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Menace Of "Bevanism"

The lambasting that all sections of the British press have given to former Health Minister Aneurin Bevan's political pamphlet One Way Only has led many people to believe that this is the end of the matter so far as the radical left wing of socialism is concerned. Characteristic of the reaction to this policy statement of dissident leftism is "The Spectator's" description of the document as "muddled thinking" mixed with "Bevanesque tushery".

It would be unwise, however, to conclude that Bevanism can be thus lightly dismissed from the contemporary scene of British politics. For socialism's failure has bred its own disillusionment among Prime Minister Attlee's followers, many of whom will undoubtedly see in Mr. Bevan's leadership an easy way out of present difficulties merely through the rejection of the Prime Minister and his clique who, in the former Health Minister's eyes, are little better than socialist "deviationists".

The Bevanites thus far have voted with the Government on every critical issue that has arisen in the House of Commons since the split on the Finance Bill. The icy correctness of both factions in the Labour Party, so far as their conduct in the House of Commons is concerned, does not conceal the fact that a showdown is rapidly approaching. That showdown will undoubtedly come when the annual party convention is held at Scarborough in the autumn.

Most significant token of the concern in Government circles regarding Mr. Bevan's strength is the Chancellor of the Exchequer's proposal to "freeze" dividends of British corporations. In this way, the Labour moderates hope to placate the Bevanites by paying lip service to the socialist principle that profits are sinful. Other attempts at political appeasement may be expected to emerge between now and October.

The true menace of Bevanism lies in the fact that Prime Minister Attlee and Foreign Minister Herbert Morrison may decide to subordinate the broader interests of defence and foreign affairs to immediate party interests. In this case, the price demanded by Mr. Bevan for cementing the rift in party ranks would be to cut the rearmament program to the bone, and break the alliance with the United States. As a quid pro quo the Bevanites offer a restoration of free spectacles and false teeth. To serious observers of the political scene, such a gesture scarcely seems worth the risk.

Moscow's Peace Pigeons

The most caustic comment on the Soviet peace overtures has come from Yugoslavia where Marshal Tito—who should know something about Communism—has warned the West against the "peace pigeons" currently being released by the "mass-murderers" of the Balts, Tartars and other peoples.

There is certainly sufficient reason for the democratic peoples to remain on their guard, comments the Winnipeg Free Press. If the peace offensive has genuine content it is an indication that the free countries have been right to seek security in pooled strength and would be guilty of supreme recklessness in relaxing their efforts at the first sign that their policy is producing results. If on the contrary it is a mere trick of Communist propaganda its purpose may be to confuse and divide the West or to induce a mood of complacency favorable to Soviet purposes. The end result is the same. The temptation to grasp at the shadow and lose the substance must be resisted and public resolve hardened to resistance to aggression.

Motor Car Payments

Is the 50 per cent down-payment requirement for motorcars unfairly loaded against the smaller income man? The Financial Times says that it is and urges that the arbitrary plan be re-examined by Ottawa to see if it can be more equitably re-adjusted; not only as applied to motor-cars but to refrigerators and other goods.

The well-to-do man, it is argued, is little affected by the regulation. He can put up the 50 per cent, or, as he more often does, the full amount in cash whether he is buying a Ford, Chevrolet or a Cadillac. The law does not restrict his buying. How-

ever, the full weight of the regulation falls on the lower income buyer of a used car or a cheaper car to be used in his work or for family convenience. Because he has not the realizable assets, and has to pay largely out of income, he is often penalized to the extent of being precluded from buying a car at all.

The results, too, are bearing heavily on the dealers in used cars who are thus unable to move their stocks. The dealers in small, low-priced English new cars are also caught. They are being forced to make frantic efforts and concessions to unload stocks which have piled up on them.

Because of the confusion thus produced in the motor car business, the government is urged to re-survey the situation in an effort to graduate the buying of cars as to down payment and length of time to pay.

EDITORIAL NOTES

One day till Old Home Week.

Tomorrow, 12th Sunday after Trinity.

The two blue sharks caught at Rustico are yet another bit of evidence of the increasing warmth of our coastal waters.

The new Jones Highway to Georgetown has been duly and officially inaugurated. It should prove a popular driveway between the City and King's County capital.

The Royal Pair will arrive here at 11:30 A.M. on Friday, November 2 by R.C.A.F. plane from Halifax, and will leave by H.M.C.S. Ontario at 10:30 P.M. for Sydney, N. S.

Well deserved bouquets were this week handed to Mrs. Houle, Mr. Williams and Mr. Reid in regard to the successful work they accomplished in connection with their respective organizations.

The British cruiser "Kenya", veteran of the Korean war recently completed 365 days of "steam on her main engines" having been at sea for 82,000 miles in the Korean campaign.

