

Second Thoughts

External Affairs Minister Pearson is improving in his comments on the Suez crisis. Last week he had an opportunity of addressing an influential American audience at Harriman, New York, and he took the occasion to emphasize the absolute need of co-operation and unity within the United Nations by the Western powers. He reminded his audience that United States had received this co-operation when it intervened in Korea in 1950, and that the resulting prompt ratification by the United Nations was of decisive importance.

"It might have been expected," Mr. Pearson added, "that before any decision was taken in Washington there would have been a thorough exchange of views between the U.S. and its friends . . . or at least between their representatives at the United Nations. But this was not done." There was no public indication of disunity in the matter, "but that was because the other countries agreed to maintain the common front at the United Nations in the face of a particular United States Initiative about which they had not really been consulted in any effective way."

Why then, it may be asked, all the indignation expressed at Washington and Ottawa because Britain took the same course in the Suez case? Mr. Pearson didn't say, but perhaps he was giving it some uncomfortable second thoughts. So too, we hope, were his hearers.

It is a matter of common knowledge that one reason why President Eisenhower and State Secretary Dulles took such a stern attitude towards armed intervention in Egypt was that they wanted to impress upon the Arab world the deep and loving interest the United States has in its general welfare. They knew, or hoped, that in due course the differences with their European allies would be ironed out, but they had serious doubts that once the Arabs had turned to Moscow for sympathy and support they would never again turn back to Washington. So, acting on the theory that it is quite all right to turn against one's friends if there is anything to be gained for oneself, they joined the Russians in calling the British and French "aggressors" and Russia's Egyptian stooges "innocent victims."

The plan did not work. Their friends for a day, the Russians, are so happy at the course events have taken that they are talking openly about American "treachery" to their allies, the inference being that the Americans will not hesitate to sell the Egyptians down the Suez when the proper time comes, just as they did not hesitate to turn against the British and French for a moment of temporary gain in prestige. Nor is that all. They have apparently succeeded in convincing the Egyptians that the United States is the real villain, its objective being the complete subjugation of the Arab world to the "imperialists."

Meanwhile, the Russians have virtually taken over the role of protector of all true Moslems. Not as a result of British-French intervention but as a result of American appeasement, which the Russians and the Egyptians, and the whole motley assortment despise a thousand times more fervently.

Unfair Regulations

Old Age pensioners should acquaint themselves with the regulations governing payment of pensions to persons who may have occasion to leave Canada for short periods of time. These regulations were published in our news columns in a recent issue under information kindly supplied by Mr. A. S. Tait, regional director of Old Age Security. Briefly, they may be summarized as follows: Pensioners who plan to be absent from the country for any period longer than one month should notify the director of their intentions beforehand. When a pensioner leaves, payment of his pension is stopped and resumed when he returns.

If he returns within six months from the time he left he will receive payments for the months in which he left and returned and for a period of three months of absence in any calendar year. If he is absent longer than six months he is entitled on his return only to payments for the months of leaving and returning.

These are the regulations and so long as they are in force pensioners should be under no misunderstanding concerning them. There is, however, little to be said for them, and there is much to be said for repealing them. After all, an old age pension, like any other pension, is not a handout from the Government to the individual but a payment for services rendered. Not a very liberal payment, to be sure, but a payment just the same. This being so, it would be only reasonable to give the recipient the right to spend it at his discretion whether in Canada or in some other country. No doubt, the vast majority of pensioners will remain in Canada by preference, but those who for reasons of health, or for any other reason, would like to live abroad ought not to be obliged to surrender their earned pensions in order to exercise that privilege.

A Madman In His Cups

On two nights in succession Western diplomats walked out of official receptions in Moscow after Nikita Khrushchev, the head of Russian Communism and, for the time being at least, the nation's supreme ruler, went into violent denunciation of the Western powers.

The question that will bother a great many persons is: Why do Western representatives continue to attend these Moscow banquets despite their repeated experiences with Soviet insults in general and Khrushchev's boorish manners in particular? Surely diplomatic usage does not require them to go to these vodka-ridden festivities every now and again so that the Russians can hurl invective at them in public? If it does, then it is time it were revised to contend with savage methods in diplomacy devised by Kremlin officials.

Here is another thought worth pondering in the matter of the latest Khrushchevian outburst. It is generally assumed—at least it has been in the past—that the Russians will not start a world war because to do so would be, among other things, an act of national suicide. Just how valid is that assumption in view of Khrushchev's violent tantrums when under the influence of liquor, a condition to which, according to an increasing accumulation of evidence, he succumbs frequently, especially at diplomatic receptions and the like?

