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shall in one way or another ensure the maintenance and perpetuation of the present Communist regime in Eastern Germany. They know that given the opportunity the East German masses would rid themselves of their present rulers. Therefore the opportunity must not be given them. The Communist dictatorship—based in the last analysis on the Soviet armed forces—must be preserved at all cost. Therefore a precondition of any settlement must be the denial of democratic rights to the people.

The other issue is essentially the same. Shall a united Germany be as free as, say, Britain or Switzerland or India or the United Arab Republic to choose for itself its own alignment—or nonalignment—in international affairs? The Western Powers say "yes." The Soviet Union says "no." Again, because it knows what the German choice would be.

The Soviet Union may or may not want a reunited Germany. But what it definitely wants is that a reunited Germany shall not have freedom either internally or externally. It wants to preserve the East German Communist dictatorship internally and to impose on all Germany a foreign policy dictated by itself.

Turns Thumbs Down

Hon. Mr. Pearson's proposal for a standby United Nations police force in Europe has met with general approval in Canada, but his old friend, U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, will have none of it. At least, he has flatly ruled out the use of U.N. forces in any Big Four settlement of the Berlin crisis.

At a recent press conference, Mr. Hammarskjöld raised the following questions and objections to the use of United Nations forces:

1. What would be the function of a United Nations force in Berlin? Which parties would the force separate from whom? Whom would it protect against whom?

2. A military force involving military functions requires someone who can give directives and instructions. These have to be of a political nature. Is the U.N. so organized as to be able to provide such instructions for a U.N. fighting force?

3. Where inside Europe would the units be recruited? He answered his own rhetorical questions with the ringing conclusion that the idea was unsound from both a legal and practical point of view.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. Khrushchev's visit to Albania has aroused widespread speculation and uneasiness in the Western camp. Perhaps that's why he's making it.

Whatever the motives, it was a fitting and courteous gesture on the part of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko, to fly to Washington from Geneva to attend the funeral of Mr. Dulles. Better international goodwill can be built on little acts of this kind.

No. 2 Militia Group, and the bands of the P.E.I. Regiment and Queen Charlotte High School, were warmly complimented on their turnout Monday night by Major General Bogert. Our citizens could show more appreciation by attending these inspection ceremonies in larger numbers.

Iceland has withdrawn from next month's North Atlantic Treaty Organization congress in London. This action has been taken in protest against Britain's use of naval vessels to protect her trawlers in Icelandic waters. The dispute started last year when Iceland announced extension of her territorial waters to 12 miles, and Britain refused to recognize the change. This unfortunate incident is not an example of British diplomacy at its best.

To commemorate in a permanent way the 50th Anniversary of Flight in Canada, a monument will be unveiled at Baddeck on June 15. Erected by the Canadian Aeronautical Institute on the grounds of the Alexander Graham Bell Museum, it will overlook Baddeck Bay on the Bras d'Or Lakes, where the first flight took place half a century ago. Standing 12 feet high, it is reminiscent of the prow of a Viking ship; an elegantly curved stone column blends into a stainless steel crest, from which emerge the wings of J.A.D. McCurdy's Silver Dart. It is meant to express the launching of the air age and the subsequent forward movement of Canadian aviation.



NOT ENJOYING IT

PUBLIC FORUM

THE CAUSEWAY RUNAROUND

Sir,—Superficially at least it would seem, after reading Works Minister Green's remarks on the Causeway, that we are again about to get the runaround on this project. We had a survey costing two hundred thousand dollars. Preliminary to that undertaking we were led to believe, that if suitable rock fill was found in sufficient quantity within a radius that would make its transportation economically feasible our long promised, long deferred, long overdue, communication with the mainland would become an accomplished fact. The rock was found in sufficient quantity, and at a distance economically suitable. Now Mr. Green confronts us with the first of a probable deluge of excuses for not building our Causeway.

We trust we will not be accused of being philippic when we say with all sincerity that P. E. Island did not send one hundred per cent Conservative representation to Ottawa at the past election to enforce a negative action and excuses concerning a subject so vital to our very existence as the Causeway.

