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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Canadian Destroyers With British Fleet

Canada's three destroyers in the Far East have been assigned to units of the Royal Navy for operations in Korean waters. The decision was not, of course, one of policy but of tactics. Had there been advantages in such a course, the Cayuga, Athabasca and Sioux could almost as readily have been attached to a United States Navy task force. No serious difficulty of co-operation at sea or agreement by the Governments concerned would have prevented such a disposition.

In organization, equipment and tradition our Navy is closer to the R. N. than to the U. S. N., while our seamen probably bear more resemblance to the American wet bob than to the English tar. All are today, in a very real sense, comrades in arms, and in their unity lies the strength of the United Nations.

Socialism's Sixth Column

Resolutions denouncing communism have become such a commonplace that the declaration of the 200-odd delegates from 23 nations attending the fourth annual conference of the World Organization of the Teaching Profession, meeting at Ottawa, of their readiness to oppose this intellectual weapon of Russian imperialism is unlikely to attract the attention which it otherwise deserves.

Paradox of such declarations of faith in the democratic way of life is that those who make them frequently fail to detect the totalitarian tincture in their own midst. In Canada today there are those whose stand against communism is courageous indeed, but who not only tolerate but support economic doctrines which, if achieved, would spell the death knell of freedom itself in this country.

These are the state-worshippers, the people who believe that if business and industry were run by the government, if state planning replaced private initiative, Canada would be a happier and more prosperous land. These misguided souls are oblivious to the fact that planning would be impossible without controls, and controls would be futile without a police state to see that they were enforced.

The World Organization of the Teaching Profession, of which the Canadian Teachers' Federation forms an important part, would command wide support for its many worthy objectives were its representatives to address themselves to the problem of combating totalitarianism at home, and leave to the Armed Forces and the diplomats the task of fighting totalitarianism abroad.

Ottawa's "Third Force"

Thoughtful Canadians would be shocked were it suggested that policy decisions of the Federal cabinet more often than not reflected, not the considered judgment of individual Ministers of the Crown, but rather the views of a highly specialized team of experts occupying a governmental "no-man's-land" midway between Parliament and the departments of government. Yet an examination of the role of those having the title of "Special Assistant" to various cabinet ministers would probably provide convincing evidence that this is so.

Not being responsible to any deputy-minister, "Special Assistants" occupy a position distinctly different from that of regularly appointed civil servants. Nor is their position akin to that of Parliamentary Assistants, who invariably occupy a seat in the House of Commons and are responsible to Parliament itself. Consequence of their unique status is that they are prone to be regarded by parliamentarians and senior officials of government alike as the alter ego of the cabinet minister whom they serve.

Dean of this governmental "no-man's-land" is Jack Pickersgill, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister. Mr. Pickersgill, in theory at least, has no politics. He was seconded to his present post by former Prime Minister King, from the Department of External Affairs.

That Mr. Pickersgill and others occupying appointments as Special Assistants to Ministers of the Crown serve well both Canada and their respective chiefs is not in issue. There is, however, a growing doubt in the minds of not a few students of public affairs as to the wisdom of creating a new and self-perpetuating level of government exercising by virtue of its very status a considerable influence over cabinet and civil service alike. For deputy ministers

and department heads are prone to hang on to the words which fall from the lips of Special Assistants as reflecting the views of cabinet itself, while Ministers of the Crown, beset by the complexities of "Big Government", rely more and more upon the guidance of the Special Assistants in the formulation of policy.

Those who occupy the post of Special Assistant in the Ottawa hierarchy are undoubtedly highly versed in the art of statecraft. Nevertheless, it is questionable whether the emergence of this "third force" in government is as desirable as it is undoubtedly useful to the cabinet ministers concerned. Serious students of government hold that it tends to weaken rather than strengthen the machinery of public administration.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, 8th Sunday after Trinity.

Monday will be the Provincial Revival Rally in the Forum.

Away back in 1932, The Guardian used to carry regular weekly cartoons from the skilled hands of Evangelist Templeton.

Tomorrow in Truro the die will be cast so far as Charlottetown's application is concerned for admittance to the Maritime Senior Hockey League.

Montague's example of providing refuse containers around the streets should be more widely imitated. No amount of effort in other directions can excuse littered streets.

Though the price of flour has gone down, we are told there will be no reduction in the price of bread because the reduction has been off-set by increases in the price of sugar, lard, etc. There is always something to keep the rabbit's tail short.

Most volunteer witnesses before the Fishermen's Loan Commission lack knowledge of the general proceedings under the Act during election year or otherwise. Perhaps the candidates could throw more light on the subject.

Tourists happily approaching the Island from Truro glide over some of the best stretches of highway in the Maritimes. The shock of their arrival on this side should be softened a bit by warnings of the miles of dust between Wood Islands and the nearest pavement.

Legal aid for persons lacking means has become an issue in several provinces. Free legal services for those who cannot pay is nothing new. What is an innovation is the provision for reimbursing their legal adviser for his pains.

Rejuvenation would have made much more progress had not investigators of a generation ago unluckily begun their experiments using monkey glands. The resultant flood of ridicule prevented serious study of the problem, and it is only now that scientists are again making any real progress.

A co-operative arrangement has been made whereby Saskatchewan dairymen whose herds are on the provincial herd improvement test may enter their purebred cows on R. O. P. and secure the benefits of R. O. P. records without duplication of testing services. The plan has been worked out between the Saskatchewan and the Canada departments of agriculture and provides that inspectors under the provincial herd improvement service will also hold appointment as R. O. P. inspectors.