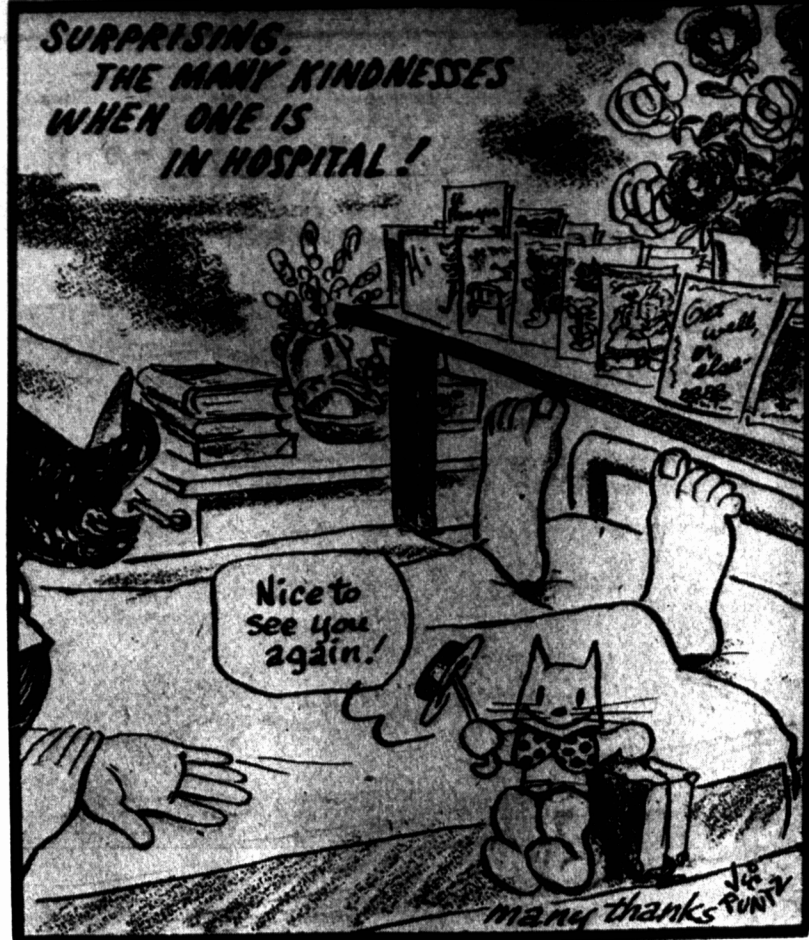
Who knows what he might do or what button he might push, even the button that would release atomic fury? Evidently, there is no one to stop him from doing anything that a combination of recklessness and vodka might suggest, Premier Bulganin and the others having shown themselves to be powerless to curtail his violence when the diplomats get together for an evening.

EDITORIAL NOTES

North Koreans are accusing the South Koreans of planning an invasion of their side of the border, while the South Koreans are saying that the Northern Communists can be expected to start trouble any day now. That part of the world has been fairly quiet for some time. It will be strange if one side or the other doesn't soon go on the rampage.

"The job of the U.N. force is to enter Egypt to restrain the combatants," notes the Globe and Mail. "Some seem to forget that this includes Egypt. Some seem to forget that it is Colonel Nasser who is pledged to annihilate Israel. His opinions, therefore, about the character of the force, are inconsequential. It is not the arsonist that decides who shall ride the fire wagon."

There is a rumour abroad in the United States that President Eisenhower might offer his defeated rival Adlai E. Stevenson a high post in the United States diplomatic service. Certainly it would be a good gesture and there would be plenty of precedent for it. During both the Roosevelt and Truman administrations prominent Republicans occupied important posts, the most outstanding perhaps being the late Mr. Stimson who served as Secretary of War under Mr. Roosevelt.



IT ALL HELPS

Near, Middle & Far East

National Geographic Society

The three Easts — Near, Middle, and Far — where are they? What does each include? Because they serve to break the vast Orient into handy sections, the three designations are much used. Because they lack any broad official status, however, they remain vague and their boundaries are moved around by both writers and travelers.

The National Geographic Society, dealing in terms of logical geographical divisions, divides the three Easts as follows: NEAR EAST: Turkey, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, and the countries of the Arabian Peninsula.

MIDDLE EAST: India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim, and Ceylon.

FAR EAST: China, Mongolian Republic, Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Indochina, Thailand (Siam), Burma, Malaya, and Indonesia.

NEAR EAST RANGE IS WIDE The Society's list of Near East countries corresponds closely to the State Department's grouping as represented by its Office of Near Eastern Affairs and Office of Greek, Turkish, and Iranian Affairs. Greece and the Sudan, within the scope of these two offices, are not part of the Society's Near East grouping.

In British usage, the Balkan States of southeastern Europe often have been tabbed as part of the Near East, but American practice is to align them geographically with the West.

