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The Weakest Link

France has fallen again, this time without striking a blow. The European Defence Community, if it survives at all, must strive to maintain a common front without the aid of French arms.

The United States and Canada are already talking about withdrawal of forces from Korea and undoubtedly had been thinking in terms of eventual withdrawal from the European scene.

The World Veteran has an explanation of the impotency of France. The soldiers of two World Wars, exhausted by years of warfare, went back to their homes with one fixed idea: to hear nothing more about it.

Veterans' associations carefully refrained from putting the reality of facts before their members. They did not tell them, "politics first", but "above all, no politics" — politics abhorred, the cause of all evil, they took care not to direct the nation by taking an active part, leaving this to the mediocre and the incompetent.

There are, of course, other explanations, but there can be no doubt that had the French fighting man regarded the nation's business as his first concern the other difficulties would have been readily overcome and France today would be glorious and safe.

Something New

During the long period of Greenland's status as a Danish colony its inhabitants were accorded income-tax exemption. Now that the island has been made a constitutional part of Denmark, and therefore entitled to representation in parliament, the people have asked that the tax exemption provision be rescinded.

In every country — except Greenland — there are numbers of persons who complain of over-taxation; very little attention is paid to them. This is probably the first time in history that citizens of any community have begged for additional tax burdens. It is something new for the sociologists to ponder. If there is any international prize for gallantry over and beyond the call of duty in matters involving national consciousness, the Greenlanders surely are entitled to it.

Dealers Not To Buy Potatoes

Potato dealers should act as brokers rather than buyers, was the comment of Mr. Lincoln Dewar in drawing attention to a typographical error in the report of the Provincial Board, Federation of Agriculture. Paragraph three of the Board's statement should read:—

3. We are not concerned as to whom the selling agency sells the potatoes so long as returns to producers are maintained at the best possible level and that all possible stability is maintained in the market. Therefore we recommend that all Class "A" and Class "B" dealers be given the right to sell potatoes for the agency to the domestic market in any part of Canada on a brokerage basis. We do not feel that potatoes should be sold back to Class "A" and Class "B" dealers due to the possibility of speculative buying, storing and selling which could later upset domestic prices and market conditions. By allowing Class "A" and Class "B" dealers to act as brokers for the selling agency it will permit all possible markets to be developed. It will also provide dealers the opportunity of putting up a special quality and package which can be supplied the selling agency and arrangements made for sale to any special outlets which dealers may have. Also arrangements should be made to give dealers the financial advantages of these special sales over established prices. We suggest that brokerage fees under this policy could be on a percentage basis as a means of providing an incentive to procure the highest possible price.

There is something both for dealers and whole-hearted supporters of a central selling agency in the Federation's proposals. The Board would be given full control of marketing and retain ownership of potatoes

until they were sold to outside buyers. At the same time dealers would be able to supply markets using their own brands and packaging and pocket a profit on sales made at an advance over the price on the open market. The fact that they would net only a portion of that profit would be compensated in part at least by the fact that they would run no risk of loss.

Preserve The Pedestrian!

A Canadian Press item, datelined Ottawa, refers to an increase in motor vehicle registrations and observes that the pedestrian seems to be disappearing in Canada.

We, who have long held the pedestrian to be one of the nation's craftiest and most courageous game animals, cannot accept this news lightly, argues the Welland Tribune. Nor, we fancy, will the many conservation clubs and similar organizations dedicated to the preservation of wild life.

For the pedestrian has long provided capital sport for millions of motor nimrods across the length and breadth of this fair nation. Every effort should be made to ensure that he does not join the ranks of those extinct or near-extinct species, such as the buffalo and the passenger pigeon, now found only in books or on closely-controlled game preserves.

Well we remember the oldsters gathering about the living room and spinning tall tales of memorable expeditions after this wily prey. Of course the pedestrians that got away were always the biggest and fastest ones. The one regret was always that the government sternly forbade the hanging of trophies.

Pedestrians are native to the larger cities but many are also found in smaller centres and occasionally one even ventures into open country. Their habitat is the intersection but to add sport to the pursuit they often pop up unexpectedly in the middle of a block.

