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Christian Missions in India

When India became a sovereign nation... Just lately, whatever the reasons for it, there seems to have been a change for the worse...

deed, it does get beyond the planning stage, which is doubtful... The two-party system has many imperfections; but it is only necessary to glance at the political picture of a large part of Europe...

The Other Side

There are usually two sides to an agreement, and the Winnipeg Free Press points out that this is the case with the statutory Crow's Nest Pass rates...

If this were the case, argues our Winnipeg contemporary, "it inevitably follows that the other part of the agreement by which they were set up is equally outdated...

EDITORIAL NOTES

Town officials in Escanaba in Michigan's Upper Peninsula have found a new use for potatoes. A peck of them is legal currency for one day in the year in payment of parking tickets...

Sir Osbert Sitwell, now on this side of the Atlantic, told an interviewer that he obtained his education "during school holidays". The observation is not to be taken too seriously...

It does not fall to the lot of every Provincial Premier to receive as a gift the 250,000th product of an industry he helped to promote. That was the good fortune of Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland recently...

One of the first problems awaiting Averell Harriman, the new Governor of New York, is how to persuade his fellow citizens to drink more milk, as requested by the Dairy Council...

A New Party?

There is increasing talk these days about the possible, or even probable, emergence of a new political party in the United States. This is nothing new; every few years some politician or some group comes out with the familiar argument...

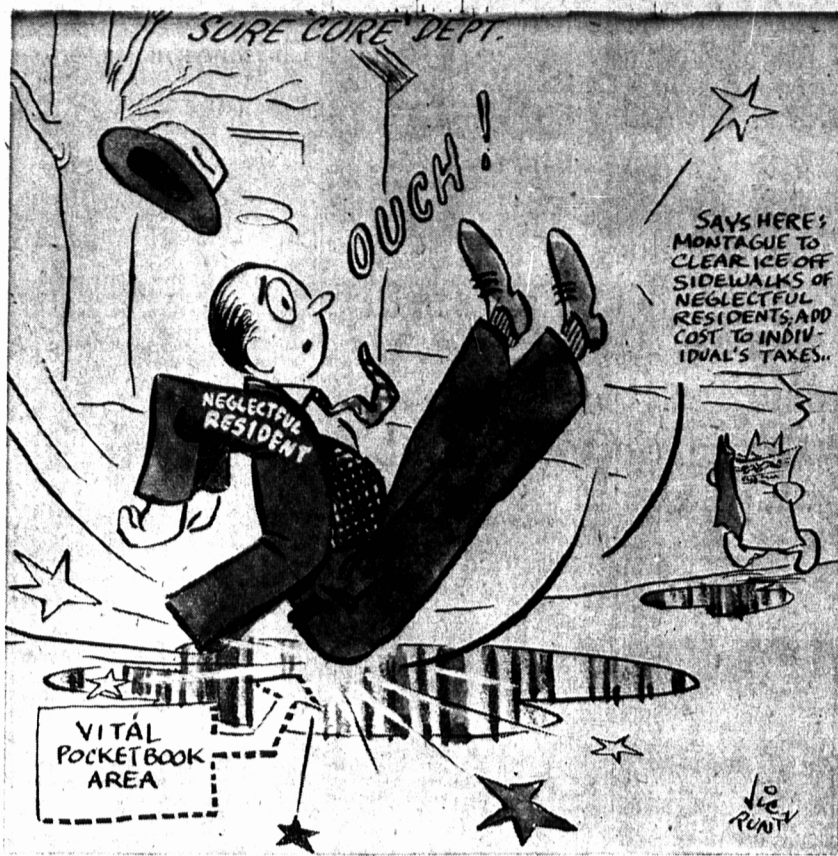
The interesting thing about the present discussions is that they point to a Rightist political movement to be led, presumably, by Senator McCarthy or Senator Knowland...

For one reason or another new parties have never made any worthwhile headway in the United States. Thanks to Mr. Norman Thomas's attractive personality and moderate political beliefs, the Socialist Party has managed to stay in the field...

