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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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A Single-Uniform Army

General Eisenhower's proposal for an allied army under a single flag, uniform and command to defend western Europe is one of the most important questions in the world. The step, if taken, would give reality to a super-national state and would be, perhaps, a decisive step towards a true world government.

It is not to be expected that the nations will willingly create such an organization. It would necessarily abridge their absolute sovereignty which has been the goal of free peoples since the fall of the Roman Empire.

There is reason to believe, however, that the world has reached a point where the complete independence of individual countries is no longer an expression of freedom from foreign tyranny. Rather it is a stage of political development which is rapidly passing. Improved communications make the modern world a smaller place to live in than was the England of five hundred years ago.

Established institutions are hard to change but it may well be that the threat of Communist aggression will bring about the change which otherwise would certainly have been delayed for generations.

Let's Make It Province-Wide

For years past Prince Edward Island has been known to sufferers from hay fever as one of the most desirable summer holiday centres on the continent. Now we have it on the authority of Dr. Campagne, who is conducting a survey of the ragweed pollen in the Maritimes, that the official air index for our National Park and vicinity is one of the lowest figures in North America. Our ragweed-free rating is so high, that very little expenditure would be required to eliminate the menace altogether. This could be accomplished, Dr. Campagne believes, by a Province-wide educational campaign, in which the school children as well as adults could be taught how to detect this deleterious plant—for it is so rare here that it is not generally known—and thereby help to eliminate it altogether.

An excellent campaign was launched last year through the Innkeepers Association, resulting in a survey being made by an official of the Federal Department of Agriculture. This survey showed some twenty areas in the Province where ragweed was detected. A drive was launched in Charlottetown and Summerside for the elimination of the weed in these areas, and it was the intention to make a thorough clean-up this fall in other suspected areas.

In the meantime, the official rating given by Dr. Campagne as a result of his tests at the National Park should be published far and wide, both by our Tourist Bureau and by the Federal authorities in charge of the Park administration. Here is an asset which, like our ozone-laden climate, we owe to Providence more than to any particular industry on our part. Let us capitalize on it fully, and waste no time in doing so.

Mission To Iran

President Truman's decision to send Mr. Averell Harriman as his personal envoy, to mediate in the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute has not thus far been productive of any very encouraging results. Rather, it has served only to impress upon the world, both slave and free, the solidarity of Anglo-American purpose, and to provide Communist agitators in Iran and elsewhere with excellent fodder for propaganda.

The trouble, of course, lies not in any failure either on Mr. Harriman's part or on that of the British, to manifest the utmost tact in the conduct of what obviously are the most delicate diplomatic negotiations. Rather, it rests in the fact, now fully apparent, that the Government of Iran, and in particular Premier Mossadegh himself, are weak and incompetent. The only course that seems to lie open to them, is to maintain an obdurate stubbornness against which the most skilful diplomacy in the world is of no avail.

Both the British and the Americans have been at pains to avoid any course of action which might be interpreted by Iran as a show of force. This evidence of restraint by the British in particular, is certain to be interpreted in Iran as ev-

idence of weakness, when in fact it is in reality evidence only of a desire both in London and Washington, not to unleash a display of force the like of which the world has never seen, and in so doing to precipitate World War III.

Such considerations suggest that, unless the situation gets utterly out of hand in Iran, there will be no immediate or spectacular developments. Rather, resort will be had to a kind of economic sanction which will manifest itself in Iran's inability to dispose of the output of the oil fields and, in consequence, render her incapable of securing the foreign exchange essential to her economic existence. This course of action calls for both time and patience. Those are qualities which the United Kingdom and the United States possess in sufficient quantities and to spare. Some trifling inconveniences may result, but they will be as nothing to the inconveniences which Iran will discover now that her Government has decided that they prefer to get along without the friendship and goodwill of the Anglo-American bloc.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Festive Week is likely now to become an institution like Old Home Week and the Provincial Exhibition.

Importation of eggs from Ireland and Holland to satisfy our domestic needs is not good business for either farmer or consumer.

