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

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National War Preparations

It is scarcely necessary to underline the significance of the war preparedness moves announced by Prime Minister St. Laurent yesterday. The immediate start of recruitment for a special service brigade, to be available for Korea or elsewhere, the calling of a special session of Parliament to give effect to this and other defense moves, the Prime Minister's emphasis on the speed-up in production of Canadian jet aircraft, naval vessels and other armament, and indeed the whole tenor of his speech indicate the urgency of taking all-out action to prevent what every peace loving country most dreads—another world armageddon. The Prime Minister believes that there is a "real chance" that the final defeat of the Communist aggressors in Korea will discourage aggression in other places. Nor is there any question but that this opinion will be solidly endorsed by Parliament and the country at large.

In stressing his conviction that the security of Canada required further expansion of her defense efforts, Mr. St. Laurent added significantly: "in the same way that the United States and Britain have expanded their efforts." This means, for one thing, that our defense expenditures will have to be boosted immediately, with much higher taxes than were contemplated when the last budget was brought down in Parliament.

A table published by the New York Times shows that in comparison with other countries Canada is spending about a third as much for defence as the United States and Italy, and about one-fourth as much as the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. The United States spends 6.4 per cent of its national income on armaments, Italy 6.3, the United Kingdom 7.6, and the Netherlands 7.7, while Canada's contribution lags at a mere 2 per cent.

The Korean crisis makes it certain that defence expenditures of all the western democracies must increase sharply during the next few months. In the United States alone President Truman has asked for a five billion dollar increase in individual and corporate taxes to help finance the expanding arms programme. Canadians can scarcely expect to escape shouldering their share of the financial burden imposed as a result of Soviet aggression.

Bewildering and worrisome aspect of the probable demand for increased taxes is that the burden must be superimposed on an already abnormally swollen cost of government coupled with much higher living costs than prevailed during World War II. An inevitable consequence of heavy postwar federal spending on social security, which takes a billion dollars a year to finance, will be lowered living standards for everyone regardless of income.

The pinch will be felt by everyone. This is certain to be painful. More serious, however, is the strain which such an enormous tax burden will impose on the national economy. Question thoughtful Canadians are asking themselves is whether the Government will have the political courage to pare down other expenditures to the bone. That is what is involved in an all-out defense effort. We cannot afford to flirt with socialistic panaceas and wage a hot war at the same time.

New Vocabulary

In the Communist world of the future, says Stalin, the people of all nations will speak the same language. An utterance of this sort from the Soviet dictator Stalin is not an opinion but a decree, so far as the Russians are concerned, and the linguistic experts of Moscow are already at work compiling mankind's new vocabulary.

Stalin, notes the Globe and Mail, is not the first man to hit upon the idea of a universal language. But practical and well-intentioned believers in it have generally thought that the new lingua franca would be an auxiliary to the learner's native tongue. Few advocates of Esperanto believed the human race could be induced to speak it and nothing else. It was to be a second language, useful for meeting strangers. So with basic English.

But the master of the Kremlin is a whole hogger. Under his plan there will be no communication at all except in Bolshevik, Stalinish or whatever it would be called. And it is easy to see how this arrangement would fit the Communist ideal. Access to all past history and to the classics in all languages now alive would be forever denied to the mass of humanity. They would read,

in translations, only such excerpts from Dickens or Shakespeare, Victor Hugo or Thomas Mann as their benevolent rulers thought fit to give them. New books in Bolshevik would naturally hew to the party line.

"What sort of words would be needed in Bolshevik and which words could be left out?" asks our Toronto contemporary. "Clearly there would be no need of words for freedom, initiative, enterprise, nation, independence, patriotism and many other notions associated with the wretched pre-Stalin era in human annals. The Communist lingo might dispense, too, with words for such grisly capitalistic institutions as family, home and love. And now one can expect Moscow romancers to turn out novels of the future in which fugitives from linguistic justice are discovered, in a cellar, muttering these lost English words to one another like an incantation."

EDITORIAL NOTES

There is confirmation of Ethiopia's backwardness in recent reports of a revolt against heavy taxes.

Crapaud has the distinction of being not only the newest but the fastest growing village in Prince Edward Island.

Second Battle of Amiens this date 1918, when the Germans were defeated within eight miles of the city in a battle in which Canadians played a major part.

