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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Return Of Dostoyevsky

The current official Soviet denunciation of the late Josef Stalin may or may not be of any special significance, so far as Russia's future relations with the rest of the world are concerned.

Dostoyevsky, a world celebrity in his day, attacked the injustices and corruptions of the Czarist system with great vigor and courage. He, too, was a revolutionary, his chief weapon being a deep religious faith which saw in a dedication to Christian love the salvation of the Russian people.

It would probably be foolish to suggest that the return of Dostoyevsky to the good graces of the Communist Party indicates a renewal of faith in the mysticism he advocated. Whatever it may mean, it is somehow good to hear that the memory of at least one great Russian who had nothing to do with hate and tyranny and injustice, social or political, is taking its rightful place in the lives of his countrymen.

Antarctic Outposts

Some of the earth's windiest and loneliest islands are now coming to life, in man's mounting invasion of the bottom of the world. From the "Roaring Forties" to the "Screeching Sixties" of Antarctic seas, dots of lands known chiefly to explorers and whalers are sprouting weather stations, radio towers, and outpost settlements of half a dozen nations.

France has sent men to Amsterdam and Kerguelen, Islands in the southern Indian Ocean, as well as to Antarctica's Adelle Coast. Recently these onetime dependencies of Madagascar were given autonomous status as the "Southern and Antarctic French Lands," with their own budget and representative council in Paris.

On Kerguelen, 2,750 miles southeast of the Cape of Good Hope, gale winds blow 300 days a year, volcanic heat produces nine-month fogs, and "normal" weather is often too wild for ships to anchor. Yet plans reportedly have been drawn for a major airfield there.

Some 860 miles northeast of Kerguelen, another French base and 1,500 cattle cling to a 3,000-foot volcanic peak on Amsterdam Island, discovered by the Dutch explorer Van Diemen in 1633. Near-by St. Paul, where the world's most remote lobster cannery operated from 1908 to 1939, now is untenanted, as are the dangerous Iles Crozet northwest of Kerguelen.

To the south, there was an Australian weather station on Heard Island until 1954, when it was moved to the Antarctic continent. Farther westward, Prince Edward and Marion Islands hold South African outposts. But Norway's Bouvet, beyond in the South Atlantic, offers no foothold on its smothering glacier cap.

South Georgia, flying Britain's flag 1,200 miles east of the tip of South America, is a major whaling base, despite weather fit only for its thousands of penguins. Deep in the storm belt that circles Antarctica, a dead-flat calm can turn in minutes into a gale that lifts the ocean surface in blinding sheets of spindrift.

Deception Island, just off Antarctica's Palmer Peninsula, holds bases of Chile, Argentina, and Great Britain. From black-ash beaches spout springs of 190 degrees Fahrenheit temperature—hot enough, it is said, to blister paint from whaling ships offshore.

The South Shetlands, South Orkneys, and South Sandwich Islands below Cape Horn and the Scotia Sea all will see unprecedented traffic during the forthcoming International Geophysical Year of 1957-58. So also will Auckland, Campbell, Macquarie and the Balleny Islands south of Tasmania and New Zealand, stepping-stones in science's assault on the Antarctic.

Perhaps the least-known island of the South Atlantic is named Gough (rhyming with cough). Its thousand-foot cliffs jut from the sea 340 miles south of Tristan da Cunha, England's potato-patch colony of 300 people who bear only seven family names among them. Gough, its birds, seals, stunted trees, and millions of mice will be visited soon by a full-scale expedition sent out by the Royal Geographical Society of London.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A prison warden suggests that inmates should be kept posted on current events. That would be a risky innovation. It might even make them want to settle down permanently where they are.

Despite the increase in Canadian newspaper prices announced last fall, exports to the United States in the first three months of this year were higher than that of the same period a year ago—70,000 tons higher.

Any legislator who is opposed to an increase in his annual allowance can show the sincerity of his opposition simply by returning the additional amount to the Provincial treasury. He cannot be compelled to accept money he does not want.

Premier Solomon West Ridgeway Dias Bandaranaike of Ceylon has declared that he could not be hostile to the United States, "the country that produced Mark Twain." Is that to be considered another posthumous honour for the great humorist?

Souris is now the chief fishing centre in the Province. As soon as certain improved facilities, now being planned, are put in operation and extended to meet growing requirements, it will rank with the best in the Maritimes. Incidentally, it is disconcerting to hear that existing plants are obliged to call in workers from the mainland.

John B. Hamilton, P.C., member for York West, and Claude Ellis, C.C.F. member for Regina are on solid ground in pleading for a broadening of the National Housing Act. There are many thousands of Canadians who simply cannot hope to buy an N.H.A. house on present terms, and many thousands more to whom \$60 monthly rent is prohibitive.

