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Lord Montgomery has much to do with Churchill during the war years as any other military officer in any part of the battle front and a great deal more than those generals whose memoirs are regarded chiefly to war office routine. And, as he himself has pointed out, he was never one to have an exalted opinion of professional politicians. On both counts, his testimony must be regarded as reliable evidence.

Sir Winston may or may not have been the "greatest Englishman of all time". That takes in a lot of English history and a great many statesmen of distinction. But it is certain that his service to his country and to the world will be remembered long ages hence, when the criticisms of lesser men will have been forgotten.

A Matter Of Opinion

When Ireland's Foreign Minister Frank Aiken stood up in the U.N. General Assembly and supported a motion favouring discussion of a plan to seat Communist China, there was a great ado in certain sections of the American press. He was charged with trying to aggravate differences of opinion among Western Governments on this controversial issue; and there was even a suggestion that perhaps the Irish were not as strongly opposed to a deflational form of government as they might properly be expected to be.

Naturally, this criticism had repercussions in the Irish Parliament. The Opposition Party, the Fine Gael, seized upon it to embarrass the government of Prime Minister Ramon de Valera and introduced a motion of censure based on Mr. Aiken's unexpected proposal. The motion was turned down by a vote of more than two to one. In the course of the debate Mr. de Valera said: "I am glad that we had a minister for external affairs who stood up courageously for the principle for which this nation has stood in the past and I hope will always stand—justice, honour, peace and proper behaviour as a member of any group of nations in which it takes part."

The question which the Irish Parliament had to settle in this debate was not whether Communist China has the right to a seat in the United Nations but whether Ireland, as a sovereign state, had a right to express its own opinions on the subject, even if those opinions were not in agreement with United States policy. It is a question which will have to be threshed out in the Canadian Parliament, too, sooner or later. It is rumoured in Britain and in other countries (outside the Communist bloc) where the seating of China in the U.N. is regarded as inevitable that Canada's position has been dictated, or at least unduly influenced, by the United States for the sake of Canadian-American harmony.

There may not be the slightest ground for this rumour. If there isn't, a plain statement from the Canadian Government giving its full reasons for opposing Peiping's claim would seem to be in order. That ought not to be too difficult a chore, since the reasons against the proposition are at least as plausible as those for the affirmative. But it isn't good for Canada's prestige in the U.N. or anywhere else for word to be bruited around that on any controversial question Canada must necessarily echo American views. We saw far too much evidence of that kind of thinking during the Suez crisis.

Montgomery's Testimony

It has been the practice of late for war time generals to include in their memoirs carping criticism of Sir Winston Churchill in his various war roles. The chief complaints are that the former Prime Minister was quite temperamental at times, a little impatient of military procedures and not too easy to get along with at the council table.

It may be that in some instances these criticisms are well meant. In others, no doubt, they are merely parts of an advertising technique to sell the books. In any event, it is reassuring to hear from Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery that he does not share the views in any particular. Speaking on a television program in London, Lord Montgomery said of Sir Winston: "In my opinion he is the greatest Englishman of all time. It makes me mad to see the way in which certain generals who served under him criticize him and snipe at him and write about how difficult he was. He saved our nation. There is one general who will never criticize him, and that is I, your one."

Weather Control

Dr. Edward Teller, the distinguished American scientist who played a leading role in the building of the first atomic bomb and who is now helping the United States regain control in nuclear development, told a Congressional committee the other day that weather control is a field in which he expects "great progress" in the next ten years or so. He added that the United States should make certain that the Soviet Union did not get ahead in that field.

Answering his own question "what kind of world would it be if the Russians could control the weather and we could not?", Dr. Teller pointed out that in such a situation the Russians would be able to produce rainfall in their own country and at the same time rob the United States or any other country with which they were unfriendly of moisture. That certainly would present a problem. But what if both the Soviet Union and the United States acquired the trick at about the same time? We doubt if even Dr. Teller, as learned as he is in the complexities of physics and related subjects could find a solution to that difficulty and still retain his scientific poise.