Photographs usually depict the pedestrian as a slightly dishevelled creature, particularly the male of the species. He is also usually seen wearing a startled expression and has large eyes, wide open as though in fright. This is characteristic.

Preservation of the pedestrian will probably involve tried-and-proven methods but we would suggest that hunting seasons be immediately and stringently restricted. Let's preserve some sport for our children.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The potato may well prove a competitor to the ice cream cone and hot dog as a snack where large numbers of people congregate. At any rate National Geographic carries a picture of a young lady attending the Pennsylvania state fair and obviously enjoying a baked potato.

The amphibious character of the Royal Canadian Navy is illustrated in appointments to H.M.C.S. Buckingham, the modernized frigate which will be based at Cornwallis for training purposes. The first lieutenant is Lt.-Cmdr. Donald William Knex who was recently in command of the 31st Support Air Group, based at Summerside, P. E. I. The August number of the Crownsnet has an account of the provision being made for new entry training.

The well-known opinion of the law attributed to Sam Weller would seem to be justified in the case of the Alberta farmer who sold his topsoil. It was held that the purchase price was a capital gain and not subject to tax. In that particular case the soil was from a proposed highway, but as a general rule the practice should be regarded as contrary to public policy.

Sir Richard Steele, Irish man of letters, died this date 1729. He was born in Dublin but was educated in London, being a fellow pupil of Addison at Charterhouse. After some care-free years as a guardsman, he became a most energetic writer, producing a number of plays and founding the Tatler and the Spectator. Both of these papers were at first very largely the product of his own pen.

The threat of fire is one of the chief concerns of fliers who must make a forced landing. Turning off the ignition is considered essential before the plane touches the ground. The same peril faces those involved in highway accidents, as was illustrated in ghastly fashion in Mexico. Thirty-five bus passengers were uninjured when their vehicle overturned but all perished when one passenger struck a match to look for his luggage.

Lump sums should be paid to municipalities by Federal and Provincial Governments for police and fire protection suggests Guy Vanier, a delegate from Montreal to the conference of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities. It cannot be denied that the senior Governments are receiving an increasingly high proportion of the tax dollar compared with the municipalities although the latter are faced with rising costs.



Don't Hasten Away Unless You Must

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.

AGRICULTURAL & INDUSTRIAL

Sir,—I am all in favor of what is generally termed "industrial decentralization", so, therefore, was well pleased with that story in the news columns last week, in which the experts report a tendency among industrialists, in planning expansion, to choose the smaller general welfare of the nation itself will be served by a deliberate policy of distributing the people of this growing land more evenly than has been the custom in earlier years.

The farmers would be early and obvious beneficiaries of this new industrial principle which, in due season, would show up in terms of wider home markets; lower freight costs, as a consequence of literally bringing their customers closer to the sources of food and fiber, and the mouths nearer to the fields.

On the other hand, I'm not sure if the opposite stream, by reason of a mechanized agriculture, and permitting fewer farms and larger farms to take care of the food needs of off-farm Canadians should be accorded the same enthusiastic policy green light. Fact is I haven't the economic experience upon which to build a conclusion. One of your national advertisers compresses the data into a neat paragraph thus: "In the few years since 1939, the revolution in farming practice involving more effective tillage techniques and new and faster ways of harvesting, has enabled over 570,000 farm workers to join the ranks of the industrial world." (M—H).

Clearly, Jack Canuck is going places, but the tempo sometimes makes me wonder about his agricultural heartbeat.

I am, Sir, etc. S. H. 2

Conscience

Christopher Billopp in the Cuneiph Mercury

Conscience is of three kinds, strong, weak, and medium. Of these, the medium is the most frequently found. A medium conscience allows you to tune in on a baseball game on radio or television, but, at the same time, tells you that you shouldn't be doing it.

It lets you follow the game inning by inning, but reminds you that you should be writing letters, or reading the book borrowed from the library, or out watering the flowers. A medium conscience permits you to say to yourself that the game is dragging and you will tune out at the end of the third inning; but, when the inning is over, does not stop you from lingering on into the fourth to see what the next batters will do.

Meanwhile, as you linger on to see what the next batters will do, your medium conscience will be reminding you that you are not going to accomplish much in life this way, as people who waste valuable time tuning in on baseball games cannot well be counted on to perform important duties.

