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A Confusing Document

The more one studies the joint communique issued by President Eisenhower and King Saud on the termination of their discussions relative to Middle East problems, the more confusing and innocuous it seems to be.

The Eisenhower Doctrine, if it means anything at all other than a reaffirmation of academic loyalty to the U.N. Charter, surely implies that in certain circumstances and under certain provocations the United States would be prepared to use force in settling disputes.

Why "Confidential"? Prime Minister St. Laurent has let it be known that he reserves the right to carry on "confidential" correspondence with President Eisenhower or any other head of government without feeling obliged to keep Parliament informed on the subject matter of his letters.

To an outsider there would seem to be something to be said for both views, each within limits. There can hardly be any doubt that if Mr. St. Laurent feels like writing to Mr. Eisenhower on some personal matter of mutual interest—golf scores, for instance, or the irritating habits of political critics—there is no reason why he should be under obligation to report the event to Parliament.

any protest, formal or informal, was made or is being contemplated.

It is interesting to note that in reply to Mr. Diefenbaker's question, the Prime Minister did not deny that he had sent such a protest. He merely observed that he had not sent one as "Prime Minister of Canada."

Delicate Question

It will be recalled that when Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was under Congressional fire for what his critics called ineptitude and inefficiency in dealing with problems which led up to the Suez crisis President Eisenhower defended him most vigorously.

At a news conference Mr. Dulles was asked how he felt about the President's testimonial to his unequalled greatness. "Well," Mr. Dulles replied, "it makes you feel pretty good when a person with the wisdom and experience of President Eisenhower says a thing like that about you. It makes your heart warm."

In the circumstances, Mr. Dulles' reply to the question was as apt as any man could be expected to produce on the spur of the moment. It must have bothered him, nevertheless. No doubt he would have liked to say that the President himself is the wisest and most knowing diplomat in the world.

EDITORIAL NOTES

President Nasser of Egypt says he had no objection whatever to the visits of King Saud of Saudi Arabia and the Crown Prince of Iraq to Washington.

The head of the United States' National Guard, which came in for some sharp criticism from Secretary of Defence Wilson lately, says that guardsmen are far ahead of regular army personnel in military tests.

A memorial sent by a group of Canadian citizens to the Federal Government for transmission to the Queen has been handed, instead, to Immigration Minister Pickersgill.



THE WHITE CANE HAS A MESSAGE

King Saud Is Marching On

Judith Robinson in the Toronto Telegram

A communication is to hand from my cousin George's cousin George; presently on holiday with his radio in the lovely township of West Marysburgh on the southern edge of Her Majesty's Dominion of Canada. It reads:

Mine, as you know, is a very high fidelity radio. Its fidelity is so very high that it refuses completely to carry certain advertising programs and habitually blanks our large sections of political speeches.

Fidelity in a radio can go no higher. Or so I thought until the other evening, when it did. I was listening at the time to the usual sort of CBC broadcast from the United Nations. Suddenly the program cut off in mid-sentence and over my high fidelity radio came a new voice and new words:

"This is the voice of America. You will now hear the new Battle Hymn of the Republic sung by the Washington Warblers." Familiar opening chords followed and then words:

Mine eyes have seen the glory Of the coming of King Saud; We are tramping out his vintage oil

So let your cheers be loud, Oh, he be swift to bow to him, Oh, John F. D. be proud, King Saud is marching on.

Glory, glory to Aramco, Glory, glory to Aramco, Pipelines likewise to Aramco, King Saud is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet For a war against the Jew; For that he'll need our tanks and planes

And he will get them too, For the oily boys have lots more pull

Than the likes of me and you, King Saud is marching on.

Glory, glory to Aramco, Glory, glory to Aramco, Thanks a million to Aramco, King Saud is marching on.

He is monarch of a nation That is half slave half free A situation Lincoln said Was an anomaly

But honest Abe ne'er had advice From our old John F.D., King Saud is marching on.

Glory, glory to Aramco, Glory, glory to Aramco, Where there's profit for Aramco

Earmarked Succession Duties

Ottawa Journal

Succession duties collected by the government are on the same footing as all other taxes collected by the government: once paid into the treasury they become part of the consolidated revenues, the property or assets of all of us, to be used as other revenues are purposes.

To put it another way, a citizen of Canada has no more right to determine by his will what the government shall do with his succession duties than he had right during his lifetime to say what the government should do with his income taxes.

That being clear it is odd to say the least to have the Prime Minister telling Parliament that the succession duties of the late I.W. Killam and Sir James Dunn had been specifically earmarked for the Canada Council, that they had come as a "windfall" for that purpose.