As a poet, Emperor Hirohito of Japan could scarcely be numbered among the classicists; but he does have one saving virtue, brevity. This is clear from his annual New Year's poem to the nation: "Stout are the hearts Of the men who toil At their honest calling Enduring heat and cold."

The Canadian army is adopting a new type of nylon parachute which, it is claimed, almost completely eliminates the opening jerk and oscillation experienced with the older type. Developed in the United States and now manufactured in Canada, it has a canopy of 35 feet in diameter compared with the 28 ft. chute in use.

No one can hope to please everybody. Last year a handbook put out for American Brownies was severely criticized for giving emphasis to world citizenship. One particularly odious reference, in the opinion of the complainers, was a quiz-game on the United Nations. The latest version left this out and substituted a quiz on the world association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.



Hitting Right Where It Hurts

A Symbol Of Values

"M.F." in the Winnipeg Free Press

A few moments ago I read an article in the Washington Post by Mr. George V. Ferguson that moved me beyond anything I have read in many months. Mr. Ferguson was writing of Angus L. Macdonald, and of how the people of Nova Scotia, his own folk, hold him in remembrance and even on days of rejoicing feel a touch of sadness because he is gone.

For Angus L. Macdonald was more than a political figure; he was a symbol of certain values that we drive out of our public life at our peril. Other men, more robust or compulsive, gifted with a mastery of economics or a shrewd dominion over political destiny, had a far greater impact on events. It took the shock and challenge of the war to bring him to Ottawa, where he spent himself in a staid and unassuming service which can never be forgotten by those who saw it at close range.

The war over, and state cynicisms again beginning to choke brave hope, he winced away from Ottawa and took his sensitive yet imperious spirit back home to Nova Scotia. So it would have been, for even during the war he moved through Ottawa like a dedicated visitor, a scholar gypsy domiciled by sense of duty in a strange place.

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Scotland has hammered this breed into nobility on the anvil of her destiny; and Angus Macdonald brought to the service of Canada the memory and inspiration of this high Gaelic heritage. He could interpret Canada's future with such prophetic and commanding eloquence precisely because he was so faithful to his own past.

This city felt his power when he addressed our St. Andrew's Society. Where a pedant would have seen only a wrinkled truisim, he glimpsed a saving beauty; and the audience too felt the sudden pageantry and pathos of the re-converted past. After the meeting talked with him, about the curious impoverishment of spirit that has fallen on our public life; the dearth of eloquence; the lost art of admiration; the reluctance to acknowledge merit in those of other views; the supine worship of our huddled little dogmas as if they marked the last stretch of human wisdom. Before very long he was praising his hero, Joseph Howe, as the model of public virtue and extolling him as the man to whom young Canadians should look for guidance before they snatch the prizes of the political arena. In a letter to me he again took up this theme and he enclosed a copy of an address in tribute to Joseph Howe made in 1937.

"Whatever views may be held now as to Howe's political wisdom," Mr. Macdonald said, "his fame as an orator stands unchallenged. British North America has not yet produced his equal in natural oratory. We have had, perhaps, more polished orators, more graceful speakers, but for pure, natural, oratorical genius Howe, in my judgment, stands at the head of the list. His address at the Halifax Mechanics Institute in 1834, his speech in his own defence on his trial for libel in 1835, his great speech at Southampton in 1851 on the importance of the legislature of Nova Scotia in 1934 on the organization of the Empire, his address at Detroit to a hostile assembly, which Howe's eloquence won over to the idea that the reciprocity treaty between British North America and the United States should be renewed, these speeches of a public oratorical character are worthy of the most honorable nor the least congenial to a sensitive mind. We are made by the men we admire, and it will be a misfortune for Canada when we forget and cease to honor this rapt indomitable figure, all the more memorable for the pathos of his unfulfilled renown, and the fascinating example of his noble virtues."

