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A Soviet Weakness

It is now generally known that Marshal Zhukov was relieved of his post as Minister of Defense and put out of the ruling council, the President, because of his reluctance to allow party workers to carry on a political "indoctrination" among members of the armed forces.

It now appears that Marshal Zhukov was not alone in his desire to keep the forces free of bureaucratic interference. An editorial in a recent issue of "Soviet-Soviet", the official news newspaper, denounced commanders who resist political influence on grounds of maintaining their authority. It went on to say that "it is no secret that many such commanders exist" if that is so the Soviet Government is not as all powerful as it is made out to be. In fact, it is in a precarious position; since, of course, no dictatorship is secure when it lacks the full support of the armed forces.

So far, Mr. Krushchev has managed to keep the military establishment under his thumb; but whether he can continue to do so indefinitely, in face of the dissatisfaction referred to in the Soviet press, is a question which must be kept in mind in a state of fear, despite his outward show of sang-froid. Once discontent has become widespread and organized under strong leadership, his day is done, and along with it the whole structure of party control. This may well turn out to be the one thing that will bring about a revolution in the Soviet Union.

Task For Giants

A member of the British Parliament has written a little book called "Task for Giants" in which he traces the development of the present Commonwealth pattern and predicts its expansion. He is Patrick Matland, one of the eight members of Parliament who resigned from the Conservative Party in protest against what they called the Government's "capitulation" in withdrawing British troops from Suez. He now calls himself an independent.

Mr. Matland sees no reason why countries like Burma, the Sudan and Israel—all of which have had British connections—should not eventually come into the association. He believes even that France, Germany and some other West European countries might see the advantage of being members. He cites the case of India which, although a Republic, continues to value the relationship. "Commonwealth members", says Mr. Matland, "are associated by interchange of knowledge, by some community of tradition, by kindred law and like institutions, especially in Parliamentary government. They share a deep-rooted, if sometimes sullied, principle of tolerance and have a certain commonality of culture. We should proclaim to foreign countries that we picture something more than alliance for those who are proven friends of the Commonwealth. In an expanding Commonwealth the civilized nations may find their home and their peace, backward peoples their hope and their purpose."

This last sentence may indicate something less than a tactful approach; for it is certain that the so-called "backward" peoples are not going to take kindly to the inference that they are not civilized. For all that, the life is an intriguing one. A "task of giants" it is, indeed, one that is not necessarily a hopeless one. Twelve or thirteen years ago that India, Pakistan and Ceylon, once they had obtained full sovereignty, could elect to stay within the Commonwealth on any terms? They have stayed in, of course, simply because they believe the connection

is an advantage to them. But that in itself is no discredit to them, since self interest is a factor in all associations and alliances. It is possible that the same incentive might persuade others to come in—provided that the Commonwealth as it stands can manage to hold together and maintain its strength.

Subsidizing Consumers

The National Farm Grange, a federation of farm groups in the United States, has come up with an original observation concerning the much talked about farm problem. It says that farmers are, in fact, subsidizing consumers. It estimates what food and clothing costs between 1951 and 1956 would have been \$11 billion more than they were had farmers shared in over-all price increases prevalent throughout most of the national economy.

In June 1948, the report states, farmers received about 50 per cent of the retail price of the consumer's food, but that at the present time their share is less than 40 per cent. "During this same period, the share of the handlers and processors—who are in a vastly better bargaining position—had increased from 50 to 60 per cent. The retail prices paid by consumers during the period declined by about one-tenth of one per cent. That means that farmers have been and are subsidizing the farmers of America", says the Grange.

What is true of American farmers is true also of Canadian farmers—probably to an even greater extent, since on the whole they do not get as much for their products as do American farmers, while their expenses are higher in most cases. This is something which should be kept in mind by those who are inclined to the view that by price supports and the like farmers are being pampered at the public expense.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The population of the United States at Oct. 1 was 172,069,000, a 14 per cent increase since 1950. Even so, the rate is lower than that of Canada in the same period.

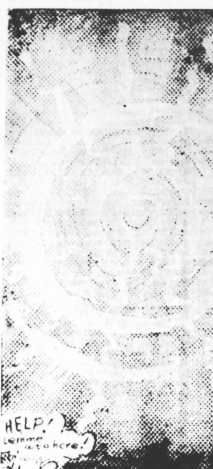
A church was formally opened in St. John's, Newfoundland a few days ago. What makes it newsworthy is the fact that the building is the first Baptist church to be erected in Newfoundland.

