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 "The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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The Greater Danger

Whatever compromises may be worked out between France and her European allies with respect to the much debated European Army plan, it seems clear now that the European Defence Community is in a very bad way; in fact, it will be surprising if the plan manages to survive at all in any of its original features. The fact of the matter is that the French General Assembly has never looked with favour on the rearmament of Germany under any plan whatsoever. Even Premier Mendes-France himself, while he is eager enough to bring about a united front to possible Soviet aggression, is very wary about permitting the West Germans to have any serious part in the projected program.

Negotiations may go on for some time; but it seems certain that, sooner or later (the hope is that it will not be too late), hopes for united strength under the original E. D. C. concept will have to be abandoned in favour of something more tangible and more likely to bring about the desired end. This will probably take the form of a British-American decision to authorize and even encourage West German rearmament, regardless of how the French may feel in the matter. This would be a far from satisfactory solution to the problem; but it would be much better than the eventual entry of West Germany into the Communist orbit, which the United States Secretary of State appears to believe would be an almost inevitable result of the West's refusal to allow the West Germans to build up military strength either within or outside the general European defensive program.

It is easy enough to understand French aversion to a resurgence of German military might; what is difficult to understand is why that aversion, related to past experience, is stronger and more influential than the fear of Soviet aggression which, obviously, is the greater danger in this period of French history.

Civilian Dum-Dums

During the Second World War the Germans made it clear that they would shoot any prisoner found to be armed with a weapon taking soft-nosed bullets. In consequence, the old ammunition for .38's and .45's was withdrawn and nickle or steel jacketed small arms ammunition substituted. The soft-nosed revolver ammunition may not have been strictly contrary to the Geneva Convention outlawing expanding bullets, but anyone who has seen the wound made by such a bullet will recognize that it certainly causes unnecessarily severe damage.

Although the armed forces have given up the use of this type of ammunition, it is still widely encountered in civilian life. Police, bankers, guards of various kinds and others are frequently to be found armed with pistols and revolvers loaded with soft-nosed ammunition. They run no danger, of course, of being shot for doing so, but it seems only reasonable that their protective weapons should be at least as humane as those used for waging war.

It is true that it is by a long way the best policy to do away with the carrying of firearms. The indiscriminate discharge of weapons by the police or anyone else would not be tolerated in this country. It is all the more irrational, therefore, that when the law grudgingly permits the use of a weapon, the weapon commonly used is more shattering to the human frame than is probably permitted by the laws of war.

Groundfish Fillet Duties

Writing in "Foreign Trade", the official organ of the Department of Trade and Commerce, Mr. R. O. C. Smith, Canadian Commercial Counsellor at Washington deals with the case of the groundfish fillets. In rejecting the Tariff Commission's recommendation for increased protection against imports, says Mr. Smith, the President pointed out that there were factors other than imports causing difficulties in the industry—such as, first, depletion of the fishing banks close to the New England coast, involving longer voyages, increased costs and need for more intensive fishing; and second, labor-management difficulties. In the main however, the President emphasized that the industry is suffering from a static market and low per cent capita consumption of fish that has remained more or less constant at 10-12 pounds a year for almost fifty years.

He emphasized the need to find better ways of marketing, distributing, packaging and preparing fish, without increasing prices to the point where fish could not

compete with other foods. The minority report of the Tariff Commission stressed that the consumption of conventional fillets had expanded considerably in recent years, asserting that this could only have occurred "with the availability of reasonably priced foreign supplies to supplement the domestic output." It then pointed to the advent and spectacular growth of the fish-stick trade, which first became significant in the latter part of 1953 when the consumption reached 7 1-2 million pounds. Consumption during the first quarter of 1954 has already touched nine million pounds and the Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that it may total thirty million pounds for the year. Although the fish-sticks were to some extent replacing conventional fillets, the minority report continued, they were also supplying a previously untapped market and there was evidence to suggest that considerable expansion in the overall consumption of fish was possible.

In making his decision, the President also referred to the importance of the fish-stick development (United States processors of sticks are reported to be hard pressed to meet the demand and offering employment on a year-round basis) and suggested that the per capita consumption of fish might be increased by 50 per cent within a few years as a result of their introduction. He therefore felt it was possible that the basic difficulty of the industry, static markets, was on the way to a solution. For the next three fiscal years (ending June 30, 1957), 30 per cent of the gross receipts coming from duties collected on imports of fisheries products will be turned over to the Secretary of the Interior each year to be used for what might be termed a fisheries extension program says Mr. Smith.

