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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Thrice-Welcome Visitors

Our people have many pleasant recollections of the fine young men from New Zealand who trained as airmen here during World War Two. The official representative of their country in Canada, High Commissioner T. C. A. Hislop, C.M.G., is now visiting us with his wife and daughter, and has taken the first opportunity to speak appreciatively of the hospitality extended to the New Zealand boys at that time.

Since his arrival in Canada nine months ago Mr. Hislop has already visited the Prairie Provinces, British Columbia, and parts of New Brunswick. He is now completing his Eastern tour—saving the best for the last—and will thus be in a position to advise his Government authoritatively about every section of this country. His visit with his family is indeed a welcome one, and it is to be hoped will be followed by other visits of a more extended nature, as vacation opportunities permit.

Behind The Truce Talks

Military leaders of the Western democracies and Red China meet today in Korea ostensibly to discuss a truce. Ordinary folk the world over, sickened by the ravages and destruction of war, are hoping fervently that if a "cease-fire" is agreed upon, it may mark the beginning of an era of peace.

Before any such conclusion may be drawn, however, it is useful to remind oneself that it is the Communists, and not the Western democracies, which have sought the truce conference. It is necessary also to recall that the proposals for a "cease-fire" emanated from Moscow, the capital of the Soviet Union, citadel of Russian imperialist ambitions. Against this background, the only logical conclusion that can be drawn is that the men in the Kremlin see an advantage to be gained in truce negotiations at this time.

Seen through the eyes of Soviet leaders, the purpose behind any "peace" talks can be none other than to further the interests of Russia in her policy of imperialist aggression and world conquest. What, then, is that purpose? If the premises are valid, it can be none other than to relieve the Soviet Union of the burden of supplying arms and equipment to the Chinese Reds, in order to allow her to pursue other and more pressing objectives elsewhere, which will require all the resources she can muster.

In other words, Russia is taking the most logical course open to her in the light of her manifest intention to destroy the Western democracies and dominate the world. This is a grim conclusion. But it is supported by the experience of history.

Russia's appetite for conquest, like that of Nazi Germany more than a decade ago, has been whetted by her relatively bloodless victories in eastern Europe and the Balkans. Soviet diplomacy consists of the same blustering, threatening outbursts of oratory which characterized German diplomacy in the thirties. Despite the rearmament program of the Western democracies, Russia's preponderance in striking power on land and in the air is still substantial. Moreover, the Kremlin knows that the objectives of Soviet imperialism cannot be achieved without a fight. Korea has proven that much.

Russian propaganda for domestic consumption has been at fever pitch for months past, and Russian "peace" movements, aimed at organizing an effective "fifth column" in potential enemy countries, have been pushed forward relentlessly. Failure to act in conformity with such conduct now would discredit the Cominform abroad and the Soviet regime at home.

Zero hour must come during the next twelve months. It may come and pass without a shot being fired. In that case, the ascendancy of the Western democracies will be assured and the slow decline of Russian imperialism is certain. Or it may come suddenly and with dreadful carnage which Canada will not escape. The initiative lies with Moscow.

The Korean truce negotiations do not mean peace. They may mean war, all-out,

total war such as the world has never seen, and, it is fervently hoped, never will see. Meanwhile, the only safe course is to intensify still further our efforts to be prepared to resist aggression by force.

EDITORIAL NOTES

What has become the fifth estate is now in two-day session in Charlottetown—the convention of Women's Institutes.

Approval by Parliament of the chartered banks' application for a five-day week would practically make the five-day week official in this country.

Reading the details of how "wonder" drugs are produced convinces us we are still living in the age of miracles, only now realizing that "the power" has been transmitted to us according to promise.

The fear is now being expressed that the potato acreage cutback may have been too drastic in this Province. Estimates, of course, are highly academic until nature and world markets show how they are going to behave.

Dr. R. F. Gordon, of the British Animal Health Trust, has reported that the first big experiment in Britain of artificial insemination of poultry was successful. Out of 16,147 eggs produced by insemination 6,478 had proved fertile.

