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The Issue in Korea

The outbreak of a 'shooting war' in Korea leads readily to an attitude of mind which tends to ignore the broad patterns of Soviet policy in a 'cold war' which extends to every frontier of the free world. Were such an attitude to become widespread, it would play right into the Kremlin's hands. For already there is propaganda afoot designed to create the impression that Korea is none of Canada's concern, that the Far East is too remote to justify alarm, that the hostilities there are a purely local war devoid of global implications.

Fact of the matter is that the Korean war is nothing less than a cold-blooded attempt on Russia's part to effect a substantial diversion of western military strength to the Far East in order to exploit much more dangerous situations elsewhere. There is more than an element of coincidence, for example, in the mounting truculence of Soviet diplomacy vis-avis Iran. The Kremlin's renewed sabre-rattling towards Greece is no less significant. Nor can reports of Russian forces massing on the borders of Yugoslavia be lightly dismissed.

In Malaya, Communist guerrillas have stepped up their regime of terror and destruction against the British. Indo-China is keeping French strength in Europe below par. Red China stands at the very threshold of the British bastion of Hong Kong. Chiang Kai Shek's men are still holding off Red forces from Formosa. Berlin remains a dynamite keg in the heart of Europe.

The issue in Korea, therefore, is merely a more spectacular manifestation of the menace which confronts the western democracies in every quarter of the globe where Soviet imperialism touches the perimeter of freedom. Policing that perimeter is the task which confronts the people of the western democracies, for if Soviet tyranny is not contained, but allowed to spill over into the still free areas of the world, disaster worse than that which followed Munich will be the lot of all the Atlantic Pact countries and others as well.

The open season for hostilities in the northern hemisphere still has several weeks to run. World War 1 began on August 4. Hitler chose to open hostilities for conquest of the world on September 1. Soviet ambitions are no less than the destruction of western democracy itself. Choice of the time and place rests with the Kremlin.

Itinerant Bureaucrats

Officials of the Department of National Health and Welfare will spend more than \$1,500,000 for publicity, travel and "sundries" in 1950-51. Just what the "sundries" include is not clear, but the official estimates provide a cool \$211,000 for this purpose. Publicity will take care of another \$524,000, and \$773,000 will go for travel.

Health Minister Martin says that all these expenditures are necessary. What he does not say, in specific terms, is why officials of his department have to do so much travelling. A good many people can travel a good many miles for \$773,000.

Mr. Martin's argument that the Department of National Health and Welfare spends less on travel than a good many other departments is no answer. Taxpayers are entitled to know what sort of officials are doing the travelling, whether their journeys are really necessary, and what benefits the taxpayers of Canada derive from this constant flitting to and fro.

Thoughtful citizens who ponder this enormous travelling bill cannot help wondering how much better it would be if, instead of going for plane fares and hotel bills, part at least of the money could be spent directly for aiding a crippled child, or for furthering research in poliomyelitis.

Fine Jubilee Edition

The Moncton Times and Transcript have combined to produce a magnificent special edition in celebration of Moncton's forthcoming Diamond Jubilee. The celebration, which starts next week, will continue for a fortnight, and has been launched most auspiciously by this comprehensive 90-page edition, which contains not only a wealth of historic matter, but a judicious appraisal of present-day conditions and some glimpses into the future. The illustrations include several interesting pictures of early Moncton and its leading citizens. Altogether, it is an issue to be obtained and treasured by all interested in our Maritime history, especially transportation history, which is

dealt with fully and authoritatively.

In the research work involved in preparing the issue, the editors state that "rather amazing" voids in the recorded history were discovered. "For instance, there is almost a complete lack of authentic recorded data on the history of Moncton. Old newspaper files, which are also incomplete because of disastrous fires at different periods, proved the most valuable source of information." This is not so surprising as it may seem. Newspapers are the historian's most important and most accurate source of material at all times, though the credit not infrequently goes elsewhere. This Moncton jubilee edition will doubtless be filched from by historical writers and commentators in years to come, with but scant recognition of the labors of the original compilers whom we salute today on having done a first-class job.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Feast of St. James.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Templeton, evangelists, Trinity Church, tonight.

