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So Far So Good

Prime Minister Nehru says that, although problem areas exist, it is inconceivable that India will ever go to war with any country.

So far, so good. What the free world would like to know is just how far Mr. Nehru would allow aggressive forces, say from Red China, to go, before deciding to modify his doctrine of the inconceivability of war in the light of the situation that would then confront the security of all free Asia, including India.

Some Scientific Origins

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Babylonian astrology, which may be said to have been the parent of modern astronomy, was based on religious belief. It led to complicated computations of squares and cubes.

Pure mathematics has a special historic relation to religion. In the middle ages the monks, who were the only teachers worth mentioning in secondary schools, gave great attention to this branch of science in their efforts to prove the Christian idea of infinity over the Aristotelian disbelief in its existence—or, more accurately, belief in its non-existence.

January Thaw

Weather scientists now believe that inter's famed "January thaw," predicted faithfully by old-time almanacs, actually occurs. About three weeks into the New Year, across much of Eastern Canada and the United States, a marked warm spell takes place so regularly to be accidental, detailed studies have shown.

In the midwest, it happens a few days earlier. Winets as a whole are known to be growing warmer in the Northern Hemisphere, the National Geographic Society says. But a regular thaw on certain dates in mid-January is something else again. Such an occurrence is called a weather "singularity."

To determine that abnormal weather is more than a random event—and hence normal—not only must the records of many years be studied but also rigid statistical tests applied. The most recent study of the January thaw did both, and went on to relate the distinct warming-up with a much larger phenomenon—a changeover in atmospheric circulation patterns over the entire continent.

Warm spells in midwinter have never been welcomed by farmers, who know too well that unseasonably early growth is likely to be hurt by later freezes. Many an old proverb warns of thaws in January: "January warm, the Lord have mercy!" or "A January spring is worth nothing," and "If you see grass in January, lock your grain in the granary."

EDITORIAL NOTES

George Moore, Irish novelist, died this date 1933.

Reports of disastrous house fires seem to be increasing in number and gravity every day. Some of the fires, no doubt, are unavoidable; but many of them would never occur if a little extra care and vigilance were used, especially in the winter months when it is so easy for stoves to get out of control.

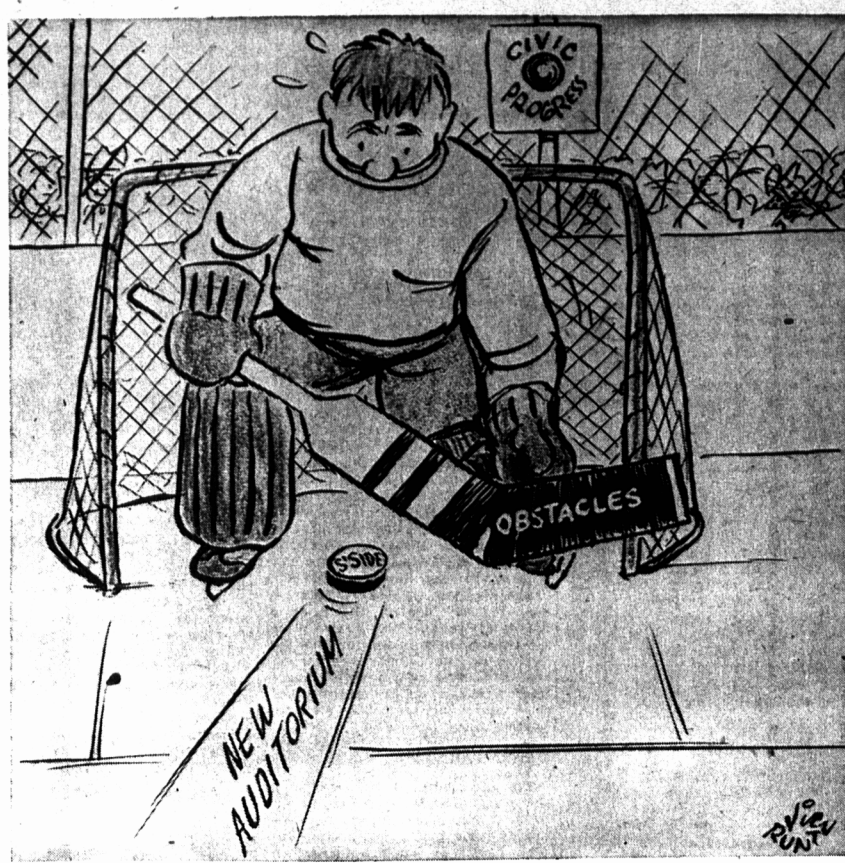
"The Commons and the Senate will sit" is official Ottawa's way of saying that members of both houses will meet for business. Undoubtedly, some of them should sit more often than they do, particularly when they have nothing constructive to say.

