

China & Disarmament

At a press conference in Washington last week, President Kennedy frankly conceded that any world disarmament must include Communist China to be workable or "have any value."

This is the first time that we have seen any public acknowledgement by a United States President of the obstacle of Communist China in the path of the nuclear agreement on disarmament which the world seeks.

Red China today casts a gargantuan shadow over all Asia. It has set its sights on becoming an industrial power of 1,000,000,000 people before this century is out.

To Fight Red Menace

An educational drive that may have far-reaching effects has been launched by a special committee of the American Bar Association.

A new handbook, prepared by the committee, stresses the fact that education in democratic countries demands "more than an uncomfortable awareness that Communism threatens freedom."

To fight this menace involves a great deal more than creating feelings of fear, antipathy, or hatred. At best, the free world faces many years—if not many decades—of continued conflict with this determined enemy.

Iron On Communism And Its Contrast With Liberty Under Law, is being distributed to 1,400 bar associations across the country to educational leaders in every state.

2,000-Year-Old Lesson

We read so much nowadays about new farming methods that it comes as a surprise to learn that modern farmers in the Negev desert in Israel are reverting to a technique of their ancestors of two thousand years ago, and finding verification of the wisdom of the ancient proverb, attributed to Solomon, that there is nothing new under the sun.

The area consists of rugged rocky hillsides, cut by narrow wadis or valleys leading to broad flood plains. The soils on the slopes are very shallow and gravelly, while those at the bottom of the wadis consist of a layer of loamy earth often several metres thick.

The Israeli researchers have restored two of the ancient farms with their terraces, walls, spillways and channels. They have made detailed studies of rainfall patterns and have started experiments with various crops to test the efficiency of these ancient farming methods.

At one farm, fruit trees and vines were planted in 1958 and, in spite of the fact that two years of drought followed, the trees have grown very well, irrigated by the run-off waters. At the other farm, barley was planted and produced a good crop despite a minimum annual rainfall. Further north in the Negev desert, barley crops which had much more rain failed completely.

Ten Millions Unclaimed

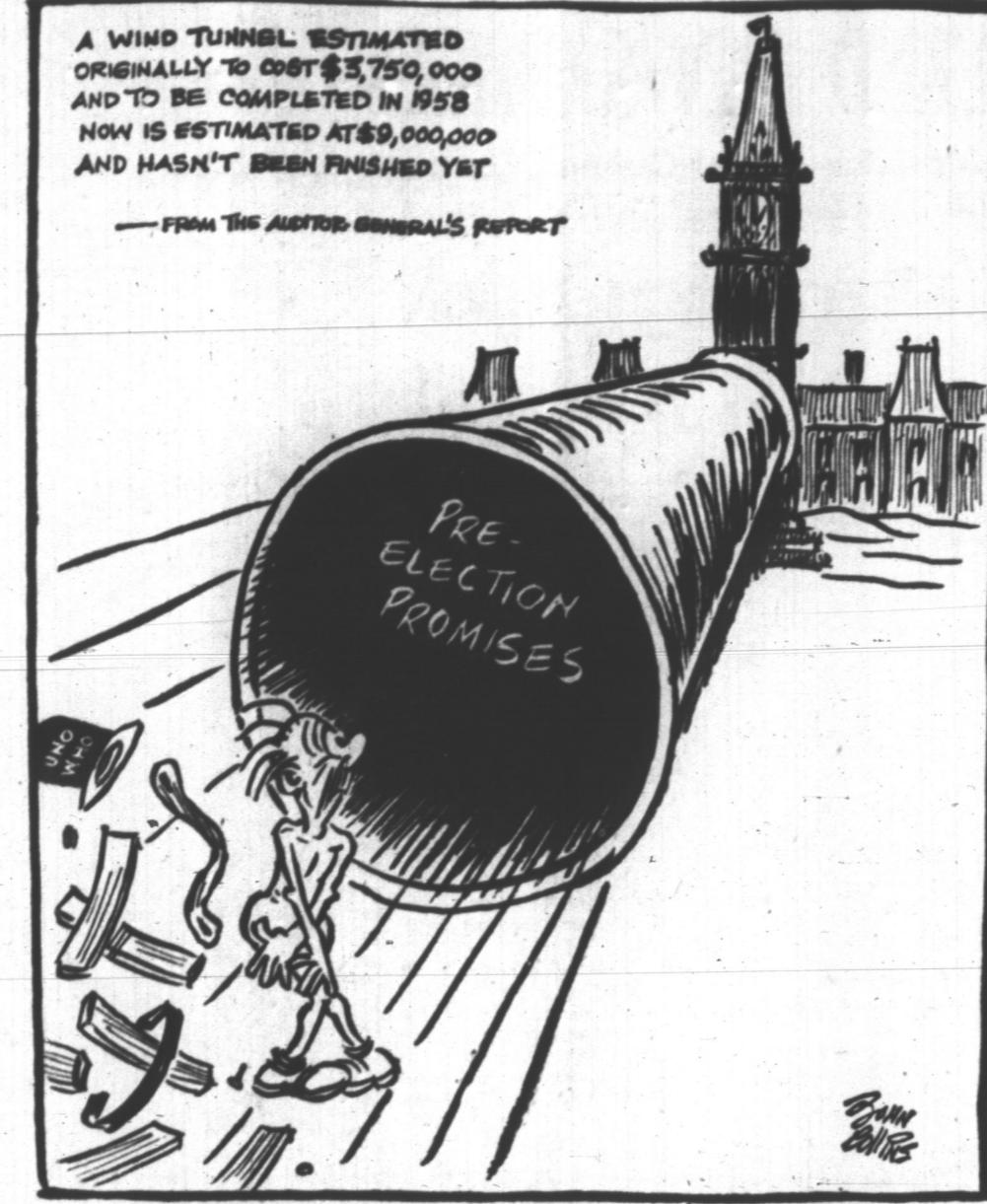
Speaking in the House of Commons the other day, Veterans' Affairs Minister Churchill noted that there are 65,375 World War II veterans who have not claimed their re-establishment credits, which amount to \$10,364,000.