The Potato Growers have decided to retain control of their own association, and it will be for them individually and collectively to make the most of their present opportunity lest the organization fall by the wayside.

Charlotte Mary Yonge, English novelist, was born this date 1823. A versatile and prolific writer, her early works were markedly influenced by her early religious training. Some of her more popular books were, "The Heir of Redcliffe", "Heartease", "Landmarks of History" and "Life of Bishop Patteson".

The Army's rotation plan for Korean troops should go far to relieve one of the greatest hardships of fighting a modern war. Not death, wounds, discomfort nor boredom, but the severing of family ties for excessively long periods is the most general and unfortunate condition of fighting on another continent.

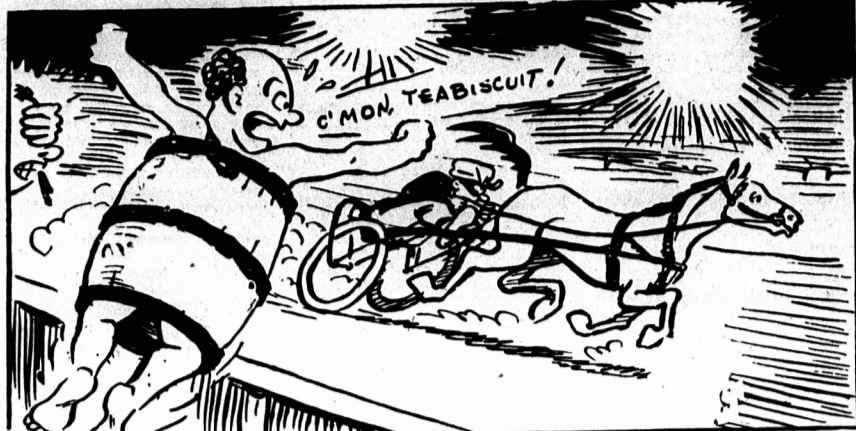
A campaign is needed to put lights on all users of the highways after dark. Cars, waggons and bicycles are required by law to be lighted and prudent pedestrians should not think of risking their lives by being on the highway in a condition of near-invisibility.

Some 16 British Army Cadets accompanied by Brig. J. M. Davenport and Capt. P. H. Godfrey are on their way to Canada to compete against Canadian cadets at the Quebec Rifle meeting at Mount Bruno, and at the Connaught Ranges at Ottawa. The cadets will also visit Niagara Falls and army installations at Toronto, Montreal and Quebec.

This Province has had to complain about being omitted from maps of Canada used for railway and tourist purposes. In Scotland the Orkney and Shetland Islands have had a similar experience in reference to Festival publicity. Their citizens have complained to Festival of Britain authorities that their island homes have been cut out of tourist maps. Usually the Shetland and Orkney Islands (population 57,000), off Scotland's north coast, are given a special inset on maps of Britain, but the Festival charts miss them out altogether.

Even in a time of war and general distress it is characteristic that Britishers settled elsewhere should give attention to minor steps in progress. A British Colonial Office statement, quoting from letters patent dated July 24th, says that "... the town of Singapore shall be raised to the status and dignity of a city with effect from September 22nd, 1951, and shall from that date be called and styled 'the city of Singapore.'" What answer can Communists and their "fellow travellers" give to such an unconquerable spirit even of civic progress?

Horse Tales



BIG IMPROVEMENTS ON THE TRACK ARE NOTICED AS THE EXHIBITION GROUNDS ARE READIED FOR OLD HOME WEEK



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.

SCOTTISH DANCING

Sir.—Judging by the comments heard on all sides the recent gathering of the clans held at Strathgartney was one of the pleasantest events of its kind, and the Caledonian Club of Prince Edward Island and those who assisted them are to be highly commended for the manner in which they handled many unprecedented problems—not the least of which was the very large attendance. The presence of the very distinguished Chiefstain of the Clan MacLeod was no doubt responsible and it was pleasant to note the many improvements in carrying out the sports and dancing programme over former years.

The excellent arrangement around the dancing platform gave the large crowd a splendid view of all contestants, and a prettier sight it would be hard to imagine than they made in their colorful costumes. Silver and bronze medals were given as prizes this year in the sports and dancing competitions, and no doubt these will be valued possessions of the young winners.

In view of the exacting training required to prepare a pupil in any of the Highland dances, not to mention the costly trainings which are no small part of the picture, it did seem that a larger proportion of the medals might have been allotted to the dancers. After all, it is doubtful if the runners, hammer throwers and other athletes are to be commended for the hours of practice (or possibly) valued the medals they received as highly as would some little girl who has been working for months on her dance steps.

