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The Peiping Invitation

The dramatic invitation from the Red Chinese Government to the relatives of the imprisoned airmen is something new in diplomatic fashions; so new, that it caught the United States Government unawares.

While no one except, of course, the Chinese officials themselves—and perhaps Mr. Hammarskjöld—knows the exact motive behind the invitation, it can be assumed that something more than an ordinary humanitarian sense is involved.

The more plausible speculation is that the invitation represents a direct attempt to soften American anger and thus make it easier for the Communist regime to show cause why it should be admitted to the United Nations; it might also help to deflect American sympathy from the Nationalist cause.

Famous Landmark

Boston's Beacon Hill is not as high as it used to be, and the beacon has been gone for many years. But it endures as the loftiest point in old Boston and as a symbol of an aristocratic way of life.

The first European settler on the site of Boston, the Shawmut Peninsula between Charles River and South Bay, was William Blackstone, an English clergyman.

stone learned of the newcomers plight and told them of an excellent spring on the peninsula. At his invitation, the colonists moved lock, stock and barrel, bringing even the frame of Winthrop's house.

About four years later, the colonists erected on the highest hill a pole topped with an iron skillet filled with pitch and wood.

The Hill became the center of Boston's literary culture. Among its residents were Oliver Wendell Holmes, Louisa May Alcott, William Dean Howells, Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Julia Ward Howe and Francis Parkman.

Old traditions linger on. From Blackstone, the first Bostonians purchased land for use as a cow pasture and military training field.

Striking Figures

The following figures were released recently by the Agricultural Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. While no comparable figures are available for Canada, they are of general interest as indicating a trend which has caused serious concern to farmers on both sides of the boundary line.

The research officials found that during 1953, the average dairy farm family in western Wisconsin earned 56 cents an hour for its labour, representing a 19 per cent wage cut from their income in 1952, and this in spite of the fact that net production was 17 per cent greater.

Farms covered in the survey averaged 141 acres in size, with 60 acres of crop land harvested. Stock consisted of a little over 26 head of cattle per farm, 16 of which were cows and heifers of two years and over.

EDITORIAL NOTES

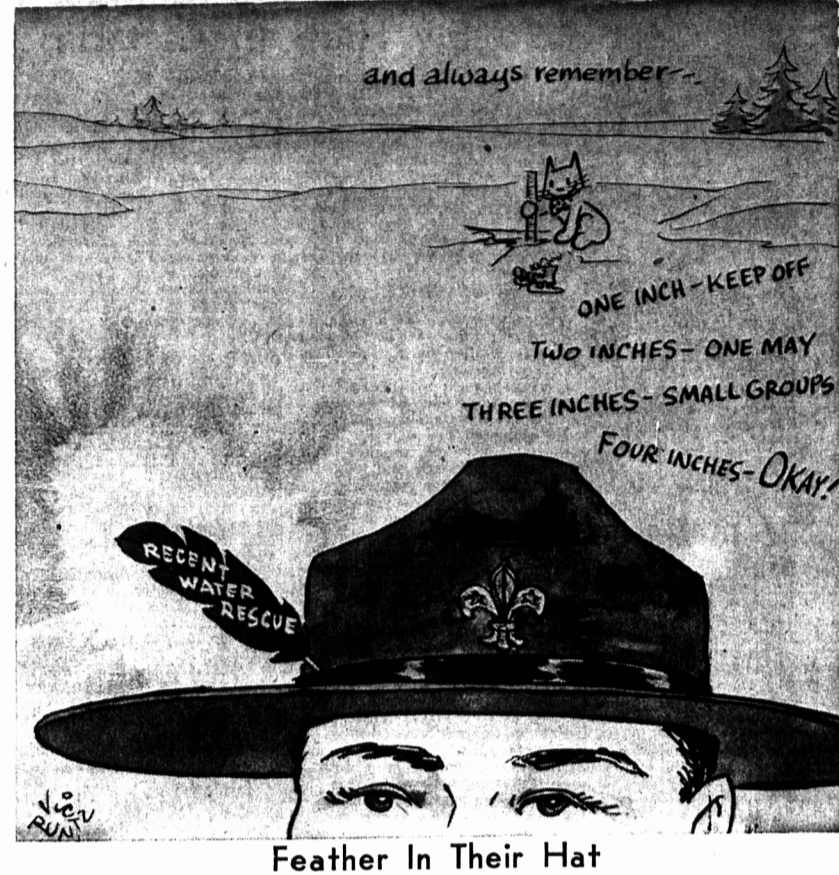
Australia's Foundation Day (1778)

General Gordon, British soldier and administrator, killed at Khartoum this date, 1885.

Managers of department stores and banks will take comfort from the report that Japanese girls, preparatory to taking up new duties as police station receptionists, are to enter these places of business for proper training "in the finer points of gracious service."

Although Sir Winston Churchill's fame as an author is in the field of history and biography he did have one novel published: "Savrola" in 1895. It is now being produced by a London Sunday newspaper.

A veritable Noah's Ark passed through Moncton recently in the shape of three Canadian National express cars on the CNR "Scotian" loaded with prize cattle, sheep, pigs, turkeys, hens and roosters and a gift pony en route from farms in Quebec, via Halifax, to Venezuela, S.A., where they will be used as breeding stock by the Venezuelan government.



Feather In Their Hat

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.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sir—Those citizens of Charlottetown, and in fact of our whole Province, who happen to be keenly interested in the welfare of our public library in Charlottetown, will likely read with considerable anxiety the recent announcement in the local press that the City Council contemplates establishing a bus terminal and travel bureau in connection with the west end of the Market Building.

I am, Sir, etc.

U.S.-Red China Crisis

By John M. Hightower, Associated Press, Washington

The United States today faces greater risk of war with Red China than at any time since the Korean war ended 18 months ago.

Calendar Change

Canada must soon make up her mind in regard to reform of the calendar in the United Nations endor, for the subject will again be within a few months. The matter is now before the UN Economic and Social Council, and expectations are that it will be dealt with by spring.

It is the bonus holiday provided so that specific dates fall on the same day each year. Under the new calendar set-up, January, April, July and October will each have 31 days; all other months will contain 30 days. The extra day we tack onto February in leap years now would follow June 30 every four years.

Eden's Tour Of The East

By W. N. Ewer, United Kingdom Information Office

Sir Anthony Eden's coming visit, after the meeting of the South East Asia Defence Council in Bangkok, to a number of other Asian capitals is an event of symbolic importance.

And it was out of that Conference that sprang the Colombo Plan, widened later to include other than Commonwealth countries, of which the twin bases are economic co-operation between the South Asian countries themselves and technical assistance to them by the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth states and the United States.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

We miss the teams in our local lanes and fields. They are still there, we know, but there are not so many of them so we do not see them so often.

For many years there have been two schools of thought about the proper method of removing the adhesive tape, particularly from the more hirsute portions of the epidermis. One school, strongly favored by the actual bandagees, adheres to the easy-does-it or a hair-at-a-time form of removal.

Since improvement in the standard of living depends to such a large extent upon the inventiveness of the human mind, it is good to learn that this is in no way lessening with the passing of the years.

The only way to get sound judgment in building roads is to build them as an investment that will be made to pay for itself out of revenue from road traffic.

The survival of the pedestrian in the public interest. By definition, he depends on foot power. He finds it both possible and convenient to move about the streets without looking himself up in a cumbersome and lethal metallic container.

'The Poets Corner'

MARRIAGE OF THE DWARFS

Design or chance makes others wife. But nature did this match contrive; Eve might as well have Adam fled, As she denied her little bed. To him, for whom Heaven seemed to frame.

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