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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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If War Comes

What are the odds on ultimate victory if Korea turns out to be the powder keg destined to touch off World War III? That is the question millions of people in the western world are asking themselves right now.

The answer, according to military experts in London and Washington, suggests a pattern of events remarkably similar to that of World War II. Ultimate victory would go to the western democracies. But the first year would constitute a time of grave peril and disastrous reverses.

Here are the facts on which such reasoning is based. The Soviet Union has 130 combat infantry divisions armed and ready to go. The United States has only two, in addition to the seven already committed in Korea. Russia has 50 armoured and mechanized divisions ready for combat. The United States has only one, and even it is under-manned. Russia has 25,000 combat tanks ready for action, and another 10,000 in reserve. The United States has 6,000 tanks left over from World War II. Western Europe including Britain could, at the most, muster only about 12 fully-equipped first-class divisions if Russia decided to strike today.

In the first year, say military experts, continental Europe would be overwhelmed by the Reds. So would Korea, Formosa, Japan, and most of South-East Asia. Britain would probably be able to withstand invasion. British and American fleets would keep Russian infantrymen from landing in England or America. Russian submarine strength would be a serious factor to contend with.

At the end of the first year, the tide would begin to turn. The industrial output of the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States would rapidly out-distance Russian efforts. British, Canadian and American "know-how" in weapon research would outstrip Russia's efforts. The Anglo-American stockpile of atomic bombs would make Russia's resources in atomic warfare negligible. Underground resistance, coupled with atomic bombing of Russia's industrial centres would crack Red morale.

A terrible war, certainly. But let it never be doubted for a moment but that the ultimate victory would be ours. Those who doubt, or hesitate to reduce the odds by immediate rearmament, play right into the hands of the Soviet imperialists.

Australia's Year

This is Australia's Jubilee Year, the Island's Commonwealth having been founded in 1901 by a union of the states and territories based both on Canadian and American example.

Peopled largely by British stock, the southern hemisphere country, which is also a continent, has developed its own way of life, notably an out-of-doors civilization both as to industry and pastimes. Australian prowess in all types of sport, except perhaps winter ones, is impressive. A typical example is the way in which the Aussies have calmly and repeatedly beaten England's best at their own national game of cricket.

Governor-General William J. McKell and his fellow Australians will be welcoming guests from many lands this year and Canada will certainly be well represented. What cheer, Cobbers!

Too Much Planning

A 75-year-old London property owner has just given away 120 apartments in the British Capital because he is "tired of losing money on them." Rents of the apartments have been pegged since the beginning of World War II. Repairs have been costing more than the income from the authorized rents. The owner, fed up with losing money, has turned the property over to two building foremen living in the apartment block. They will be able to do their own repairs.

Meanwhile, dolls' tea sets are being smuggled into Britain. Government sleuths are busy trying to break up this strange racket, a by-product of the Labor Government's tangle of import and export regulations. All of Britain's famous colored chinaware must be sold overseas. Fond parents who wanted their daughters to have a set of toy dishes for Christmas have been buying smuggled French products rather than give their children the plain white crockery which is all that regulation-

wearly Britons are allowed to buy. Finally, in Durham, three charwomen have defied the County Council's edict that they must join the trade union or face dismissal. It looks as if they may win out. Such is life in socialist Britain. A long-suffering and tolerant people, the British are beginning to show signs of restiveness under planned economy. The planning, it seems, never quite fits the plans of the plain people.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"1951"—and don't let us forget it.

The next public holiday is Good Friday, March 23.

General Wolfe born this date 1727, afterwards distinguished himself at the taking of Quebec. He died Sept. 13, 1759.

Anything being done to enable us to share in the increased prosperity of Canada, due to the development of the war industries?

A 1921 five-cent piece is reported to be valued at sixty-five 1950 dollars. This matter of inflation has evidently gone much further than had been suspected.

Rev. Mr. Ibbott's unexpected bereavement in the sudden death of his wife is regretted both in city and country. Sympathy goes out to him and to his children who share his loss.

Having only a one-day sitting of the adjourned Parliament before proroguing and calling a new session on the 30th has the advantage of keeping such publications as the statute book in regular annual volumes.

The early difficulty experienced in getting women to enroll in the leadership training course may not have been due so much to reluctance as to a confident knowledge that they could lead quite well without benefit of a course.

Prime Minister C. R. Atlee of Great Britain, born this date 1883. He was deputy Prime Minister in the Coalition Government of which Mr. Churchill was Premier. At the general election he led the Labor Party to victory by a small majority which he has been able to maintain.

Import controls on consumer goods are due to be lifted today, indicating that the Second World War is gradually receding into the background. It becomes something of a toss up whether any particular control can be lifted in time to be reimposed for a possible Third Armageddon.

