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"NOT ALL THE PERFUMES OF ARABIA"

U. K. OPINION

P. M. Scores In Reply To Moscow

By M. McINTYRE HOOD Special London (Eng.) Correspondent for The Guardian.

LONDON — Prime Minister Macmillan has expressed very accurately the views of the rank and file of the British public in his latest letter to Prime Minister Khrushchev of Russia on the subject of a summit meeting. He stated very clearly the differences between the British and the Russian viewpoint on such a meeting. He told Khrushchev that the Russian objective was simply to hold a meeting, whereas the British objective was to negotiate a settlement of some of the differences between the two ideological groups. And he asked the very pertinent question of how any negotiations could be successful if the two sides are unable to agree on the subjects for negotiation.

The man in the street has a feeling that Macmillan has ticked off Khrushchev very astutely. He has passed the ball back to the Russian leader with the suggestion that if he wants to play ball, it is time the rules were set down in black and white. Now it may be possible to find out if Russia really wants a summit meeting that is likely to produce results.

RESERVES GROWING

For the ninth successive month Britain's reserve of gold and dollars showed a substantial increase in June. The increase amounted to some 37 million dollars. This brings the reserves up to the highest point for the last seven years—to \$3,076,000,000. This is higher by \$700,000,000 than the figure a year ago.

In June, Britain made a payment of \$7,500,000 to Canada on its interest-free loan. Two similar payments will be made in September and December. A payment of \$6,000,000 was made on the United States Marshall Aid loans. Financial authorities in the city regard the increase in reserves as highly gratifying in view of these payments. In June last year the addition to the reserves was \$13,000,000.

STABILIZING ECONOMY

Coupled with this is the statement made by the Chancellor of



the Exchequer, Mr. Amory, that Britain's economy is in better balance than at any time in the last few years. He expressed the view that certain reductions in prices, working gradually through the economy, have not yet, in all cases, fully reached the consumer. He also sensed that stability in wages was being achieved, and that there was a better balance between wages and prices than at any time since the war.

The levelling of in commodity prices, particularly in foods is quite noticeable to the British housewife as she does her weekly—or daily shopping. Lack of refrigerators makes daily shopping necessary over here.

FLOODS HURT BUSINESS

The serious floods, as a result of many days of rainfall, have hit some sections of Britain a hard blow, particularly the holiday resorts. For the last two weeks, there has scarcely been a day without rain. Many villages and towns have suffered from severe flooding. Crops are in danger from wet feet.

Down on the coast, the holiday resorts are sounding a gloomy note. Brighton and Eastbourne are showing heavy losses in takings from deck chair charges, pleasure cruises and their many outdoor holiday attractions. The day trippers to the coast on whom many summer entertainment attractions depend, have been almost entirely eliminated in the past two weeks.

Sports events, especially cricket and the Wimbledon tennis, have taken a bad beating. In the last two weeks, the New Zealand touring team has had only two days play, and the test match opening had to be cancelled because of flooded grounds. Summer has not really started over here, and for once there has been something definite to talk about on the subject of the weather.

FREE T.V. SHOW SEATS

Something new has turned up in union demands. Organizations representing motion picture the-

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(July 12, 1933) The school house at Clearmont was filled to capacity Monday night for the presentation of a bronze medal and a certificate respectively to parties for conspicuous bravery and life saving, presented by the Royal Canadian Humane Association of Hamilton, Ontario. The medal was awarded to Thomas Kelly of Clearmont and the certificate to Arthur Somner of Summerside.

Mr. W. Ralph Bryanton left yesterday morning for Ottawa where he intends consulting with the R.C.M.P. Mr. Bryanton will be the first person from the Island to be taken into the service since the former provincial forces were absorbed.

TEN YEARS AGO

(July 12, 1948) A resolution asking that tenders be called for the renovating and fitting of the Market Building basement as a bus terminal for the I. M. T. was passed at the regular monthly meeting of the City Council last night. Coun. C. M. Cox said the plans and specifications for the project were completed, and that the tentative understanding was that the City would pay \$10,000 in fitting up the basement and receive a monthly rental from the Company.

The Vice-Regal train bearing His Excellency the Governor General, Lady Alexander, and their children, Hon. Ross Alexander, Hon. Shane Alexander and Hon. Brian Alexander arrived in the City last night. At noon today the Vice-Regal party will motor to Dalvey where they will remain until August 30.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A zoologist says that giraffes are mute. Perhaps with their wide view of the world today they are too disgusted to say anything.—Edmonton Journal

The best way of stretching liquor that we know is to have an open bottle in your car. Any policeman will make a case out of it.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

A Baltimore woman who was convicted of robbing a restaurant and a tailor shop told the court that she forced her way in with a nail file, a lady's razor and eyebrow tweezers. Womanly ingenuity.—St. Thomas Times Journal

Remember the people who only a few years ago were telling us that the way to get rid of Communists was to make the Communist Party illegal. Well, we didn't make the Communist Party illegal and in Manitoba the last Communist disappeared from a Canadian Legislature. A good lesson surely in the ultimate effectiveness of freedom and common sense.—Ottawa Journal

