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Military Bush Pilots

Canada has a tradition of moving supplies by air which makes it relatively easy for our military thinkers to get away from dependence upon highways and waterways to supply forces in the field.

In this land of vast distances the bush pilot of the northwest and the pioneer commercial flyer of the Gulf of St. Lawrence blazed a trail through the airways, depending hardly at all upon elaborate ground organization or even upon recognizable airstrips.

It is not difficult, therefore, for us to visualize an army which is supplied or perhaps even transported by air, without too much consideration for the existence or lack of modern airfields in the theatre of operations. It will hardly surprise the majority of Canadians to learn that Army headquarters is studying plans, for instance, to make part of the 7,000-man Army Service Corps airborne.

The arguments for such preparations are practically unanswerable, once it is conceded that the thing is practical at all. The difficulty of supplying a force by conventional means is very great indeed. Even if there is no air opposition, a friendly countryside, and well protected supply routes it is a difficult problem of logistics to move vast numbers of fighting men, supplies and wounded over roads which were almost certainly not designed for any such demands.

Once the supply echelon becomes airborne the sky, literally is the limit and the rate at which supplies can be brought up depends almost entirely upon the effort which is put into the operation.

W.C.T.U. Comeback

A comeback by the Women's Christian Temperance Union is noted in Ontario and the same may well be true in this Province. The W.C.T.U. once attracted nearly all the more energetic and effective women workers in the communities in which it operated. It attained a remarkable ascendancy in social and political fields and then it went into decline.

The explanation must be looked for in its own program. The need for a strong healthy public opinion against the evils of over-indulgence in alcohol is as great today as at any time and indeed has never been lacking. Unfortunately, however, the idea became generally accepted that poor weak humanity could be legislated into sobriety.

A more practical and at the same time more idealistic view is taken by church leaders of the Maori people in New Zealand. With the release of one of the few restrictions on that fine race, it has become possible for them to indulge in drinking on the same terms as other members of the community. The immediate result has been considerable excess.

Instead of asking for the restrictions to be placed on again, however, churchmen have pointed out that they must learn to live as mature members of the community, to develop a moral and social sense of what is and is not done.

Here on the opposite side of the world we are faced with the same problem. It too could be postponed by legislation keeping people in the position of children, or can be met by developing a sense of individual responsibility and high social standards.

"A Searching Light"

July 16, 1945, was a memorable day, for it was then that the first experimental atom bomb explosion took place at Alamogordo, New Mexico. In reporting the historic event to his superiors in the United States War Department, Brig. Gen. Farrell, who had directed the explosion, described it as "a searching light with the intensity many times that of the mid-day sun." In comparison with its present day successors, the Alamogordo bomb was a very little one indeed; its importance lay in the fact that it marked the beginning of an era in which there has been set before the human race the choice of peace or annihilation. That was seen in a dim sort of fashion ten years ago; now it is so clear that argument about it is a waste of time.

The scientists who made the A and H bombs possible are, reportedly not too happy over the assignments which history brought their way. Many of them have regretted the day that the "searching light" of atomic reaction evolved from their mathematical calculations. Yet, it may be that their anxiety will turn out to have been unfounded.

Now that the issue is clear, perhaps a

sense of morality, which has never been entirely absent from the councils of the nations, will combine with plain common sense, brought about by fear of the sure consequences of continued folly, to produce a situation in which war will be accounted a foolish, wasteful anachronism which should have been outlawed many centuries ago. It is much too early for anyone to predict any such good fortune for the human family. But there are signs of it here and there; and, if it should come to pass, the "searching light" that was seen at Alamogordo ten years ago will have earned its place among the truly illuminating agencies of man's history.

The Red Dean Again

After a period of comparative silence, the Dean of Canterbury, the Very Reverend Hewitt Johnson, has been sounding off about the wonders of Communism. And again, as in the wake of his previous outbursts, there is some public agitation for his removal. This, however, is easier said than done. The law—whether wise or foolish is a matter of opinion—says that the Dean can be removed only for hostile acts—not hostile words—against the Church or Crown. Obviously, anything he might say in a country where free speech is regarded as highly as the Ten Commandments does not come within that provision. Dr. Johnson knows that his deanery is a sure refuge so long as he confines his mischief to words. He is much too old a man to become involved in actual revolutionary movements, even if he had the inclination. And he probably reasons that he can serve his Soviet friends much better with his tongue than with his fists.

The prospect of changing the law under which a high ranking ecclesiastic can with impunity openly engage in Communist propaganda has been brought up in the British Parliament more than once. No action has been taken, nor is it likely to be in the near future. As one member of the Commons put it, "it would be too much like using a steam roller to crack a nut."

Two things principally are saving the Red Dean from the censure he deserves: the traditional English aversion to the "big stick" as a majority weapon against a minority opinion, and the quite practicable reluctance to allow Dr. Johnson and his kind to become "martyrs" to their beliefs. They may be right or they may be wrong, but the British people seem convinced that the surest way to elevate a false political doctrine is to pay too much attention to it and to raise its protagonists to undue prominence by making life miserable for them. So it is that they allow the Red Dean to go his merry and foolish way without too much interference and, apparently—judging by the poor showing Communists made in the last election—without doing much real harm.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A parcel post service will be established August 1 between this country and the Soviet Union, it has been announced by Postmaster General Cote. The Iron Curtain is gradually being dissolved, it seems, and a good thing too.