Old friends sometimes meet in unexpected places. One such was the case of the Hon. W. Broome of St. John's, Newfoundland, Minister without Portfolio in the Federal Cabinet, had occasion to call on Prime Minister Dandaraque of Ceylon. They soon discovered that they had been fellow Rhodes scholars at Oxford in the early 20's.

The Manchester Guardian explains why traffic in Great Britain travels down the left side of the road. It dates, the explanation goes, from the days when highwaymen lurked behind hedges along lanes and roads and pounced upon travelers. Riders took to going down the left side of the road so that if attacked, they could pull their swords from the left side and swing them easily to protect their right sides.

Evidently, Russian newsmen are not as alert in their field as Russian scientists are in theirs. One newspaper which has been publishing a series on "behind the scenes" in Washington reported that Senator Carter Glass of Virginia has not attended a Senate session for more than two years. It added that his speeches are written for him by his assistants, who also cast his votes on particular bills. Senator Glass passed away several years ago.

The St. John's Daily News reports that talk of a conveyance to link Newfoundland with the mainland at the Straits of Belle Isle has been revived after being unfashionable for several years. Apparently, however, the News doesn't take it too seriously. "It is a delightful thought at any time", it notes editorially, "and more particularly on a gray November day with a lowering sky holding the promise of snow and a raw wind that cuts like a knife".



ALL HE CAN SEE IF YOU FAIL TO DIM

OTTAWA REPORT

New Pattern Emerging

By Patrick Nicholson, Special Correspondent For The Guardian

OTTAWA. A new pattern of conflict is emerging in this session of Parliament. Our political fray is no longer a battle between the two big old parties, with the two baby newcomers fringing same, but is now a struggle on the sidelines.

During many years past, one recalls the leader of the Conservative Party, in his role as "leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition", springing to his feet regularly at the opening of each day's sitting with some general topical question to the Prime Minister. Whether it was John Diefenbaker, as the recent opposition leader, or George Drew before him, one remembers the frequent criticism and unexplained participation in the sharp avowal of the slow-grinding processes of legislation, one saw the old-fashioned pattern of the leader of the Liberal and Conservative parties frequently leading off each debate as chief advocate and chief critic.

But all that is now changed. With the advent to power of the Conservative Party, under John Diefenbaker, the huge Liberal Party—constituting the largest single opposition party ever known in our history with one exception—has slumped into ineffectiveness. No member of the present parliamentary group has ever sat in opposition in the Commons, and they give the impression of neither knowing nor caring how to oppose the government.

BBC OF TO THE FORE. The task of criticizing the government has devolved upon the comparatively tiny CCF group.

It may seem far-fetched to suggest that the 25 CCF members have a bigger play than the 107 Liberal members. But an analysis of their records in the House of Commons will answer that that is a fact.

During the first fourteen days of the present session, there were 42 opposition M.P.s who asked questions of the government. Of these, 20 were CCF members. There were 100,000 planes in the CCF's members together.

This Fantastic Universe

By Alton L. Blakelock, Associated Press, New York

Are we the only humans living in an incomprehensibly vast universe of ours? Only by exploring space can we begin to answer the question nagging him nearly since his time began.

There are billions upon billions of stars in the universe. There are billions upon billions of planets orbiting around a sun, possessing oxygen and other conditions for our kind of life. Dr. Shapley says very bluntly, "If there really will never be able to visit more than the other planets of our sun—Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and others. By picking up enough speed on their jets, space rockets might reach any of our planets within days. There could learn where there is life, even fantastically different forms of life. There is some, said, say tribbles hot or cold, some bathed in poison gas. What is the meaning of Mars? 'canals', of Jupiter's strange markings, are also asteroids, a hell of flying chunks of matter hurtling across the sky. Will never be able to visit more than the other planets of our sun—Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and others. NOT HOPELESS. The chances of learning about life in other solar systems are not entirely hopeless. Men in space could build giant telescopes far more powerful than any on earth. Earth's air glows straight, makes clear

Good Fat-Fat Breakfast Menu

By Herman N. Buesden, M.D. INSTEAD of discussing tomorrow's diet, let us discuss today's breakfast, a low-fat breakfast. The older we get, the less fat our diet requires. I've often discussed this with you at great length.

Now there appears to be some agreement among medical men that a low-fat diet is the best for the fat intake of the diet for all ages.

PRIMER DIET A low-fat, low cholesterol diet, if it provides the proper balance of vitamins, is the best for maintaining good health and might possibly even increase the life span.

