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The Russians' Visit

This week's visit to Britain by the two wandering minstrels of the Soviet Union, Communist Party chief Khrushchev and his henchman Premier Bulganin, is surely one of the most bizarre developments of the post-war (or "pre-war"), depending on the way events shape themselves) period.

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Evidence that the present visit is more in the nature of a cunning political scheme than of a venture in goodwill is provided in the Russians' complaint concerning the arrangements made for their itinerary. Judging from comments in the British press, public opinion is that the visitors have been promised too much latitude instead of too little.

Some say that the British Government is not as discreet in such matters as it used to be under the incomparable direction of Mr. Churchill. Be that as it may, surely Prime Minister Eden and his advisers can be counted on to distinguish between the demands of hospitality and overindulgence in the treatment of querulous guests.

American Capital

It is a matter of common knowledge that American investment in Canadian industrial development has risen to a level where in some instances it is virtually in a dominant position. It is reported, for instance, that in mining, refineries, and petroleum development American capital comes to more than 55% of the total.

Perhaps the most severe criticism has come from Mr. Leon Balcer, the President of the National Progressive Conservative Association, who said in a recent statement that, unless restrictive measures are taken soon, this country will become "a 49th economic State of the

United States". That may be an exaggeration. It is a viewpoint worthy of consideration, nevertheless.

On the same day that Mr. Balcer expressed his opinion in the matter, another one was expressed by Mr. Cyrus Eaton, a leading American financier with extensive holdings in Canada. Mr. Eaton's view is that unless Canadians continue to give it a "cordial" welcome, American money "may not be so easy to come by in the years ahead".

Mr. Eaton may be right in saying that "the United States has no desire to reduce Canada to the status of a small and dependent economic colony". It is up to the Canadian Government to see to it that no such temptation is placed in the way of American investors.

Newfoundland Trade

It is to be hoped that every effort will be made this year to increase our trade with Newfoundland. In this connection it is worth noting that Nova Scotia officials are going ahead with plans to develop the nearby market for their own products far beyond its present status. As a first step in this direction, Eastern Co-operative Services Limited in Antigonish have established a huge warehouse at Stephenville on Newfoundland's West coast.

On a recent visit to Halifax, Mr. Arthur Johnson, prominent St. John's business man, and now Deputy Minister of Economic Development, commented favorably on Nova Scotia's initiative in erecting the warehouse at Stephenville and asserted that Newfoundland would prefer the products "of Nova Scotia and other Maritime Provinces" so long as prices, quality and means of delivery are satisfactory.

At present this Province's transportation facilities for the Newfoundland trade—and, indeed, almost everything else about it—seem to be pretty much of a hit or miss affair. Unless improvements are made—and speedily—we shall hear one of these days that the trade has been taken from us by more enterprising interests in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The weather will have to mend its ways if the old saying "April showers bring May flowers" is to hold its own this year.

A political analyst says that "food is more important to the people of Ceylon than military strategy". It is to most other people, too.

After all we have heard about the phenomenal progress of education in Soviet Russia, it comes as an amusing anticlimax to note that history exams for Russia's high school students have been cancelled while textbooks are being "unwritten" to put Stalin in his proper place.

Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State in the Truman administration, has come out of a long seclusion to criticize the Republican administration for the way it has handled the Middle East crisis. Could it be that Mr. Acheson is expecting his former chief to be chief executive again?



THREE RING, THAT'S ALL!

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.

AGAINST FLUORIDATION

Sir,—A citizen of your community has asked me to answer the letter from F. S. Macmillan, M.P., Sec., Ph.D. which recently appeared in your Public Forum.

His letter is based on the premise that "fluorine is a trace element of value in human nutrition". He is hereby requested to give his reference to prove this statement. There are many opinions on this point, but no experimentally proven facts. Dr. J. S. Muller, one of the recognized authorities in fluorine research in the U. S. who set out to prove this hypothesis by animal experiment, found, on the contrary, that other minerals not fluorine were necessary for human nutrition.

If a genuine trace element such as iodine and iron is lacking to the system the patient dies. There is not the slightest scientific evidence that fluorine is necessary for life nor do the constantly repeated assertions of fluoridation proponents that it is necessary for the production of good teeth serve to make it so. (J. of Nutrition 54:481-490 1954).

Regarding the safety mechanism of eliminating excessive fluorides, Dr. Macmillan's statement is based on the work of Dr. F. J. McClure, Public Health Service biochemist much of which has recently been fully discredited by radio-active treatment studies. (J. of Dent. Res. 33:789-800 Dec. 1954). No long term observations of fluorine excretion in humans over a period of years are available in the literature. Dr. Siddiqui who recently reported 32 cases of poisoning in the Brit. Med. Journ. Dec. 10, 1955, noted that one of his patients continued to eliminate a marked excess of accumulated fluorine in the urine for as long as 10 years after he had stopped drinking the water.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 17, 1931)

At a largely attended meeting of the P.E.I. Poultry Association on Tuesday, it was proposed that some action be taken on the suggestion made by Mr. F. A. Driscoll, secretary, that an incubator be secured by the association, for the purpose of hatching chickens early to permit their being shown at fall fairs.