Our little day soon hurries to its twilight. What is left? A few speeches, a passage on a comet's wing through Ottawa, the long-enduring loyalty of Nova Scotia. Is that all? Is this the reckoning that men are to make of Angus L. Macdonald? Surely not, unless we

PUBLIC FORUM

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NOT MT. PLEASANT

Sir,—In a recent issue of the Guardian your report of the trial in Summerside of three young men charged with assault stated that the three were from Mount Pleasant. This is not correct. Only one was a resident of this district. It is bad enough that one of our young men should be implicated, but Mount Pleasant should not be indicated as the residence of all three.

I am, Sir, etc. RESIDENT, Mount Pleasant.

are to be spendthrift of our men of talent. What figure in our national life today can make the same appeal to our imagination? Leaders like Angus Macdonald deserve the immortality of ideas and personal influence, of all forms of immortality not the least honorable nor the least congenial to a sensitive mind. We are made by the men we admire, and it will be a misfortune for Canada when we forget and cease to honor this rapt indomitable figure, all the more memorable for the pathos of his unfulfilled renown, and the fascinating example of his noble virtues."

NOTES BY THE WAY

In one sense the freedom of the press is the right of anybody to collect and disseminate facts and opinions and interpretations, subject only to some simple rules affecting other people's rights. But in the broader sense freedom of the press is not freedom to gather and disseminate; it is freedom to learn and to know. —New York Times.

These long adjournments in important debates are a comparatively new thing in parliamentary procedure. It was not ever thus. In the days when Sir George Foster and Mr. W. S. Fielding were the financial experts of the opposing parties, and successively occupied the positions of minister of finance and Opposition financial critic, the struggle was so hot that it would be rising to his feet to attack the budget almost before the other had got fully down in his seat after delivering it. —Frederick Gleason.

Parents must be clear and consistent in their discipline, and hold their children accountable until they have demonstrated their right to increasing freedom. This must involve a terrific jolt for a lot of parents who, doing nothing at all to control their children, feel they have done their full duty. As the discipline becomes more and more necessary, it is not necessarily mean spanking on all occasions that seems to demand it, nor the over-generous use of the rod, the sparing of which is reputed to spoil the child. It does mean that parents are well advised to exercise kind and consistent firmness. —Chatham News.

We are disposed to echo the several appeals to householders and business firms to maintain their outdoor Christmas decorations throughout the month of January. The appeals are designed to maintain a festive atmosphere throughout the Winter Carnival which now is underway. But for many Quebecers there can be perhaps a more selfish reason for the request. The bright period of Christmas comes to an end all too quickly, leaving us lost in the gloomy canyons of the dark January streets. The colored lights are cheerful, twinkling from trees on front lawns, from wreaths on doorways and windows, and from the many other decorations that Quebecers have been able to devise. They add a most pleasant touch to the darkness of early evening, and help to dispel some of the chill felt by a person who may be waiting for a bus, or who in some other way finds himself in the outdoors. The carnival committee is anxious that a festive atmosphere pervade the city and suburbs. We are anxious to see the colored lights continue a while longer, at least until the lengthening of the afternoons indicate that spring

cannot be too far away. Quebec Chronicle - Herald.

Not the least of the requisite accomplishments of a college president in the U. S. is the ability to issue a 2,000 word statement that the football coach was not fired for losing games which will, at the same time, give his successor the idea that he'd better win some. —Orilla Packet and Times.

The experiment to be tried in the session which opens shortly is a cautious one. At Westminster, the time of a Parliament is strictly rationed and limited. No such drastic discipline is to be applied at Ottawa, but a more extended use of the committee system is to be tried out. That system has worked well in handling the estimates of the Dept. of External Affairs. The committee which takes them in hand not only examines the proposed spending thoroughly but opportunity is given for a good debate on foreign policy as a whole. —Montreal Star.

Our attention recently was attracted by the picture of a policeman catching an errant pig. He must have been born on a farm, as he had it by the right place, namely a hind leg. A pig may not be the fastest or the strongest of animals. It is, however, one of the most difficult to catch and to hold. The ears and the tail aren't suitable to a secure hold, neither is his head. His hair is too short for a grip and the shape of his body is such that an easily slip through the hands. If you catch it by a fore leg, you have quite a wrestle, and are risking a bite. There is only one place to grab a pig. That is by a hind leg. It affords the best grip and it diminishes the animal's motive power. If you can flip the hog over on its back and sit on it then, and only then, do you have it under reasonable control. —Windsor Star.