We must hope that neither side will succeed in this venture. The weather is vexing enough as it is. It would be a thousand times more so if someone in Moscow and someone else in Washington and still another in London could each pull a switch and turn, say, a gentle rain into a flood or a wild breeze into a hurricane. That would be international turmoil with a vengeance!

EDITORIAL NOTES

Despite bad harvesting weather, it is not expected that loss to our farmers will be great. It's a different story in some parts of the United States. From Texas comes a report that "thousands of acres" of cotton rotted on the stalks. Somewhat similar conditions have been reported from several sections of the Midwest.

The emphasis placed on the value and safety of water fluoridation by Dr. A. G. Racey, president of the Canadian Dental Association in his address to the local organization here on Tuesday, is in keeping with authoritative opinion across the continent. It is surely time for our civic water commissioners to revise their thinking on this subject. Or have they been thinking about it all?

Evidently, President Eisenhower is growing weary of controversy with the protectionists on tariff issues. After turning down fifteen recommendations for increased duties he consented to raise the tariff on safety pins from 22½ percent to 33 percent of value effective Dec. 30. Fortunately, safety-pin manufacturing is not a major Canadian industry, although there is some of it done.

Soviet leaders sent Marshal Tito congratulations and good wishes on the 12th anniversary of the proclamation of Yugoslavia's Communist government. President Eisenhower sent "felicitations". Does that mean that both the Russians and the Americans are happy about Yugoslavia's political status? It does not. The Russians suspect that Marshal Tito is too friendly with the West. The Americans fear that he isn't friendly enough.

WINTER UNEMPLOYMENT

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OTTAWA REPORT

Touring Indian Sub-Continent

By Patrick Nicholson
Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Ottawa: A seven-member Canadian Parliamentary delegation is now touring the Indian sub-continent. Under the successful leadership of Ontario's former Highways Minister, now Conservative Federal M.P. for Lanark, George Daoust, this group represented Canada at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference.

Where David Hid

From opposite ends of the Mediterranean area come reports of two archaeological successes of major importance.

In the En-Gedi Oasis on the shore of the Dead Sea a group of surveying archaeologists have discovered what they believe to be the grave in which David hid from the vengeful King Saul. In Rome an Italian Etruscologist has succeeded in deciphering Etruscan inscriptions made at least 2,500 years ago.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(By The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(Dec. 4, 1932)

A unique event in Charlotte—a conference of the three Provincial Government legislatures—took place last evening at the home of Hon. J. D. Stewart, Provincial Government leader. Hon. C. D. Richards, Premier of New Brunswick and Hon. G. Harcourt, Premier of Nova Scotia, arrived on the Borden train, and a group of 211 provincial leaders will discuss questions likely to be discussed at the Dominion-Provincial Conference in

Other delegates include Sarbala J.W. Murphy, Saskatchewan's Senator Walter Asselme, Swift Current's Irvin Stoffer, Saskatchewan's C.C.F. member Alexander Nicholson, and others. Saskatchewan is providing three of the seven delegates.

Our Canadians will return with fresh material to ponder, and a knowledge of eastern provinces which we never thought existed. Mr. Murphy writes from Montreal: "The trip has been an excellent one. It has added a new realization of the India, Pakistan and Ceylon to the Commonwealth."

Reports pay special tribute to Mr. Murphy's fine speech when he was honoured to be chosen to reply to the official welcome at the colourful Shalimar Gardens at Lahore, Pakistan. Local officials and diplomats greeted over 400 parliamentarians from 39 Commonwealth countries at a reception beside the beautiful ornamental pool in the Gardens.

Welcoming that large crowd of delegates, Begum Shah Nawaz, a Pakistani member of Parliament, described how the dynamic nature of the vital Commonwealth is illustrated by the changes which have taken place since the British Empire of the 19th century, to the British Commonwealth of the 20th and now to the Commonwealth of Nations, even including republics, like the U.S.A.

Right across the Asian trip, says Mr. Murphy, "the atmosphere is expressed to Canada for our contribution to local development through our gifts under the Colombo Plan. Our delegates for example visited the huge Warsaw Dam, providing hydro-electric power and irrigation, which has turned a vast desert into an industrial area surrounded by its own well-watered farmlands."

