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Unwise Observation

How does it happen that high political officials sometimes make statements which persons without the slightest training or experience in diplomacy would know to be imprudent? Take, by way of illustration, a statement attributed to Mr. Sherman Adams, Executive Assistant to President Eisenhower, one of his close advisers and, in the opinion of some political observers, the real power behind White House pronouncements. Speaking on a television program, and in an obvious attempt to do something about healing the breach in Western unity, Mr. Adams observed that "undoubtedly the white race is going to hang together in world affairs." Now, of course, if the statement had gone no further than the television audience, no great harm would have been done. But since, as everyone knows, any word spoken publicly by a prominent United States official is sent around the world within a matter of minutes, one can easily imagine the critical response this particular word would receive all over the continents of Asia and Africa.

Taken literally, Mr. Adams' statement would imply that all members of the white race, including the Russians (who certainly wouldn't want to be called anything but white) were in conspiracy against the black, brown and yellow races. But, of course, what Mr. Adams really meant was that the English-speaking peoples and their European friends—Germans, French, Italian, and so on—would hang together; and that makes the observation even more unwise. To Indians, Chinese and black Africans this "hanging together" means the same thing as "conspiring against" other races. This is the very thing they are afraid of, and the very thing that the Russians are dining in the ears of Asiatics and Africans every hour on the hour. This fear is reflected in the long and dreary speeches made in the U.N. General Assembly these days by representatives of the Asian-African bloc. We in the West know that the fear is unfounded. Apart from the moral consideration involved, what on earth would the white-West have to gain by trying to subjugate the rest of the world? But that does not help matters any. The point is that hundreds of millions of people scattered throughout Asia and Africa believe the fear is justified. Long before now, we may be sure, Mr. Adams' remark has been cited as proof of it.

Buy A Poppy

On Sunday, Canadians everywhere will pause in what they are doing to pay tribute to those who died on active service for their country. Not the least important token of their remembrance is the small red poppy which will be worn on lapels, or pinned to coats, of those participating in the services. Each year, in the week before Remembrance Day, the Canadian Legion sells poppies, assisted by members of their Ladies' Auxiliaries and other patriotic organizations. The money thus obtained can be used only for welfare work among war veterans and the families of those who served in the armed forces. It must be spent carefully, for the demands on the fund are still great. We can all help in making the campaign a success and it is to be hoped, as in other years, that the response in this city and Province will be generous.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Ottawa Citizen notes with approval that a number of cities, including New York, have replaced "Stop" signs with "Yield" at certain intersections. Charlottetown, of course, is one of those cities that has adopted the change where it seemed desirable.

Radar Sees All

Some car drivers are disturbed about radar "speed traps." They take the view that such a method of discouraging reckless driving is a little on the shady side, simply because it works silently and without permitting on the spot excuses which often try the patience and courtesy of traffic officers. What these critics seem to forget is that highway safety these days is a pretty difficult thing to insure even when every available device is brought to its aid. Statistics show that radar prevents a great many accidents from time to time, and certainly it is as benevolent to the speeder as to his potential victims.

High Time

It is good to note that at least one prominent Canadian politician has stood up for Britain and France in the action they were compelled to take by force of circumstances in the Suez Canal area after the United Nations had shown clearly its inability or unwillingness to deal with the crisis that had arisen. We refer to Mr. Donald Fleming's statement that instant police action was necessary and fully justified. Equally gratifying was Mr. Fleming's observation that this country should not join the United States in "delivering moral judgments on Britain and France." This is very much better than the attitude leading Government officials adopted in an obvious wish to do nothing to offend the sensibilities of the American State Department on the eve of an election. It is to be hoped that Mr. Fleming's views will be aired in Parliament when it meets to consider the United Nations police force proposal.

Meanwhile, in the U.N. General Assembly only Australia and New Zealand have had the courage or the goodwill—which ever is applicable—to defend the British and French against charges of aggression against an innocent victim, Egypt. Speaker after speaker referred to the two countries as "aggressors," some of them in a very offensive manner. Although the American and Canadian representatives did not actually use the word itself, neither of them went out of his way to repudiate it. But the Australian and New Zealand delegates did and without apologizing for their views. "I resent the insult to the United Kingdom and France," said Dr. Walker of Australia; and Sir Leslie Munroe of New Zealand spoke in similar vein. Millions of Canadians will applaud them for their stand, no matter what the official Canadian Government views may be in the matter.

