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Soviet Slogans

Slogans are part and parcel of the political art here, there, and everywhere. Ever since the first politician set out to win an election they have been used to confirm the faithful and to convert the wayward.

The batch for May Day, always a big occasion behind the Curtain, has been out for some time. Those with a domestic slant reflect, as might be expected, the heavy industry emphasis of Mr. Krushchev, the party boss; this is a change from the brief Malenkov regime, when the burden was on consumer goods.

Nato's First Five Years

The signing of the North Atlantic Treaty in April, 1949, started a revolutionary and constructive experiment in international relations. The story of this achievement is told in a remarkable history entitled "NATO The First Five Years 1949-1954"

Lord Ismay reports that in June, 1954, General Alfred Gruenther, the Supreme Allied Commander of the NATO forces, told the English speaking Union in London that he had about 100 divisions in varying degrees of readiness, i.e. about four times as much land power available as when General Eisenhower first took command.

Lynde McCormick who was Supreme Commander, Atlantic Command, appears not to have slipped into an over-confident frame of mind. Admiral McCormick, according to the NATO publication, reported to the Standing Group in April 1954 what considerable progress had been made within his command in the two years since he took over, and in referring to the NATO Naval exercises, emphasized that while they provided the means for solving many inherent problems, they also indicated the substantial inadequacy of the forces for the Atlantic command.

It is disturbing to read in this report the figures which are given regarding the Soviet build up of armed strength. Lord Ismay tells us that within thirty days after mobilisation, the Soviet and satellite ground forces could be brought up to 400 divisions; that the numerical strength of their air forces would be in the region of 20,000 aircraft; that in the past three years they have tripled the number of airfields in Eastern Europe that will accommodate jet aircraft; that the Soviet navy has 300 submarines alone, and that its large scale naval programme lays emphasis on the continued production of large ocean-going submarines and that, moreover, the Navy's surface forces include three battleships, twenty-four cruisers and one hundred and fifty destroyers.

The Right Name

In the course of recent discussion in the Canadian House of Commons on two Bills ratifying a double-taxation Agreement between Ireland and Canada a query was raised as to the correct name of the Irish state. A Progressive Conservative member stated that the Bills were incorrect as they referred to that country as "Ireland".

In reply, Mr. Lester Pearson, the Canadian Minister for External Affairs said that it was true that the twenty-six counties of "Southern Ireland" were known as the Irish Free State from 1921 until 1937. But under the Constitution of 1937, the name of the State was Eire or, in the English translation, Ireland.

"However," Mr. Pearson said, "I believe that Act does not change the name of the State which was established by the Constitution and which could only be changed by constitutional amendment. It would be extremely difficult, indeed, for us to negotiate agreements with a country in a name that country does not accept for itself."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Anzac Day in New Zealand.

A distinctive politician nowadays is one who does not insist that he is "misquoted" every time his speeches are reported.

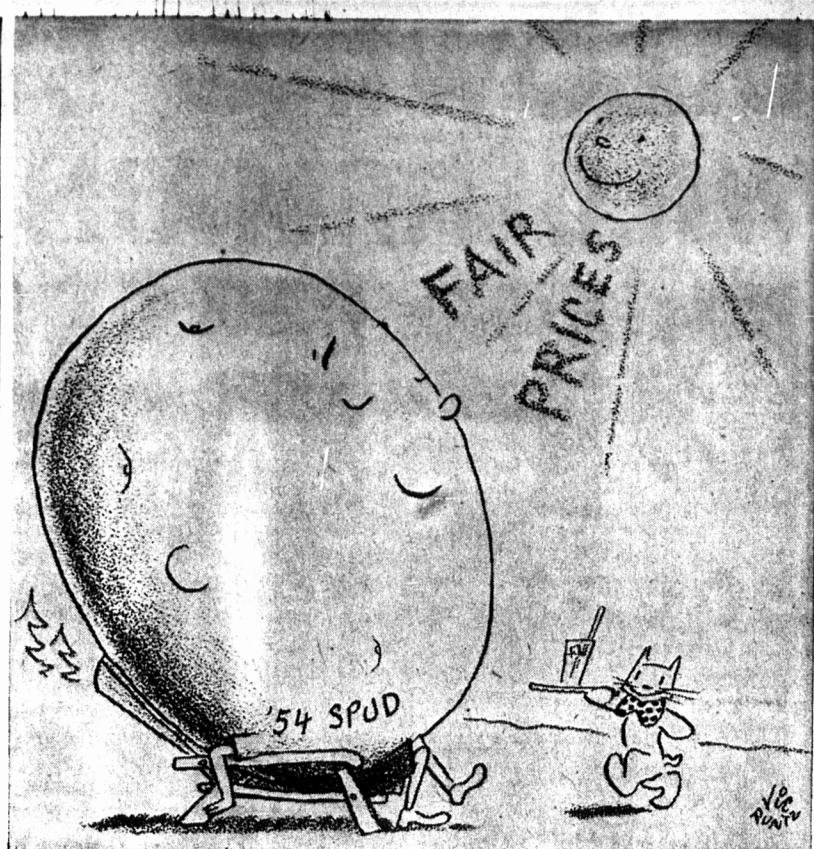
Margarine makers in Great Britain are now turning out a margarine containing 10 per cent cream butter, and a new mixture which contains not less than 25 per cent cream by weight.

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A report comes from England that the new world champion Ayrshire cow, Bridge Daisy 1st, produced 30,143 pounds of milk in 330 days and was still giving 73 pounds per day at the end of the period. During her test she was given no hay whatsoever, and received, instead, 50 pounds daily of first class grass silage.

