishes of France were freely conceded may be drawing to an end. But what can be done against a French veto?

The Germans must be anxious about the possible rift with the United States and Britain. The Kennedy Administration wants the GATT negotiations to succeed. While much can be said against traditional American protectionism, an opportunity exists of opening the American market.

The FLYING DUTCHMAN RESTAURANT

"Your Island Steak House"

HIGHEST POINT ON THE TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

Rogers Pass route, 4,400 feet above sea level, is located on the road between Revelstoke and Golden, cutting across the Selkirk Mountains in British Columbia. This new route provides travellers with a breath-taking snow-capped peaks, Alpine lakes, sparkling glaciers and tumbling waterfalls.

This week, Weekend Magazine Staff Writer and Photographer Bruce Moss takes you, with photographs in full color, through the splendid mountainous panoramas.

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