The Caledonian Club as well as the general public is indebted to the teachers of the Scottish dancers, for only through them and their young pupils can we keep alive this charming and colorful art which brings so much pleasure into our lives. While not versed in the fine points of competitive dancing it did appear to this spectator that it would be a more graceful act, as well as more sporting if the teachers of these young ladies left the field entirely to them and did not compete with them. By so doing, the judges would be saved handking somewhat awkward situations and a feeling of good sportsmanship would prevail.

The Caledonian Club as well as the general public is also indebted to the volunteer judges who spoil their own outing to take on a thankless job, (as well as a long and tiring one) for each year is bringing more and more contestants. It would seem that the number of entrants present this year would warrant bringing in a qualified person, paid to adjudicate and give a short talk on the fine points of the art. This would be not only interesting to the public but of invaluable assistance to the young dancers. Adjudication of this kind would take considerable time, but could not the sports and dancing programmes run concurrently? Start them both at say, two o'clock and let the spectators choose to watch where their interest lies.

The above suggestions are of—

The Age-Old Story

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do; for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

The Poet's Corner

DISCOVERY One time I thought a singing tree Held life within green melody And that the solitude of sky Meant more to love than you and I To me the water's silken bliss Was sweeter than a lover's kiss While rain upon a violet fell Could almost make my heart forget.

That there was ecstasy or grief Beyond the turning of a leaf. But now I know the stars burn bright Because of your small fire at night And that the far trails sweet perfume Blows from your tiny garden's bloom.

—Gilean Douglas.

MIRACLE WORKERS NEEDED

Sir.—In Saturday's paper I read—"Reds reminded of Allied air and sea might". To my mind that was a tactless reminder. The Reds knew all about it. Further down I read—"Chief Red" delegate rejects any agreement which boasts of any frenzied bombardment." He did right. You can't reach peace terms through boasting. And top Washington officials recommend patience.

Humanly speaking, it is a tough proposition, can't stop fighting long enough to agree on a no-man's-land. It is hard to know when to be tough and when to be pliable. After we secure a neutral zone, then we discuss the idea of a cease fire. After the cease fire we discuss the possibility of a permanent peace. What a tangled web we weave when we try to catch the Christ said—"My Church. And the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." The free nations are, right now, opposed by the Gates of Hell. We tremble at the thought of entering a war with this Chinese-Russian combination. Where is the Church of Christ, that is stronger than the gates of Hell? The church contains a percentage of miracle workers; no not that, but a number of men and women through whom God can work out his designs. God's will is peace. His son is the Prince of Peace. All that the Almighty needs right now in that miserable shack in Korea, where the fate of the world is in the balance, is a few who have learned to trust and not be afraid.

I saw the story of David and Goliath, which was dramatized for children. Had a special interest in the boy of eight, who took the part of David. I suggest that each reader turn up again 1st Sam. Chap. 17. Every word seems to suit the present crisis, even to David's brother scolding him, and poor King Saul humbled enough to accept the services of a mere stripling. David makes it plain enough, why he could choke a bear or kill a lion, and this job would be no more difficult. I see some meaning in those "fine smooth stones". I think a few men, or women, of the church would be able to select five good smooth arguments that might sink into the stupid Communist brain, with more telling effect than anything yet thrown by the military leaders.

But they say—those old Bible stories may or may not be true and it was a long time ago. Well, then, tell me how those who invented the telephone, electric lighting, radio, or discovered germs and how to destroy them, anaesthetics, etc., etc., got their power required? How did Florence Nightingale get the wisdom to create the nursing profession in the Crimean War? There are many people in this Province than many are aware of, who simply regard themselves as tools in the hand of the Divine Workman. There is no trouble on that score. We have the instruments. And they will be made use of, or the job will not be done.

Now some reading this will say—"What does he mean by the Church? How many, and who are they who compose the Church? Without hesitation, I may say—they are a minority group. How do you divide the multitude? Well, not by the color of skin. Not by education. Not with regard to wealth or poverty. Not by pedigree. What then? Just with regard to who is sane and who is insane. Now you'll agree that the Communist leaders are insane. They are striving for something but "missing" the

mark." They are afflicted with astigmatism, cannot see the "bull's eye" in the target.

Society everywhere has many with blurred vision. I know a "good" citizen who would not knowingly hurt any one. But the last night that he was on earth, he twice asked for his money that was in the house, that he might count it again. He was missing the mark, and missing much. In talk with a friend I told him of the children's sacred concert. He saw that I was greatly pleased. He said, "Oh, I guess I am not normal, I care nothing for nonsense like that." In my mind I agreed with him. Not normal. Not sane. And half awake to the fact. So there is hope for him. I saw a woman in very poor health, with everything she needed in food, clothing and home comfort. But she seemed to be trusting in that bank account of hers, I could judge by the drift of the conversation. Then we know many who are poor company for themselves. They hate to be alone; must keep themselves excited, maybe by fast driving or maybe by something to drink; more evidence of insanity.

