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A Time To Remember

Winston Churchill was once asked what name he would suggest for the Second World War. He replied: "The Unnecessary War." Of course, he did not mean that war was unnecessary on September 3, 1939; his voice was the trumpet blast that roused the free world to its urgency.

He meant that if governments had taken the right steps several years before the war they could have avoided, and in a sense, all wars fall into this category. The wars of this century, with their terrible loss of life, afford the most tragic examples of mistakes, errors and delusions in human history.

It is a paradox that this most senseless, brutish and wasteful of human activities has been productive of such shining virtues. Seldom, save in time of war, have men been induced to forsake their pursuit of purely material ends—wealth, comfort, security, and whatnot—so sacrificially, and even life itself, in furtherance of an ideal.

Courage, fortitude, endurance, compassion, sacrifice; these, the noblest of human qualities, shine brightest against the dark inhumanity of war. The tragedy is that we have failed to channel them effectively, as yet, into the ways of peace. This is the great task ahead, a task to which such world organizations as the United Nations is dedicated, and to which, with all its shortcomings, it has been moving perceptibly. With each forward step, the prospect of new conflicts is pushed back.

This is the only way by which we can hope to redeem the past, and be true to the memories which Remembrance Day evokes. The pledge of the living to the dead, which we solemnly combine today with our vows of gratitude, is to work unceasingly for peace, for freedom toward a greater justice for all, toward a wider toleration, toward the increasing betterment of life the world over.

The Democratic Process

Premier Roberts has announced that while Ontario will consider constitutional changes, even radical ones, it will not be a party to undermining the sovereignty of the federal government nor prevent it from playing its essential role of holding the nation together. He rejects the idea that any province should exercise veto rights over federal policies and programs which come within the constitution.

While commending the Ontario premier for his attitude in this matter, the Globe and Mail suggests that his reference in the same speech to negotiations between federal and provincial authorities might benefit from a closer examination. It refers particularly to his statement that for such talks to be fruitful, there must be insistence that, when a settlement of the issues is agreed upon, it will be binding on all.

This, comments the Toronto paper, appears to be a sound foundation upon which to build permanent structures, and thus persists in the danger that plans discussed by the two levels of government are "binding on all" long before they have been submitted to the real tests of uninhibited examination in the provincial Legislatures and the House of Commons.

on some proposal with national applications, the full democratic process is impaired. Can the Liberal opposition in Ontario (or in Prince Edward Island, for that matter) seriously challenge a policy which has the blessing of a Liberal Prime Minister in Ottawa, any more than a Conservative opposition in, say, New Brunswick, can challenge a policy of which Mr. Roberts (or Mr. Shaw) approves?

This is the question posed by our Toronto contemporary, and it has been put with equal emphasis by the Winnipeg Free Press in editorials from which we have quoted in these columns. These are two of Canada's greatest newspapers, and the warning they are sounding on this occasion has nothing to do with partisan politics. It is a plea for government leaders to give some heed to them, before it is too late.

Costly Luxuries

Opposition Leader Alex Matheson's latest prediction about elections is that in all likelihood there will be a federal one next June and a provincial one some time before then. We wish he'd tell us how much they're going to cost. That's what the taxpayers are worrying about, and the prospective candidates. Two hundred thousand of the city's star boarders are to be caught with big nets, put in cages, and banded in a distant part of Bavaria. Since pigeons have proved extraordinarily adaptable over the ages, the Munich city fathers hope the exiled birds will learn to like the country as much as they like sidewalk walks and people.

Many cities would wish Munich good luck but without connection, Berlin, New York, Boston, Washington, Chicago, London, Paris, and Moscow, have learned that pigeons can withstand trapping, deportation, shooting, poisoning, scaring, and all manner of campaigns. The birds multiply instead of decrease. People who happen to like pigeons enjoy their companionship and beauty. But birds damage buildings, desecrate public monuments, foul sidewalks and streets, clog sewers and drainpipes. Their droppings can carry dangerous viruses.

CROSSBOWS AND NETS
Paris netted 100,000 pigeons earlier this year. Specially trained catchers marched into the boulevards with crossbows and nets upon their unsuspecting quarry. The birds were packed off to the country to be kept in captivity for some time. Hopefully, they will forget about the City of Light and not try to return.

Moscow used to be extremely fond of pigeons. Traffic signs ordered drivers to watch out for pigeons at the risk of 2-ruble fines. A sign on a street corner was a "bombshell." The explosion, suggests the New York Times, will be greater if the United States carries out its implied threat to reduce other financial contributions to the United Nations.

Cutting technical assistance is ill-advised because the sufferers are not going to be the Russians, whom the United States wants to punish for refusing to pay their arrears for the UN peace-keeping machinery. The underdeveloped nations and the poor people who need the assistance are the ones who will suffer.

A possible purpose of the United States move it to put the underdeveloped nation-members of the General Assembly under notice that they either vote as Washington wants them to vote or they will lose their share of the \$60 million the United States was expected to contribute to the technical assistance program.

"This sort of policy," warns The Times, "inevitably boomerangs, aside from creating a deplorable image of the United States." The thoughts are in order before the pledging conference meets Nov. 6." Words in season, to which it is hoped President Johnson and his colleagues at Washington will give due consideration.