Alexandria was bombarded this date 1882 by the British fleet under Admiral Seymour and the harbour forts destroyed. Arabi Pasha, minister of war and virtual dictator, was then defeated and later banished to Ceylon. In 1901 he was released and granted a pension of £600 a year.

The possible invasion of Iran by Russia might well reverse the positions of the United States and Britain—the Old Country feeling that she was bearing the burden and heat of the day while the United States appeared more ready for compromise than would altogether appear necessary.

The J. P. Crerar Scholarship Fund, Ottawa is offering valuable scholarships tenable at Edinburgh schools for Canadian boys of nine and ten. The idea of such youngsters being sent away to school seems rather strange to most Canadians but appears to be the rule rather than the exception in the British Isles.

Nothing succeeds like success, as the St. Joseph's Male Choir is experiencing in Wales, Britain and the Continent. The adjudicator's comment: "If this is a sample of Canadian choirs, may we please have more of them." It is the effect of being thorough.

An extract from the interview with Mr. Leo J. McIsaac in yesterday's Guardian—"Finally back in England he spent a day at the Festival of Britain. One of the exhibits which intrigued him was a display showing the impact of the English language on the far places of the world. One part of the exhibit had a showing of all English-speaking countries. The three papers from Canada were The Guardian, The Ottawa Journal and The Edmonton Journal."

It is reported that privately-owned radio stations across Canada are incensed at CBC use of its Dominion network for a series of programs designed to "sell" the Massey Report to the Canadian public. Reason for their ire is the fact the Dominion network is composed almost entirely of privately-owned stations. The single exception is the CBC's CJBC in Toronto. Since the Massey Report sounds the eventual death knell for privately-owned stations in Canada, their owners are trying to figure out why they should be required to use their own broadcasting facilities to cut their own throats. Protests through the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, spokesman for private radio, are in the making. One thought is to ask the CBC to set aside Dominion network time for rebuttal talks.

In view of the visit of the circus and its show of animals, the following, carried from London by Reuters, London, exhibiting a child's love for animals is timely: John de Pietro, pint-sized and 11, Saturday went up before the city fathers of Barnet, a London suburb, and pleaded his case against a children's playground planned by the municipality. "We don't want swings—they would be a waste of money", John told his astonished elders. "That field where you want to put them is a haven for birds and squirrels, and we want it to stay that way." The city fathers listened as he told them that he was president of the local bird protection society. Outside a crowd of children gathered and sent in a petition organized by John in support of his plea. That did it. The open field will remain a haven for animals.

The Real Thing This Time?



News Item: Charlottetown is one of the three places where we hope to construct new quarters for the Naval Reserve Division—it is high on the list. Defence Minister Claxton, recently in discussion of National Defence Estimates,

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

FIRST SOD AT FALCONWOOD

"At four o'clock yesterday afternoon the ceremony of raising and turning the first sod of the ground at Falconwood on which the new Asylum for Insane Persons is to be built, was performed by the Commissioner of Public Works and His Worship the Mayor. A number of our leading citizens and several members of the press were present upon the occasion. The design was furnished by Messrs. Sterling and Dewar, of Halifax. It was passed into the hands of Messrs. Sterling and Harris of this city, and they will prepare the working plans and superintend the work. The central block of the proposed building and but one ward wing is to be erected under the existing contract."

—The Examiner, June 15, 1877.

Russian Policy

(Winnipeg Free Press)

Until a short time ago, the often-repeated objective of the Communist forces in Korea was the driving of the United Nations forces into the sea. Nothing less than complete ejection would be satisfactory. Now at the instance of Russia, this objective has been dropped and the Communists are prepared to discuss a cease-fire based on present positions. For those who experience bewilderment at this quick about-face, an explanation is readily available. It is not any recently-discovered explanation. It is as old as the history of Russian tyranny and territorial ambitions, whether under the Czars or under the Communists. And although it is now receiving great currency, it was perhaps best expressed nearly 100 years ago by a British

prime minister. It was Lord Palmerston who, in 1853, said this: "The policy and practice of the Russian government has always been to push forward with its encroachments as fast and as far as the apathy or want of firmness of other governments would allow it to go; but always to stop and retire when it met with decided resistance, and then wait for the next favorable opportunity to make another spring for the intended victim."