There should be plenty of "crow pie" in evidence these days.

Now stumping is done by machinery, old timers will probably consider the development to be most pitifully late.

U. S. Government scientists have developed a surgical sponge which a forgetful surgeon may safely leave inside the patient. Made of starch material, the sponge would turn to sugar and be absorbed by the body.

Income tax credits for firms offering patronage dividends have made that practice popular far beyond the limit of the formally organized co-operatives for whose benefit the provision was principally made.

The tablet, which will be unveiled tonight at Prince of Wales College, honours Sir Robert Falconer as an educationalist and the Historic Sites and Monuments Board in placing it, has also paid tribute to the teaching profession.

Overturning boats are not unusual in sailing and boating generally. Fortunately even an upset boat will float and provide a safe support until rescue can be effected, if the occupants can restrain themselves from attempting to swim ashore.

Mr. Alex Skelton, assistant Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, who is reported to have been drowned in Nigeria, was well and favorably known here, where he addressed a Charlottetown Board of Trade dinner last November.

The National Research Council is reported to be making further refinements in Canadian radar equipment. Perhaps even more important than efficiency is reliability. British Army Ordnance, before testing a new gun, used to drop it from a great height and then proceed with the trials. Something less drastic but along the same lines might save headaches in actual service.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge, English poet, philosopher, and critic, died this date 1834. He and Southey married two sisters and planned to found a pantisocratic settlement in America, but the scheme was abandoned. Coleridge settled down at Nether Stoway, Somerset, where he had Wordsworth as a congenial neighbour. They collaborated in the production in 1798 of the "Lyrical Ballads" to which Coleridge contributed, amongst others, "The Ancient Mariner". There he also wrote the first part of "Christobel" and "Kubla Khan". No finer ballad poetry has ever been published than "The Ancient Mariner" and "Kubla Khan", being works of the highest metrical and imaginative beauty, and several of his shorter poems are marked by most exquisite literary charm.

Juvenile delinquents have some definite ideas on citizenship, much to the satisfaction of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The Mounties' Youth and Police Branch, Montreal, sponsored an essay contest on citizenship. Here's what the prize-winner, a youth at the Shawbridge, Que., Boys' Farm and Training Institution had to say: "The true citizen is the guy you can count on to help you if you are in a jam. The man who will say 'sure son, you come to me for help and I'll do my best for you.'" "The Juvenile Court judge who will talk to you, not as a criminal, but as a son or nephew. He makes you feel like someone. You go home feeling like starting all over again. The hoodlums of today can be some of the best citizens of tomorrow. . . us young people will have to pave the way for the generations to come." This attitude, police say, comes from long hours of friendship-winning efforts with concentration on crime prevention and direction of youth.

What Fashions Hold in Store



Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

AMERICAN FISHERMEN "During the heavy gale of Monday, the 18th inst., and throughout the whole of that day, a crowd of American fishing vessels, struggling under very low canvas, continued without intermission to run into the port of Georgetown. The distant view of the harbour next morning presented a regular forest of masts, and apparently a superior class of schooners, owned by enterprising individuals of that nation. We understand there was again a large fleet of fishing vessels got into Georgetown on Friday, the 22nd inst. "It is good to see the hardy mariner, even of a distant land, realize some competent return for his labour, and at times this season, by common report, making a fair catch within the headlands of this harbour, while we are looking on, and evidently unable to do alike—at the same time we are without mackerel and fish of other descriptions, when wanted." —Royal Gazette, Sept. 27, 1848.