I knew one uncommon farmer who raised a family, bought farm after farm for his boys, could do as much work as two average men, and ran his business strictly under God's guidance. In the busiest season he would, during the hour and minute arrived, step into his buggy, and be on time for his Thursday evening prayer service two miles from home. His face was radiant, and his manner jovial. His judgment seemed to be sound; never pulled in the wrong direction. Here was a normal character. If we do not measure up to this we are more or less abnormal, or insane.

General Matthew Ridgway may yet show himself to be a Divinely guided character; time will tell. It is hard to find the right type among those who have spent half a life time studying war. Shall we look among the politicians? There are a few but very few Christian statesmen. But there is always some one to do a job that no one else can do.

I am, Sir, etc. ARCH. MACKENZIE, Kensington.

Colorless Heirs

Color-blindness is believed to be transmitted from grandfather to grandson in the male line of a family.

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Notes By The Way

Baseball promoters and fans, golfers, tennis-players, sun-bathers, holidayers, mowers of lawns, and producers of hay are unhappy about the weather. Another group is philosophical about it; that is, they complain about the rain as happily as they complain about the heat. A minority group is composed of wise men who like rain. Adherents of this third group don't shoo about in the rain, nor do they admire the sound of its pattering on the roof. They merely sit in their easy chairs, grateful for the excuse from exercise or boredom with which the rain provides them. They cannot work in the garden. They are prevented from rising early in the morning to engage in arduous sports. They escape the boredom of lying in the sun. And they are not expected to shovel the rain away after it has fallen. Their situation is idyllic. But they never discuss their liking for rain with other men. They are wise enough to know that wisdom often is confused with laziness.—Ottawa Citizen.

A new version of the Bible is about to be printed and the announcement that the first printing will be 1,000,000 volumes, reminds us that the Book is still, the world's best seller. No book-of-the-month club has been needed to drum up subscribers. As fast as the Bibles are printed people come forward to buy them. The new printing will be the Revised Standard Version. It will attempt to combine the beauty of the King James version with the accuracy of the American Standard Version of 1901. There will be the usual argument as to whether the translators have achieved their design. The new work, for example, retains "rain" where the King James Version has "dew" and "gladly have gave unto him," into "gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything." Is "pods" better than "husks" here? Is "one gave him anything" as beautiful as "no man gave unto him"? think not; but perhaps another generation brought up on the phrases of the new version will not cling so tenaciously to the old as we tend to do, and will see beauty in the familiar, as we do now. No one ever settles these arguments about new translations of the Bible. It is not important, and it is demonstrated for us every year as figures are published showing its distribution, that the Bible is indestructible. It is the best, best seller of all time.—The Montreal Star.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

GLEBE LAND REVENUES

The following item is from the Colonial Herald of July 11, 1840: "On Tuesday se'night, a meeting was held in the Scotch Church, in this town, consisting chiefly of members of that body, to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of petitioning Her Majesty, as to the mode of disposing of the proceeds arising from the sale of Glebe and School Lands in this Island. On motion of the Rev. Mr. McAulay, the Rev. John McLennan, of Pinette, was called to the chair.

"The reverend gentleman briefly and explicitly stated the object of the meeting—that by the recent decision of the twelve Judges of England, the question as to the right of the Church of Scotland to participation in the lands set apart and appropriated to the support of a Protestant Clergy in the Colonies, had been fully established—that, notwithstanding the decision, it was not, he believed, the intention of this meeting, or of any member of the Church of Scotland with whom he had had communication, to assert any right to these funds, to the exclusion of any other denomination of Christians.

The report cites several resolutions which were adopted at the meeting, including the following: "Whereas a considerable sum has been realized from the proceeds of the sales of the Glebe and School Lands in this Island, which might be beneficially employed in promoting the instruction of youth, but which funds remain locked up in the Treasury, by an order of a former Secretary of State, until the Bishop of Nova Scotia shall be consulted as to the mode of disposing of it, and whereas the Bishop of Nova Scotia has openly and avowedly expressed himself desirous to expend the money thus realized in the founding of schools upon the system established by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts—

and in consequence remains inoperative: Therefore resolved that Her Majesty's Government be forthwith applied to, to remove the restriction now subsisting, in order that the funds may be rendered immediately available—and that the proceeds be left to be disposed of by the Legislature in such manner as they may consider most conducive to the ends of education."

The meeting was afterwards addressed by Charles Young, Esq., the Hon. George Dalrymple and the Hon. William McIntosh. Upon motion of Mr. Young, a committee of gentlemen were appointed to prepare the draft of an address to Her Majesty; Rev. J. McLennan, Hon. Wm. Macleod, Hon. G. Dalrymple, Messrs. Cullen, Young, McGill, McNeill, Thomson, Purdie, Brown.

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