The U. K. Government is at present spending about \$270,000 a year on assisting work on standardization of industrial and engineering specifications.

Washington is the scene of a small-arms battle, albeit bloodless, and this country has a very great interest indeed in having the principle of standardization affirmed for rifle ammunition.

George Bernard Shaw, Irish critic and dramatist, was born in Dublin this date 1856. His works consist of novels, tracts on socialism and "problem" plays, almost all deeply and cleverly satirical.

The extensive work being done at the Rocky Point ferry wharf is at least as welcome to Charlottetown citizens as to those whose homes are across the harbour. The ferry is an open sesame to seashore and fields for local people and visitors alike.

President Truman wants the output of weapons increased three times and Canada wants to dispose of part of the military production in which she specializes. It should not be too difficult a task to come to a mutually satisfactory arrangement.

Greater London is getting smaller in population although the general population of the British Isles continues to grow. It may be a straw in the wind showing that all this talk of decentralization represents an existing trend.

The upper crust soon may drop caviar as their mark of distinction, says Canadian Press. Nobody lifts an eyebrow any more if you dine in style off the black and red fish eggs. The reason: Caviar, at \$1.40 a pound, is cheaper by nine cents than choice spring lamb.

Acadia and Tracadie are both reputedly forms of the same Micmac word meaning "here" and the present day Acadians will certainly be able to say at their reunion next week at Egmont Bay that Acadia is indeed here and in fact wherever descendants of the early French settlers may be.

The Royal Commission for the Exhibition to 1851 has awarded overseas scholarships for 1951 to the following Canadians: W. D. Jamieson, B.Sc. (Dalhousie University) for research in physical chemistry at Cambridge, and R. H. Hall, M.A. (University of Toronto), for research in organic chemistry at Cambridge.

An essential feature of the co-operative plan is education, and from the many developments of the system here it seems that members have learned that the function performed by private businessmen is not merely parasitic but represents necessary services which the producer, or consumer, must perform if he would undertake to replace private enterprise by co-operative effort.

In the opinion of Agricultural Minister Gardiner, the Federation of Agriculture is a sufficiently strong block to foster and develop farmers' interests at Ottawa without the necessity of creating one in Parliament. His principal reason for thus thinking is that in our Parliamentary system, the Government is dependent upon a majority vote in the House, and should a farm block withdraw its support, the Government could be defeated, and have to resign.

Either Is Dangerous

P.E.I. WOODLANDS ROGUES GALLERY



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.

BADLY NEGLECTED ROAD

Sir,—Early this morning I drove partly to Rustico to go out fishing. The road is in a very poor state of repair. It is a very narrow road and is in a very poor state of repair. It is a very narrow road and is in a very poor state of repair.

Inside And Outside

(Winnipeg Tribune)

George A. Strong wrote an immortal poem entitled "The Song of Milkkanwatha", which a fellow named Longfellow unsuccessfully tried to imitate in advance. One of the classic episodes in Milkkanwatha is described in the following terms: He killed the noble Mudjokivis. With the skin he made him mittens. Made them with the fur side inside. Made them with the skin side outside.

King Of The Gypsies

(Ottawa Citizen)

The death of the Gypsy king in Toledo is a reminder of the existence on this continent of a people about whom modern society knows little and cares less. Most young people probably have never seen a Gypsy. Their notions about the kind of life Gypsies lead are based on misinformation provided by authors of musical comedies and operettas. It is undoubtedly a disillusionment to them to learn that a Gypsy king was named Davis.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

NEWSPAPER ITEMS

From The Daily Examiner, July 27, 1951:

Messrs. Horne, Pierce & Company report that they had consigned to them, per the S.S. Carrol, from Boston, on Wednesday last, twenty-seven Walter A. Wood Mowing Machines. They had them on hand three, making in all thirty machines. They sold the whole lot the same day, delivered the most of them, and had orders for eight more. They have this year sold fifty of the Wood Mowing Machines.