But just as you are on the point of demonstrating your strength of character by leaping out of your chair, your medium conscience steps in to suggest that you are making mountains out of mole hills, that tasks about the house can easily wait and there is no good reason why you should not hang on at least long enough to see what happens in the lucky seventh.

Thus a medium conscience allows you to indulge yourself but denies you full enjoyment of your indulgence. How nice it would be to have a conscience so strong that you would not be tempted into wasting time or else to get 100 per cent pleasure out of wasting time by having practically no conscience at all.

Because of its many inlets, the Japanese coastline measures 17,150 miles.

NOTES BY THE WAY

He brought with him a note from his mother, explaining that he was an exceptionally sensitive child. "It is not really necessary to chastise him," the note said, "it would be better to give the boy in the next seat a good slap and so frighten him." —London, England Herald.

Five Javelin triangular-wing all-weather fighters will give a display of high speed formation flying at the British Aircraft Constructors Show which opens at Farnborough, Hampshire, on Sept. 6. The world's first twin-jet delta-winged aircraft, the Javelin is also regarded as the most powerful all-weather fighter. It is likely to be the first British aircraft to carry the newly developed air-to-air guided missiles. —This Week in Britain.

In connection with studies by the National Institute of Oceanography of the seasonal changes in the speed and direction of ocean currents which may carry oil patches to the sea shore, a second batch of drift cards in plastic envelopes was dropped early in May in the Atlantic Ocean by RCAF Coastal Command. The first card to be received was picked up on the southwest coast of Iceland having drifted some 320 miles at a speed of at least seven miles per day; since then others have been found in Iceland and a few on the north-west coast of Ireland and in France. —Port of London Magazine.

It is gratifying to know that the Hudson Bay Eskimos who saved the life of a lost young white boy whom they tracked down, are to be rewarded. When the Eskimos searching Flaherty Island, came upon the mark of a shoe heel — they wear no shoes — they followed the trail to John Banks, son of the president of the mining company operating there. The father, Douglas Banks, says he will reward the trackers with gifts of rifles and pipes. No present would be more appreciated or engender better feelings between the Eskimo and the white invader of his historic territories. —London Free Press.

Every one's experience with human nature varies. Some people reach advanced years still retaining a buoyant faith in humanity, while others become cynical, shrewd or just plain cautious as a result of unhappy experiences. An English woman, who obviously retained some faith in human nature, is running a hotel in a beautiful West of Britain resort where there are no fixed charges and the guests are expected to pay what they think their holiday is worth. We venture to think that the reaction of the majority to this proposition will be the same as our own — "She will be robbed." It would be pleasing to report that this trustfulness had been rewarded by every one paying a fair price, but it happens that the experiment has not yet been in operation long enough to prove anything definite about human nature. When it does, the findings are certain to be much more valuable than the public opinion polls, for here is a test where the two qualities of gratitude and justice are inextricably mixed, and the purse is vitally affected. — Hamilton Spectator.

Fortunately, nature foresaw that mankind would develop this penchant for sunburn and equipped us with enough layers of skin to peel all summer. —Winnipeg Tribune.

It now seems pretty well established that Soviet engine designers are working hard on a rocket engine for space travel. A prototype under construction is a big liquid-fuel engine with a thrust of 264,000 pounds. This is equal to more than twenty-six powerful jet plane engines. —Newsweek.

Opportunity never fails to knock at the door of those who know what they want and have diligently prepared themselves for the day, while for the ones who dream but do not work there remains the feeble satisfaction of blaming "bad luck." —From an editorial for Young People, Hamilton Spectator.

