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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest link."

Washington Conference

The meeting in Washington this week between Sir Winston Churchill and President Eisenhower inevitably recalls the personal meetings of the heads of the allied Governments during the Second World War.

The situation today calls for no less complete confidence and understanding between the United States and Britain. Indeed there is lacking today the simple overall purpose, that of crushing a common enemy, which in wartime gave a certain simplicity and inevitability to many decisions.

The British and American peoples have an enormous advantage, however, in their agreement on fundamentals, such as the importance of the individual, the rule of law and the meaning of democracy.

The Voting Age

Debate in Parliament about allowing 18-year-old Canadians to vote shows that reformers are tackling this problem of teenage responsibility at the wrong end, says the Vancouver Sun.

Age limits are usually arbitrary. They are imposed because a line has to be drawn somewhere and there's no magic about the age 21.

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Atlas Of The Heavens

The first section of an unparalleled atlas of the universe, six years in the making at Palomar Observatory in California, will be published for astronomers and research institutions in 1955.

New photographic materials and techniques, teamed with Palomar's 48-inch "Big Schmidt" telescope-camera and the giant 200-inch Hale telescope, have already produced many important discoveries.

By its very nature the atlas will be one of the most expensive ever published. Its price, covering only publication costs, is expected to be between \$1,600 and \$2,000 per copy.

expect the atlas to provide enough material for a century of study. It will include a total of 1,738 photographs, each 14 inches square, covering all the sky visible from Palomar Mountain—about three-quarters of the entire sky.

This instrument penetrates the heavens to a depth of more than 500 million light years, or 3,000 billion billion miles (3 followed by 21 zeros). Each print covers an area about as large as the bowl of the Big Dipper, slightly overlapping adjoining areas.

A Mechanical Nose

The latest scientific device to be added to the many thousands already in service is a mechanical sniffer which its inventor, Dr. Lionel Farber of the University of California, claims is more trustworthy in some respects than the human olfactory sense.

Needless to say, the machine is a complicated one; but, briefly, it is a system of chemical solutions which cause substances to change colour according to the degree of spoilage or wholesomeness, as the case may be.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Longest Day. The sun arrives at its most northerly declination at 7:55 p.m., Summer begins.

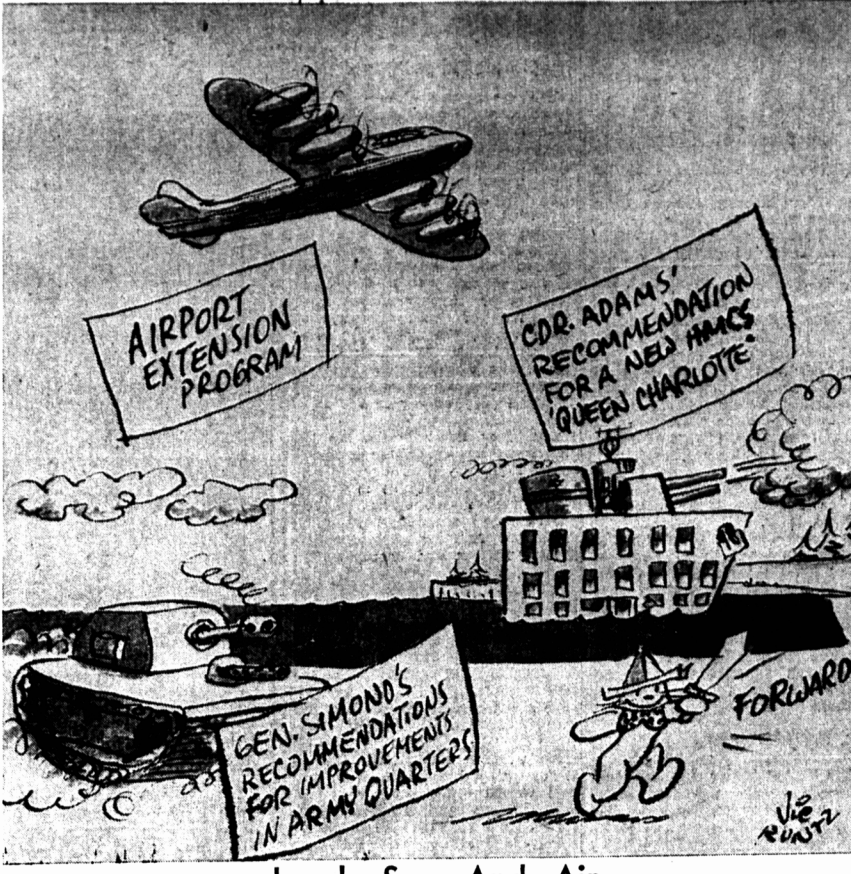
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How the American standard of living has been raised was explained in simple terms at the recent International Labour Conference sponsored by the I. L. O.

Sir Claud John Eyre Auchinleck, British soldier, was born this date 1884. He fought in the Middle East in the First World War, also in the Mohmand operations in 1935.