Building lots at Souris were sold on Wednesday to the following purchasers: Benj. Rogers Esq., Charlottetown, 3 lots, 50x100 ft. each; Hon. F. Robertson, 3 lots, same size; Hon. W. D. Stewart, Commissioner of Public Works, one large lot, beautifully situated on high ground—which the editor surmises to be for the purpose of erecting a Court House thereon by the Local Government; Patrick Hughes, Morill, one lot; William Boyle, Charlottetown, two lots; William McLean, Souris, one lot; Isaac Thompson, Suffolk, two lots—amounting in all to about \$1,500.

The Poets Corner

FOREST RETREAT

This is a place of beauty, of vibrant loveliness, Where light and shade in opulent tones light and shade in opulent tones light and shade in opulent tones. Paint scenes of breathless wonder and delight. A path leads upward through the giant trees That guard the mountainside with majesty and pride.

The Age-Old Story

Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Woman Village Crier

Mrs. Maggie Strachan holds one of Scotland's most unusual jobs in the little fishing village of Inverloch. She is the village town-crier. Practically every day she sets out with her equipment—a handbell, a megaphone, and a strong carrying voice—to tell the villagers the latest local news and to announce various events in the social life of Inverloch. As she weaves her way among the fishermen's stone cottages, which are all set at right angles to the sea to protect the front doors in stormy weather, the sound of her bells brings the fishermen to their doors to hear, and perhaps discuss what she has to tell them.

Notes By The Way

It has been estimated that 1,500 murders take place each week on the radio. We wonder how many of the victims are guilty of singing commercials. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

Fort Arthur News-Chronicle says it has an editorial prohibition against "very" and hasn't used the word in more than 20 years. The editor would be wise to practice it privately, though, or some day he may want to use it and won't know how to spell it. — Ottawa Citizen.

Route of the Royal Visit next fall is one of Ottawa's most closely held secrets, news from the capital reports. Also a secret is what the Government intends to do about rising prices. — Windsor Daily Star.

People who live for a century or thereabouts are frequently asked to what they owe their longevity. This is natural human curiosity, for some others might like to follow their example. The trouble is, the prescriptions vary so much. One person tells us he worked hard all his life; another that at an early age he mastered the art of loafing. There is equal conflict of opinion over the matter of food and drink. A Toronto woman of 98 has just proclaimed that she has not touched meat for fifty years. This will bring fresh cheer to the vegetarians, until the next vegetarian sings the praises of steak and hamburger. It is all very confusing. At any rate, here is another recipe which, if it does not guarantee a hundred years of living, increases the chances: keep out of the way of motor cars, and when in one, resist that urge to step on the gas. — Ottawa Citizen.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer have adopted the idea of making a super-film about the Danish author of fairy tales, Hans Andersen. It is a good idea, because there is first-rate dramatic material in the story and butter with jelly is a good comforter for the most fascinating fairy stories while, within him, raged a bitter struggle between his own sensitive soul and an evil world. The delight felt by Danish people about the initiative of MGM would have been complete had not the film company chosen the comic Danny Kaye, the world's master exponent of the nervous face with a grin to play Hans Andersen. Mr. Kaye's own doubts made him plan

to trip to Denmark to make a study of the life of Anderson on the spot but such plan can only be called a waste of time. Danny Kaye is above all else a comedian, the star of comic films, and facts about the great Danish author will only distract him. Only one thing could justify the choice of Danny Kaye for the role: his nose. That, at least, looks like Andersen's. — Ottawa Journal.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for various lawyers, doctors, and accountants including A. Walthen Gaudet, Joseph R. MacMillan, Frederic A. Large, J. A. McGuigan, Gaudet & Haszard, MacPhee & Trainor, Palmer & Haslam, Dr. W. R. Carson, Matheson, Peake & Nicholson, J. A. Carruthers, Allison M. Gillis, Dr. John E. Sterns, Byron J. Grant, H. R. Doane & Co., and McDonald, Currie & Co.

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