A bill now before the United States Congress will give Dr. Jonas E. Salk a \$10,000 annual pension for life. It is little enough for the service he has rendered; and it would not be out of place for the Governments of all civilized countries to take similar action.

To every man his due. Back in 1951 a Senate Committee raised questions about Senator Joseph McCarthy's finances. The questions were not answered at the time because the Senator declined to testify. It is now reported that the Internal Revenue Service has cleared the record after a lengthy investigation. One report—not confirmed—is that the Senator received a \$1000 refund for the years under dispute.



How Nice At Last To Bask!

OTTAWA REPORT
Unusual Gathering

OTTAWA: A clergyman, an evangelist, a hardware merchant, a journalist, a lumberman, a farmer and five lawyers will meet here on April 26 for a poker game. Its stakes, the highest ever played for will include millions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs.

This unusual gathering will be the Dominion-Provincial conference of all Canadian Prime Ministers: one federal and one from each of our ten Provinces. Officially, this meeting will have as its purpose the preparation of the agenda for another similar conference to be held later this year.

"I suggest that the purpose of this preliminary meeting should be to reach some conclusions on the broad outline of the agenda for the main conference, and to decide upon an opening date," wrote Mr. St. Laurent.

TRUE OPPOSITION

The purpose for which a meeting of the eleven Prime Ministers was originally planned was to review the whole matter of the division of taxation fields between the federal and provincial governments. This arose out of the battle royal between the two French-Canadian prime ministers, Messrs. St. Laurent and Duplessis.

Since the war, the Federal Government has appeared to be heaving tax revenues, piling up the series of Abbott surpluses year after year. At the same time, the provincial and municipal governments have been short of money.

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This situation certainly shows that there is an improper division, at least at those two levels of government, between the tax fields. For the first time in his Parliamentary career, Mr. St. Laurent will find himself, at this high-level meeting, not leading a majority.

The opposition, including the solid phalanx of right-of-centre Premiers from our biggest and richest Provinces, will include the remaining six. The oldest and longest in office will be Quebec's Mr. Duplessis. Those most in the eyes of the curious will be the Social Credit couple from our wealthy and fast-growing west, B. C.'s Mr. Bennett and Alberta's Mr. Manning; the latter well-known to Canadians in all provinces through his weekly "Back to the Bible" radio hour.

TROUBLE SYMPTOM

With the decline of politically effective and numerically impressive opposition within the Federal House of Commons, the role of critic the Federal Government has passed more and more to the provincial premiers. This has usually been observed as a battle fought at long range. For the first time, the opposition in this form will be lined up solidly face to face with the representative of the federal government, when they meet here this month.

The Poet's Corner

THE LAMPLIGHTER
Here to the leisureed side of life, Remote from traffic, free from strife, A cul-de-sac, a sanctuary Where old quaint customs creep

Prices Fell Then, Too
The prices of farm products have always been a matter of great concern to farmers. And right now, Canadian farmers are concerned again about falling prices, as they have been for several years.

By 1815, wheat was down to 26-48s, barley to 26-29s, but ewes and lambs were still selling fairly well. In 1819 wheat was still 25-38s and barley 35s, but ewes were up to 48s and lambs 34-36s.

GOOD PAYERS
CANNBERRA (GP) - Agricultural loans by Australian war veterans since the end of the Second World War reached \$22,700,000, of which \$15,650,000 had been repaid by the end of 1954, according to current figures.

SKIN ERUPTIONS
These are a common, stubborn, penetrating condition—known as eczema. It causes intense itching and is often accompanied by a rash. It is caused by a variety of factors, including heredity, infection, and contact with irritants.

BIG RAFT
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Medically Speaking

HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.
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It won't be long before you'll be out on the streets and highways again for those Summer vacations or Sunday afternoon drives. Sometime before the year is over, you'll probably come upon a serious automobile accident. Unfortunately, some of you might be involved in one.

Now whether you're involved in a wreck or merely a witness, you should know what to do to aid the injured. Maybe you can save a life. Don't move him unless it is necessary to get him out of danger. Let him lie flat on his back, if possible. Keep him warm. Even a few newspapers will serve as a cover if nothing better is handy.

When a person suffers shock, it means his brain and heart are not getting enough blood. To encourage the flow of blood to his head, place him so his head is slightly lower than the rest of his body. Don't try to get the patient to sit up. And never give an unconscious person any liquids.

NOT AMONG SAINTS

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MONSTER MACHINES
It seems surprising now that that open-pit mining practice, profitable, did not begin in Britain in a big way much earlier. Used to clear the covering earth away from the coal are monster machines, called walking dragline excavators, weighing about 1,150 tons. One of these machines has just been assembled on a new site near Bedlington, Northumberland.

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Sunshine Miners

By Arthur Appleton
Reuters News Agency
When the sobriquet "Sunshine Miners" was given some years ago to the men in Britain who started to scrape coal from the earth's surface, there was a slight derogatory implication in the nickname. These men mined coal in what seemed an easy way compared with that of their brethren underground.

Everyone agreed there was a necessity for more coal. But this tearing up and transforming of the quiet countryside revolted the eye and depressed the heart. The huge machines worked night and day, building up new hills of earth, scooping out new valleys and making the land a morass during rainy periods.

There are still complaints and still prejudice against open-pit work. But the complaints now are not general and the prejudice not so bitter. The method is accepted and some sites are even pointed out to visitors as examples of industrial ingenuity.

THE AGE OLD STORY

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

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