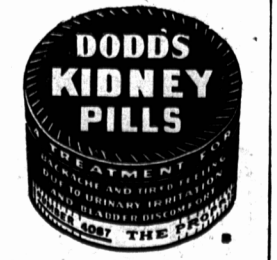
Worries can grind us down. Very often, too, they are a waste of time. A University of Wisconsin study of worries and fears shows that 40 per cent are about things that never happen; 30 per cent are about things past help; 22 per cent are petty and needless. That leaves eight per cent for those really worth bothering about. Probably it won't help much to lose sleep over them. —Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

LIVESTOCK FAIR

From the report of the annual general meeting of the Central Agricultural Society, held at the Wellington Hotel, Charlottetown, Jan. 8, 1940:

"Your committee, sensible of the great advantages resulting from the establishment of the Fair in the Old Country for the sale of all descriptions of live stock and agricultural produce, gave public notice that one would be held in Charlottetown, on Wednesday the second day of October last, and accordingly they provided all necessary accommodation for the public free of charge. Your committee have much pleasure in stating that the results of the Fair far exceeded their most sanguine expectation, as it was computed that not less than 3000 persons from all parts of the country including several visitors from the neighboring Provinces were assembled on the occasion. Much real business was transacted and very many cattle and other live stock exchanged owners."



ANNOUNCING

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OTTAWA REPORT

Concern Over Tourism

By Patrick Nicholson

Who killed our tourist trade? The post-mortem question worrying the government-paid salesman here whose job it is to sell Canada, through their promotional work in the Canadian Travel Bureau. Of greater anxiety of course is the problem whether our tourist trade can be revived.

"The tourist trade is all shot; it's finished," wails one prominent Ottawa hotel manager. Nearly one quarter of his rooms are vacant every summer week-end, and that is double the emptiness lamented in his hostelry in wartime's last travel-restricted summer, 1945.

Tourism is one of our most important sources of United States dollars. Last year our earnings, from American tourists visiting us, were \$282,200,000. This was equivalent to a 50% boost in our sales of newspaper to the States, which at \$564,000,000 was our largest individual export to our neighbour. It was more than the \$271,000,000 which we earned by all our exports of agricultural and vegetable products to the States. These figures reveal the importance to us of those U. S. dollars which our fish-full lakes, our cool summer nights, our scenery, our "differentness" and our welcome earn from U. S. tourists.

Tourism Not Growing

But the anxiety arises from the lack of growth in our tourist earnings. In 1951, the total fell slightly below 1950; in 1952 it fell slightly below 1951. Last year it rose slightly. Meanwhile Canadians visiting the States last year outspent Americans visiting Canada. We left behind \$307,300,000 in the States, which was nearly double our tourist expenditure of \$164,900,000 there in 1948. The balance of tourist expenditure across the border has swung from one hundred million dollars in our favour in 1949, to one quarter of that in our disfavour last year.

This makes it clear that tourism promoters need to sell Canada not only in the States, but also at home. More and more Canadians are going south for their holidays instead of travelling in Canada.

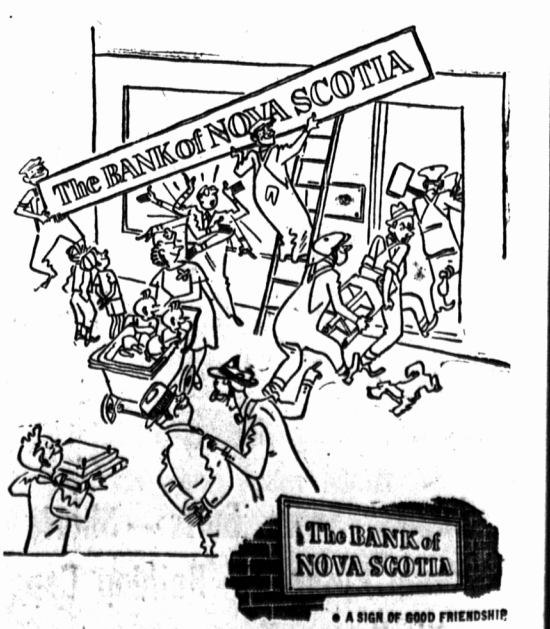
One tourism official here attributes this to the growing custom of taking holidays in winter, a custom fostered by the growing practice in industry of offering longer holidays if taken between October and April. Many Canadian workers can add one week to their paid holidays if they will take it in the winter, and this extra week is encouraging them to drive to Florida, or to some other southern State where summer spends the winter.

U. S. Stores Attract

The Bureau of Statistics points to another magnet which is luring Canadians south across the border for their holidays, and that is the shopping facilities in the States. Canadians are going south for their holidays instead of travelling in Canada.

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