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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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The Late Mr. Strong

Prince Edward Island has lost one of its finest citizens in the unexpected passing yesterday of Mr. Heath Strong, K.C., of Summerside. For several years a representative of the Bedeque District in the Legislature, he also served for a number of years as Speaker of the House, and in that capacity set an unsurpassed example for fairness and conscientiousness, as well as for intimate knowledge of his duties.

Indeed, Mr. Strong never spoke but he was heard with marked deference and attention, for he was admittedly one of the best informed men in the House, and certainly one of its ablest debaters. This was due not only to his ability and long experience in the legal profession, but to another and rarer qualification—namely, his sense of duty and responsibility to the great traditions of the past, to all that democratic self government means, and what is incumbent upon the elected representatives of the people in preserving it intact and untrampled.

Mr. Strong was active in church and community as well as provincial affairs, and was indeed an exemplary citizen in every respect. He was devotedly attached to his home, and it is in the family circle that his loss will of course be most keenly felt. The Guardian joins with a host of friends in extending sympathy to his bereaved widow and relatives.

Trading Liberty for Security

Amid the claims of what the Government is doing to provide social security and the Opposition offers which tend to up the ante a different voice was heard in the Provincial by-election campaign.

Mr. Saville, perhaps as he himself declared, because of his having attained the biblical three score years and ten, had some sober reflections to put before the people of this Province. Much had been said by both parties about old age pensions, family allowances, mothers' allowances, public health services and assistance to farmers. Mr. Saville cautioned the voters that every Government service must be paid for by a surrender of liberty.

The warning is badly needed. Canadians, and particularly those in the Maritimes, have acquired a confirmed habit of demanding that the Government take action to deal with each and every difficulty or necessity which arises. It is all too easy to forget that the Government must take the necessary powers before being able to meet these demands and that with every new activity of Government the liberty of the individual is that much further restricted.

Philippine Example

Since World War II ended, the Philippine Government has received nearly two billion dollars in various forms of economic aid from the United States. Despite this flow of dollars, the Philippine Republic achieved nothing but to bring its people to a state bordering on national bankruptcy and social disintegration. The result was that Washington decided, before shelling out any more U. S. dollars, to send Under-secretary Bell of the United States Treasury to Manila to find out what was wrong.

Sheer incompetence and lack of initiative, says Mr. Bell, lie at the root of Philippine difficulties. Spending of any further financial aid from the United States, he adds, "must be supervised and controlled by an American technical mission, and the Philippine Government must carry out a number of far-reaching reforms." Such a prescription will not be palatable to Philippine people acutely

conscious of their new nationalism. Before the Government of Canada embarks upon grandiose and costly technical and economic aid programs in other underdeveloped countries, whether under UN or Commonwealth auspices, it might be well to take a look at some of the implications. If those implications include the creation of what looks like a new colonial service under UN or Commonwealth auspices, then technical and economic aid programs, quite apart from cost, are something for the Canadian Government to steer away from. Economic aid without dabbling in matters which properly belong to the sovereign governments of East and South-East Asia would probably fare no better than American efforts in the Philippines.

EDITORIAL NOTES

From now on we enter directly into the Christmas zone, and let it be hoped, into the Christmas spirit.

It's off with the grader and on with the snow plow for the big road machines of the Province and City.

It is a regrettable come-down in the fox industry to have a bounty of \$2 paid on slaughtered foxes, the pelts of which are afterwards sold to pelt dealers.

We must now look to the newly incorporated Defence Construction Limited for the long promised naval and military barracks here.

The quick reaction of the voters at by-election meetings to every mention of rural electrification indicates that the supply of electric power to the farms continues to be one of the major interests of our farmers today.

"Human failure" is blamed by New York's Governor Dewey for the disastrous train wreck at Long Island. But aren't all casualties due to "human failure" rather than to "acts of God" to which they were formerly attributed in an avoidance of insurance damages?

The attendance of Summerside air navigation trainees at the opera in Halifax these three nights is a foretaste of things to come. Life in the smaller communities will not long prevent enjoyment of the entertainment provided by the larger population centres.

Anders Celsius, Swedish physicist, and professor of astronomy, Upsala, died this date 1744. His great achievement was measuring the arc of the meridian in Lapland; in addition he devised the centigrade thermometer, and wrote several works on astronomy translated into most modern languages.