The Canadian Tuberculosis Association reports that deaths from tuberculosis in Canada dropped in the period, 1951 to 1957, from 3,417 to 1,183, a decline of nearly two-thirds. The fact that free chest X-rays are given much of the credit for this improvement in the TV death rate must be a source of pride not only to the medical fraternity but also to the service club members who give their time and money to establish and promote the X-ray clinics.—Windsor Star

The Americans, like the Romans of old, are bridge makers and road makers. They are dictated to public baths. They sign, make and enforce law. Engineers they shine at bridge-making, the latest of such exploits being the five-mile span at Mackinac joining the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan. This is a span which will save motorists a vast amount of time in travel—getting rid of the old ferry—and is built, so its creators say, to last for centuries.—London Free Press

A rural school teacher who plays baseball with her pupils in the school yard, says she hits as many homers as anybody on the team, but seldom gets past first base any more. But the teacher, Mrs. Charlotte Phillips Thomson, is entitled to slow down. She will be 80 next November 6th. The news about this redoubtable woman comes from Stekville, Nebraska, to support the belief that a teacher need not retire until she gets good and ready.—Cape Breton Post

THE ACADIANS OF P.E.I.

The Years Between

By J. Henri Blanchard, LL.D.

(Continued from yesterday) To bring to a conclusion these sketches on the Acadians of the French Regime from 1720 to 1758, it may be of interest to add a short account of their descendants who now number some 16,000 souls, thus forming about one-sixth of the population of our Province.

From about 5,000 souls in 1758, they were suddenly reduced to less than 300, as the following census figures will show:

Table with columns for Year and Population. Data points include 1720 (250), 1728 (424), 1730 (456), 1731 (472), 1734 (572), 1735 (562), 1747 (653), 1748 (735), 1752 (2,223), 1753 (2,663), 1755 (2,969), 1756 (4,400), 1758 (4,700), 1768 (203), 1769 (751), 1801 (10,751), 1801 (12,866), 1801 (13,117), 1821 (11,971), 1831 (12,962), 1841 (14,799), 1851 (15,477).

Of these 15,477 Acadians, about 14,000 are listed in the census returns of 1951 under only 22 surnames; very good proof that they are nearly all descended from the 112 families in the census of 1768, that is 160 years ago, as these 22 surnames are the only ones mentioned in that census.

ACADIAN PARISHES

To-day the Acadians con-



MULBERRY

Most liberal plant, most yielding tree; so much to offer, so free, so free, so fluttered more by wing than weight of morula fruit, so teased, so treated to choosy hunger of flyer.

Look, beside you elms lift higher, yet loose no seed so good to give; and spruces splendid in neglect receive no compliment of thirsty seizure. O there are trees and trees and trees, and those most favored must be most pulled at their losses, look! replaced with takers' delight: the luscious growth how robber-enriched, how momentarily feather-foliated; the rifle, delectable stems stripped and re-strung with bird-forms.

And still the exuberant branches beckon to plunder. And still they are taken, taken. —Norma Farber in the Christian Science Monitor

MAXIMS

In the ideal sense nothing is interesting; there are only uninteresting people.

CLAM DIGGER FINED

YARMOUTH, N.S. — (CP) — John Amiraull of nearby Yarmouth South was fined \$50 Thursday for digging clams in a conserved area. Amiraull was charged with taking clams from the closed inner harbor here.

91 REGISTER

TATAMAGOUCHE, N.S. (CP) Ninety-one Nova Scotians have registered for courses at the 11th annual School of Community Arts here Aug. 12-22. Pat MacAdam, adult education division secretary, said Thursday registration is ahead of any other year.

The Age Old Story

Dearlly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.

Advertisement for Morris '1000' car, featuring a picture of the car and text: 'See the DELUXE MORRIS '1000' only \$1595.00. AMAZING 50 miles per gallon economy makes it possible to be a Two Car Family for as little as \$8.00 a month. (Average driving.) MACKAY MOTORS 50 St. Peters Rd. Dial 6448'

Advertisement for Morton Dew Limited: 'MORTON DEW LIMITED TRAVEL AGENTS and INSURANCE COUNCELORS. Telephones: Insurance 3046. Travel 8541. CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.'

Advertisement for Bownlan Radio & TV: 'Special this month—\$59.00 Car Radio Installed with aerial—Reg. price \$70.75. BOWNLAN RADIO & TV 114 Pownal St.'

Advertisement for Kings College School: 'Kings College School WINDSOR, NOVA SCOTIA. A Residential School for Boys Grades III to XII Inclusive. Four Square Education and development for your son.'

Advertisement for L. R. Gesner, B.A., Dip. Ed., Headmaster, Windsor, Nova Scotia. Includes a picture of a man and text: '1. Emphasis is on sound academic training, hard work and high standards. Small classes permit personal attention for each boy. 2. The school provides religious instruction and the opportunity for daily worship. 3. Every boy who is physically fit is required to take part in games, sports and school activities. 4. The school exercises careful supervision with discipline. Maximum attention is given to all-round development. Well equipped residences; an ideal atmosphere for development and personality; free from outside distractions. Applications now being received for SEPTEMBER 1958. For details apply to: L. R. GESNER, B.A., Dip. Ed., Headmaster, Windsor, Nova Scotia.'