Harvey Murphy of Vancouver, regional director of the 10,000 member International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers says he is a Communist and does not care who knows it.

A report from Edinburgh says that invitations to attend the festival to be held on the 196th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns are being extended not only to Scots at home and abroad, but "to all interested in the life and work of the poet."

It is encouraging to hear from the Fisheries Research Board that the so-called "Malpeque Disease," that sometimes affects oysters is mis-named and that the disease is less prevalent on P. E. I. than in other Maritime areas.

According to the Montreal Gazette, the Soviet Union still collects a lot of kopecks from showing American movies; though none of the kopecks find their way back to Hollywood. A large number of old American films were captured in France and Germany during the Second World War and copies of them are still going the rounds.



Looks Like Another Good Shot

Politics Of Violence

By Heath Macquarrie

We have grown accustomed to the sudden changes of political leadership which distinguish many of the Latin American states (most certainly not all since several of them have long-established democratic governments). It would seem that of late the tiny republics in the Central American isthmus are exhibiting a greater degree of violence than is found in other areas south of the Rio Grande.

The Panama case is most interesting. This narrow country, through which the Panama Canal runs, has been one of the stormiest parts of the Central American region with governments being overthrown by revolutions in quick succession. The country has no army but the well-trained police force of about 3000 was long the power behind the presidency.

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Anti-Freeze Tariff

(Winnipeg Free Press)

In a recent submission to the Tariff Board, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture went on record as being opposed to any appreciable tariff increase on ethylene glycol (used in making anti-freeze) as asked for by the two Canadian manufacturers of this product.

The Tachen Islands

By J. M. Roberts

The Red Chinese move against the Tachen Islands is a carefully planned and well-developed part of policy. It is not likely to be shaken by anything the West can do or say.

While the Reds were making noises around Quemoy, their real would hurt Canadian production; it noted that the essential raw materials are available to the companies at a cost equal to or below that enjoyed by United States producers, and that the Canadian companies have a decided advantage in freight rates from factory to market area over their American competitors.

Most telling of all the brief pointed out that recently one of the two Canadian producers of anti-freeze was bought out by another company. To the Federation it seemed significant that a large company should invest heavily in the ethylene glycol industry when it had no assurance that the present tariff on ethylene glycol would be changed.

The company would not have bought into this business had it felt it was going to lose money in it; therefore, the business is profitable even with the tariff as it stands now, and any further protection merely means higher prices for users of anti-freeze and larger profits for the companies.

The Poet's Corner

THE SIMPLON PASS

Were fellow-travellers in this gloomy strait And with them did we journey several hours At a slow pace. The immeasurable height Of woods decaying, never to be decayed, The stationary blasts of waterfalls, And in the narrow rent at every turn Winds thwarting winds, bewildered and forlorn;

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The Age Old Story

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. . . . But watch them in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

To those gloomy people who stoutly maintain that the world is beyond all help we would like to quote a remark we have just come across by Sir Winston Churchill "An admitted inability to do anything at once is not a valid excuse for doing nothing."

High money wages have very little meaning if cancelled by price rises or unemployment. Lower money wages may well mean higher real wages if they assure continuous employment and lower prices.

During the past year nineteen deaths were attributed directly to injuries sustained in football games in the United States. There were an additional six fatalities described as being indirectly caused by the sport.

Summerside Police in Prince Edward Island figure that a man they found inside a department store the other night has the largest pockets in the Maritimes—perhaps the largest in Canada.

There is an ever-recurring question of the propriety of using the words Scotch, Scottish and Scots. It is discussed, for instance, in a letter from an Edinburgh lady printed recently in the Glasgow Sunday Mail.

Too many elected representatives in various governments regard their office as an instrument of self-glorification, self-interest and special service to friends, rather than an opportunity to give selfless service to the people.

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The Charlottetown Centennial Committee wishes to thank all those responsible for the excellent co-operation received over the Holiday Season in the lighting up of our Churches, Public Buildings, Main Business area and Private Homes.

The special street lighting in the main Business area has now been taken down for the winter months and will be replaced in May.

Your co-operation is asked again for the summer months in joining us in a memorable display of special Centennial Lighting, including the flood-lighting of our Public Buildings, Institutions and Private Homes.

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