Those words could have been written yesterday. That Russia will retreat in the face of firm resistance has been shown in Greece, in Berlin and now in Korea. Now, as in 1853, a determination to resist provides the best guarantee against the achievement by her of world domination. This is not to say that there cannot be some give and take in the negotiations over Korea. If it is possible by the making of some concessions on the part of the United Nations to gain a cease-fire in Korea then they should be

er stores them on a tape. The test pilot can also record his comments on the tapes at the same instant the strain is being recorded.

The Poet's Corner

OLD WOMAN'S CHOICE

I'll have a house to die in, that I will! And floors to walk on when the blood runs slow. And walls to hide my failing, as the still Hard ice is arched above the hidden flow Of melting water. Harvest is the pledge To live the winter through; why die when toll Has heaped the coldest season to the edge Of spring, with food for living from the soil? (That smacks of shiftlessness!) But, oh, to live And live until the crouching violet Stands up in strength, and threads of water give A tangled glitter to the hills, is yet Another promise urgent as a bell! Who wants to die in June? I could not bang A window down against the spicy smell Of sun on clover, or the lovely tang Of lilac fragrance mixed with sea and salt To breathe the airless cloister of a room; Perhaps, at last, I'll have to find my fault With granite-fingered winter. Must I groom Unwilling patience to accept the thrust Of going then... because an old heart must? —Martha Banning Thomas.

To Test Jet Blades

(British Aircraft Society) A jet aircraft is now flying with special blades in the engine turbine which transmit radio signals to the ground below. These signals give a "running commentary" on the strains and stresses set up on the blades. British engine experts believe that their research on this jet will help them to make important improvements in the design of the blades — which are the most critical part of the jet engine. Designed like a circular fan, their job is to convert the gases flowing into the turbine into a jet thrust of up to 10,000 horsepower. Each blade has to be accurately machined and polished in action, the blades are spinning round at up to 14,000 revolutions a minute in working temperatures of up to 700 degrees centigrade. The first of the special air tests has been made by Rolls-Royce, who have built electric gauges inside a number of blades and connected them to a radio transmitter. As the engine spins round in flight, strains on the gauge in the blade are transformed into radio signals. These are "beamed" to the ground and a magnetic record-

Notes By The Way

A columnist remarks that June was about the "wedding" month on record. We wouldn't know about that, but as every amateur gardener knows, it sure was one of the "wedding" months. — Ottawa Citizen.

Food scientists at Geneva Experimental Station report rhubarb as being one of the easiest and most satisfactory products to put in the home freezer and is one of the very few vegetables which can be satisfactorily preserved by freezing without previously blanching. — Farmer's Advocate.

A liberal education — that form of education which best fits a man to live harmoniously, co-operatively and intelligently with his fellow men — includes the humanities. All of us — not merely university graduates — need this training. Humanities, therefore, should be outlined in high school. The need of the day is to know how to live with other people. It is not a specialist's course. — London Free Press.

Over in a place in Wales bearing the unlikely name of Llangollen, a choir from St. Joseph's University of New Brunswick has won the award for the world's best folksong singing at the International Eisteddfod. This is news as pleasant as it is surprising. And we use the word "surprising" intentionally for most Canadians do somehow suffer from an inferiority complex in respect to their artistic achievements and that we should pull down a top award at the Welsh Eisteddfod in folk-singing will come to some of us as something of a shock. Canadians travel abroad and come home with great stories of the charm of foreign lands, of the wonder of their homespun, the beauty of their handiwork, the quality of their singing, the skill in their carving. But these same Canadians overlook that right here in Canada we have wood-carvers and rug weavers and other native artists at least as good as they have spied abroad. How often do we rave about the Welsh singers or the Ukrainians in their folk dances and then add that in Can-

COASTAL EXPLORER

The exploration of the entire coast of Australia was made by Darwin in the beagle in the year 1837-43.

IN THE BLACK

All but two of 15 domestic United States airlines operated at a profit in 1950.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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