We are informed of the possibility of a tide differential of ten feet on either side of the Causeway; we are told that it might possibly flood farmlands along Northumberland Strait; we are reminded of the possibility of ice accumulation and numerous other possibilities that our negative-minded officialdom conjure with a vivid imagination. Did anyone who may read this article ever hear anything more evidently designed to defeat a proposal, than the above flimsy faltering figments of a mind obsessed with defeatism?

This type of thinking never in this wide world produced anything of value. Canso has demonstrated fully we believe the invalidity of these excuses. In any case what we have been looking for in our Island legislature is a positive thinking representation at Ottawa, which will present our need with integrity and sufficient dynamic to force Federal indifference to recognize the validity of our claim and to implement the promises made before Confederation and more immediately before the last election. In this connection we have looked in vain with every change of government for almost a century, and we are sorry and ashamed to state, that the Works Minister's remarks appear designed to have our hopes again deferred indefinitely.

On the morning of last election day we sent a long telegram to Mr. Diefenbaker, asking his attitude regarding the Causeway, before casting our own vote and using our influence on others. After a conference with our King's representative John A. Macdonald, Mr. Diefenbaker's secretary, having ascertained the authenticity and motive of our wire, wired a reply stating that the Causeway was one of the projects uppermost in Mr. Diefenbaker's agenda if elected. Until proven otherwise we are going to consider this declaration substantive. We trust that Mr. Diefenbaker's recognized integrity will overcome the clamors of the wealthier and more populous districts where so many millions have already been spent, and for the first time listen to the voice of P. E. Island crying in the wilderness seeking justice.

The economic factor often presented as a prohibitive problem, should present no difficulty. Financed by a bond issue or any other of the methods used by governments to obtain capital it should pay a dividend. Add to this the saving of the annual deficit of the ferries, and their subsidies, and the huge increase in traffic that will follow its construction and the Causeway will pay for itself in half a lifetime. Modern engineering skills developed so rapidly under the direction

shortened to Belle, as the custom was, especially among the Scotch. Belle was called, Belle "big" John. The old home was on the West side of the road near the foot of the hill. When Belle had reached the age of 75, she married a man by the name of Alfred Stewart. When I was a young lad, I worked on the farm for them, so, I had a good chance to learn a little about the name.

Calling it Belle's Hill would lead one to believe that the farm had been the possession of a family of that name. I remember of a witty Irishman calling it: Belle big Jack's hill. Delving into the history of place names is an interesting pastime. I am, Sir, etc., W.D. JOHNSTON, Montague, P.E.I.

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Vacation From Smoking Habit

By Herman N. Badeson, M.D.

WANT to take a vacation from smoking? Then that's exactly how to do it—simply take a vacation from smoking.

This, at least, is a plan which reportedly has met with some success in Great Britain. Many persons want to give up smoking for all sort of reasons: for health, religion, maybe just as a test of will power. Relatively few, however, seem to be able to do it for any length of time.

Every time a new method designed to help halt smoking has come to my attention, I have passed it on to my readers. Not that I am entirely against smoking, you understand, although I, myself, don't smoke any more. SOCIETY FOR NON-SMOKERS

Over in London, a National Society for Non-Smokers has been formed. Every so often, this group sponsors a vacation at a pretty seaside resort for persons who desire to quit smoking. For the sum of \$8.00 these persons spend four days at a guest house—without tobacco.

In addition to these vacation periods, the society has opened a smokers' clinic in London.

NOT ALONE

The theory behind both the vacations and the clinic is that misery loves company, and so do those who want to give up the smoking habit.

