

"Awfully" Close To Aggression

Whether United States State Secretary Dulles chose his term with care or otherwise it is only to exact to say that Communist China's actions are coming awfully close to the point where the United States and other countries might be forced to act.

As Canada's Minister of External Affairs, Mr. Pearson points out, however, this country and presumably others of the free world can only become involved through action initiated or approved by the United Nations.

There are very real problems involved in the nature of U. N. organization. Mr. Dulles possibly has in mind the unlikelihood of the Security Council declaring Red China an aggressor.

That is a difficulty to be overcome. It would be unthinkable that the power of the United Nations to condemn aggression should be rendered impotent by any one nation.

The Death Penalty

There is no evidence that the death penalty deters potential murderers, according to a brief on capital punishment presented to the joint Parliamentary committee by the Canadian Welfare Council of Ottawa.

Another reason the Council gives for favouring abolition of the death penalty is the risk of error. There are numerous instances on record where innocent people have been executed.

However, the Canadian Welfare Council recognizes that many Canadians are not prepared to support complete abolition at this time, and therefore recommends, as a first step, the abolition of the mandatory death penalty for convicted murderers.

Trade Treaty With Japan

Under the trade treaty finally signed after months of negotiation, Canada has lowered the tariff against Japanese goods. The two nations will exchange unconditional most-favored-nation treatment with respect to customs duties and other charges.

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domestic producers, of like or directly competitive products.

It is, generally expected that the Canadian textile industry will be the first to protest against Japanese imports. But it is said that the industry will have to make out a strong case conforming with the precise wording of the treaty.

Under the agreement either country may temporarily impose discriminatory import and exchange restrictions, if such restrictions are required on balance of payments grounds.

Japan also agrees to give Canada unconditional non-discriminatory treatment in relation to any other country in respect to import and exchange controls on nine Canadian commodities. They are: wheat, barley, woodpulp, flaxseed, primary copper, lead, zinc spelter, synthetic resin and milk powder.

The provisions of the agreement will continue to be applicable in the event that the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade is applied between Canada and Japan.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery thinks the safest place in the next war will be in the front line. The near presence of the enemy, according to Monty's theory, will prevent the use of atomic weapons.

A rather neglected area for tourist development was championed in the House by Mr. J. W. D. Campbell. West Prince has many natural attractions but has lagged behind some of our other resort areas in facilities and even more in promotion.

On Friday the United Nations Disarmament Commission will meet, presided over by the delegate from Nationalist China who is chairman for April.

The increase from \$900 to \$1,500 of the income tax deduction permitted on approved superannuation plan payments places those participating in such plans on an even more preferred position.

Municipal purchases of equipment for road making, road cleaning and fire fighting of greater value than \$1,000 are now exempt from the 10-per-cent sales tax but the new exemption does not include automobiles or trucks.

Military version of Bristol Britannia aircraft are to be manufactured in Canada following an agreement between the Bristol Aeroplane Company, makers of the Britannia, and the Canadian Government.

Equal-pay-for-equal-work came up both at Westminster and at Ottawa. The Canadian Parliament turned down the proposition but the British House heard the Chancellor of the Exchequer promise a "gradual solution" of the problem.

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It Could Be Worse!



News Item - RETURNING RECENTLY FROM A TWENTY-ONE HUNDRED MILE TRIP, PROMINENT LOCAL CITIZEN DESCRIBES SECTION OF ISLAND ROAD WORST EXPERIENCED.

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.

LITTLE THINGS

Sir,—Sometimes little things seem all important in our lives; perhaps it is because of the part they play in shaping our future.

"So don't despise the little things," which happen daily round us. For some of them may chance take wings.

To startle and astound us. I like the way that Julia A. Fletcher Carney expresses the same thought:

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand, Make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land. So the little moments, humble though they be, Make the mighty ages of eternity."

Fifty years ago that important little thing for me was a postcard which had blown about Queen Street and landed on the sidewalk in front of me outside Stevenson's tinsmith shop.

Through that card I became connected for years with the largest educational institution in the world, first as a student, then as their P. E. I. representative and later as a Maritime Division Superintendent of the field organization.

These schools founded a system of education by mail. They made no claim to be a substitute for the regular school and college. They were designed to fill a very great need for instruction in the industrial sciences by those who had to earn their living while they learned the theory and most efficient practice of their actual daily work.

In 1898 the corporation had a paid up capital of three million dollars, conducted 29 schools and taught 116 distinct courses. The field work management insisted upon the continual education of every individual of the field organization: lengthy "technical papers", question and answer, had to be copied hand-written and sent in weekly to a special department. It took the field man a few hours to copy each paper, but 52 of them in the year printed him through time to study the "technical papers" of all the courses.

Of course, these papers were more or less superficial, yet they always whetted the fieldman's ambition to obtain further knowledge, and he always had the text books at hand for further study. Most wonderful, however, was the fact that they enabled him to converse intelligently with those who were advanced in the various callings.