Embargoes should apply both ways, going and coming. But evidently the Federal Government does not approve of this for it is removing the restriction on pork imports, while taking no steps to eliminate the embargo on pork exports imposed ten years ago.

While the Prairie farmers sustained a loss due to frost affecting the quality of their main crop, wheat, those of the rest of Canada, including this Province, prospered in the past year. Mixed farming and the best of quality in produce are what pays in a non-manufacturing land like ours.

The gratifying increase in the price of fox pelts is doubly welcome at the eve of a New Year, though it does not mean as much as it did a few years ago when fox raising was our third best and most productive industry. Still, those active in ranching are grateful for the upward tendency, and trust that the new year will see a restoration of the popularity of fox fur in "my ladies wear."

War with China might have been avoided by refusal to go to the protection of South Korea. Once that decision was taken, war with China was inevitable, and those who approved that decision, and boasted that it was a marvellous piece of U. N. strategy, are scarcely in a position now to say that there must be no war with China.

Britain retains its reputation for being the best country in the world in which to live. Dr. Klaus Fuchs, convicted last March of one of the most damaging acts of treachery in British history, has asked to remain a citizen of the country he so grossly betrayed. Fuchs, German-born naturalized British subject serving a 14-year prison term for giving atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, appealed to the Home Secretary, who is considering depriving him of citizenship. Fuchs' letter was read to the Deprivation of Citizenship Committee by Sir Hartley Shawcross, attorney-general. The committee will advise the Home Secretary whether it would be in the public interest for Fuchs to retain citizenship.

Standing Against The Comic Book Tide



PUBLIC FORUM
This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. JOHNSTON

Sir.—The passing of Mrs. J. J. Johnston, widow of the late Mr. J. J. Johnston, K.C., is regretted by all who knew her. Mrs. Johnston, the mother of eight growing children, always found time to give to the good works of Holy Mother the Church. I may say here that when Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Dalton were grief-stricken over the tragic death of their youngest son, Mrs. Johnston accompanied the Dalton family on the private train on their sad mission to Tighish for the funeral rites of Reginald. If I am not mistaken I believe she was the only Charlottetown woman that did so. That divine comfort and strength be given to this beloved family at this time is the fervent wish of all. I am, Sir, etc., KENNETH BRUCE STEWART, Charlottetown, Dec. 30th.

The Poet's Corner

FROM LOLLINGTON DOWNS

These myriad days, these many thousand hours, A man's long life, so choked with dusty things, How little perfect poise with per- Joy at the heart and Beauty at the springs. One hour, or two, or three, in long years scattered, Sparks from a smithy that have fired a thatch. Are all that life has given and all that mattered; The rest, all heaving at a moveless lath. For these, so many years of useless toil, Despair, endeavor, and again despair, Sweat, that the base machine may have its oil, Idle delight to tempt one everywhere. A life upon the cross. To make amends. Three flaming memories that the deathbed ends . . . So in the empty sky the stars appear. Are bright in heaven marching through the sky, Spinning their planets, each one to his year. Tossing their fiery hair until they die; Then in the tower afar the watch-er sees The sun that burned, less noble than it was, Less noble still, until by dim degrees No spark of him is specklike in his glass. Then blind and dark in heaven the sun proceeds, Vast, dead and hideous, knocking on his moons, Till crashing on his like creation breeds, Striking such life, a constellation swoons: From dead things striking fire a new sun springs, New fire, new life, new planets with new wings. —John Masfield.

The Age-Old Story

The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. BOMBAY, India, Jan. — (Reuters) National gang of gold smugglers may be uncovered through the seizure by customs men here of gold bars worth nearly \$200,000. The gold, which weighed 196 pounds, was taken from four Italians who arrived last night at Santa Cruz Airport from the continent.

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Notes By The Way

Eighteen faculty members of the Harvard School of Business Administration estimate that the nation could maintain 6,000,000 men under arms and devote \$84,000,000 to the task without seriously cramping the civilian economy. In fact, living standards could be supported at levels only exceeded in the post-war years at the same time the tremendous rearmament program is going forward.—Christian Science Monitor.

The purpose of the Kremlin's policy in the Far East is to lock us up in Asia in conflict with the Chinese so as to leave Europe to the Russians. This is obvious to anybody with the normal quantum of brains, but for the benefit of those not so possessed, the Literary Gazette in Moscow drives the point home. "The Chinese Communist offensive in Korea," gleefully, "has shaken the foundations of the Atlantic Pact." If it has, the policy-makers should repair them quickly, and build an enduring edifice upon them without delay. Only in unity on the basis of a common effort and equality of sacrifice is there any strength nowadays. — The Washington Post.

With an application for a further large increase in freight rates now pending, the danger of still wider discrimination is very real. Moreover, apart from an increase in standard rates, a major objective of the railways will almost certainly be to demand the repeal of the Crow's Nest Pass statute, which governs the freight rates on grain and flour. Recent increases in freight rates, resulting from earlier wage increases to the railway workers have substantially injured the West. The danger in the present situation should be guarded against in every possible way by the provincial governments. — Winnipeg Free Press.