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An Important Conference

The Prime Minister of five South East Asian countries held a meeting in Bogor, Indonesia during the last few days of 1954, and as a result of their deliberations a unique international conference has been called. The leaders of the government of the "so-called" Colombo powers—India, Pakistan, Burma, Indonesia, and Ceylon, — have decided to invite twenty-five countries of Asia and Africa to a great gathering scheduled for next April. No conference on so grand a scale has ever been held in Asia before and it will be another indication of the increasing importance of that part of the world.

The five Colombo powers had a fairly ticklish assignment in drawing up the invitation list and the omissions are highly significant. Although billed as a meeting of all the independent states in Asia and Africa some sovereign nations are excluded. The Republic of Israel will not be a participant, largely because the Arab states which are invited, would not likely take part in any sessions with their Israel neighbor. Neither of the Korean republics was asked to attend, although both North and South Viet Nam are on the invitation list. As for Chinese representation, since none of the Colombo powers recognizes Chiang Kai-shek's government, the invitation was extended to Peiping, Japan, with which none of the Colombo powers is very friendly, also gets a bid, although it is said that much argument among the sponsoring powers preceded her inclusion.

The independence of the new African states the Gold Coast and the Central African Federation, was recognized by their inclusion on the list of participants. The Union of South Africa, whose independent status is beyond question, was significantly omitted from the roster of invited countries. This is not surprising in view of the hostile feeling which South Africa's racist policies have aroused among Asian countries, especially India and Pakistan.

Absent of course will be the western powers. The Soviet Union which is geographically an Asian country will not be at the great April conference. India's prime minister Nehru will doubtless be one of the leading figures in the deliberations and will press his favorite policy of "dynamic neutralism" and plead for a strong third force, detached from the Western and Eastern opponents in the cold war. After the preliminary meeting last week the Colombo powers addressed a cheering throng of Indonesians and stated their belief that the people of Asia and Africa must unite to save the peace. It is likely that the April conference will give attention to plans for consolidating the neutral position which several of the countries have striven to maintain.

But some Asian countries are committed to one side or the other. Japan and Turkey are allies of the United States while Pakistan, the Philippines, and Thailand are members of the SEATO pact which binds four western and three Asian nations in a modest alliance.

On the other hand such countries as North Viet Nam and China are far from neutral in the present power rivalry. With such nations taking part it is unlikely that the conference will be able to set itself up as a great third force, between the Communist and anti-Communist blocs.

While in session the delegates of the thirty Afro-Asian nations can be expected to talk a good deal about colonialism which is still a highly emotional issue with many of them. Indonesia's demand that the Dutch quit New Guinea will be strongly upheld and the nationalists of Tunisia and Morocco will get moral support in their campaign against France. With no western powers present the Afro-Asian representatives will no doubt speak freely about the evils of European imperialism.

Whatever it accomplishes the April conference will be a highly significant event in the diplomacy of the present era. The thirty invited nations contain more than half the world's population and their opinions on the great issues of the day will command respectful attention. Nationalism in Asia and Africa is one of the most potent forces in the world today and the people of the two vast continents have a right to a greater voice in international councils. The April conference will give them an opportunity to speak with a united voice.

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The Poet's Corner

AEGEAN IDYLL The thunder sweeps through northern plains And westward from the Asian hill, From Capri and from Samothrace It wanders resolute and still. And grows less still upon the edge Of the blue southward striding tide Gathering perfume from the peak Of the white Lesbian mountains. And turns to rain past Tenedos And flashes westward into Rhodes Stealing green torrents from the deep Aegean cliff-footed abodes. And like a jewel threads the night Through Gnos, like a spear-browed host To Africa beyond the sea Until the hills of Crete are lost. Until the Carthagina night And the last winds from Greece are gone, And in the cover of the night The thunder wanders swiftly on. —Frederick Prokosch.

The Age Old Story

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. . . The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.