The War Service Grants Act was passed in 1944 and veterans who were discharged before then and are living outside Canada, or cannot be traced by DVA, may not know the credit is available. Because the funds are paid, not to the veteran in cash but to his credit on the purchase of such things as household furniture or the tools of a trade, some veterans have delayed claiming them until they married or in some other way found an appropriate use.

As evidence that most veterans know what is coming to them, and have claimed it, DVA points out that \$10,264,000 is, comparatively, merely a small tag end of the \$309,369,000 that has been claimed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Of interest to our farmers are the changes in methods of sheep pricing which were advocated at the annual meeting in Toronto last week of the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association. One change is in the premium payment of \$2 per carcass now paid for lambs between 36-51 pounds and grading choice one or good one.



ANOTHER OTTAWA WIND TUNNEL

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Federal Deficits And Surpluses

Most Canadian families live in homes acquired through the "Build now, pay later," system. And regardless of the consequent mortgages, we put ourselves on the back as being one of the home-owning nations.

Canada itself, ever since Confederation, has developed predominantly on the same "Build now, pay later," system. A study of our national accounts shows that in our 94 years of Confederation, we have recorded a deficit in no less than 70 years.

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Disorder In British Guiana

Prime Minister Cheddi Jagan's decision to call for British Tommies to help maintain order in British Guiana raises the question of whether the self-governing colony is ready to cut all ties with London.

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February Is Heart Month

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen PHYSICIANS have done more to conquer heart disease in the last 50 years than in all the past centuries. This is heart month and we are going to concentrate on the heart this week.

It is in the field of diagnosis and treatment that most progress has been made in congenital heart disorders. Medical science has prolonged the life of thousands of these children by discovering ways to determine the exact type of defect.

Soon it became obvious that open heart surgery would be needed to correct other defects. The surgeon had to see what he was doing. The trick was to maintain circulation to the brain and the rest of the body while the heart laid open.

The newest way to accomplish this is by refrigeration. Lowering the body temperature to between 60 and 50 degrees F. arrests the circulation for an hour, by reducing the body's need for blood.

GASTROINTESTINAL STUDY A. B. writes: I'm having trouble with my digestion and the doctor wants me to have a g-t test. Is this done for anything besides ulcer?

Yes—for cancer, hernia, polyps, diverticulitis, kinks, obstruction, and a spasm somewhere along the gastrointestinal tract.

RADIOIODINE TEST M. K. writes: I have a goiter and my doctor wants me to take a radioactive iodine test. With the additional fallout we now have, will it be dangerous to go through this test?

No. There are other tests for thyroid activity that can be used if the question of fallout is of major concern to you.

HOT FOODS AND CANCER V. M. writes: Will eating food sizzling hot cause cancer of the lips?

We do not know the cause of cancer. But malignancy of the throat and stomach is said to be more common among races or nationalities that prefer hot food and drink.

STERILIZING PILLS C. A. writes: Is the male contraceptive pill available?

No. This product has been abandoned, even though it produces sterility. Side reactions occurred when alcoholic beverages were taken with the pills, including faintness and low blood pressure.

GAMMA GLOBULIN AND GERMS H. G. S. writes: Is it true that gamma globulin is the body's germ fighter?

Yes. The protein elements of the blood contain the germ fighting cells.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It is said that fluoridation benefits only a part of the population. But so, at any one time, do schools. — Ottawa Journal.

As the pundits tell us, there are other things in life besides money—the trouble being that they cost money. — Chatham News.