Hot-Foot

The Mote And The Beam

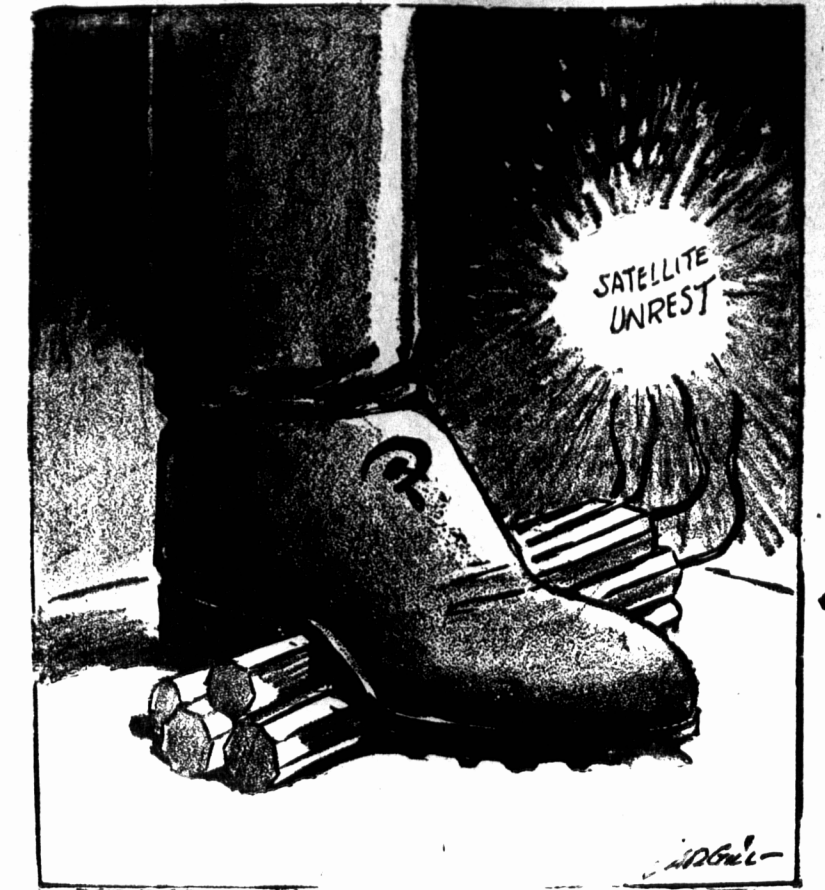
By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa. The parable of the mote and the beam should be required reading for the federal cabinet and for delegates at the United Nations this week. National and international circles have reproached Britain and France for their action in the Middle East. There has been what is a letter-writer in an Ottawa newspaper describes as "a concerted volume of dissociation from Great Britain in her efforts to champion the cause of all mankind." A commentator of the CBC added his inaccurate one cent's worth that "Britain and France now stand alone." But the truth is the ignorant critics have been too lazy to find out for themselves, is that "the recruit" mother proudly pointed out - "everyone is out of step except my Bill." In this case, everyone has been out of step but Britain and France. And for the record, they have never been alone. Australia and New Zealand promptly marched beside them. These are the overlooked but illuminating facts. In 1951, Britain and France and the U.S.A. signed the Tripartite Agreement in which they pledged that they would "immediately take action both within and outside the United Nations" if any Arab state were threatened by a violation of the armistice lines in the Middle East. Note especially that phrase: "both within and outside the United Nations." In this case the U.S.A.—not for the first time in history—failed to implement its international obligation when Israel invaded Egypt. With the big Jewish vote at stake in the presidential election seven days later, perhaps candidate Eisenhower felt his political future to be more important than his country's treaty obligations.

Jordan's Sea Outlet

National Geographic Society

Jordan's booming 'Aqaba port — at the head of the Gulf of 'Aqaba, off the Red Sea — occupies one of the most sensitive and strategic spots in the troubled near East. Less than six miles from Eilat, the fast-growing port of Israel, 'Aqaba is vital to the Jordan Kingdom as its only sea outlet. In recent years 'Aqaba's shipping facilities have been gradually improved. Latest development is the award to a German firm of a \$6,000,000 contract to build new harbor works. FOUR NATIONS FACE GULF. Four nations meet at the Gulf of 'Aqaba, says the National Geographic Society. Jordan and Israel control adjacent bits of land — 5 and 6 1/2 miles respectively — at the narrow top of the gulf. Along the eastern shore, south of Jordan, Saudi Arabia holds a 100-mile front. On the opposite side, south of Israel, Egypt's Sinai Peninsula stretches for about 118 miles. Egyptian batteries, set up at the gulf's narrow entrance, stand guard over ships that come this way. Until a few years ago, 'Aqaba was a small fishing village, overlooking waters filled with bizarre and colorful sea creatures. It still carries an air of tropical romance and Oriental mystery. Arab dhows drop anchor beside modern cargo steamers in a harbor of intensely blue water, fringed by swaying date palms and framed in the distance by a wall of somber mountains. Camel caravans plod the city's streets, bringing dust from desert wastes in salty-sea atmosphere. Nomad Bedouin chiefs, whose black tents dot neighboring hills, mingle with refugee Arab farmers from the west. Along narrow lanes, pilgrims on their way to Mecca may brush against Arab Legion soldiers — and perhaps members of a Unit-



HOT-FOOT

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

Twenty-five years ago (November 9, 1931)

Prince Edward Island entries carried off the majority of prizes awarded at the Maritime Winter Fair yesterday. Miss Vimy Jones made a clean sweep in the pony class with four firsts and two seconds. Other winners included Alex MacKay, with a first, and Horns Brothers with a first and second. William David MacKay, prominent mining man and former Alderman of Charlottetown, died at Toronto today, aged 76. He was actively associated with the Yukon gold rush at the end of the last century. Born at Cavendish, he was educated there and for many years was connected with the woolen industry in Charlottetown.