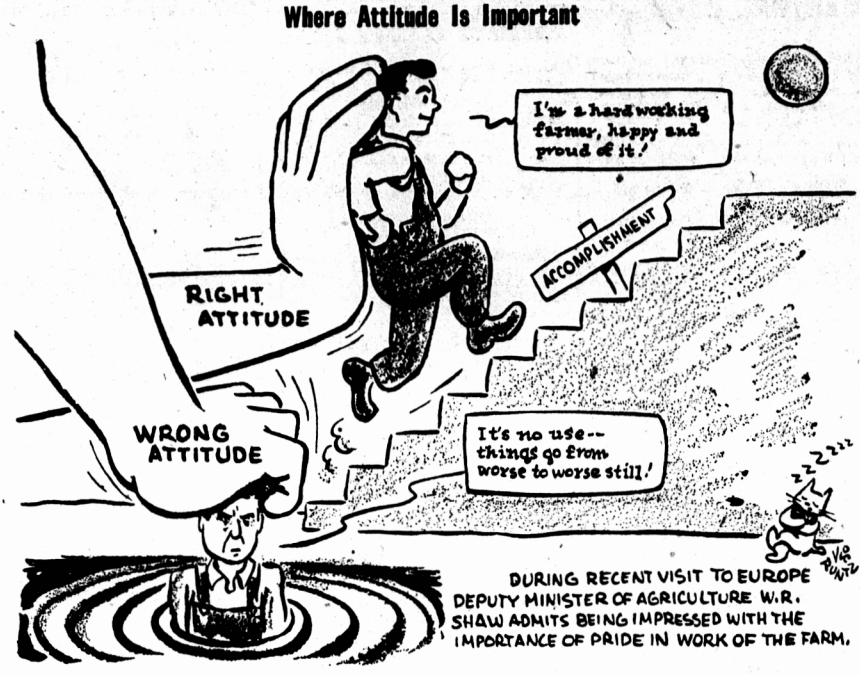
The fifth Dominion-Provincial tourist conference opens in Ottawa today. It is safe to say that a major topic will be how to stress our individual national characteristics rather than show United States visitors inferior imitation of things American.

Commencing Dec. 1, Atlantic Sound Agencies Limited will initiate a telephone answering service in Saint John for business, professional and residential purposes. This service will be available 24 hours daily and also on Sundays and holidays. Subscribers absent from their telephones will be afforded a complete telephone secretarial service during such absence, receiving reports at their convenience upon their return. Calls will be received, appointments made, messages recorded and, in cases of urgency, the subscriber will be traced and the information given to him by telephone. All this will be done, according to the manner or method desired by the subscriber.

Egg prices on November 17 this year and previous years. The prices quoted below are for Grade A Large. At Montreal and Toronto the prices are those at which graded shipments are selling to wholesalers. At other points quotations are prices to shippers for ungraded eggs.

Table with columns for location (Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Charlottetown) and years (1950, 1949, 1948) showing egg prices.

Weight of Live and Dressed Poultry at Registered Stations week ending Nov. 4 Oct. 28 Oct. 21



DURING RECENT VISIT TO EUROPE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE W.R. SHAW ADMITS BEING IMPRESSED WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIDE IN WORK OF THE FARM.

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.

WHO WILL SUCCEED MR. DOUGLAS?

Sir, — Since the untimely passing of Mr. J. Lester Douglas there has been considerable talk and speculation as to who will be his successor in this dual constituency of Queens.

The result of the voting at that time gave Mr. McLean a majority of 6 votes over Mr. Douglas. Mr. Douglas a majority of 635 over Mr. McLean and Mr. McLean a majority of 274 over Mr. Miller.

Now most people like to play cricket and precedent has established the fact that a defeated candidate is always given the second chance if he desires the nomination.

Since it is generally known that Mr. Miller will accept the nomination and according to all rules of the game he is entitled to it. Therefore, why not give him an acclamation when the convention takes place and thus show our unanimity.

Of course perhaps, he will get an acclamation, I do not know; but rumour at least has it that others are going to seek the nomination, and also that a small group in the City are endeavouring at all costs to defeat Mr. Miller for the nomination. If that is the case I cannot see where they will get any where; because the majority of the people do not favour this case.