Cashiers in the 36 branches of a Nottingham, England, bank have been issued with can openers to open piggy banks. They should be able to do a much cleaner job than Dad with his do-it-yourself hammer and screwdriver technique. — Hamilton Spectator.

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Inflation in Italy finally will benefit those convicted of crime. Until now, those who could not pay fines served jail sentences instead at the rate of "one day equals 65 cents." From now on, one day of jail will be valued at \$5. "Everything is worth more today, even time." — La Nazione, Florence.

Charles P. Romulo, the distinguished Philippines statesman who is retiring as his country's ambassador to the United States to become president of the University of the Philippines, said: "Presidents of universities never die; they just lose their faculties." With such a sense of humor, Mr. Romulo will keep his faculties for a long time. — Ottawa Journal.

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A resident of a Quebec City suburb recently found an elephant's four-foot tusk sticking out of the ground. The theory is that it was accidentally dropped by English traders in ivory about 150 years ago. A man never knows what he is going to turn up, besides earthworms, when he starts digging in his garden. — Ottawa Citizen.

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The Age Old Story

And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Proverbs Are Widespread

In England too many cooks spoil the broth. In Russia a child with seven nurses loses an eye. In China too many bricklayers build a lopsided house.

Many other strikingly similar proverbs crop up in widely separated parts of the world. The Japanese say: "A woman's hair is strong enough to keep an elephant tied." An English proverb claims: "One hair of a proverb draws more than a team of oxen."

These tributes to the tenacity of women and similar duplications apparently developed independently in different areas as man drew upon common observations, experiences, and problems.

WOMEN ARE POPULAR Thousands of proverbs have been coined about women. A group of West African sayings has a familiar ring: "If you want peace, give ear to your wives' proposals... Who marries a beautiful woman marries torment... Women take up their market baskets and also take up gossip."

Chivalry dies in the old English couplet: "A spaniel, a woman, and a walnut tree—The more they're beaten the better they be." Russians put it more gently: "Love your wife like your soul but shake her like a pear tree."

A popular international theme warns against excessive talk. The Chinese hold that a great talker never wants for enemies; talk does not cook rice; and mischief all comes of much opening of the mouth.

The English caution that "a spoken word cannot be recalled." Russian and Japanese proverbs express the same idea metaphorically. Russian version: "A word isn't a bird; if it flies out, you'll never catch it again." Japanese: "A word once uttered is beyond the reach of four galloping horses."

Poverty is another familiar theme, and a thread of cynicism runs through many of the sayings on this subject. West African: "Being poor makes it hard to have friends but not impossible." English: "When a poverty comes in at the door, love flies out at the window." Italian: "It is more easy to praise poverty than to bear it."

But being poor has its compensations, according to an English maxim that maintains: "Little goods, little care." Sometimes two proverbs express the same ideas in vastly different ways. A macabre Japanese saying goes, "If you have taken poison, lick even the plate." In contrast the English maintain, "In for a penny, in for a pound."

Anthropologists believe proverbs were man's first great attempt at abstract thinking. They place proverbs between magical thinking and deductive reasoning in the development of human intelligence. When a civilization reaches the proverb stage, it has the beginnings of philosophy, ethics, and law. Their importance in primitive societies is summed up by a West African saying: "Talking a palaver without proverbs is like going on a journey without rice in your bag."

Though useful, proverbs often are contradictory as in "Look before you leap" and "He who hesitates is lost." The proverbial solution to this stalemate is "Circumstances alter cases." But a rebuttal might be "Wise men make proverbs, and fools repeat them."

Egypt And The Suez

Marshall Amer, Vice-President and Defence Minister of the United Arab Republic (Egypt), is currently visiting Indonesia. According to the Indonesian government he has promised that Dutch military traffic that might possibly be used against Indonesia will not be allowed through the Suez Canal.

This would follow the precedent established a short time ago, when Egypt refused to allow Portuguese ships to pass through the Suez Canal since they might have been used for the defence of Goa against India.

SOLEMN OBLIGATIONS This involved the violation of solemn obligations made by President Nasser's government, after Egypt "nationalized" the Suez Canal, and after the conflict over the Canal between Egypt and Britain and France.

In 1957, the Egyptian government passed a law which forbade the authorities operating the Canal from discriminating against any ship that wished to use it, and from doing anything else that would violate the Suez Canal Convention of 1888. This pledge was reaffirmed before the United Nations in 1959, by the Egyptian Foreign Minister. The only exception made was directed against Israel, whose

JUMP IN ASSESSMENT TORONTO (CP)—Metropolitan Toronto Assessment Commissioner A. J. B. Gray said Friday small home owners in Toronto are "in the midst" of a 25 to 40 per cent jump in their property assessment. He said the high assessment boosts, which result in higher taxes, will continue "for the next two or three years."

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