Here I was promoting special education for others while promoting my own general education. This had a profound influence in shaping my future. I so loved the work that I had almost an evangelic zeal for it: in thousands of cases I saw it calling out the strongest characteristics of the students. For years I had been appealing to the ambition of young men, to the sacrifices they would have to make in giving most of their evenings to study while other young men were spending theirs in having "a good time" and idling. Some fell by the wayside. But most of them had the metal in them and rose to high positions. I myself owe much to a sympathetic friend, Mr. J. D. Johnson of Saint John, N. B., and to the friendship of Mr. George Mann of Montreal who became Canadian Vice-President of the Schools.

Aristotle, whose name in an-

NOTES BY THE WAY

Remember the old days of parliamentary debate when a Cabinet minister could answer a question the same day it was asked — Hamilton Spectator

Coloured automobile tires are predicted, creating a new hazard for the feminine motorist who might run into a car with wheels that clash with her ensemble. —Hamilton Spectator.

The British Medical Journal reports a case of an Irishman who drank a bottle of cleaning fluid, and woke 36 hours later to find that he was in the care of a nurse 12 inches high, with a matching doctor, in a ward which measured two feet by two. So this is where the Irish legends of the "little people" have their origin! — Peterborough Examiner.

athema to the Progressivists, said, "No lesson is so important to learn, and no habit so important to acquire, as a right judgment and a delight in fine characters and noble actions." I go further. I am interested in personality wherever found, biography, history, philosophy, etc., principally from a desire for self-improvement. My greatest entertainment is the enjoyment of good literature. Some people call such an exclusive aim in life a failure. I do not. I consider I have a priceless possession as long as my imagination and memory lasts. I firmly believe that Providence provides our opportunities, and as Dr. Alexis Carol says that our prayers or the prayers of others help us in these moments, I also firmly believe with Sir Winston Churchill that "The flame of Christian ethics is still our highest guide." That it is our guide is with me a certitude.

I shall conclude with these beautiful lines of James Russell Lowell:

"In life's small things be resolute and great To keep thy muscle trained; knowst thou when Fate Thy measure takes, or when she'll say to thee, 'I find thee worthy; do this deed for me.' I am, Sir, etc. MINOR SAXON.

The Age Old Story

Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. The works of his hands are verily and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

Advertisement for Taylor's Jewellers. Features a large image of a hand holding a diamond ring. Text includes: 'THIS is a Diamond Ring', 'To the man who purchased it, it is a token of everlasting love. To us it is an example of our integrity as merchants. It must represent both well. We strive to see that it does.', 'TAILORED SOLITAIRE', 'Fiery diamond set in classic 14K gold mounting.', '\$59.50', 'TAYLORS', 'JEWELLERS FOR FOUR GENERATIONS'.

The Passing Scene

A month or so ago a bill was introduced in the General Assembly (Legislature) of Rhode Island which, if approved, would make the Rhode Island Red Hen the official State bird. However, at the request of the Audubon Society, debate on the measure was delayed pending the results of a popular vote conducted by the Society.

In fact only one opponent, the Osprey, saved his nomination deposit. The other two lost so badly that in the opinion of political observers—feathered ones, that is—they will never run again. They are out of politics for good. At this distance the result of the election will come as no surprise. No doubt the Osprey, Bobwhite, and Towhee will call public attention to alleged irregularities in the hen's campaign, and the Osprey may even ask for a recount, but their grievances will go unheeded.

A bird that has been laying good eggs and plenty of them for many generations of gentlemen both in and outside of Rhode Island had no need of unethical electioneering practices. Indeed, the report says that while her opponents went around making up slogans and catchwords in the best American fashion, she herself authorized only one little campaign ditty. I suspect, although I really have nothing to go by, that it went something like this:

"Higgly, piggly, my red hen She lays eggs for gentlemen, Sometimes nine and sometimes ten, Higgly, piggly, my red hen."

Reading about this election in the smallest American State has strengthened my conviction, which I have held for some time now, that this Island should have an official Provincial bird. Unfortunately, we don't have many songsters in our midst; but, we do have a number of hardy birds who, while they may not sing very well, at least do the best they can with the little talent they have and, after all, there are other commendable features in a bird, as in a man or woman, besides the ability to warble prima-donna fashion. For that matter, the Rhode Island hen could hardly be numbered among the singers.

The Robin certainly would be a contender in any referendum; but in my personal opinion, with all due respect to the little fellow, he is quite arrogant enough as it is, without having his picture on a letter-head of Government officials. I am a little dubious, too, about his ethical standards. The way he browbeats and tortures the innocent ante worm before swallowing him adds nothing to his moral stature. Any way, he spends too much time away from the Island to qualify for distinctive citizenship. A whole week of April has gone and he is still missing. So far as his singing ability is concerned, I am sure it has been much exaggerated. There are plenty of birds who sing much better and make much less fuss about it.

Once for once and chirp for chirp the little chickadee is as much entitled to official glory as anything that flies. Anyone who has journeyed forth into the woods in the depth of winter must have been deeply impressed by his cheerful manner in the face of seemingly intolerable conditions.

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