

Calling Russia's Bluff

Fifteen months have elapsed since Stalin's death. Western diplomacy, during most of that period, has been directed towards the necessary but unrewarding task of determining whether the Soviet leopard has changed his spots.

Events at Geneva should have dispelled what little doubt remained on that score. It is now apparent that the purpose of Premier Georgi Malenkov is just as sinister, just as menacing, as that of his late but unlamented predecessor, Josef Stalin.

If peace in Korea, or a truce in Indo-China, are snatched from the wreckage of the Geneva conference, it will rest not on the achievements of diplomacy, but rather to satisfy Soviet expediency.

Champlain

Thursday is the 350th anniversary of the discovery and naming of the St. John River and all this week Saint John and other New Brunswick communities are commemorating the event.

The role gave him the time and opportunity to make accurate observations, keep a detailed account of his own discoveries and those of other members of the enterprise and above all to produce the earliest dependable maps, charts and sailing directions to assist mariners in navigating the waters of the New World.

The exploration undertaken on that occasion extended down much of what is now the coast of the United States and it is interesting to speculate what would have been the consequences had the party not suffered the consequences of a particularly rigorous winter.

Champlain later founded and became governor of Quebec. He was directly interested in the fur trade but was also concerned to found permanent agricultural settlements.

Otters And The Fur Trade

Three little animals were flown to Seattle from the Aleutian Islands and had a part in a television program. They are among the rarest animals in the world and were described at Seattle as looking like little, old men and acting like grumpy ones.

When Captain Cook came that way, on his third and final voyage in 1778, he was

on a special mission, part of which was to find a passage through or around the American continent to the Atlantic. This part of the mission failed, for there was and is no passage of any use to navigators. But Cook and his men discovered a country rich in furs and that accident set a lot of forces in motion.

Meantime the traders—Captain Meares, Captain Hanna, Captain Peters, Captain Dixon, Captain Barclay and others—explored the coast and the names of several of them remain there to this day.

Causes Of Fatigue

Boredom, anxiety, conflict and frustration are basic causes of fatigue and should be recognized as such by industrialists, according to an article by Dr. M. I. Heatley in "Family Doctor," a magazine published by the British Medical Association.

Excessive anxiety can cause fatigue however, even where monotony has been eliminated. A worker who is in constant fear of losing his job, falling behind schedule, being dressed-down by the foreman, catching the disapproving eye of the boss, is likely to become exhausted long before his work day is over.

Conflict, another cause of fatigue, can become pronounced where there is over-emphasis on inter-department competition, or where community, social family problems become so great that a worker carries them along with him on the job and is continually involved in an inner wrestling match.

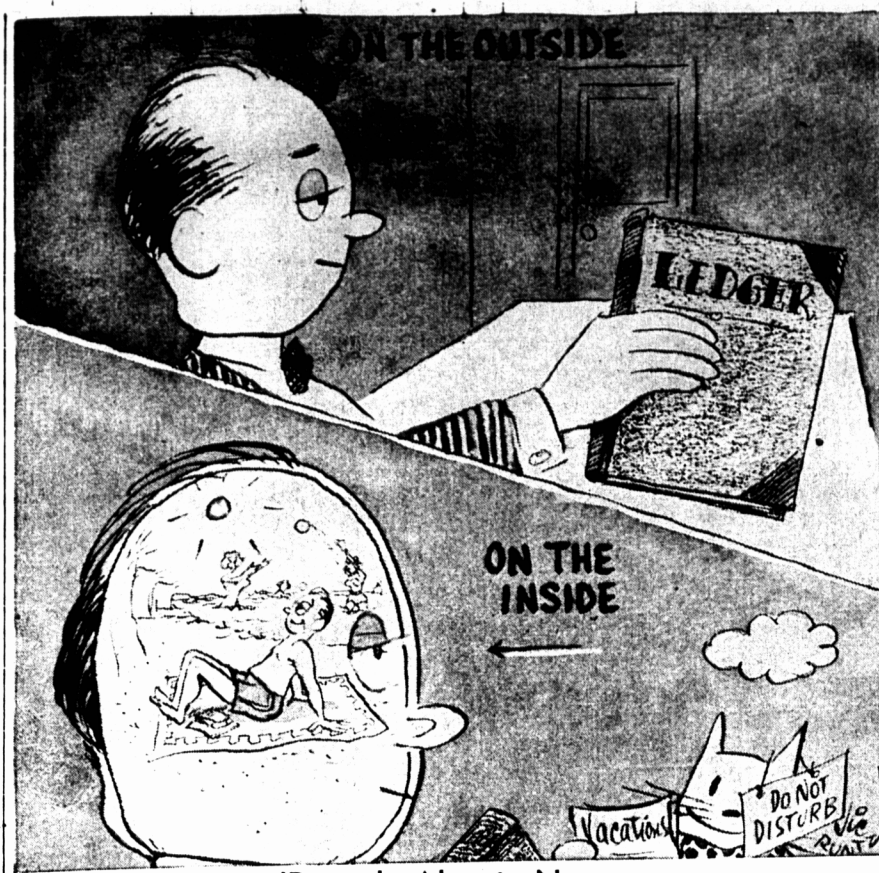
EDITORIAL NOTES

A 31-mile submarine power cable will be laid this summer to carry power from the Bersimis River to Gaspé—100,000 horsepower at 69,000 volts. Its success will be watched with interest in this Province.