MAD TOURISTS' CLUB
This column recently referred to several cases of Canadian motorists being charged with punishment by cops and magistrates in the United States.

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ANGLICAN BISHOP DIES
LONDON (Reuters)—Dr. Llewelyn Henry Wynne, for 26 years Anglican bishop of Egypt and the Sudan, died Tuesday in hospital. He was 94. He had charge of one of the largest Anglican dioceses in the world covering an area of roughly 1,200,000 square miles.

Possible To Hear Too Fast

By Herman N. Budeson, M.D.

Do you have difficulty with your hearing? Well, your trouble may be that you hear too fast. Probably at least 100,000 Americans are hard of hearing. About 10 per cent of the population is a Defense Department survey, find their difficulties worsen rapidly with age.

AT THE SAME RATE
In other words, they hear too fast because they hear at the same rate the words are spoken. It seems like an insurmountable problem, doesn't it? But probably isn't. In fact, a major goal of current research to benefit the hard-of-hearing is to develop a method of controlling the speed at which words are spoken.

Under the proper laboratory conditions, we can now regulate the rate at which words reach the ear. Just how we can incorporate a sound-spacing device into something as small as a hearing aid is the big problem.

VOLUME OF SOUND
Hearing aids that merely augment the volume of sound do not completely solve the problem of persons who find it difficult to discriminate words if they are "spoken too fast."

This particular difficulty becomes more common among older people as they grow older. It is especially true in the case of rapidly spoken words when the speaker is a woman.

What is needed is a hearing aid that will slow the rate at which speech reaches the ear. Experts say this very thing may be the next major improvement in the hearing field.

Of course, another improvement which definitely will come about in the not-too-distant future is more use of binaural (both ears) hearing. One manufacturer recently introduced a hearing aid, incorporated in a pair of eyeglasses, which provides hearing for both ears. It probably won't be too long until we will have perfected hearing aids which fit entirely in the ear.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
J.C.: I have a heart murmur. Is this serious and will it affect my having children?

Answer: Whether or not a heart murmur is serious depends upon its type and cause and the severity with which it impedes the normal functioning of the heart. A physician is best able to determine the extent of your disability due to the murmur.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It is strange to think that many modern farmers, just as city folk, need an alarm clock to get them up early in the morning. Time was when a rooster did the job. Many Ontario farmers, even if they keep poultry, haven't a rooster about the place. They get their chicks ready-made from a governing international agency are outmoded. New legal problems have been raised by the two spinners and without international action there can be no common solution for them—Windsor Star.

Ottawa in January.
The purchase of a landing field for aeroplanes was discussed at a regular meeting of the Summer Board of Trade last evening, and the meeting was held at a field at the north end of the town could be fitted up at little cost. It was stated that the Town Council could do nothing until it knew if it could use public funds for this purpose. It was also understood that the Government would assist with the preparation of the field.

TEN YEARS AGO
(Nov. 4, 1947)
Reports for the Maritime Committee of the Summers Board of Trade, Mr. John E. Campbell brought to the attention of the Board that the Marine Wharf had not been constructed to accommodate the purpose of forming a wharf and was not adequate to accommodate the large quantities of rapidly spoiled goods for farmers for shipment. This condition being recognized, a meeting of 211 members had recently been held to give the matter consideration.

Last evening fourteen veteran nursing sisters of World War I and II met in the Ladies Auxiliary Room, Legion Building, for the purpose of forming a unit of the Nursing Sisters Association of Canada. Mrs. (Dr.) C. H. Beer was elected President; Miss Hazel McLaine, vice-president; and Margaret H. Campbell, Secretary.

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He saw Orion and Arcurus burn For mariners who steer by the way. He watched their transports leave and then return.

He lived for one last voyaging—but one—When he would sail beyond the Poles. He sought the Past. He sought to find eternities. Of Hope bright—a garlanded a round of the sun.

He dreamed of calm of everlasting blue. The next known—the reckoning was in. —Water Blacklock In the New York Times

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