Canada has always been the principal source of supply for fillets going to the United States markets and last year sold 591,800,000 pounds there. Iceland was next with 235,960,000 pounds while Norway supplied 41,610,000 pounds. Denmark, the United Kingdom, West Germany and the Netherlands supplied small quantities during the past few years.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The first recipient of the Order of the Silver Fox, Canadian Scouting's highest award, is Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout.

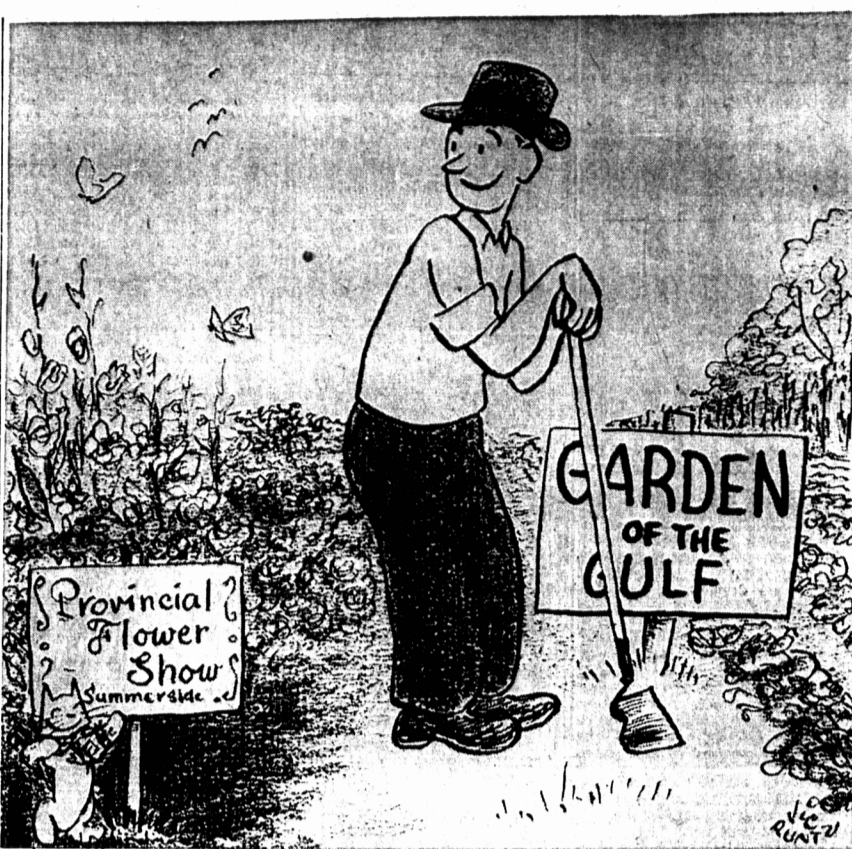
Individuals whose immediate plans are balked by town planning regulations are apt to be annoyed. On the other hand when they have invested in a given property they are only too glad that its value is maintained by appropriate development nearby.

There are two ways of looking at the six-power Brussels meeting. It resulted in a failure of the Foreign Ministers to agree on a modification of the proposed organization, European Defence Community. On the other hand it means that the E.D.C. has not been watered-down and if the plan is approved by the French National Assembly it will be an admirably effective one.

Mexican scientists have found that certain vitamins check the paralyzing effects of poliomyelitis, reports SIS. Dr. Hermilio Castenada Velasco has reported to the Mexican Association of Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Studies that he got good results in giving vitamins C and B-12 to polio patients. Vitamin C not only resulted in very rapid relief from pain and muscular spasms, but checked the extent of paralysis. The Mexican scientists also found that the muscles of the patients could be more quickly rehabilitated when they were given vitamin B-12. Dr. Castenada believes these results justify more general testing of vitamins in poliomyelitis.

Washington was captured by British forces this date 1814. They had landed at Chesapeake Bay and defeated an American force at Blandensburg. The capitol, the navy yard and the residence of the President were burned. The troops then moved northward but were stopped at Fort Mifflin. The campaign was abandoned and the troops re-embarked. The presidential residence was restored and the marks of fire covered with white paint, whence the familiar term, the White House.