Land, Sea And Air

OTTAWA REPORT

Consumer Protection

By Patrick Nicholson

Canadian consumers of all commodities are protected against price rigging and restricted supplies by one of the least known parts of our machinery of government.

The Director of Investigation is in effect the prosecuting attorney while the Commission of three members constitutes the court which hears his charges against suspected combines and also hears the defence submitted by the accused.

What Price M.P.s?

(Canadian Chamber of Commerce) There was a good deal of discussion about Parliament's decision to increase the stipends of Members of Parliament to \$10,000 per year.

Canada has, on the whole, been most fortunate in the class of individual who has entered the somewhat hazardous field of politics.

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NEAR CENTENARY

Three of the Republic of India's universities, Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, were all founded in 1857.

FAMOUS SHARPSHOOTER

Buffalo Bill Cody, who died in 1917, is recorded as having killed 4,820 bison in one period of 18 months.

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The Age Old Story

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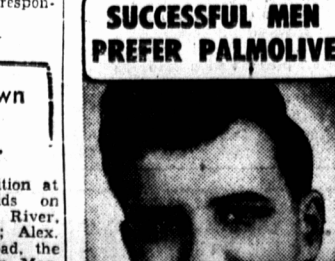
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First Contacts With Moscow

(Winnipeg Free Press)

Out of the 16th century comes a morsel of advice for Messrs. Eden, Dulles, Pearson and Bidault and the other Western Ministers presently negotiating with Mr. Molotov.

"Take heed how you have to do with him (the Russian Ambassador) or with any such, and make your bargains plain and set them down in writing. For they be subtil people and do not always speake truth, and thinke other men to be like themselves."

So ran the counsel addressed to British merchants by the Muscovy Company at the very dawn of our relations with the Russian Empire, then in the grip of Ivan IV, later to be known as "The Terrible."

Mr. Christopher Lloyd, writing in the April number of the British publication, History Today, makes the interesting point that "the chief setter forth" in the famous voyage of Willoughby and Chancellor was the same Sebastian Cabot who, with his father in an earlier period, established the English claim to North America.

The most experienced navigator of his day, Cabot laid down the instructions for the 1553 voyage and these became a model for later explorers. He included rules for the maintenance of discipline aboard including the following: "That no blasphemy of God, or detestable swearing be used in any boat; nor communication or ribaldry, filthy tales, or ungodly talk to be suffered; neither dicing, carding, tabling, nor other divilish games to be frequented."

Thus solemnly admonished against temptations, the English seaman set forth on the journey across the "north east frostie sea." They arrived, though not intentionally, in Muscovy and Chancellor proceeded by aleigh from the White Sea to the court of the Tsar.

Ivan was then busily engaged in empire-building. He had defeated the Volga Tartars and was planning an attack on the Baltic states; for which reason he was affably eager to deal with a western power which might be induced to supply him with arms.

Chancellor made two voyages to Russia, losing his life on the second return trip. This tragedy occurred while the first Russian Ambassador, Osepe Napea, was being escorted to England. When the ship was wrecked in a gale off the Scottish coast, "the grand pilot using all carefulness for the safety of the bodie of the sayde Ambassador and his trayne, taking a boat of the sayde ship, trusting to attayne the shore, the same boat, by rigorous waves of the sea, was by darke night overwhelmed and drowned."

However, Napea survived, met the Queen, transacted his business in London and returned to Russia the same year with Anthony Jenkinson in the Noble Primrose.

According to Mr. Lloyd, Jenkinson, though not an accredited ambassador, became "in a sense a professional diplomat" at the Tsar's Court. He also travelled widely in Russia and Tartary, his records providing the best contemporary accounts of life in Ivan's realms at that time.

It appears that the Tsar, in addition to his need of guns and shipwrights, had another and rather curious motive for seeking an alliance with England at that time. He wanted a treaty ensuring that he would have a right of asylum in England in the event that he lost his throne and guaranteeing Elizabeth the same right in Russia.

This was not the most flattering manner in which to approach a Tudor sovereign and the first official English Ambassador to Moscow was entrusted with a letter, explaining rather tartly that whatever might be the conditions in Russia, "We have no manner of doubt of the continuance of our peaceable government without danger from our subjects." Ivan was nevertheless assured that in case of need London would offer the usual hospitality to political refugees.

Unfortunately the Ambassador had a bad time of it. He found himself virtually a prisoner in the Kremlin, forbidden to speak to his own countrymen (whose trading privileges he was seeking to confirm) or even to deliver in person Her Majesty's letter. The reason for this behavior was apparently that the Tsar felt affronted by Elizabeth's refusal to consider seriously a marriage proposal—perhaps, suggests Mr. Lloyd, because Ivan's previous seven wives had all died in mysterious circumstances.

Falling in his efforts to secure an alternative English bride, the Tsar addressed abusive letters to the Queen, upbraiding her for her "maidenly estate" and subservience to "boorish merchants." His mood was no doubt irritable in any case for, in the midst of plague and war, he was about to embark on the most ambitious purge ever attempted in Russia until, in our own day, all records were broken by Josef Stalin.

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