An author complains that Canadians don't like buying books. It is probably not a coincidence that Canadian publishers don't seem to like advertising books either.

"Rain or shine" the agricultural field days are on. In fact at this time of year attendance will probably be increased by what towns-people consider dirty weather.

Exercise, like nourishment, must be taken regularly but in moderate amounts. Those who have tried to get a year's quota into a two-week holiday live to regret it but probably not very long.

The Federal Agriculture Department announces that although freight costs on livestock shipped to exhibitions have increased the government will continue to meet 75 per cent of the cost when provinces match it with payment of the other 25.

An American Republican Senator declares that seven months before North Korea invaded the South, he delivered an appeal from the President of South Korea to Washington officials for additional arms and defence equipment. Apparently the appeal fell on deaf ears.

Prince Edward Island is one of three provinces which have shown an increase of births so far in the current year. The Bureau of Statistics gives the figures as follows: Prince Edward Island, increase 5.5 per cent; Alberta, 19.1 per cent; British Columbia, 4.1 per cent.

Canadian Good Roads Association is now practically a department of Government. Mr. C. W. (Bill) Gilchrist, former director of information services in the Health Department, has been appointed managing director. He succeeds Mr. George A. McNamee, who founded the Canadian Good Roads Association in 1914 and has been the secretary-treasurer and a director since that time.

The Maritimes can look forward to a bright employment picture with all the new public works undertaken. As far as demands for skilled tradesmen are concerned "the bottom of the bucket in National Unemployment Offices is being scraped." The cry for skilled and experienced help has even extended into the sales and office field. A slightly less bright picture prevails in the field of light labor.

A plane load of army chaplains have set out from Windsor, Ont., for Korea, under the direction of Rev. Maj. Charles E. McGee. They number 50 all told, representing all denominations, to serve with the United States forces in that theatre. Father McGee served with the U. S. forces in Europe during the Second World War, returning home two years ago.

The late Mr. Herbert W. Yeo's passing hence will occasion deep regret in many hearts and homes where his name was a household word. So long as he enjoyed good health he was recognized as a teacher of outstanding ability. Under his regime West Kent Street School was annually distinguished by the high percentage of its pupils attaining entrance into Prince of Wales College. On one occasion a delegation of parents, including the late Chief Justice Mathieson, and the late Dr. Alexander Ross, waited upon him and presented him with a suitable testimonial in recognition of his success in this respect.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

POSTAGE RATES

"The sum paid for the transmission of mails to and from this Colony, for the last five years, amounts to \$4,622 15s., while the receipts arising from postage paid into the public treasury amount only to \$2,301 12s. 5d., thus showing a balance due to this Colony of \$2,321 3s. 7d., which surplus ought to be defrayed out of the General Post Office revenue — a department over which the local Government have not been hitherto permitted to exercise any control."

"Previous to 1842 the postage charged on single letters between Halifax and Charlottetown was eight-pence, at all seasons of the year, and was received in the currency of this Island; but under the present regulations the postage on such letters is increased to eleven-pence half-penny by the winter, and by the summer route, to nine-pence — which two last sums are exacted in Halifax currency, which, at the present rate of difference of exchange, shows an increase of from 25 to 70 per cent, and the postage to all the neighbouring Provinces is increased in a rateable proportion."

"By way of illustrating the grievance the Colony labours under, owing to these additional rates of postage, we would observe that, according to the present regulations, the charge of a single letter from this Island to Kingston, Upper Canada, is 2s. 5c, and if weighing one ounce, is charged at four rates of postage, while the postage on a letter from this Island to any part of the United Kingdom is only 1s. 4d., Halifax currency, and if not exceeding one ounce, is only charged at two rates of postage. The rates of postage to Great Britain, and indeed to all parts of the world, on packet or ship letters passing through the United Kingdom, are chargeable by weight, while those posted between any of the towns in British North America or the United States are chargeable according to the number of enclosures, without reference to weight; and therefore double and sometimes treble postage is exacted on letters below half an ounce in weight — a difference which bears with great hardship on the inhabitants of these Colonies, particularly at a period when the liberal and enlightened policy of the Imperial Government has reduced the postage throughout the United Kingdom to almost a nominal rate."

"From the report of a special committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly to inquire into the increased rates of postage between this Colony and the neighbouring Provinces, and also on the Post Office Department generally, March, 1843.