Staff physicians, including chest specialists and psychotherapists, aid the "patients." Of 150 persons who registered at the clinic during its first three months of operation, 30 of them have given up smoking completely, according to a society official.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

London doctors are having trouble coping with hydrolics — people who are addicted to water and act giddy when they've been hitting the faucet. How about putting them on a meter?—Ottawa Citizen

"The best thing for you", said the doctor, "is to give up drinking and smoking, go to bed early and get up early." "Doctor," said the patient, "I don't deserve the best. What's the second best?"—Moncton Times

The building of auditoriums will not itself make Canada a great nation. But the kind of intelligent participation and enthusiastic contemplation which great art performances stimulate may condition the audience to try harder to make it great. And that is a step in the right direction.—Saturday Night

Unless you find some sort of loyalty, you cannot find unity and peace in your active living.

growing number of world problems. ECONOMIC QUESTIONS Economic questions are always of vital importance in any Parliament and in recent years we in Canada, like other parts of the free world have had particular reason to give much attention to the national economy. This past week brought a number of developments which are altogether hopeful and encouraging. The Prime Minister met on Saturday with top executives of Ford, General Motors and Chrysler and reported to the House his satisfaction with the outcome. He declared that the manufacture of small cars in Canada was viewed by the government as an economic necessity.

In the last day or so spokesmen for the great automobile manufacturers have announced their intention to produce small cars in this country. The effect on the whole economy and employment in particular will be most beneficial.

Labor Minister Starr has often been questioned on unemployment figures and for some time this must have been anything but a happy experience. In recent months the improvement has been so decisive that no interpretation of the somewhat confusing statistical process can reveal anything but satisfaction.

Figures released on Wednesday show the number of Canadians at work on April 18 totalled 5,664,000. This is an increase of 112,000 over the previous month and what is more significant 127,000 more than one year ago.

FURTHER EVIDENCE WAS

Further evidence in the improved economic position was revealed in the monthly statement on government finances announced by Finance Minister Fleming on Friday. In April the first month of the fiscal year the government was in the black with revenue exceeding expenditure by \$1,400,000.

In April 1958 the picture was quite different with a deficit of over \$10,000,000. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics disclosed another indication of financial improvement in its report on retail sales for the first quarter of 1959 which show an increase of 1.55 per cent.

Canadians of all political parties will welcome the ever-increasing signs of our strengthening economy. Our country is possessed of many riches and we should go on to greater and greater periods of development and expansion. Although the horizon is still marred by some economic problems the sky is brightening steadily.

THE AGE OLD STORY

If a man love me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

W. E. A.: I am 35 years old and had my last menstrual period four months ago. Would it be possible for me to become pregnant?

Answer: Pregnancy at the age of 35 years is extremely rare. Cessation of menstrual periods at this age is usually close to menopause. It would be best to see a physician.

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OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 27, 1934) Misses Constance and Marion MacArthur, daughters of Senator Creelman MacArthur, and Miss Harriet Bradshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Bradshaw returned on Monday evening from New York, following a delightful trip around the world on which they saw much of interest.

Premier Fleming sees it as his duty, out of respect to the great and important minority of New Brunswick-born, French speaking citizens, to learn to speak their language. He knows that it is hard, later in life, to master French with any fluency. But he knows, too, that it is good manners and good sense to make the effort. Fredericton Journal

Col. U.G. Dawson, commanding 18th Infantry (Highland) Brigade, has received official notice that three regiments of his Brigade will undergo training at Charlottetown, commencing June 30. The Pictou Highlanders and the Cape Breton Highlanders will be brought here by a specially chartered steamer.

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There was a time when men would act from love; A time before our hurrying Reiga of Speed— Had sponsored avarice and sanctioned greed And looked askance on those whose lives were spent In quiet quest of kindlier sentiment; When faithful men could gracious stature prove; Who, governed largely by their hearts' intent, Led by an inner radar beam, which drew Their lives, through gradualism, to content In what was good and beautiful and true, Moved from within: they went, they were not driven; Their needs were simpler, their desires less riven. Their step, less tenuous, on the steep ascent, Drew storms less strenuous, on route their heaven. —Lyons Horton, in the New York Times

SOUTHPORT SCHOOL

Annual meeting to be held at the School June 2 at 8:00 p.m. All rate payers are requested to attend as important matters to you will be discussed. All taxes must be paid before school meeting.

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