Accidental falls rank among the leading causes of death in the United States, accounting for the loss of about 21,000 lives annually or a death rate of about 14 per 100,000 population. This is greater than the toll from any other type of accident except motor vehicle and approximates the number of deaths from tuberculosis. According to a Metropolitan Life bulletin, about two-thirds of all fatal falls occur in and about the home. The remainder take place in various places, including such residential institutions as homes for the aged and hospitals, and also public buildings, streets, and highways. Only about three per cent of all the deaths from accidental falls are sustained in factories, workshops, and mines and quarries—a substantially smaller proportion than a decade ago.



Flowers Have An Important Place

PUBLIC FORUM

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NO COMPROMISE

Sir,—It is well known that for many years there were unscrupulous persons living around the English coast who made a practice of luring vessels on to the rocks by means of false lights. Those men were known as wreckers, and they lived largely by plundering the vessels that they had lured to destruction. It seems to me to have been utterly cruel and heartless; yet there are still wreckers, who lead men and women to moral shipwreck and make gain out of it. We still have wreckers today known as the liquor traffic, and those that engage in it for gain wreck more homes and lives than anyone I know of. They break up families, separate husbands and wives, orphan small children and cause untold death and misery on our Canadian highways. The evil must be uprooted.
 I am, Sir, etc.,
 P. N. TUCKER
 North Bedouque.

POTATO MARKETING BOARD

Sir,—Last June we had a so-called plebiscite regarding "the Marketing Board." The pro's and con's were aired in a relatively fair manner, except the chairman, who was supposed to be neutral for the meeting at least, would sometimes forget himself and speak on a motion.
 But from there on the procedure was ridiculous. First a large percentage of farmers were not classified eligible to vote. Please let no one contradict this statement because I can name a number of fairly large potato growers who did not have a vote. Secondly the ballots were in the hands of people who were biased in their opinion, and not open to conviction. These people worded the ballot to suit themselves, and sent it out. Oh yes! Sent it out how? Just dropped it in the mail, not registered, and mostly one ballot to a farmer, but sometimes more.
 Thirdly they advertised that if anyone had received a ballot to drop around to the office and "the powers" would give him one. They of course judging the farmer eligible. Finally the ballots were to be mailed on a set date, but I understand that date was discarded at the will and wishes of "the powers" that were and are. When we speak of "the powers" we do not refer to the government but to this machine (Marketing Board) which puts the government in the shade. Truly it may be considered a "Government baby," but this "baby" has developed very fast, and challenged the supremacy of the parent just as Absalom did years ago. We recall that Absalom had a measure of success for a while, finally King David, to restore order, had to use very harsh methods, which resulted in the death of Absalom. The question now arises, how long is the Matheson Government going to allow this over-developed, power seeking "baby" to hold the reins and wield the whip over Government and people on approximately 40 per cent of the total farmer vote?
 We as farmers consider ourselves bright enough to sell as we choose. If 40 per cent of the farmers want to sell through a pool the rest of us have no kick, but let us sell as and where we wish, when we wish. The high state of democracy,

The Poet's Corner
 THE POET'S CRAFT

In my craft or sullen art
 Exercised in the still night
 When only the moon rages
 And the lovers lie abed
 With all their griefs in their arms.
 I labour by singing light,
 Not for ambition or bread
 Or for the strut and trade of charms
 On the ivory stages
 But for the common wages
 Of their most secret heart.

Not for the proud man apart
 From the raging moon I write
 On these spindrift pages.
 Not for the towering dead
 With their nightingales and psalms
 But for the lovers, their arms
 Round the griefs of the ages.
 I pay no praise or wages
 Nor heed my craft or art.
 —Dylan Thomas.

Perilous Ignorance

(Winnipeg Tribune)
 —He had spent nearly half an hour trying to start the outboard motor. Not even a kick. Dripping with perspiration he appealed to another man on the dock.
 The second man looked the motor over and quickly discovered that the gas line had not been turned on and that the first man did not know that it should be turned on. When the gas had been turned on, the motor started with a bang.

The boat sithered around wildly in inexperienced hands and within a matter of seconds the propeller hit the bottom and the shear pin let go. As soon as the shear pin had been replaced, the first man coaxed his wife and two children into the little boat, started the engine and headed at a great rate for the middle of the lake.
 This incident may explain in part why drowning accidents are setting new records in Canada this year. Here was a man who knew nothing about outboard motors, nothing about handling small boats and nothing about the behaviour of the lake in bad weather. Yet he did not hesitate to take his wife and children out on the lake for a "pleasure" ride. Only good luck could bring them back safely.

which existed in this great country of ours, till a few days ago, was not built by rigid controls and dictatorial powers, neither can we again boast of this democracy as long as such evils and powers are allowed to exist.