By common consent, authorities on the Orient keep south of Russia in defining Middle East and Near East. With this and the State Department's official Far East in mind, National Geographic Society cartographers have defined their geographically logical Middle East.

A SCOTSMAN'S AMERICAN LOG

Humidity And Politics

By Wilfred Taylor of The Edinburgh Scotsman

At least a dozen people have asked us since we came here if we have seen "My Fair Lady." The fantastically successful musical based on Shaw's "Pygmalion" at some remove, playing at the Mark Hellinger theatre with Rex Harrison, brother-in-law of Lord Kilmuir, and Julie Andrews in the leading roles. We shan't see it as we haven't arranged to be there until June, the earliest moment of accessibility.

But we did pay our respects yesterday to another fair lady, the old lady who carries a torch down in the harbour. Over luncheon, in the charming Overseas Press Club in 39th Street, we confided to our host, an agreeable editor of a financial daily, that we felt it was time that we penetrated to the deep south of Manhattan. He kindly offered to set us on our course. En route to the subway he showed us a dingy little underground news stand which supplied hundreds of foreign papers. He made us a bet that we should find "The Scotsman" there. He lost it.

FERRY BOAT

We left our friend at Chambers Street station and carried on to the terminus at South Ferry, right at the tip of the Battery. Arming ourselves with a "Journal American" we paid our nickel and boarded a Staten Island ferry boat. This service is on a considerably grander scale than the Queensferry Passage. The boats carry cars as well as passengers. They have large enclosed decks with a buffet counter, and among the crew is a shoeshine man.

The skies were lowering as we put out into the harbour. Manhattan was in shabby mourning. We scanned the waters for the Statue of Liberty, and she took us by surprise, appearing from an unexpected angle. We were disappointed. The old lady looked squat, weatherbeaten, green about the gills, and curiously low. She aroused in us no emotions beyond curiosity. We concentrated instead on the motley shipping and on a Port of New York helicopter fussing around the sky.

MIDDLE EAST NEW The Department of State has a Bureau of Near Eastern, South Asian, and African Affairs. It thus avoids the term Middle East, and any precise definition of what comprises the Near East. Within this Bureau, however, the Office of South Asian Affairs deals only with the countries that compose the Society's Middle East, above.

Prior to World War II, "Middle East" quite commonly described the region of the Indian subcontinent, although the designation was often made to reach westward to embrace Iran and the Arabian Peninsula. Northwest of the three Easts, Middle East started as a generalization to describe the reaches of southern Asia between Near East and Far East.

World War II, however, greatly complicated the meaning of this term by bringing to the forefront the spreading British Middle East Command. The Command's military province expanded westward from as far west as Bengasi and Tripoli were labeled Middle East even by American newspapers.

FAR EAST Far East dates almost from Columbus's time. At first, it described the coasts and islands east of Singapore visited by venturesome navigators who reached the Pacific by rounding Africa's southern tip and crossing the Indian Ocean.

These coasts and islands were Far East from a Europe that considered itself the center of the world. To west coast Americans they are near west as well as Far East.

Some writers have restricted the Far East to China, Korea, and Japan. Others expand the term to include virtually all Asia east of Afghanistan.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(November 21, 1931)

Mr. John A. MacIntyre an aged resident of Central Line Road, near Mimlingash, was found dead yesterday morning due to exposure after having been lost in the woods since Wednesday. Mr. MacIntyre, who is 80 years of age, lived with his aged and infirm sister, who was unable to summon help Wednesday evening when Mr. MacIntyre did not return home.

Mr. John Stewart of Lot 16, lost his two barns and a year's hay crop by fire on Thursday. Mr. Stewart was watering the horses and had a lighted lantern hanging on a beam. He went out with one of the horses and when he came back the lantern was on the ground and the hay on fire. Stock and machinery were saved.

TEN YEARS AGO

(November 21, 1946)

An event of historic interest took place during the past few days with the placing of a handsome pink granite monument in the Old Protestant cemetery, Elm Avenue, in memory of a most worthy Prince Edward Island statesman, the Honourable Phillips Calbeck, who was a prominent figure in the history of the Province and the Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Mr. Nelson McEwen, Boys Work Secretary of the National Council will visit the local YMCA this week. Mr. McEwen is visiting the local association in the interest of present and future youth program. He will meet with members of the YMCA Board of Directors in regard to the commencement of the new building.

ed until we found ourself breathless on the packed platform. Liberty was asserting itself with untrammelled ferocity.

On the surface, 40th Street seemed strangely peaceful, although it was thronged with home-bound workers—limp and weary, we turned into the Biltmore Hotel for a refreshment. The breath of liberty again smote us because the Biltmore turned out to be Adlai Stevenson's New York headquarters. We knew that liberty was enthroned there because outside the hotel a docile group of men were picketing. They carried slogans which clearly implied that liberty was endangered by the Democratic Party.