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Half-Century Records Trace Canada's National Growth

By Hillard Gordon Canadian Press Staff Writer

A half century during which war's red smear was daubed freely on the pages of history started and ended with Canada's forces campaigning in many fields. The Dominion's battle flags include two, "South Africa, 1900" and "Korea, 1950" ranged alongside the banners of the First World War and the Second World War. The two flags epitomize the nation's growth. Soldiers who fought on the South African veldt represented a young virile country, proud of its place in the Victorian concept of Empire. Those in the Korean battle area symbolize a nation grown to full stature, a free, united, sovereign state willingly discharging its responsibilities in the community of nations. In 50 years, Canada by hard work and by economic and scientific achievement became a co-partner on a continent that assumed an authoritative position in world affairs. News developments of the half-century, whether military, political, economic or humanitarian, mesh together like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle to reveal Canada's evolution. Canada's part in the South African War stemmed from the growing interest in imperial unity toward the close of the 19th century. More than 7,000 made up the force, many fighting with distinction at Paardeberg and Hart's River. Casualties totalled 476, including 224 deaths. Three men won the Victoria Cross. Its South African policy vindicated at the 1900 general election, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Liberal Government turned attention to the fast-growing west. Canada's population in 1901 was 5,371,315 and settlers were rushing to the prairies.

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Discovery of Insulin
In 1922 the name of Frederick Grant Banting rang round the world as the co-discoverer of insulin for the treatment of diabetes. His achievement was hailed as the greatest since those of Pasteur. In the field of medical science the young Allison, Ont., doctor's discovery ranks as the most outstanding by a Canadian. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in medicine and later honored with knighthood. Nineteen years later, Sir Frederick, then 49, died in line of wartime duty in a plane crash Feb. 21, 1941, on Newfoundland's east coast.

An historic religious event in 1925 was the union of Methodist, Congregational and the major part of the Presbyterian churches as the United Church of Canada. Running counter to the achievements of the first quarter of the century were a number of disasters, some of them the worst in the Dominion's history. On April 29, 1903, 70,000 tons of rock fell from the Turtle Mountain in the Crow's Nest Pass, obliterating the little town of Frank and killing 96 persons. Toronto's "great fire" occurred on April 19, 1904, destroying 122 downtown buildings and causing damage of \$11,000,000. Forest fires in Ontario's Porcupine area took 400 lives in 1911. Late autumn storms on the Great Lakes in 1913 resulted in sinking or stranding of a score of vessels and 248 sailors drowned. Bound for Britain, 1,024 persons were lost when the C.P.R. liner Empress of Ireland sank in collision with a freighter in the St. Lawrence, May 29, 1914.

Burning of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa, Feb. 3, 1916, cost seven lives and destruction of one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture on the continent. Halifax still bears the scars caused by the explosion of a chemical-laden ship in the Narrows collision, Dec. 6, 1917. A conservative estimate gave 1,800 dead, 6,000 injured and 10,000 made homeless. Property damage was estimated at \$35,000,000. A year later the Canadian steamship Sophia sank off the Alaska coast and 398 lost their lives. William Lyon Mackenzie King headed the successful Liberal party in the 1921 election. He remained in office when the 1925 election resulted in a virtual stalemate and the 15th Parliament brought on the now famous constitutional issue. Hon. Arthur Meighen's Conservative "Shadow Cabinet" and the election of 1926. Mr. King again became Prime Minister without a majority but with the support of Liberal-Progressives and other groups.

"Equal Status"
When Mr. King was in London for the 1926 Imperial Conference he figured in a symbolic incident. Watching the pouring of molten metal for bells of the carillon to be erected in the Ottawa Peace Tower, Mr. King threw in a Canadian cent. Then, as an afterthought, he tossed in an English halfpenny, uttering the significant words: "Equal Status." The steady growth of Canadian nationality reached its culmination at that conference. Led by Mr. King, Prime Minister Hertzog of South Africa and President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State, the demand for Dominion nationhood brought an epoch-making document that has been Continued on page 10

When the First World War broke out in 1914 there were more volunteers than could be equipped. By the end of 1915, 212,000 men were under arms and the number a year later was 370,000. Talk of conscription disrupted the Liberal party. Then came the bitterly-fought "khaki election" of Dec. 17, 1917 when Borden's Union Party was returned. Enforcement of conscription led to anti-draft meetings and disorders in Quebec. Elsewhere claims for exemption far exceeded expectations. While the controversy raged, Dominion troops fought in Europe and the record reveals a story of sacrifice without parallel at that time. The Canadian expeditionary forces totalled 619,686 men, 424,489 going overseas. Of this number more than 62,000

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