The machinery of the woolen mills which has been operated at Souris for the last three years by Mr. William Landrigan, was shipped to the city this week and is at present being installed in the MacLean Building, Queen Street. Mr. Landrigan intends to double the amount of machinery hitherto used.

A precedent in legislative history was created Wednesday afternoon by reason of the sudden illness of the Speaker of the House, Hon David MacDonald, necessitating his leaving the Chamber while the House was in committee. On the motion of the Premier being carried, Hon W.F.A. Stewart was appointed as the new Speaker.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 17, 1946)

Senator A. N. MacLean of New Brunswick, a large-scale fish processor and distributor, has charged that while ships loaded with fish to feed hungry Europeans cross the Atlantic eastbound, ships loaded with European fish are sailing for North American ports.

The many friends of Lawrence E. Toombs will be pleased to learn of his completion of a successful year at Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax. Mr. Toombs won the Well Prize for Scripture reading, the Currie Memorial Prize for Hebrew and the John J. Colter Prize for the Philosophy of Religion.

The days between now and the opening of the lobster season will be busy along the Georgetown waterfront, as fishermen and packers prepare for the coming season. High prices are again forecast and it is unlikely that any ice will be encountered in the Gulf.

RAF Dilemma in Ceylon

By William Courtenay, O.B.E.

Risks of the Royal Air Force route between England and the Far East being severed are arising through the advent to power of a new Government in Ceylon pledged to "neutrality". If earlier reports are confirmed now that the winning party is sobered with the responsibility of forming a Government, then Britain may be denied the use of the present naval and air bases. It will hurt the R.A.F. Transport Command because at present the air base at Negombo Ceylon is the only link between Karachi and Singapore.

The route operates at present with Handley Page "Hastings" from Lymington southern England via Malta or Libya to Iraq and thence to Karachi. Prime Minister Nehru in an effort to placate the Chinese communists refuses the RAF rights to fly across India or refuel at Calcutta. So planes must fly down the coast of India keeping out to sea and land at Ceylon. If this base is denied us then there is a 4,000 mile gap between Karachi and Singapore. The transport planes could not carry the fuel and any military load of passengers or freight.

This means that the Air Staff in U.K. must already be studying alternatives and the only one at present suitable is the westbound route via the Atlantic, across Canada; and from Vancouver to Honolulu and thence through the Pacific Islands to Australia and New Zealand and up to Singapore and Hong Kong. Without doubt Canada and America would grant permission for use of their bases and the route would be the same one used by the U.S. Air Force Military Air Transport Service. I have flown over all these routes each year eastbound and westbound and know their capabilities. But there is one other alternative route over the horizon which may be worth investigating, far-fetched though it may appear. Khrushchev and Bulganin will be in London by April 18th for some days and they are most anxious to "make friends and influence people". Here is their golden opportunity to show sincerity; ease world tensions; open up their land and work with the West.

Sir Anthony Eden may enquire whether they would permit unarmed military transport planes of the RAF to cross Russia and Siberia to reach the Far East, Australia and New Zealand. This would involve grant of landing rights in Moscow and other centres with perhaps the right to maintain small "staging posts" of RAF airmen and fuelling depots. Why not? We all do this for the U.S. Air Force on our soil. Stranger things could happen than a cordial Russian consent. There is nothing like the healthy stimuli of a little competition. If Nehru saw Russia opened up to such facility he would realise his own fears of a possible Russian wish to see India bypassed; and would invite the RAF to fly across India and use Calcutta. That would suit us all and restore a Commonwealth which to open a "cannon wealth link."

The RAF will take delivery soon of a fleet of 12 De Havilland "Comet" 11 500 p h jetliners "ball" service of 30 hours linking England with the Woomera Rocket Range Australia. These aircraft will possess range of 2,000 miles but cannot operate down this great air route unless either a Karachi-Calcutta-Singapore stage is open or a Karachi-Ceylon-Singapore route is available. But Russia is intensely curious about the "Comet" and might welcome it. These are some of the potentialities available if the Finance Department will pick on the lowest paid employees on the payroll? Does such action indicate sincerity?

The Council is not interested in the future welfare of those employees; I note it was not recommended that they be placed on another job on the City payroll. We wonder how far this housecleaning will go. Will it affect some of the clerical workers who are the recipients of substantial salaries from the taxpayers' money and we wonder if their contributions to the welfare of the City equal that of the three that were dismissed.

