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Momentous Conference

An important point to be borne in mind in reading reports of the Big Four summit meetings now in progress in Geneva is that the sessions are being held in private.

World hopes as to the outcome were well summed up in the opening speech of President Eisenhower. "We cannot," he said, "expect here, in the few hours of a few days, to solve all the problems of the world that need to be solved."

Canada is not represented at the conference, but our stake in the issues is no less vital than that of the participating powers.

What must be the thoughts of Sir Winston Churchill, idling over his easel at his home in Westminster, as he ponders the significance of the Big Four meeting which he had proposed two years ago in the British House of Commons?

Parliamentary Highlight

The Conservative filibuster over the Defense Production Bill will go down in parliamentary history as a model operation of its kind, and one in which, incidentally, the CCF group backed the wrong horse.

was the good party discipline apparent in the ranks of both the Conservatives and the Liberals. The lengthy debate droned on in temperatures as high as 95 degrees, but a remarkably large percentage of members stuck it out.

One of the amusing incidents of the debate was furnished by Miss Margaret Aitken, Conservative member for Toronto. Fed up with Liberal interruptions as she tried to continue speaking in the filibuster, Miss Aitken read from A. P. Herbert's verse "The Interrupter," the following lines for the benefit of her hecklers:

He never made a speech himself, they say: But how he interrupts the men who do! He could not argue with a load of hay: But hear him crying "Rubbish!" "Bosh!" or "Boo!"

The success of the Conservative filibuster, of course, does not indicate that eleven days of speechmaking, with no other object than that of filling time, constitute an example to be followed except in rare cases.

Circles Of Learning

Sixty classroom teachers, representing every province in Canada and chosen by their own Provincial teachers' organization will attend a period of intensive discussion at Ottawa from August 8th to 12th.

The seminars will be followed by the 34th annual conference of the Federation. The key-note address of the conference will be given by Dr. Marcus Long of the University of Toronto on the subject, the status of the teaching profession.

The conference seems to be much like any other of the teaching profession in outline, dealing with professional problems, the status of teachers, professional, economic and social; reports of committees and so forth.

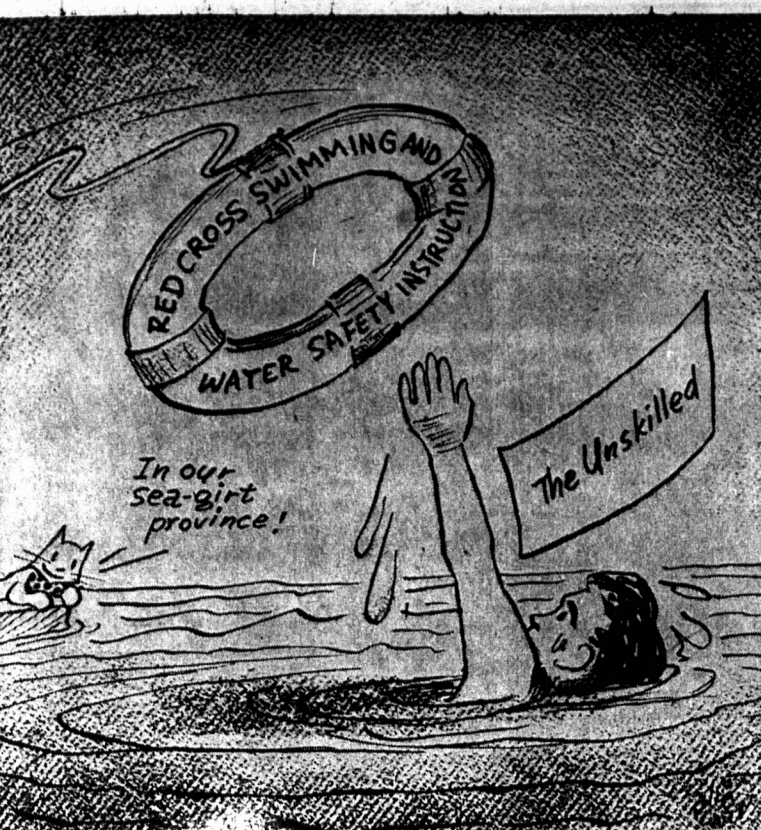
Life is now too complex to furnish pupils with a ready-made pattern to meet every emergency. Should the primary aim, then, be the creation of an attitude of mind? Can education for conformity be reconciled with education for freedom?

EDITORIAL NOTES

Yesterday's opening of the Big Four summit meetings at Geneva coincided happily with the visit of twelve Soviet farm officials to the United States, en route to Iowa where they will study American corn-growing techniques and other phases of U. S. agriculture.

Juvenile crime is to be deplored, but it is to be hoped that in the case of the desecration of a Naval ensign in one of our local churches the offenders were too young to know what they were doing.

The rebuff Hon. Mr. Howe received on the Defense Production powers bill does not seem to have curbed his aggressive spirit. To the Port Arthur city council, in his own constituency, asking that he arrange an immediate meeting of the Federal Cabinet with a northwestern Ontario delegation on the Trans-Canada gas pipe line issue, Mr. Howe wired curtly in the negative.



Life Saver

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of current events of general interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

NEUROLOGICAL TREATMENT

Sir,—A recent tragedy which occurred in Charlottetown, while receiving minimum space in our local papers, is none-the-less significant of a maximum need for greater energies and expenditures in the field of neurological treatment.

While our government has done, and is doing wonderful work in this field, it would appear that the need of a neurological hospital is of vast importance. A place that our competent doctors could send and care for their patients.