FOR ONE THING, such patients on low-fat, low-cholesterol diets have (as you can see) a longer life span; they generally live longer than those permitted to eat a year-round diet. The diet is not only easier to digest, but it is also easier to digest, and it is also easier to digest, and it is also easier to digest.

HELPFUL LIST To help you with your diet, the following list of foods usually eaten at breakfast lists both the fat and cholesterol content.

Table with 3 columns: Food, Fat (gm.), Cholesterol (mg.). Rows include Orange Juice, Cereal, Bread, Sugar, Butter, Milk, Egg, Bacon, etc.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is free to the discussion of current events. It is not a substitute for the opinion of our correspondents.

FOR AMALGAMATION

Sir,—Since the first meeting of the Parkdale residents' association, I have been out of the Province. As a result I was unable to attend the last meeting, but after learning of what has transpired since, I doubt very much if I would have attended. What I would have attended was the time that we had such men as Edwin Cook, Eric Laird and Glen Ramsay as Chief Commissioners. Would they have refused to go on as I worked with these men for several years. They placed all the facts Pro and Con before the people and let them decide.

I was informed by a resident who attended last Saturday's meeting that the question of amalgamation is not carried, would it not be possible that the residents of the Connolly Estate section, who now have City water, would vote against the Village going ahead with the water project? I am informed that the Commissioners already had the water project approved.

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OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY YEARS AGO (Nov. 27, 1937) At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Public Works Board, Premier and President of the Council, assumed the portfolio of Provincial Treasurer. He appointed Hon. G. Shelton Sharp as Minister of Public Works, and Hon. Thomas MacNutt as Minister of Agriculture.

TEN YEARS AGO (Nov. 27, 1947) The P. E. Island Training School for Nurses was officially opened in an impressive ceremony. The school was inaugurated yesterday afternoon. Mr. Justice George J. Tweedy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided. Present for the occasion were His Honour Lieutenant Governor, Hon. G. Shelton Sharp, Minister of Public Works, Hon. W. A. R. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. Thomas MacNutt, Minister of Agriculture.

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MAXIMS

Circumstances are beyond the control of man, but his conduct is within his own power.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Hadn't somebody better pump a traffic light or two? I don't know more spicers, rosters, boosters and what not are let loose in our space? — Leithbridge Herald

University of Chicago scientists have devised mathematical equations to predict the weather. But most of us will still depend on our rheumatism and our bunions. — London Free Press

Superior zoologists tell us that the old saying "drink like a fish" is in error and that fish do not drink. The water goes in through their gills and out through their gills. What do the cods, haddock, and the other fish, really do with an entire scuba glass in its belly? — Bradford Examiner

With a long-ago eye to future French riches from the Sahara, the B. E. I. Company at Lyons has produced the big 10, taller-than-men pneumatic tires called "Big Boy" tires. Powered by a 600-hp diesel motor, fed by a gas tank holding 300 gallons, this truck cost \$119,000. — France Actuelle

The Age Old Story I am with you, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again to these lands, for I will not leave thee, until I have spoken to thee which I will have done to thee.

SHORTHORNS

The annual meeting of the P. E. Island Shorthorn Breeders Association will be held in the City Hall, Friday, Nov. 29th, 8 p.m.

P. E. Island Shorthorn Breeders Assn.

DID YOU KNOW?

Although there were but four (4) deaths from tuberculosis on Prince Edward Island during 1956, there were forty-three (43) new active cases discovered through the media of the Out-Patient Clinics, tuberculosis and Mobile Unit Surveys and other channels. Most of these were over 40 years of age.

The help of voluntary organizations is of paramount importance.

Support the Prince Edward Island Tuberculosis League Buy Christmas Stamps.

The Poets Corner

RAIN'S WORK The later rain, it falls in an unusual way. Upon the roof of the building, the rain is falling in a way that is not like the rain we are used to.

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Spring Park Village Amalgamation Plebiscite

Date: November 27th Poll open 12:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. In Spring Park Fire Hall

Qualifications of voters: 1.—Resident possessed of real or personal property valued at \$25.00 or more. 2.—Wife or husband of real or personal property owner. 3.—Voter must be 21 years of age and have resided in village for 6 months. Check voters list—if your name not on contact sheriff before day of plebiscite.

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

This is to advise that it is not the intention of the City Corporation to work any hardship on employees, consequently employers who have been billed by the Tax Collector may divide (if they so desire) the payment of the amounts of Educational Tax which are still outstanding, by the number of pay days remaining in the year 1957; provided that such deduction is not in excess of 10% of the amount of the payment of the employee's salary unless the employee is in arrears. J. SPURGEON JENKINS, City Tax Collector.

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