The Poet's Corner

FROM 'LOLLINGDON DOWNS'

Wherever beauty has been quick to dwell, Some influence of it lives, a spirit dwells. Beauty that death can never take away Mixed with the air that shakes the flower bells; So that by waters where the apples fall, Or in lone glens, or valleys full of flowers, The haunting waits the mood that makes it ours. Then at a turn, a word, an act, a thought, Such difference comes; the spirit apprehends The place's glory; for where beauty fought Under the veil the glory never ends; But the still grass, the leaves, the trembling flower Keep, through dead time, that everlasting hour.

—John Massfield

Nero With A Bagpipe

(Christian Science Monitor)

For years Alfred Ackerman in London has collected "popular fallacies" which now are to be expounded in a book. His findings on two of these bear a curious and unexplored connection with each other. First, he finds it could not be true that "Nero fiddled while Rome burned," because the violin (to blame it for the associations of its colloquial cousin) was not introduced until the 16th century. Then, turning to an entirely different kind of musical(?) instrument, he learns that the bagpipes are not of Scottish origin, but trace back to ancient Rome, having perhaps been brought to the British Isles by Caesar's legions.

In fact, the Britannica attributes the first definite evidence of bagpipe-like instrument, the tibia utricularis, to the reign of Nero, and says he was extremely fond of its music. Cautious historians have assumed that if Nero did engage himself in song during the tragic six days in which his imperial city was swept by fire in 64 A. D., it was to the tunes of a lute, rather than a fiddle. At any rate, Nero went far to disprove the saying of the Chinese philosopher Mencius that "If the king loves music, there is little wrong in the land." Considering the evil record of this last of the Caesars, it is little wonder that both the lute and the bagpipe have been content to let an unlearned posterity picture him against a flaming background with fiddle in his hands.

The Neighbors

By George Clark



"Tom! You're handing most of those sandwiches to perfect strangers!"

Honored Company

(Ottawa Journal)

Mr. MacKenzie King when he died was second only to Senator Sir Allan Aylesworth in seniority among the 75 members of the Canadian Privy Council. This august body now has been reduced to 74 by the death of Humphrey Mitchell. Strangely enough, the Canadian Privy Counsellor in fifth place in seniority is the Rt. Hon. W. M. "Billy" Hughes, the indomitable former Prime Minister of Australia, who received the Canadian honor in 1916. The Duke of Windsor was made a Canadian PC in 1927 (when Prince of Wales) and Winston Churchill in 1941. Sir Allen was sworn in 1906 and Mr. King in 1909.

Second in seniority in the roll of PC's today is Sir Thomas White, sworn in when he became Minister of Finance in the Borden cabinet in 1911. Third is Mr. Arthur Meighen, sworn in 1918, and fourth, Mr. E. Patenaude, a swifid in 1916 when appointed Minister of Inland Revenues.

The Privy Council members, as a body, receive pride of place in the Parliamentary Guide, immediately after the Governor General and before the Senate. Actually, apart from the Privy Council committee known as the Cabinet, they hold a purely honorary office. Presumably, however, His Majesty could summon at any time his Canadian Privy Council, including not only Cabinet ministers but others duly sworn. In 1714, in the United Kingdom, Privy Counsellors forced their way into a session of the Cabinet and claimed the right to be present at this, a meeting of a Privy Council committee. They constituted the meeting into a session of the Privy Council.

Mr. W. R. Motherwell, former Minister of Agriculture, caused a flutter in the constitutional dovecots here in 1941 when as a member of a Prairie delegation demanding better wheat prices he addressed the Cabinet as "fellow Privy Counsellors" and indicated he considered that as a Privy Counsellor he was entitled to certain rights in being heard. But we have not heard that any other Privy Counsellor has tried to use his office to influence policy when not a member of the Cabinet of the day.

Churches As U. N. Observers

(New York Times Service) Church leaders in 33 countries were urged to give active support to a plan to set up a network of United Nations "watch dog" commissions to serve wherever aggression was threatened or committed. The plan was outlined by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, set up two years ago by the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council.

In outline, the church group's recommendations are similar to ideas put forward tentatively by the United States in a working paper shown to United Nations delegations. And the church commission noted, without naming names, that its plan had been reviewed and found "provisionally feasible" by "competent international authorities."

To press its suggestions for United Nations observer teams, the Commission of the Churches on In-

The Age-Old Story

A sound heart is the life of the flesh; but envy the rottenness of the bones.