Many taxpayers in this City will follow with interest Messrs. MacDonald's and Johnstone's future housecleaning progress, but we hope the Council will see fit to place the three employees that were dismissed on another job with at least equal remuneration to that which they lost.

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FOUND: ONE LEG MONTREAL (CP)—Police Monday wanted for someone to claim an artificial leg, found Saturday complete with a black sock at Delorimier avenue and Laforce streets in the city's east end.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

EARLY DETECTION NEEDED TO HALT BREAST CANCER. Because of ignorance and delay, thousands of women are needlessly sacrificed to cancer each year. Annual death toll from breast cancer is about 20,000. But there is absolutely no good reason why breast cancer should kill this many women.

Cancer of the breast always begins as an accessible local tumor. It is an easy thing to detect. We need no elaborate tests to determine its existence. In fact, you may possibly locate it before your doctor does—if you know what to look for. And early detection may mean quick cure.

Why then is the death toll so high? The answer is simple and frightening.

WRONG BELIEF. Too many persons—maybe you are one of them—still believe that all cancer is fatal. You just don't know much about the disease.

Well, let me try to correct this situation as far as breast cancer is concerned right now.

Following are nine signals which might mean breast cancer. Be on the lookout for any of them:

- 1. Any lump in your breast. 2. Any deformity or alteration in the usual shape of the breast. 3. Lifting or elevation of the breast or nipple. 4. Retraction or sinking of the nipple. 5. Dimpling or puckering of the skin. 6. A rash around the nipple. 7. Bleeding or discharge from the nipple. 8. A swollen node or "gland" in the armpit. 9. A running sore on the skin of the breast.

HAVE A CHECKUP

Let me emphasize that these signs, any of them, do not necessarily mean that you have cancer. But they do mean you should see your doctor for a checkup right away.

Make an appointment for a complete examination today. Don't wait until tomorrow. Delay one day and you're likely to wait many more. And delay where cancer is concerned can be dangerous—even fatal.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

A Reader: What is the cause of chapped lips? Is there any cure for it?

Answer: Chapped lips are usually seen in nervous people who moisten and bite their lips excessively and then expose the lips to cold winds.

A lack of vitamin B-2 or riboflavin, may also be a contributing cause.

Chapping generally yields to some simple ointment, such as cold cream, unless a secondary infection has occurred.



INTERLUDE

I heard a small bird sorrowing in the night. Over and over in his grieving throat. Too urgent to await the morning light. Sounded the lonely and provocative note.

I thought, for these, too, is the world a place Where courage ebbs as darkness covers all. And time's impersonal finger does not trace The boundary of hope beyond a wall.

I heard a small bird cry; then all was still. That tiny heart, like mine, must somewhere find Quiet and peace beyond the farther hill. And more than unrest in a wandering wind. —Frances Rodman in the New York Times.

The Age Old Story

The president of the Retail Grocers' Association in Ontario predicts canned beer will be sold in Ontario grocery stores within two years. Such a prediction must be predicated on belief that a great loosening of liquor and beer sale control is coming in the province. And that is hard to believe.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

BLAME RUSSIAN FURS

JORDAN, Ont. (CP)—The Niagara District Trappers' Association said Monday furs imported from Russia are disrupting the domestic market. Russian imports are responsible for the low sales at an auction Saturday here. Only 4,000 of 10,000 furs offered were sold.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME MEDICAL PHARMACY ON THE OPENING OF YOUR NEW DRUG STORE S. N. KAYS GROCER Corner Pownall and Richmond Sts.

NOTES BY THE WAY. Wonder what the Red Dean of Canterbury thinks of all this stuff they are saying now about Stalin? He seems to have had a high opinion of him.—Ottawa Journal. The Japanese are said to be flooding the market with cheap dishes. When they are cheap enough to throw away instead of washing, let us know.—Peterborough Examiner. We suppose it is literally correct to say spring has come to Newfoundland but this column blushes at the recollection of that day in May some years ago when spring was ecstatically hailed in the accompaniment of the worst blizzard of the year. We shall not be so rash again.—St. John's News. About every six months, usually at a time when things are other wise quiet, somebody in the North country shouts "secession." It is as familiar a refrain to northerners as the haunting cry of the loon across the lake at eventide. It's always good for some newspaper space and it gets people talking, but the movement never lasts very long.—North Bay Nugget. Nowhere in the entire multi-million Soviet press does one find a local item—an accident, a crime, some piece of human fortune or misfortune. The local incident, the human being is nowhere to be seen; Stakhanovite setting a production record, or else a carefully selected complaint about the non functioning of some bureau or factory. The skyscrapers, the construction work, the collective organization are overpowering; the human being is nothing. He doesn't count. He doesn't appear.—News Leader.

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