TAXI-DRIVER

We hailed a cab and sank back felling very tired. The driver yanked back his meter, leaped round, and said, "You been to see 'My Fair Lady' yet? 'Yes,' we said, 'we've just been to see her down in the harbour and she's wonderful.'" "Say," said the driver, who seemed to be a graduate of Columbia, "you talking about the Statue of Liberty?" "Yes," we said, "you sure had me guessing," observed the driver amiably. "Whatta you-know. I been around New York for 37 years and I never once seen the Statue of Liberty."

URGE TROOP WITHDRAWAL

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Solomon Bandaranaike of Ceylon called on Prime Minister Eden Monday and urged him to agree to an early withdrawal of Anglo-French troops from Egypt. Aides of Ceylon's leader also said Bandaranaike told Eden a prolonged occupation of the Suez Canal zone would cost Britain the friendship of millions of Asians.

NEHRU PLANS VISIT

NEW DELHI (Reuters)—Prime Minister Nehru will visit Washington Dec. 16 for talks with President Eisenhower. It was announced here Monday. The announcement said he will go to New York Dec. 20 and expects to be in Ottawa to meet Canadian government leaders Dec. 22 and 23.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundes, M. D. YOUR NOSE HELPS YOU TO ENJOY GOOD FOODS

Is your nose ready for the wonderful aromas of that big turkey dinner tomorrow? — I hope so! Tell you whether a substance is sour or sweet, salty or bitter. The delicious "flavor" is detected by your nose.

Your sense of smell probably is even more important than your sense of taste when it comes to eating. Your taste buds simply tell you whether a substance is sour or sweet, salty or bitter. The delicious "flavor" is detected by your nose.

MAKE THIS TEST If you don't believe me, try pinching your nostrils together when you sit down to Thanksgiving dinner. I think you'll find that the turkey and all the trimmings taste pretty flat. They will taste a good deal like almost any other foods you sample in the same manner.

If you have a cold and your nose is stuffed, things will taste flat, no matter what you do. You don't have to make a conscious effort to sniff a dish while you're eating, although the aroma of a delectable meal usually is something to cherish. Warm vapors are freed by the food as you chew flavor, are forced toward your nose by the natural acts of swallowing and exhaling.

Most good cooks insist on serving food, especially soups, piping hot. There's a good reason for this, generally, the hotter the food, the more intense is the odor. Thus, a hot food gives off far more satisfying vapors than would the same dish served only lukewarm or cold.

Women reportedly have a better sense of smell than do men. As we grow older, scientists tell us, our sense of smell becomes somewhat dulled. For this reason, oldersters usually tend to enjoy spicy and more highly flavored foods (such as anchovies and the like) more than do younger men and women.

Whatever foods you like, take a good deep sniff tomorrow when you sit down to eat. You'll "taste" the rich aroma even before you take the first bite.

QUESTIN AND ANSWER

Q. K: I have a child four years old whose bowels tend to protrude when he moves them. A. Answer: Your child is probably suffering from prolapse of the bowel. Bandaging the bowel to prevent it from protruding may be of help in certain cases. However, in many instances, an operation is required.



"THE TRUTH"

Friend, though thy soul should burn thee, yet be still. Thoughts were not made for strife, nor tongues for swords. He that sees clear is gentlest of his words. And that's no truth that has the heart to kill. The whole world's thought shall not one truth fulfill. Dull in our age and passionate in youth, No mind of man hath found the perfect truth. Nor shalt thou find it; therefore friend be still. —Archibald Lampman.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

In the wonderful world of the neighborhood cowboys and Indians aged 5, no one ever pauses to reload. —Windsor Star

A New Zealand hospital announces that it has demonstrated that an infant, kept in the same room as its mother during its first few days thrives better than one kept in a nursery. And this we toil panting behind Mother Nature, who knew that 5,000 years ago. —Peterborough Examiner

One of the most needless causes of the slaughter of the innocents and one that is growing at an alarming rate is the practice of allowing youngsters who are not yet in their teens to operate tractors. Two or three times every week, news wires carry stories of a boy or girl — six, seven or eight years of age — being pinned beneath one of these machines and being crushed to death. —Sherbrooke Record

Lester B. Pearson's statements that member nations are losing interest in NATO draws attention to the dangerous situation in the organization formed to defend Western Europe. Five years ago the objective was 100 divisions, which 50 were to be active in 30 days. Today the strength is 3 active divisions and 48 in reserve. Some active divisions are only a half strength, and the reserve divisions are of doubtful quality. —Toronto Telegram

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