The Poet's Corner

TO LESBIA My sweetest Lesbia, let us live and love; And, though the sager sort our deeds reprove, Let us not weigh them. Heaven's great lamps do dive Into their west, and straight again revive. But soon as once set is our little light, Then must we sleep one ever-during night. If all would lead their lives in love like me, Then bloody swords and armour should not be; No drum nor trumpet peaceful sleeps should move, Unless alarm came from the camp of Love. But fools do live and waste their little light, And seek with pain their ever-during night. When timely death my life and fortune ends, Let not my hearse be vexed with mourning friends. But let all lovers, rich in triumph, come And with sweet pastimes grace my happy tomb. And, Lesbia, close up thou, my little light. And crown with love my ever-during night. — Thomas Campton (1587-1619)

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Swimming And Safety

(Globe and Mail) The heat of summer draws people irresistibly to the water, and in few areas of this earth can they enjoy it so easily as in Ontario. The abundance and proximity of lakes and the choice of travel facilities combine to make this enjoyment available to greater numbers than in most countries. Add to that the kindly climate which supplies the impetus, and here, in truth, the season conjures an idyllic dream which happily can be realized even by people of very modest means. With all this abundance and easy access, it would be ideal if we were all equipped to enjoy our outings to the maximum. It ought to be a time of happiness. Yet the sad note is too prevalent, tragedy too often has to be reckoned with. Every weekend especially brings its appalling toll of drownings. Each year between 200 and 300 people lose their lives in this way. It seems a needlessly high price to pay for the enjoyment of what nature gave us, and indeed it is. Much of this sombre harvest could be avoided if people in general knew how to swim. Thanks to the supervised pools, the summer camps, the facilities provided by various organizations and some of the schools, the opportunities are many. A Y.M.C.A. swimming director has said there is no reason why every child in Toronto should not be a good swimmer. It would take a better co-ordination of effort than now exists to accomplish that desirable end. There are occasional obstacles of prejudice or indifference to be overcome. Some parents, unable to

The Age-Old Story

Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly, but the proud He knoweth afar off. swim themselves or remembering some earlier tragedy, may frown on any indulgence in water sports. At the other extreme, some may take too casually for granted that children learn to swim involuntarily. But there is no doubt that the vast majority would be enthusiastic supporters if convinced that the means were available to teach their children swimming and if sufficient stress were placed on its importance. By and large, youngsters learn more readily because they have fewer inhibitions. But grown-up tyros who hesitate to confess their ignorance would usually be surprised and delighted to find how simply they can be instructed. If safety were the only argument in its favor, universal swimming instruction would be amply justified. From the standpoint of sheer enjoyment the case is joyously bolstered, for a swim is just about unequalled among the pleasures we know.

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Notes By The Way

Because no one knows what resources Newfoundland has available, and in what amounts, this province is being held back in her development program. Before the present government can go ahead with development plans, it has to find out just what it has to go to work with. That will take a year or two. Yet Newfoundland has got to the stage where she must develop or perish. The salt, codfish industry can no longer support the majority of Newfoundland's population as it has in the past. Other industries must be brought in to do their share. But new industries beyond new fishing industries, cannot be brought in until Newfoundland knows what she has got to work with. — St. John's Telegram.

The old fishing hole is still there and so is the crooked boy. But gone is the country length of trimmed branch that served so successfully in another day for a fishing pole. Today's young fisherman stands patiently at water's edge with a very professional-looking fishing rod that is complete with a shining reel, tested line and the country store's latest lures. But he will have a good catch of sunnies or perch, let there be no doubt about that. There may be a moral somewhere in this modern boyhood trend, but if there is it is certainly an obscure one. For the fact remains that the country lad today is surely as happy as any Tom Sawyer or Huckleberry Finn ever was and he is probably as good a fisherman, too. Maybe even better. — The New York Times.

"The Communists pay lip service to the doctrine of peace but by peace they mean submission to their will and system. They preach the reduction of armaments but they have more men organized and trained under arms than all the rest of the world put together. They urge the banning of the atomic bomb, which in the hands of the United States is, at this moment, the only physical shield and protection of the free world. Meanwhile, they themselves have rejected any bona fide international control and are trying to make bombs as fast as they can. They maintain a policy of unending aggression and menace. They are massing troops against Tibet. They threaten Persia (Iran). They are seeking to overthrow and quell Yugoslavia. They cause great fear in Finland and Sweden." — Winston Churchill.

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