TEN YEARS AGO

(November 9, 1946)

It was learned yesterday that the present negotiations between the Provincial Government and the War Assets Corporation for the purchase of three hangers at the Charlottetown Airport are being made by the Provincial Government for the purpose of acquiring steel to alleviate the present steel shortage. Also it is possible that one of the hangers may be made available for the storage of potatoes.

PHOTOGRAPHER SHOT

PARIS (Reuters) — Jean-Pierre Pedrazini, 29, a photographer for the weekly Paris-Match who was wounded in the Budapest revolt, died in hospital here Wednesday. Soon after taking photographs of the Budapest fighting, Pedrazini was wounded in the legs, back and stomach by machine-gun bursts fired from a Soviet tank on Oct. 29.

The Age Old Story

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HISTORIC SITE

First owner of Broughton Castle in Oxfordshire, England, was the 14th-century crusader John de Broughton.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

PUT POTATOES ON MENU FOR INCREASED ENERGY. NUTRITIONISTS agree with you economy-minded housewives — potatoes are a good food buy. Most of you homemakers are well aware that potatoes are filling. They are a cheap way of satisfying those greedy appetites of your family. But the lowly spud is a good energy food. And it need not be fattening.

HIGH ON LIST

United States Department of Agriculture nutritionists rate potatoes high on the list of energy-giving foods. From only one medium-sized potato, cooked plain, you can obtain a quarter of your daily vitamin C needs, some of the B vitamins, some iron, and other valuable minerals. If you have a problem keeping your weight down, I suggest you eat baked or boiled potatoes instead of mashed, whipped, fried or hash-browned spuds.

ADDITIONAL CALORIES

Milk, cream and sometimes fat are added to mashed and a whipped potatoes. It makes them more tasty, but it also adds calories. The fat used in preparing fried and browned potatoes means additional calories, too. On the other hand, a medium-sized boiled or baked potato, served without fat, contains only about 100 calories. Adding butter or gravy, of course, boosts the calorie total.

BUYING AND STORING

Here are some tips to follow when buying and storing potatoes. Don't buy those which have a greenish color on the skins. They usually have a very bitter taste. Late crop potatoes, incidentally, will keep better than others. For best results, store them in temperatures ranging between 40 and 60 degrees Fahrenheit. And remember potatoes that are cracked or bruised should be the first ones used.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

S.R.: My daughter, who is an epileptic, is about to be married. Is this disease hereditary? Answer: This disease apparently is not hereditary in most instances.

MAXIMS

We can always be wiser for someone else than we can for ourselves.

AUTO PRODUCTION UP

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian production of motor vehicles rose nearly 19 per cent in October to 30,498 units from 25,655 in the corresponding month last year, the bureau of statistics said Wednesday. The increase in output reflected the first appearance on the retail market of new 1957 automobiles.

NOTES BY THE WAY

With the new jet planes, it is possible to have breakfast in Montreal and lunch in Vancouver, and spend the rest of the day looking for a hotel room.—Edmonton Journal

It can't help but moisten the eye, picturing the serene-faced silver-haired couple fifty years hence holding hands as they listen to the grand old song they courted by: 'You're Nothin' but a Houn' Dawg.—Hamilton Spectator

Should you ever be faced with the problem of rehabilitating a dog that has lost an encounter with a skunk, here is a friendly tip from a police sergeant in Newington, Connecticut, who says it works: First give the dog a bath in tomato juice to remove the odor. Then bathe him in liquid detergent to remove the tomato juice. The officer who passed this recipe along didn't say anything about it, but it might be well to save enough tomato juice and detergent for yourself, particularly if the dog doesn't take willingly to the de-skunking process.—Saint John Telegraph Journal

The possibility of a Laffist coup d'etat in Syria is regarded in the ancient city of Bagdad as posing a greater threat to peace in the Middle East than the Suez Canal problem. If it isn't one thing, it's another! — Brantford Expositor

Dollar is a word that has passed through various forms. It was thaler, dähler, daaler, daler and talero. It originally came from Thal, a town in Bohemia. Here coins of an ounce in weight were made. They were called Joachim's thaler or Schlicker thaler. So popular did these coins become that they gave their name to those that came after them. Their manufacture dates from about the year 1518. — Farmer's Almanac

Members elected to the House of Representatives and the Senate at Washington spoke the sum of \$249,085 in trips to various parts of the world during five months of last year. Without getting into a discussion of the value of the United States' received through this expenditure, one can conclude it was a costly expense account. — Fort William Times-Journal

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