Surely this is the time for the Government to step in, or does it lack the courage which would have been displayed under the leadership of the late Premier in such a circumstance. Is there any reason why the Government controlled plebiscite? With different questions on the ballot, one concerning a Marketing Board, another concerning a compulsory sell agency? Then if 2-3% of the farmers representing at least 75 per cent of the potato acreage, vote for the compulsory pool system, as outlined by Mr. MacDonald, then and only then will we be satisfied to go along and do as we are told. I have talked to a large percentage of farmers in this area and that last paragraph seems to voice the opinion of nearly everyone. Only a few of the most radical are frightened to risk their first hold on Communist principles by a fair ballot.
 I am, Sir, etc.,
 J. F. BRYAN,
 Cascumpec, P.E.I.

Old Charlottetown

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SHIPBUILDING DAYS

"On the 29th ult. from the shipyard of Mr. Thomas Clow, Murray Harbour, a very superior-built barque was launched, of 242 tons, called the "Hannah", built for Capt. Richard Pearce. She will sail for England about the 25th inst.
 "A fine schooner called the "Hussar" was launched from Mr. B. Davies' shipyard on Wednesday, the 24th ult.

"On Thursday last, from the shipyard of the Messrs. Orr, New Glasgow, the beautiful schooner "Mary Caroline Fitz Roy", burthen per register, 184 tons, was launched. His Excellency Sir Charles and Lady Mary Fitz Roy, the Hon. Capt. Stewart, R.N., accompanied by the enterprising owner, the Hon. James Peake, and a large party from Charlottetown, were present on the occasion. The interesting ceremony of naming the vessel was performed by its amiable and accomplished sponsor, Miss Fitz Roy, and the ship, fully rigged, with topgallant yards across, glided into her destined element, amidst the acclamations of the assembled crowd in the most graceful and majestic style."
 —Royal Gazette, July 7, 1940.

The Age Old Story

For all these things do the nations of the world seek after; and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

The Passing Scene

By Observer

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNGSTERS

Those of us who are middle-aged or older were spared any great amount of scientific nurture in our upbringing. There was such a thing as child psychology, no doubt, but it hadn't travelled very much. As soon as a youngster was old enough to know what parental authority meant—in some cases before then—he was expected to respect it; if he happened to be a little slow about it parents had ways and means of bringing it to his attention.

In most families discipline was no great problem. On some questions of order there were differences of opinion but, on the whole, peaceful "co-existence" was easily maintained. While parents had plenty of anxieties, it never occurred to them to take them to an expert. That would have been too much like talking to outsiders about family internal troubles.

School, of course, brought new problems; in fact, that is one thing schools are for. In those days, however, the home and the school were almost like Kipling's version of East and West. Each had its own sphere of influence and its own jurisdiction. While a child was in school he was under the teacher's control, body and soul. Some teachers were wise and some were foolish; no matter, their laws were absolute and there was no court of appeal.

If, for example, a teacher with a flair for tyranny piled homework upon homework in appalling quantity, there was no use bemoaning the fact. You did as much of it as you could without killing yourself and the residue was forgotten. As a matter of fact, most teachers of those days, even the very ferocious ones, were in the habit of tempering justice with mercy in the matter of homework left undone. They weren't nearly as inflexible in the morning as they had been the afternoon before.

At least, that was my personal experience. It's more than forty years since I was given my last assignment of homework of the lower school variety and I still have a sizable load of it to make up. Perhaps one of these days I'll get around to it.

Then, along about the end of the First Great War the experts began to arrive on both scenes in ever increasing numbers. As time went on there was no job too big or too small for their boundless energy and vast knowledge. From the cradle to High School graduation and beyond every youngster was to be scientifically nurtured.

Fathers never took to the fad too seriously, so they were pretty much left alone; but mothers were psycho-analysed, advised,ajoled, threatened, warned, and made to appear very ignorant indeed; all for their own good, of course, and for the good of their offspring. At one point in this enlightening phase it was seriously suggested that no woman who was not entitled to write Ph.D. after her name should be entrusted with the care of children either in the home or in the school. This had to be abandoned, however, when most mothers simply refused to do the necessary study for a Ph.D. and went right on having children as if

unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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