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THE STRONGEST MEMORY IS WEAKER THAN THE WEAKEST LINK.

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Total Failure

Russia's outright rejection of the latest disarmament proposals advanced by the Western Powers represents, of course, a cynical disregard of the tensions which threaten world peace.

Despite the thousands of words in Mr. Stassen's explanation of the Western proposals, the issues which have kept the two sides apart are really very simple.

Acceptance by either side of the other's plan would put that side at a military disadvantage, since it is well known that, whatever the relative strength in nuclear power may be, the Russians undoubtedly have the predominance in men, planes, submarines and probably conventional bombs.

The Packing Industry

The report presented at the annual meeting of Canada Packers revealed that the Canadian packing industry does not appear to be affected by the unfavourable market conditions which exist in the United States.

It was reported that net profits for the year amounted to some \$4 1/2 million, slightly less than the previous year owing to a somewhat smaller spread between the cost of raw materials and the selling price of finished products.

Referring to livestock prices in general, Mr. MacLean pointed out that of each dollar spent, 78 cents went directly to the sellers of animals; 17.28 cents were required for salaries, wages and expenses; 3.82 cents were spent on materials and packages; and taxes amounted to 1.48 cents.

New Safety Gadget

Still another development in aeronautic devices must be credited to British technicians. It is a device to ensure the safety of fliers whose planes get into trouble between ground level and 1,000 feet, where conventional parachute equipment is not effective.

The device, an ejection seat, was tested the other day at a United States naval air station in Maryland by a British flier who left the ground in a jet in the company of an American pilot.

Studies show that at that level only six per cent of persons ejected from planes using standard equipment have any chance of survival.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Here's good news for those who habitually talk to themselves, knowing that they have a receptive audience. A professor of psychology at the University of California says that the practice is a sign of more than average intelligence.

A Moscow newspaper has advised Soviet army officers to close their dining rooms and eat with their men. That might be good for the officers, but what about the men? Unless they are very different from the soldiers of other lands they wouldn't relish the idea at all.

The headmaster of Cheam School, at which Prince Charles has become a boarder, says that the heir to the throne will be caned if he doesn't behave himself. It can, therefore, be assumed that H.R.H. will be caned occasionally.

The winner of a rocking-chair contest, on learning that a competitor was forced to give up after rocking for 85 hours, commented thusly: "I feel so sorry for her, she tried so hard." A lot of other people will feel sorry for the woman, though perhaps not for the same reason.

WAR AND PEACE

Peace is better than war. It is hard to believe that anyone would prefer war for mercantile reasons, even this "cold war" of nerves that we have been living in since 1945.

The visit of at least one clan leader to the Maritimes seems to have become the fashion. It was only a month or so ago that the chief of the Camerons honoured us with his presence.

Whatever anyone may think of the politics of Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany, no one, not even the Russians, can refuse to admire his pluck and stamina.



SMALL FRUIT - BIG BUSINESS

Unveiling The 'oquois

Anybody who was anybody in the Canadian community in London helped to make some of the zaniest headlines in London this week. They went to a fairground a few miles from the centre of town to see the "unveiling" over here of the new supersonic jet engine from Orenda's factory in Ontario, the "Iroquois."

Such a claim is easier to believe than the latest one - and so far as the British are concerned just as important. Whether it comes from 5000 miles of the Intermediate-Range missile capable of reaching London from bases in Russia or in Occupied Europe.

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.

Madame Butterfly's Island

Anybody who thinks he has troubles should take a look at Kyushu, the Japanese Island where Madame Butterfly pined for the American sailor she loved.

Nose Aids Relaxation

By Herman N. Bundeten, M.D. Don't worry about post-nasal drip. It's a natural process and, in the vast majority of cases, causes no harm.

NATURAL DEFENSE

Thus a secretion of mucus, even after you have gotten rid of your cold, is merely a continuation of nature's natural defense output. After all, it took a while for our munitions factories to shut down following the end of World War II.

The Age Old Story Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

OUR YESTERDAYS

WARM APPRECIATION OF THE charm of Prince Edward Island and the hospitality of its people was expressed by Colonel W. L. MacGregor, President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

TEN YEARS AGO

The Rt. Hon. J. L. Halsey, Minister of Justice, will pay a visit to the province on September 12, it was learned yesterday from Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, M.P.

MAXIMS

Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Not only is it a good idea not to pick up strangers when driving, but car doors should be kept locked to keep would-be abductors from gaining entry when cars are stopped at intersections.

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