An organization known as the Cat's Protection League of London, England, is worried about the monotony of a "milk and mice" diet for the United Kingdom's 1,000,000 "working cats." The League announces that it will launch a drive for increased "fringe benefits" for felines which will result in substantially improved conditions for Britain's mousers. What effect it will have on the rodent population is not stated.

We may as well face it. There is no protection against nuclear attack except wholesale evacuation of cities, and even that is easier said than done. If, as is now being predicted, the time is near when no part of Canada will have more than 20 minutes warning of an impending attack, what good will the best laid plans accomplish? What city—or, for that matter, what town or village—could be emptied in 20 minutes?



NOW FOR SOME WARM SPRING SUN!

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.

DR. DEWAR'S POSITION

Sir, — I would like to clarify a number of misleading statements that have appeared in the press this week respecting the increase in members' pay instituted at the last session of the Legislature. The publicity triggered by my casual remarks on the matter Saturday night was certainly unexpected.

In your front page article of April 24 you state: — "Dr. Dewar who gave the first intimation of the boost over the week-end, said that all three Opposition members had opposed the measure but they could do nothing about it."

I would like to point out that I did not suggest or state in any way either in my address Saturday night, or to the editor of my newspaper in Prince Edward Island or to any other person "that all three Opposition members had opposed the measure."

With respect to not accepting the \$450, I did not wish to do so, I would like to point out that I am very loth to turn down anything that will in any way benefit West Prince County, and especially the hospitals in that area. The cheque for \$450 was dated 29 March, 56, the day the House closed, which did not give much opportunity to forestall the issue of the amount.

As to my income tax exemption by reason of donating the amount to the hospitals, the following points are pertinent: Firstly: If the amount were taxable then simple addition and subtraction would leave my gain exactly zero.

Secondly: As the amount was supposed to be for travelling expenses it would be subject to income tax, and if the Premier is suggesting that I would use non-taxable income to obtain credit against my taxable income then I am not flattered by his estimate of my integrity in the matter. I did not ask for any receipts or making the amount to the hospitals, and do not intend to use them if supplied.

Thirdly: Tax regulations allow only up to 10 percent of net income to be claimed as exempt for charitable purposes. This limits considerably the tax benefits from donations of this type.

Fourthly: The 30 percent to 50 percent reduction in tax the Premier suggests I might gain on this amount would place country doctors like myself in a \$12,000 to \$40,000 income tax bracket. It is pleasant to fancy but the beautiful halcyon days when rural physicians in Prince Edward Island are in that enviable class, are, I am afraid, in the dim distant future.

I am, Sir, etc., L. GEORGE DEWAR, M.L.A. O'Leary, P.E.I.

SERVICE COMMENDED

Sir, — My work requires that I travel about a great deal in another section of Canada, and I appreciate good dining service. I wish to say, however, that I never find more courteous or attentive service anywhere than I do on the Car Ferry. The variety of meals is necessarily limited, but the quality available is excellent, and the range adequate. And in spite of the limitations imposed by the absence of the newer boats which are perhaps off for repairs, yet there was no decline in the high standard of dining service. From the standpoint of promptness, courtesy, and the desire to serve the travelling public well, it was absolutely tops. I have always appreciated it very much. I think sometimes we ought to say so. I am, Sir, etc., B. O. MACLEAN

INDEBTED TO RED CROSS Sir, — Once again I am indebted to the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service for speedy recovery from an operation. If you have never had an operation, never been sick, or had a member of your family ill, of course you do not realize the tremendous importance of speedy blood transfusions. — how can you! It takes personal experience to make one realize the magnitude of this service, but please DO believe all those things that you hear about blood transfusions — they ARE wonderful, they do aid and speed recovery, so enabling mothers to get home more rapidly, and other people to resume normal occupation, and above all they save lives!

Traffic Fines In Rio

(Associated Press) Break the law by speeding through Rio's streets or by passing a red light and no cop will run you down with a ticket and a tongue-lashing. In fact, it'll be several days before you know whether you've been caught. And then you'll find out by reading your name in the newspapers.

In Rio, the police just haven't got enough motorcycles or cars to use for traffic purposes. And if they did, traffic is so heavy and wild, it would be a problem and a hazard to run down offenders.

Instead, if a policeman observes you breaking a traffic law, he merely writes down your licence number. In due course, the newspapers print your name with a long list of recent violators. You're supposed to drop in and pay your fine—ranging from 20 cruzeiros (about 27 cents) to 150 cruzeiros (about \$2). But this takes many hours so few people show up.