The cold war between Communism and the non-Communist world seems to be now a hot war in Central America. In the case of Guatemala, however, it is a pro-Communist regime that is on the defensive and the free nations that must avoid participation in aggression.

The world's first helicopter station for civil use has been opened in London. By a relaxation of minimum altitude rules helicopters may now fly at 1,000 feet within ten miles of Hyde Park, except in an area over central London.

Giuseppe Mazzini, Italian patriot and republican, was born this date 1805. He practiced four years as an advocate but the rest of his life was devoted to the cause of unity, freedom and democracy in Italy.



'Round About Now

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.

CANADA LAND OF HOPE

Sir,—Canada is a rich country. Her natural resources are varied and almost limitless. In food growing she is a great nation.

But what seems to be Canada's greatest modern achievement is the picture of the Alcan Plan at Kitimat. The building of Kitimat as described reads like a best selling novel and the power plant is one of the greatest feats ever accomplished by man.

The last Canadian Year Book describes many enterprises. Pulp and paper comes first, and in the picture of the Alcan Plan at Kitimat, the Gatineau River is full of logs, ready for the mills.

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Yes, Canada is becoming a great and mighty nation, and when she gets a population of sixty millions and there is plenty of room she will be still greater.

But will our beloved country then be a leader among the nations in clean and high living? Lately in a committee of mine-owners and laymen I was shocked to hear of couples getting married in a sad state of unfitness, one couple too drunk to stand without wobbling and another couple that landed in jail some months after marriage.

I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN Stanley Bridge.

Old Charlottetown

AND P. E. I. BUSY WATERFRONT

"The wharves in this City are crowded with vessels of all sizes, some new, fitting out for Europe, and others taking in produce of various kinds, for markets in the United States, New Zealand, Ber-muda, Newfoundland, and the various ports in the neighboring Provinces.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Alberta's Mines Department has reported that the province's coal output for April this year was 327,530 tons. This was an increase of 500 tons over the same month last year.—Hamilton Spectator.

A London physician, now in his seventieth year, will try to swim the Channel this summer. The physician should consult a physician about over-exercising after fifty.—T. W. Jones in Toronto Star

Aerial photographic survey of West Pakistan undertaken by Canada as part of Canada's contribution to the Colombo Plan is proceeding right on schedule. This comprises air photography of the whole of West Pakistan, barring a high mountain section of the extreme north.

A white man who has married an Indian woman will now from on be classified as an Indian, according to the new definitions of racial groups under the Government Area Act which has been proclaimed in South Africa.

Antigonish, approached from any direction, gives the journeyman an abiding sense of belonging exactly where you find it. Had not Gaelic Highlanders built there, where a gathering of brooks flows to meet an estuary of the sea, another people would have done so—a contingency scarcely worth theorizing about.

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—The reason for Canada's low sheep population has never been satisfactorily explained and perhaps never thoroughly understood. It is necessary to import huge quantities of wool to clothe the Canadian population, and substantial quantities of lamb produced in other countries are brought here for Canadians to eat.

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The Age Old Story

And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the Lord; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God; for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

The Passing Scene

By Observer POST-INVESTIGATION THOUGHTS

Concerning Food At a time when world diplomats and military leaders were meeting in an effort to keep people from killing one another in war, another meeting was being held in London, at which scientists discussed the various kinds of food which help to keep people alive in peace.

At this London meeting it was brought out that, while there are upwards of two million known species of animals, only about fifty of them have been tamed and converted into articles of food. Similarly, only about 600 species of vegetables, out of a quarter million known to exist, have been cultivated.

Why people in one part of the world hold in distaste foods which are valued in other parts is a question for which prejudice appears to be the only answer; which proves once again that whims and eccentricities have as much to do with living as pure reason, perhaps a great deal more.

We in this part of the world regard insects, at worst, as dangerous, pests, and, at best, as interesting natural creatures which on occasion can teach us valuable lessons in the matter of living. In many civilized areas, however, notably in the Far East, they are prized very highly as articles of food.

In many parts of Europe June-bug soup is considered a delicacy, much coveted by semi-invalids and other people of weak constitutions. The same kind of soup is not used much in the Far East, for the simple reason that June-bugs are very scarce there, and in most of the Arab countries, locusts provide the principal soup stock, with beetles, earthworms, and ants, sharing more or less preferred places on both plebeian and patrician menus.

Dr. Michael Graham told the London meeting that although he had no great liking for rats and mice he recognized the good eating qualities of these and other rodents.

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The Poet's Corner

LITTLE ADVENTURER

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