International Affairs sent letters to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and to leaders of 32 other Protestant church bodies affiliated with the World Council of Churches. Every continent was represented but no countries in Eastern Europe were listed.

In its letter, the church commission said that an extensive network of international observer commissions could serve as an important instrument of peace and should be set up promptly. Under the plan, observers could be spotted throughout the world wherever aggression "in any form" was feared.

Observers would be sent to all areas that involved "special and urgent international responsibility," such as countries where peace treaties have not yet been signed. The observer teams would also be sent to countries which announced that they feared aggression of any kind.

The Korean case, said the church commission, proved the value of having United Nations observers on the spot to serve as witness in time of trouble. Observer teams, it declared, would serve as a deterrent to aggression, "on the assumption that governments will not want to risk the stigma of being named the aggressor by an impartial agent."

MOSCOW, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Robert W. Grow arrived today to take up his new duties as United States military attache to Russia.

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Notes By The Way

Emily Post says it's quite proper to sop up your gravy with a piece of bread. Atta girl, Emily! For years we've been scolded for doing just that. —Ottawa Citizen.

It would doubtless be a comfort to many Americans to hear of troops of other nations fighting side by side with American soldiers in Korea. But the front against aggression extends far beyond that unhappy peninsula. Both Britain and France are fulfilling heavy responsibilities already in the Far East. And the British Far Eastern Fleet is fighting alongside the American Navy under General MacArthur's over-all command. —Christian Science Monitor.

Some American congressmen are urging President Truman to tell the North Koreans that if they don't withdraw from South Korea atomic bombs will be dropped on their key cities. When you consider that more than 100,000 people were killed by the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, this proposal is one that should be pigeonholed for quite some time. If followed through, it would horrify the entire world and might precipitate an atomic war in which we as well as our enemies would suffer the consequences. —Lethbridge Herald.

This province, with its prosperity based on its forest wealth, now realizes our forests are not unlimited, that we must replant and conserve, that we must plan and improvise to get the maximum returns from each year's "cut." Forests must be planned 100 years ahead of time and we and our governments have a responsibility to see that we make our full installment against the future. —Vancouver Province.

To turn the destructive energies of teen-age gangs into healthier channels, the New York City youth board announced recently it would spend most of its \$2,350,000 budget on special recreation, health and other projects. The largest single item of the board's budget is for expansion of community center activities in schools and public housing areas. Grants have been allocated for child guidance centers and to private agencies providing special psychiatric counselling services for teen-agers. The civic youth board will also finance research in delinquency trends and special de-

monstration projects in youth counselling and try to provide more summer play streets. Such services are urgently needed in Toronto and in other parts of Ontario where the problem of teen-age gangs is giving increasing concern. —Toronto Star.

Amateur gardeners with spring fever, ambitious to complete the work which goes with the preparation for a bumper crop of flowers or vegetables, will do well to heed the advice offered by the state's official backyard gardener, Al W. Bouchout of the University of Massachusetts. He warned against over-muscling, blisters, sunburn and aching muscles. The gardener, he says, should get himself in condition along with his garden, starting with the light jobs and gradually increasing toward the necessary heavy work. Proper tools, kept sharp and in good condition, he adds, makes this easier. Better to go slowly and surely than to rush into back-breaking tasks which may put you in bed and make you unable to finish the job. His is sound advice. —Boston Post.

Few poems are written about the plant, or rhubarb as the unimaginative sometimes call it. It is as neglected in literature as it is in crop statistics and seed catalogues. Yet pie plant, with its umbrella leaves and long succulent stalks, is pleasing to the eye as well as to the appetite. Tastefully placed, the plants add splashes of rich green to a flower bed. It would be hard to name a vegetable more easy to grow, or more generous to the gardener. You pull out one tender stalk just right for a pie and another grows in its place. Three or four plants are enough for the average city family. More would yield an unmanageable surplus. Eventually, of course, you tire of the seemingly endless succession of pies and sauces. When this happens the thing to do is store a bundle of choice stalks in the deep freezer, or can a few jars of preserves. Eaten with warm, buttered toast on a crisp winter's morning it is a delightful reminder of a by-gone season. Or, better yet, make a combination sauce of rhubarb and strawberries. The tang of the rhubarb and the lingering sweetness of the berries complement each other perfectly and nothing is lost in the process. —Minneapolis Tribune.

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