No one tears his hair out worrying about your fine and no one is sent around to collect. They just wait until the end of the year. Then it's settling up time. The whole month of January is devoted to the sale of new licence plates. Citizens first pay their fines and then get their plates. Theoretically, it's pay for the year's offences or don't drive.

But there's a catch. Drivers—like drivers the world over—wait until the last moment to buy their plates. Officials attempt to avoid a last-minute rush by promising that fines need not be paid before getting the plates if the plates are bought before Jan. 15. Of course, this does not cancel the fine.

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OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 26, 1931)

The prevailing easterly winds of the past several days blocked Colville Bay so that it was with great difficulty the Magdalen, Souris and Pictou steamship, S.S. "Leval" made Souris harbor Wednesday. The Lovat was accompanied by the Government ice-breaker N.B. MacLean.

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MARK CENTENARY STE. SOPHIE D'HALIFAX, Que. CP—This Eastern Townships community in Megantic county will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding on June 16-17. The village is in an area once settled by United Empire Loyalists, originally known as North Halifax.

When men at mornings rise from sleep, They leave their secret souls behind, Where under pillowed dreams they keep The treasures they return to find.

The bright possessions of the day, We take with ready hand and eye, And find the ghosts of yesterday Still arching from the morning sky.

But on the shaded greens and lawns Of midnight skies and risen sleep, There are no haunts from other dawns, And treasures that forever keep, —Oliver Hale in the New York Times.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

TRAVEL IS A PROBLEM WHEN BABY'S ALONG It won't be long before the vacation season is here. For you new parents, especially, a vacation away from home will be a welcome relief from everyday monotony.

But travelling with babies presents certain problems, as many of you who have tried it well know. So it might be a good idea to begin a few preparations now, or at least a week or so before you leave.

BABY FOOD Probably the most important thing to consider when traveling is food for your youngster. Commercial baby food makes things a lot easier for you than they were for your parents.

But frequently milk is a problem. There probably will be times when you aren't sure of the freshness of the milk available. To prevent any illnesses, it might be a good idea to take along some evaporated or dried milk.

It's a fairly simple matter to carry sterile nipples, bottles and caps along with special nursery or baby water in your car. Then you can mix the milk as it's needed.

It might be advisable to give your lot an evaporated or dried milk mixture for a week or two before your departure so he will become used to it.

It's also a good plan to get your youngster accustomed to sleeping under different conditions long before you take him away from home and the comfort of his regular bed.

Most of the time, of course, he should sleep in his crib. But once in a while let him spend a night in his carriage or in some other safe, comfortable place. If you do, he'll be less apt to keep you awake the first few evenings you spend in some strange motel, hotel or cottage.

Disposable diapers, of course, are ideal for the travelling infant. And since he'll be wearing waterproof pants, you should change him frequently to help prevent diaper rash.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Q.P.: Is there any cure for dandruff and is it contagious? Answer: Dandruff is not contagious. A new shampoo, known as selenium sulfide, is very effective in clearing up a number of cases of dandruff.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Families are groups of people no two of whom like their breakfast eggs cooked the same way.—Detroit News

When the Royal Blackheath Golf Club—believed to be the oldest in the world—met to install their new officials, pride of place at the installation dinner went to a graceful silver claret jug. The jug was won by George Glennie and Lt. J.C. Stewart, members of the Royal Blackheath, at the first golf tournament ever held at St. Andrews—in 1857—Edinburgh Scotsman

A Toronto investor has suggested a warning system for cars by which a red light would flash on the roof of the vehicle if the driver had been drinking. The idea may be all right if it works. The trouble is, some motorists would be irresponsible enough not only to drink but to remove the bulb from the roof light, thus acquiring a spurious air of sobriety.—Ottawa Citizen

One of the reasons that much of the educational budget has to be spent on new construction is the family allowance requires children to stay in school until they are sixteen years of age. This is a commendable step because in the past many youngsters stopped their formal education at a much earlier age. But because the Federal Government has established school attendance as the basis for the payment of family allowance and penalizes those who do not conform, it has infringed upon education which is a matter of provincial jurisdiction. Having done so, Ottawa has affected school population, for the better, of course, but nonetheless it has contributed to the accommodation problem.—Moncton Transcript

Every man receives the same salary in hours, minutes and seconds.—Galt Reporter

This is a hazardous year for the life of the party. If he puts a lambs shade on his head, pretending it's a lady's hat, it might well turn out that it is a lady's hat.—Orillia Packet and Times

The way to handle the modern volume of Parliamentary business is simple and obvious. Parliament should spread its session from October or early November until mid June, with adequate recesses a Christmas and Easter. As matters now stand it looks as if the Government going to be forced to call members back for a Fall sitting anyway. It could have saved itself this embarrassment if it had planned to start the present session last November instead of delaying until January.—Winnipeg Free Press

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