One step suggested to this end was the creation of an unofficial North Atlantic Parliament, which would meet periodically to discuss matters of common concern.

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ROCKY POINT SERVICE

Sir,—I would like space in your paper for a few timely comments. First and foremost is the question of the Rocky Point ferry which has been off the run for the last seven or eight weeks.

Another thing is the roads in some sections of the Province, which are a disgrace: so rough, and all torn up; also with such poor directional signs; and all the dust. Tourists have a hard time finding out where the roads are, and this does not make for good publicity.

The South Shore people are very proud of the scenery on this side of the river, but with such transportation it is impossible for people to enjoy it. Being a tourist myself, I find it very inconvenient.

I see in your interesting paper that there is trouble with regard to the Hillsboro Bridge. If it is not wanted there, why not transfer it a little way down to Rocky Point? The people certainly could use it, as I understand the proposed bridge across here is to be built at Westville.

URGES CONScription

TOKYO (AP)—Communist China must speedily adopt compulsory military service, Defence Minister Peng Teh-Huai told the National People's Congress Saturday, Peking radio reported.

OTTAWA REPORT

North Atlantic Parliament

By Patrick Nicholson

Seven months ago today Roy Thomson, the founder of Canada's largest newspaper family, headed an eight-nation delegation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Paris.

Mr. Thomson's delegation had the active support of hundreds of prominent citizens of Canada, Britain, France, the United States, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark and Norway.

The delegation urged the member governments of NATO to broaden the basis of allied cooperation beyond the present merely military phase, to include cooperation in the peaceful fields of trade and similar keystones of the private lives of ordinary citizens like you and me.

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GET ON OR GET OUT

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TOURIST AT ROCKY POINT

(The Rocky Point ferry is now back in service.—Ed. Guardian.)

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

WOULD-BE RESCUER MAY ENGAGE HIS OWN LIFE It doesn't always pay to be a hero, but if you must be one, you should at least know how to go about it.

With millions of Americans at our beaches this Summer there are going to be many drownings. It's distressing, but it's a fact. Discounting boating accidents, most drownings will occur within a short distance of the shore.

Without special training in making rescues, swimming to a person's aid can be dangerous for you. It usually requires a skilled approach, hold and carry to complete the operation.

Don't Strike Him Despite common belief, it does little good to strike a struggling drowning person to bring him to his senses. In fact, such action is inadvisable.

In considering all this, remember there is little chance of saving a victim who has been under water for more than five or six minutes. And again, contrary to popular opinion, a drowning victim does not regularly come to the surface three times before going down for the last time.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

K. G. M.: What are the symptoms of spastic colitis? Answer: Spastic colitis causes irregular attacks of alternate constipation and diarrhea. Frequently, there is excessive gas in the bowel and mild pains in the abdomen.

The Age Old Story

And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. . . . And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

YACHT BLOWN UP

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters)—Nine masked terrorists blew up a British-owned luxury yacht, the Bowle, here Monday after overpowering a watchman at gunpoint and tying him to a tree.

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GOLF CLUB ROBBED

OTTAWA (GP)—Two masked bandits forced a golf club owner at gun point to open the club safe and escaped with between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The men pushed their way into the Glenlea club, on the Quebec shore of the Ottawa river about three miles north of here, through a rear window. One held down the janitor J. Mackie, 62, while the other forced William H. Stewart to open the club's safe.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Hair contains a valuable food protein, so next time you find one in the butter, just regard it as a bonus.—Peterborough Examiner.

We have noticed that people who do nothing but sit around in the heat and complain about it, suffer more than do people who keep their minds, if not bodies otherwise pre-occupied. A good deal of suffering in heat waves is more mental than physical.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

The National Education Association queried 3400 school teachers and seems amazed because most of them said they find it increasingly difficult to maintain discipline in the classrooms. Did the association really have to conduct a survey to find that out? Don't any of their officials read the newspapers?—Boston Post.

Euphemism, says Webster's Dictionary, means "substitution of an inoffensive or mild expression for one that may offend or suggest something unpleasant." Let us illustrate exactly what is meant, taking as our text a statement about income tax returns in fiscal 1954. Checkers found that mathematical errors in favor of taxpayers totalled \$77,207,000. In this latter sentence the euphemism is the word "errors."—Detroit Free Press.

Canadians learn about government by serving on councils and boards and commissions. In Canada there are 40,000 who at one time are members of such groups. That is a large body learning the mechanics and principles of democratic governing, and it is an admirable thing because these people develop an increasing pride in the processes that mean so much to us, as well as experience in the important fundamentals.—Nelson News.

Young men hesitant about matrimony should note the example of the 82-year-old Marquis of Salisbury, who fought at the siege of Ladysmith in the South African War. He now has married for the third time. His bride is the same age as himself, the 82-year-old widow of an army colonel. No nonsense about the marquis. His previous wives died in 1941 and 1954. The newly-wedded couple plan a Paris honeymoon. See Paris and die? No such thing. See Paris and live. The great-grandparents of today are going places.—Sydney Post-Record.

The statue of "Greyfriars Bob" by surmounting the memorial fountain at the corner of George IV Bridge and Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh, has been knocked from its pedestal. The police carried the pieces into the new by Greyfriars Churchyard, and was found that "Bobby" was damaged and the large marble bowl only slightly dented. The fountain, a well-known Edinburgh landmark, was restored to its position two or three months ago after an absence for cleaning. The statue was erected in 1871 by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and bears the inscription: "In 1858 this faithful dog followed the remains of his master to Greyfriars Churchyard, and lingered near the spot until his death in 1872."—Edinburgh Scotsman.

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