I am, Sir, etc., CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERAL

The Poet's Corner

PILGRIMAGE An old clay pipe inspires my thoughts to climb A crooked trail above the valley's floor; Flucking the wild rose with my wandering mind. Pausing beside a sagging cabin door, Hearing the whippoorwill's dry cadenced chime, Mid muttering cedars where the lusterless owl So often fills the earth with midnight theme, Plainively echoed by the coyote's howl, I shall not enter though a low voice calls; I shall not seek the candle's subtle loom That veaved my restless spirit in these walls, Till now my soul leans looking in the room; I shall but rest a moment, then return, Carrying ashes in a brittle urn. —Cullen Jones.

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A Snare and A Delusion

By Sebastian Haffner

The Russian disarmament proposals — a general but unenforceable ban on atomic weapons and an all round 30 per cent reduction of other armaments — have become a hardy perennial of the general assemblies of the United Nations.

The sad and futile performance has been daily repeated during the last two weeks; and last Tuesday, after the debate which produced a few arguments not heard in preceding years, the Russian proposals were once more rejected by a political committee of the U. N. General Assembly.

The Russians can hardly have expected a different outcome and the question is inevitable why they once more went through the whole gamut of exhausted arguments using, in the words of the Canadian Foreign Minister, Mr. Pearson, talk as a delaying substitute for agreement. The answer probably is they still expect some propaganda dividend from proposals. Their formula is simple and sounds well: "Ban the atom bomb and reduce other armaments" — what could appear more plausible and agreeable to the casual newspaper reader? To see pitfalls in a proposal demands little effort of attention and thought and Russian policy makers who intelligently take a long view of mass intelligence probably think few people anywhere will make that effort.

In fact, Russian proposals, so far from showing a peaceable frame of mind, carry rather a sinister message. They mean that Russia, despite her present inferiority in atomic armaments, is not prepared to see atomic energy generally internationalized and removed from national arsenals; that in other armaments she is grimly clinging to preponderance which the unilateral western post-war demobilization has given her; and worst of all that she is trying to shift the odium of "warmongering" and "war crimes" away from aggression and on to all-out defence against aggression.

As regards atomic weapons, the point of Russian proposals is not that they are to be banned but that they are to be banned ineffectually and unenforceably. It was America, not Russia who put forward the radical idea of atomic energy, because of its immeasurable destructive potentialities, should be altogether taken out of the sphere of national sovereignty and put into the sole hands of an international authority.

This is the essence of the Baruch Plan which Russia has always fought and is still fighting. What Russia absolutely insists on is that every power, and of course particularly herself for no other great power has rejected the Baruch Plan — shall retain the physical means of producing its own atomic energy and of using it if it so wishes for war-like ends. Of course Russia is all for the ban of atomic energy, but she has no objections at all to America's destroying her atomic bomb stockpile; she would even allow international inspectors in peacetime to look into those atomic establishments of which they are told, but what she does not want to renounce on any terms is the physical inspection to evade international inspection and to ignore the international ban — especially in war-time. When it comes to that Russia has for four years now had only a strong "no". And it is that Russian "no" on which the real international control of atomic energy has founded. It is that Russian "no" which condemns mankind to a nightmare of the atomic armaments race with only the hope of new scientific discoveries for defence as a faint comfort.

As regards other "conventional" armaments it is well-known that the west after the war almost completely dismantled its war machines and that Russia did not. At the moment Russia has far more divisions under arms and far more bomber and fighter squadrons in the air than all Western Europe and America combined. The proposal to reduce conventional armaments by 30 per cent all-round means, therefore, nothing but that those who are already living under the threatening shadow of the

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

"HONORABLES" FOR LIFE

Excerpt from a despatch to Lieutenant Governor Bannerman from Sir John Pakington, Secretary of State for the Colonies, Downing Street, London, 23rd Dec., 1862:

"After the fullest consideration which I have been able to bestow upon the subject, I am of opinion that all retiring members of the Executive Council should, as a general and fixed rule, retain the title which they enjoyed while in office. It may be that this extension of the privilege will, in some degree, lessen the value of the honor to be conferred; but on the other hand to limit the retention of the title to those members only who have served either for very considerable periods, or with peculiar distinction — qualifications of so indefinite a nature also render the selection a task at once difficult and invidious — is a course which I conceive to be open to grave objections. Such a rule must expose the Governor, with whom the selection rests, to frequent and unmerited charges of partiality, and must also tend to create a feeling of disappointment and jealousy, detrimental to the tranquility and wellbeing of the community.