Banieri Carlo Giovanni Maria Ferando Eugenio Humbert II, King of Italy, assassinated this date 1900 after 22 years on the throne. He was a liberal-minded monarch; supported the Triple Alliance to maintain peace in Europe, and also cultivated the friendship of Britain; he advocated the colonization of the Red Sea littoral as an outlet for Italy's teeming population which was being agitated by socialists and anarchists, one of whom, named Bresci, assassinated him.

Great accomplishment from a small beginning flows. When the cry "Fresh sweeties!" sounded in Edinburgh's Lawnmarket towards the end of the 19th century,urchins crowded round the man with the little cart, nudging him for their halfpenny-worths. The toffee-vendor was William Duncan, a High Street confectioner. On a coke-stove in their shop, his mother, Mrs. Mary Duncan, boiled sugar and flavouring while her son planned big things. Today, from humble beginnings, the firm, W. & M. Duncan, Ltd., employs 1,100 workers and in a year uses 900 tons of cocoa-beans, 700 tons of cocoa butter and 2,700 tons of sugar. Their output has recently rocketed to 7,000 tons of confection from chocolate bars to cherry liquors. The firm does an international business, and recently has opened up the Canadian market.

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.

SEEKING PEN FRIEND

Sir—I am typing this small note to you, in an endeavour to secure a Pen Friend, who would be willing to correspond with me, mainly concerning Philately. I am a very ardent collector, and have tried many times unsuccessfully to contact friends through various newspaper columns. However, Canada has always eluded me, correspondents in Newfoundland and Jamaica have furnished me with addresses, no result forthcoming. I am 24 years of age, and am employed by a Brisbane bank; this position I have held for four years.

BENEFITING FROM CRITICISM

Sir.—In a previous letter I submitted the suggestion that farming, today, is a huge manufacturing industry, and as such is entitled to being conducted and managed in similar fashion to that being accorded what we may term commercial institutions in our large industrial centers.

But what about agriculture as an organized institution? Well, it simply isn't such. Collectively it is an expensive manufacturing business, made up of similar small, we or individual units, but there is no overhead organization.

The effort towards bringing about unification in agricultural activities is not new in this Province. Fifty years back would scarcely ante-date its beginning, and yet at this date it is still the curial the issue offered for our agricultural ill.

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ALCOHOL EDUCATION

Sir,—I have just finished reading "The Manual of Reference for Alcohol Education", adopted by the Province of British Columbia for use in their schools. It is the last word in scientific teaching on this subject upon which in the last forty years so very much has been written.

Science does not give beverage alcohol a leg to stand upon. In this latest text book for use in British Columbia schools the best it can say for this "Angel of Mercy" that has been glorified in song throughout the ages is in the following words: "There is no scientific evidence to prove that alcohol taken occasionally, and in small amounts is permanently harmful to the human body."

As a beverage it is not used. Other and more effective remedies are now at hand. As a food it has no permanent value. It satisfies a man's hunger by dulling the nerves that tell him he is hungry. It drowns his troubles, but like the drowned cat it returns home. It relieves nervous tension but detrones common sense. It is supposed to stimulate the heart but it merely removes the controls. A man thinks it makes him a little better driver, but it blurs his vision and slows down his mental reaction.

The Neighbors



"Let him play with the other boys. He's too old to cling to your skirts."

most promising approach to the prevention of intemperance lies in the purposeful education on matters relating to alcohol. Past efforts through Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies have not been successful.

Mr. Vic Runtz is on vacation. Consequently his cartoons will not appear again until August 10.

Old Charlottetown

One of the first acts of the City Council following the incorporation of Charlottetown in 1855 was to make regulations for the good government of the Market House on Queen Square.

BLOOD BANK APPEAL

Sir.—For a hospital to operate its own Blood Bank would be a most expensive procedure, which is beyond the economy of small hospitals. These are factors about operating a Blood Bank which make it impossible for a small hospital to give a service equivalent to that now supplied by the Red Cross.

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EARNEST MISS

STAINES, Middlesex, England — (CP) — Sheila Wiseman, 18, wanted to visit Canada for three years, but could not do so without her father's consent.

The Age-Old Story

The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, and before honour is humility.

THE POLIO SEASON HAS ARRIVED

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Notes By The Way

Revision of water rates and the metering of it to all consumers is a proposal being considered by the Works Committee. Such a step has been urged to check the wasteful use of water by some householders because the expenses of the water-works department are rising.

The U.S. is weak on tanks today. The Russians have been grinding out the huge weapons at the rate of 1,000 per month, by best estimate, and now reportedly have 30 armoured divisions. The U. S. has one — the Second Armored Division, stationed at Camp Hood, Texas.

That story from our Taber correspondent the other day certainly wound up on a suggestive note. First, Taber town council is erecting stop signs on certain streets. Then speed traps are being measured out to catch drivers with a heavy foot.

If the Canadian Government must re-calculate the Federal budget in the light of the world crisis, the same responsibility rests upon provincial and municipal governments.

The Poet's Corner

When you and I have played the little hour, Have seen the tall subaltern life Yield up his sword; and, smiling, draw the breath of freedom; The first long breath of freedom; Of Reconscience hath fluttered to our feet, As to an actor's; and the curtain down, We turn to face each other all alone — Alone, who never yet did meet Alone, and absolute, and free; Oh, then, most dear, how shall I told the tale? Clapsed hands, pressed lips, and so clasped hands again; No words. But as the proud wind My love to yours shall reach, then, Of joy; and then our infinite Alone.

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