EDITORIAL NOTE

President Johnson lost no time after his hectic election campaign in getting a heart checkup and a chest X-ray. The results, it is pleasing to note, were satisfactory on both counts.



"A POPPY FOR REMEMBRANCE"

THE PIGEON WAR

Firmly Entrenched Despite Man's Efforts

The war between cities and pigeons has spread to Munich. Two hundred thousand of the city's star boarders are to be caught with big nets, put in cages, and banded in a distant part of Bavaria. Since pigeons have proved extraordinarily adaptable over the ages, the Munich city fathers hope the exiled birds will learn to like the country as much as they like sidewalk walks and people.

Elsewhere, despite all efforts to dislodge them, pigeons are firmly entrenched in their own private municipal playgrounds—London's Trafalgar Square, Moscow's Red Square, Tokyo's Imperial Palace, Venice's Piazza San Marco, and Lafayette Park, opposite the White House in Washington.

Of course The Geese Came
Ottawa Journal
Here we are back in the season of the "Call of the Wild" when too many people leave the honking of geese on the way South and begin mulling about on the bough and the awesome mystery of the migrating birds.

The geese are doing what they are accustomed to do and it is agreeable to hear them signaling they are on the move but not, surely, an occasion for 7 years, marvelling at something.

"Gambling A Disease"

In a characteristic fit of pessimism the late William C. Clegg, dean of the Paulist cathedral in London, once remarked that "gambling is a disease of barbarians superficially civilized." The disease, if such it is, again is proving itself catching in the United States.

Athletes In Politics

A mild fix is on in Toronto because one William Watson seeks a PC nomination. For Willie Whopper, Dick Watson, wrestler more than lawyer, skill and income. Some of the burghers are as glib as the athletes ever permit themselves to be at the thought of a wrestler in politics. It is a credit to L.P. Kelly, MP, in addition to his legal career, that he is a professional baseball player.

Bad Weather Road Hazards

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
Winter increases traffic problems, accidents, injuries, and death. Rain, snow, and ice add to the hazards of driving. People who do not return from work in the dark because the days are so short, are more likely to be on the road. Accident records show that drivers do not slow up for rain unless it pours in sheets. It is common knowledge that braking distance increases with the square of the rate of travel at 30 miles per hour. Snow makes conditions worse; during the first snowfall, 100 accidents were reported to police in 10 days over the same period with dry streets.

Pedestrians also are vulnerable. Slippery sidewalks make the number of fractures mount. Many are hit by automobiles when crossing the street at dusk. Everyone is in a hurry to get home after 5 p.m. Pedestrians are often crossing the street against the light, not realizing that drivers cannot see them as well at dusk or when it is raining or snowing.

Motor vehicles kill and injure more people each year than 24 years of age than does illness. The incidence of death and injury is low in this age group but we can assume that drinking and psychiatric disturbances are factors in the removal of Nikita Khrushchev to try to find out how the present Soviet leadership is willing to stray from the policies of the former Soviet premier.

Notable among the visitors was Chinese Premier Chou En-lai, who took advantage of the removal of Nikita Khrushchev to try to find out how the present Soviet leadership is willing to stray from the policies of the former Soviet premier.

MINORITIES
G. M. writes: Both my plinkies are very small. There is a 23 year old.
REPLY: Let the girls grow and I will create the illusion of having longer fingers. At your age, more important things should occupy your mind.

NEURITIS FROM ALCOHOL
O. L. writes: My husband is being treated for neuritis caused by heavy drinking. Is cure possible, now that he is on the wagon?
REPLY: Yes, if his neuritis is mild. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

What has really shaken the ebb of depression is the evidence that humming birds fly just as far or farther and that butterflies can span seas and continents. If humming birds and butterflies could hoak they too would cause sentimental chatter as they followed sky trails more familiar to them than any other birds.

Let us now praise famous names, such as astronauts, or men who would like to go South or can't.

NOTES BY THE WAY

One of the crew of a big liner changed to pick up first-class menard, and seeing at the top "Table d'hôte," turned to the waiter and said, "Well, this 'ere mean, Joe?" "Well," said Joe, "it's like this: 'W.A.' stands for 'What a table d'hôte.' We have 'table d'hôte,' only we mix it a little other way, we call it steve." Montreal Star.

Soviet-Chinese Relations

By Boris Miskow
Canadian Staff Writer
The divergent make-up of the Communist world casts the biggest obstacle in the path of a solution to Soviet-Chinese differences and it is doubtful that these differences can be resolved in the foreseeable future.

New strains in Soviet-Chinese relations as well as in relations among other Communist governments will no doubt crop up from time to time as the Communist states take on more mature complexities.

China's growing population and her inability to increase its food production at a satisfactory rate apparently leave the thought of war somewhat less repulsive to the Chinese Communist mind than in the minds of the Soviet government which is striving to increase living standards at the cost of avoiding war.

A Curious Choice

It is very curious that the leader of the Social Credit Party should be sent to Africa as special emissary of the Pearson ministry government. The assignment and the secrecy which accompanied it have drawn the fire of opposition parties, and rightly so.

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