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The Heavy Hand

According to the "Living Church," a religious periodical published in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a union of all Protestant Churches in Communist China has apparently been achieved.

This news of a single, hurriedly-built ecclesiastical organization is contained in a report received by the Far Eastern Committee of the National Council of Churches in the United States.

"By leaving the churches little choice except to join the Three-Self Patriotic Movement Committee," the Committee reported, "the Chinese authorities are succeeding in maintaining closer controls over the churches and their members."

During the first six months of 1958, according to the report, church workers underwent an intensive course in "education for socialism" as part of a general "thought-rectification" campaign.

It is not only Protestant Churches, however, which are being brought under governmental control. Vatican sources report that 18 or 19 unlawful consecrations of bishops have taken place.

Dismissal of a postoffice official has revived the long-standing controversy at Ottawa as to whether civil servants should be permitted to engage actively in politics.

Civil Servants & Politics

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ment employe serves the nation. He cannot show favor to people of one political stripe. His real employer is not so much the government of the day as it is the taxpayers as a whole.

This principal can best be applied through the rule of 'prohibiting civil servants from engaging actively in party politics. To be effective, it has to apply to all government employes, whether temporary or unskilled, or permanent and highly trained.

If the principle were not rigidly applied, the government of the day would inevitably base its appointments wholly on party considerations.

Soviet Science Gadgets

A batch of Soviet equipment for science teachers has gone on sale in the United States that, in its way, is as significant an indicator of Soviet scientific prowess as the rise of the first sputnik.

For example, there is a ruggedly built projector for demonstrating a number of physical laws as well as projecting slides that the Soviets are selling for \$15.

But the most striking feature of the Soviet gadgets is the obvious fact that some one in the Soviet Union knows enough about the needs and problems of science teaching to design tools unusually well adapted to meet those needs, and to see them into mass production.

It is believed that the Soviets have equipped their secondary schools with this apparatus. In that case, the low price may reflect a policy of trying to sell a surplus for what they can get in the foreign market.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Public Works Minister Greene says that an assessment of "remedial works" will have to be made along Northumberland Strait before a decision can be made on the proposed causeway.

The Gloucester county council has decided not to take part in the New Brunswick hospital insurance plan. This decision, which involves 60,000 N.B. citizens, was taken because it would raise the county's annual budget by \$500,000.

If it is true that the Dominican Republic Government is negotiating for the purchase of a number of Canadian planes to bolster its defence against a threatened uprising, the Canadian Government should consider the matter from all angles before authorizing delivery of the planes.



OTTAWA FIGURE SKATING CLUB

Mr. Martin's Quotations

Arthur Blakely in the Montreal Gazette

The roof caved in on the Hon. Paul Martin last Tuesday. It was the second time that it had happened to him this week.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

CBC & THE PRESS GALLERY

Sir,—In the January 13th edition of The Guardian you published a column by Patrick Nicholson, representative of the Thomson newspapers in the Parliamentary Press Gallery, Ottawa.

Mr. Nicholson says that the CBC selects speakers for television and radio from a small, closed circle within the Press Gallery. Demonstrably, this is inaccurate.

In 1958, for instance, 29 different members of the Press Gallery representing most Canadian daily newspapers either directly or as members of recognized news services serving a number of newspapers, participated in CBC television programs.

Included in these numbers are four men Mr. Nicholson suggested in his column hadn't participated in CBC broadcasts—James McCook, who appeared on both television and radio; Robert Needham Harvey Hickey and Maurice Jefferies.

Among those who appeared on CBC TV and radio programs in 1958 were parliamentary correspondents of the Montreal Gazette, Vancouver Sun, Vancouver Province, Montreal Star, Winnipeg Free Press, Winnipeg Tribune, Toronto Telegram, Toronto Globe and Mail, Toronto Star, Ottawa Citizen, Ottawa Journal, Windsor Star, London Free Press, The Halifax Chronicle-Herald, other broadcasters from the Press Gallery included representatives of Canadian Press, Southam News Service, New York Times, Maclean's Magazine, Weekend Magazine, Saturday Night, Financial Post, Agence France-Press and the Chicago Tribune.

New Soviet Program

By Ken Metheral Canadian Press Staff Writer

An intriguing feature of Nikita Khrushchev's marathon address this week outlining the Soviet Union's new seven-year plan is the lack of ideological content.

What's What In Operating Room

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. I DOUBT whether anything holds as much awe for the average person as an operating room.

The maze of bulbs, tubes, tables and other equipment, however, should be reassuring rather than frightening, as every piece of equipment is there to aid you and the doctors and nurses attending you.

Let's take a trip into the operating room of a modern hospital—just to have a look around. Let's see who and what is there.

As everyone who has seen a motion picture knows, the operating table is in the center of the room. Suspended above it is an extremely bright light.

Near the table is a portable stand holding tanks of anesthetic gases and oxygen. Close by are tables and stands for instruments, a stand for sponges, suction machines, and a rack containing blood, plasma and other fluids which might be needed during the operation.

ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT And there is other essential equipment, such as receptacles containing all the supplies that may be needed, stands for holding basins of solutions and even waste buckets.

You may be surprised to see that the instruments, dressings, sutures, sponges and other supplies are packaged. They were placed in these protective coverings immediately after they were sterilized to enable the operation to be completed easily and quickly.

Now, about the people present in the operating room. Of course there are the two leading characters, the patient and the surgeon. But there are also many others.

There is one, perhaps two, surgical assistants; the anesthetist and several nurses. The latter include the chief operating room nurse, or operating room supervisor and her staff, the scrub nurse, the supply nurse and the circulating nurse.

SCRUB NURSE The scrub nurse is the one who accomplished. But the very success of Khrushchev's ambitious program is likely to confront him with new problems.

Russia's tremendous industrial development has led to the emergence of a new managerial and scientific class whose ranks are being swelled by the hundreds of thousands of students now receiving an advanced education.

Khrushchev owes much of his strength inside Russia to his recognition of this class and its hatred of the harsh police state policies of the Stalinist era.

His dilemma has been neatly summed up by the British weekly, The Spectator, which says he is in the equivocal position of "attempting to run an autocracy by consent."

There is always the danger that a literate society will rebel and every success of the new seven-year plan is likely to make Russians less willing to put up with Communist bureaucracy.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Bobcats are bad? The Ontario Royal Commission on Forestry reports that porcupines destroy millions of jackpines, which supply newspaper pulp. The bobcat with one blow to the head snuffing porcupine, rolls him on his back and proceeds to dine.—Toronto Telegram

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Feb. 3, 1934) A number of citizens were started yesterday morning to see a Canadian Airways Dragon at a standstill in the air and apparently about to crash.

A very large number of people took advantage of the excursion to Boston this week end. Fifteen passengers boarded the train at O'Leary on Thursday remaining overnight at Summerside. Among those leaving from Summerside were Mrs. Ernest Mills, Mrs. H. H. Lefurgey, Mrs. Pearl Affleck, Miss Blanche Kenny, Mr. Claude Kenny, Jr., and Mr. Roland Lyle.

The Age Old Story

And all that he believed were together, and had all things common. The price of a gallon of gasoline to the consumer in Charlottetown has been increased by one cent since February 1st, thus making the regular grade gasoline and the high octane 41 cents.

During the past week the Montague Curling Club began a new innovation in having the male students of Grade XI of Montague High School undertake the learning of the rudiments of curling. Eight students are attending the instruction classes given each afternoon.

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