"On the other hand, I consider it to be for the interest of the Province that every fair inducement should be held out to men of ability and character to enter the public service, and the establishment of a general rule, whereby the political services of the Crown in the Colonies shall confer rank and precedence for life, would I believe, have the good effect of giving the head of the local Government a wide range for the selection of his advisers, by rendering the men of standing and ability in the Colony, who would not otherwise be candidates for public employment, desirous of being selected for this mark of Her Majesty's approbation.

"Unless, therefore, there exists any special grounds of objection of which I am not aware, I have to instruct you to inform the members of your late Council that Her Majesty has been pleased to approve of their retaining the rank and titles which they held while members of the Government of Prince Edward Island."

Red Army shall voluntarily perpetuate their present defencelessness. This of course would not make for peace. It would make for war by increasing the temptation of a stronger power to use its superiority aggressively.

Does Russia feel that temptation even now? Does she play with the idea of an aggressive war? We cannot know but there is one particularly sinister aspect of Russian "peace" proposals. That is that any unfavourable reference to aggression is completely absent in them.

Before the war of 1939 when Russia was genuinely afraid of foreign aggression all her efforts in international diplomacy centred on defining aggression, outlawing it and creating conditions for collective action against it. Now the word "aggression" has almost disappeared from the Russian diplomatic vocabulary and in several cases — Greece and Korea — Russia has used every possible lawyer's quibble to defend and justify aggressors. In the latest version of her disarmament proposals to the U.N. she suggests branding in advance as a war criminal the power which in case of a war first uses the atomic bomb; not, let it be noted, the power which starts an aggressive war. This sounds as if Russian diplomacy in striking contrast to the period which preceded the war of 1939, now has no particular interest in working up international public opinion against aggression but rather wants to create a climate of opinion in which aggression as such is condoned and condemnation reserved for international policemen who fight an aggressor with too ungentle means.

The United Nations General Assembly has seen through the Russian proposals and respected them. But this is not enough. The peoples of the world must also see their hidden meaning and support those defensive measures of their Governments which in the present serious situation hold best — perhaps the only hope — of restoring security and preserving the peace.

SMALL BEGINNING

The British museum dates from 1753 when parliament made grants for purchase of book collections.

Notes By The Way -

A naturalist says "the crow is five times smarter than the owl." But that won't bother the owl; he'll continue to look wise and get credit for being five times smarter than the crow. — Ottawa Citizen.

An attempt is being made to repeal local option in Orillia so as to permit the establishment of a liquor store and a brewers' warehouse. The vote is to be taken on November 28. With the exception of Owen Sound, Orillia is the largest municipality in Ontario under local option and it has operated successfully there for 42 years. We would be sorry to see the wets succeed for it would be definitely a backward step. — Owen Sound Sun-Times.

Science has devised a new lipstick with notable improvements, according to a recent announcement. Its virtues are said to include long-lastingness and smudge-resistance. If that is true, Science has made some worthwhile progress. The tendency of current lipsticks to smear is one of the more persistent irritations of our time. A woman's appearance, no matter how chic otherwise, suffers horribly if her lipstick is smeared in an ugly blotch. It is distasteful, too, to see lipstick smeared across what should be glistening white teeth. But infinitely more annoying is lipstick smeared on a cup or glass in a restaurant. And it happens all the time. Some poor, lone male, minding his own business, drops in for a cup of coffee or a milk-shake. What he wants primarily is a few minutes of relaxation and comfort. But what does he get? Just as he raises the cup or glass to drink, his eye is caught by the remains of someone's lipstick clinging to the rim. It is not appetizing. Lipstick seems to smear from everything in the world but glass or china. Once it clings to a cup or glass, it remains despite hot water and soap. It is so stubborn, indeed, that restaurants really need someone to check and remove by vigorous scrubbing lipstick which customers leave behind. Soon, however, the problem may be resolved when the new non-smearable lipstick comes on the market. Many of us will fervently hope so. From the Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

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