P.M.'S WORDS

Said Mr. St. Laurent: "I might say that one of the considerations which I had in mind—it was not the governing consideration—was the fact that there had been at the time we were preparing this recommendation for Parliament two very unusually large estates from which the collections of succession duties had been made in amounts that could not be considered to be recurring amounts.

"In connection with one estate the statement had been made more than once by the deceased during

Let truth go march someplace else.

The station faded off my high fidelity radio there and very faintly at first, to an accompaniment of dying bugle calls. I heard another announcer's voice:

"This is station REB, Alanta, Georgia. You will now hear the gentlemen in gray who singers too. They sang:

We wish we all in the land of cotton Had only known things was so rotten, Look away, look away, look away Dixie-land.

We'd still have our slaves if we'd understood That the price was oil and not our blood, Look away, look away, look away, Dixie-land.

We wish we was in Saudi Arabi-ay With Aramco we'd make a go, And live and die on royalties, Away, away, away from these dam Yankees.

There need have been no civil war For they ain't sure now what they fit it for, Look away, look away, look away, everybody.

A click ended that, a click as sharp as a breech-lock closing. Then the announcer's far voice came again: "We take you now to station GAR, Arlington, Va."

A great and ghostly rush of song poured out of my high fidelity radio:

John Foster Dulles' soul has moldered right away, John Foster Dulles' soul had moldered right away

John Foster Dulles' soul had moldered right away, John Foster Dulles' soul had moldered right away

But his tongue goes wagging on.

A sharper click ended that song and the next voice came was one I knew too well:

"This is the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation," it said.

"We are not responsible for any sentiments expressed or implied in any program carried over the facilities of any CBC station. We are not responsible for any broadcast critical of any state or country except Great Britain, France and the State of Israel. We are not responsible for anything except \$36,138,615 on your tax bill. Good-night."

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.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK

Sir,—I welcome the opportunity of once again endorsing the aims and objectives of Brotherhood Week (Feb. 17-24). Sponsored each year by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, this special observance seeks to promote that spirit of understanding and tolerance which is the fundamental prerequisite not only of our national well-being but indeed of world peace.

We hear a good deal these days about the gulf of ignorance and misunderstanding which separates the peoples of the West from those who dwell in the great land mass of Asia. After having spent two months visiting countries in the latter area, I am happy to report that real progress is being made towards remedying this unhappy situation.

I shall always remember that experience and also the many expressions of goodwill towards Canada accorded me wherever I went throughout Asia. I return home now more than ever convinced that despite the tension and strife of these troubled times, the cause of human brotherhood will ultimately prevail—as that in Canada, men and women of the world over will learn to merge their differences in building a community in which all may live in dignity and freedom.

I am, Sir, etc., PAUL MARTIN, Minister of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa.

if again?" NO OBLIGATION Mr. St. Laurent disagreed: the government would be under no obligation — "the government was under no obligation to do it."

But if the government was under no obligation to do it, why did it do it? What reason or right or justification did it have to associate the names of two men with something of national benefit that is being paid for out of the general pool of revenues, out of all our taxes?

No doubt the succession duties of Sir James Dunn and Mr. Killam helped. Did they help any more than a possible \$100,000,000 of extra taxes from, let us say, the growing enterprises of Mr. E.P. Taylor? Or help more the aggregate personal income taxes of hundreds of thousands of general tax-payers?

All things considered, Mr. St. Laurent's mention of Mr. Killam and Sir James Dunn, his specific association of their names with the Canada Council, is on many grounds very curious.

FARMERS ATTACK REDS BERLIN (AP)—East Germany said Saturday that Communist party members are being physically attacked in farming communities. The party organ Neuer Weg also said that barns on collective farms are being burned by persons "encouraged by the developments in Egypt and Hungary." The incidents have been occurring in Oderbruch, a rich farming area near the Polish border.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 12, 1947) Reason for reducing freight rates on the Borden-Tormentine Car Ferry on trucks with merchandise only, were set forth in the judgement of the Board of Transport Commissioners made public today, the chief of these being that the goods are subject to regular freight charges in addition to the ferry charge for the truck.

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Of course, there are other things which also affect the way you walk. It is, naturally, important to have good health, for it goes hand in hand with good walking.

QUESTION AND ANSWER T.V.: The muscles in my arms constantly ache. Is there any way to relieve this condition? Answer: Aching in the muscles of the arms may be due to excessive exercise, to some circulatory disturbance, to arthritis, or to some disorder affecting the nerves.

Careful study by your physician is needed to find the cause before any treatment could be suggested.

MAXIMS Happy people are those who are producing something.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

YOUR WALK MAY REVEAL YOUR STATE OF HEALTH A doctor can tell a lot about a person's health simply by observing the way he walks. You probably can, too.

You've seen elderly persons who are forced to take short steps. They walk with sort of a mincing gait. Often this can be attributed to hardening of the arteries or other ailments which generally come with neglect during advancing age.

The most common cause of disturbances in gait or both children and adults is faulty or abnormal bone structure in the legs or back.

Bowed-legs and knock-knee are examples of such abnormalities. Muscular disorders also affect a person's walk.

A progressive case of muscular dystrophy, for example, produces an awkward, waddling gait. The person leans back from his hips as he walks.

GOOD INDICATION Of course, we can't make an accurate diagnosis based entirely upon a person's walk. But when his walk is considered with other symptoms, it does give us a pretty good indication of what is wrong.

There must be smooth and close coordination among the nerves, muscles, bones and joints of the body for proper walking.

There are six basic displacements of the body's center of gravity which determine your gait. These are the lateral pelvic rotation, pelvic tilt, pelvic rotation, knee flexion and knee and foot interaction.

SYSTEM OF NERVES When this vast system of nerves and muscles is functioning properly, you can walk with relatively little energy.

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The Age Old Story

Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.



THE RAM

The pasture holds the flock. The fence Stretches a taut, barbed confidence

Around the acres where the sheep Stands still, or graze, or fall asleep

From oldest ewe to youngest lamb The sheep are tranquil. But the ram

Raises his black, in quiring face Above the heads of Queen Ann lace

To challenge, with impatient horn, A rustling fox in the neighboring corn. The shadow of the linden wood He deems intentioned of no good; The nodding flames of paintbrush fire

Become potential cause for ire; The droning, clover-sated bees Are momentarily his enemies

And so he stamps the peaceful ground At no strange sight, no alien sound— Because, although obscured and dim, Some ancient memory stirs in him

That once, among forgotten rocks, He guarded other, wilder flocks, And ended off a thousand hills Upon a thousand ancient hills.

—Silence Buck Bellows in the Christian Science Monitor.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 12, 1932)

The new ice-breaking car ferry, S.S. Charlottetown, operating between Tormentine and Borden, is performing in a most satisfactory manner, declared H. T. Hazen, Chief Engineer of the Canadian National Railways at Montreal, after completing an inspection of the ferry with regional officers.

Prince Edward Island, home of the silver fox industry, leads all Canada in both adult foxes and pups according to figures compiled by inspectors of the Canadian National Fox Breeders Association for 1931. It was announced by the Association yesterday.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

When you talk you say only something you know; when you listen you learn what some one else knows. —Brandon Sun

In Montreal McGill students are to build an elaborate "Ice palace" as a carnival feature. Ottawa once went in for ice palaces but long ago abandoned the practice — too many outsiders assumed they were our year-round dwelling places. —Ottawa Journal

Apparently all the spending curbs to beat inflation are to come from the public and if it doesn't work only the public can be blamed. The Government is exempt from the principle and its bank account is so choked with surplus funds siphoned off from the tax-payers through a deliberate policy of over-taxation that it is hard put to find acceptable ways of frittering it away by the barrelful to mollify the voters in an election year. —Calgary Herald.

The Wall Street Journal, usually a reliable source, reports that its barbers tell it that more men are sporting chin foliage. However, the alarm probably is ill-founded. Whiskers flourished on male chins in the days when a woman's place really was in the home, and they weren't supposed to have opinions on such matters. Now, as every-one knows, things are different. Women as a rule don't approve of beards. Therefore it can be safely predicted that the new trend will be short-lived. —Owen Sound Sun-Times

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Any Canadian toying with the idea of earning his living by bank robbery must have his enthusiasm for such a trade considerably dampened by the sentence handed out by Mr. Justice Manson. His Lordship sentenced two convicted bank robbers to twenty-five years each and one of them to three whippings of five strokes of the paddle. —Vancouver Province

An insurance adjuster was called to investigate a fire in a home a few miles from Fort William. The lady who opened the door and invited him in gave the following explanation: Her husband brought the car battery indoors when the temperature was well below zero. He put the battery under the bed. When the husband and wife retired for the night their weight pressed the bed-springs against the battery causing a short. The battery began to burn and ignited the mattress. —Fort William Times-Journal

Although mediaeval churches were the first to present dramas with a moral before theatres came into being, the Scottish "Kirks" until comparatively recent times regarded the theatre as "the devil's house", just as it frowned upon cards in any kind of game as "the devil's books". But, as time marches on and attitude change, the Church of Scotland today owns its own theatre, and is one of the few churches in the world to do so. It is called the Edinburgh Gateway Theatre. The building was presented to the Church of Scotland on condition that it should be used for club work, and for presentation of worthy films and plays under the auspices of the kirks. —St. Thomas Times-Journal

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