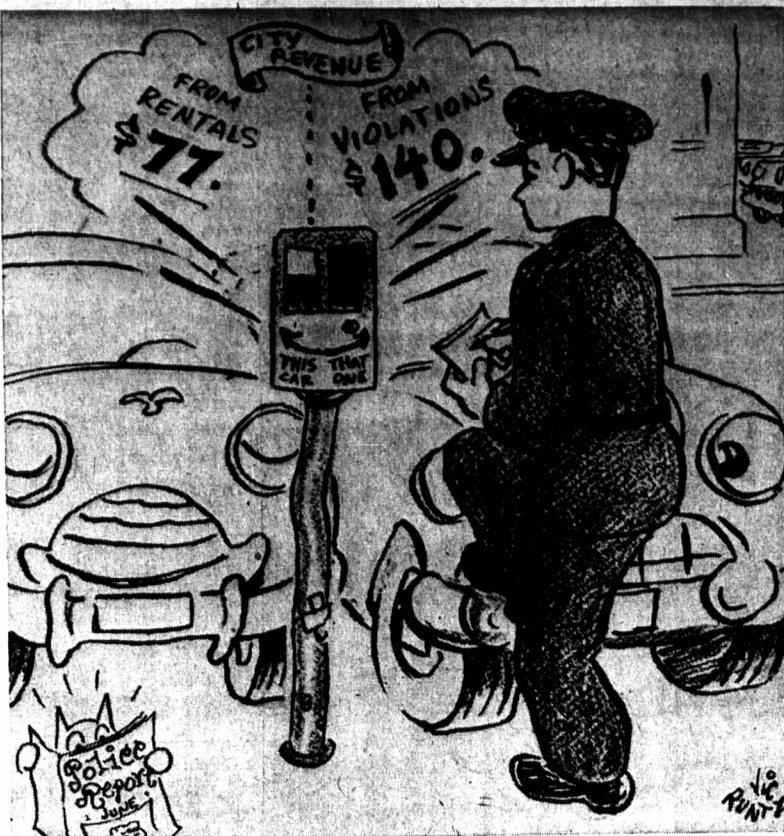
The reunion planned by the 105th Overseas Battalion for Aug. 4 to commemorate its 40th anniversary will certainly bring many First World War veterans back to their native island from near and far. There are all too few such opportunities for renewing friendships forged in adventurous youth.

Pennsylvania Dutch is "about all" fears the National Geographic Society, which devotes a bulletin to recalling many of the strange and colourful expressions which used to be common between the Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers. Maritimers will sympathize for Lunenburg Dutch, equally fascinating, is disappearing at almost as rapid a rate.

Robbing Peter to pay Paul is quite the opposite of the proposal of the town council of Dominion in Cape Breton that a levy be imposed on fuel oil in Nova Scotia to finance aid for the coal industry. It would, indeed, be more like a Robin Hood tactic of robbing the rich to give to the poor, except that those who burn oil would be presumed to be rich.

The Swiss border may be crossed only by persons with valid identity documents during the Big Four summit conference which opens Monday, it has been announced. It seems a pity that many innocent but undocumented individuals should be inconvenienced. Those who are not so innocent are certain to have their papers very carefully in order.

Social consciousness is by no means confined to religious, educational and political fields. The monthly letter of the Royal Bank of Canada is concerned, in a most intelligent and human way with social sense, treating men and women, not as isolated individuals, but as social beings to whom social sense is the lubricant that helps them rub shoulders with other people in every relationship without undue friction.



Crime Does Not Pay

Post-Election Alberta

By PHIL ADLER Canadian Press Staff Writer

It is safe to predict the bitter political battle that highlighted Alberta's general election campaign may flare again when the new legislature meets next month.

Further developments rest with Premier E. C. Manning and his main critic, Liberal Opposition leader J. Harper Prowse.

Party leaders have been relatively silent since the June 29 vote returned the Social Credit party to power for an unprecedented 24th consecutive term.

Mr. Manning is faced with the largest opposition in the 20-year history of Social Credit government. The party lost 11 seats to the Liberals who now have 13 seats, the largest number since 1921 when they lost office. There are 24 opposition members in the 61-seat legislature.

The premier has not yet set a date for the first session—expected to open the first week of August—nor has he given any hint how he will fill the posts of three defeated cabinet ministers.

In addition, Mr. Manning has made no announcement regarding his campaign promise that there would be a "full and impartial investigation" into charges made during the campaign by "opposition candidates and some newspapers."

He was referring to numerous questions about financial dealings involving the government, former cabinet ministers and relatives and friends of government members. The questions were the basis of a bitter Manning-Prowse exchange.

Mr. Manning may decide to set up his inquiry outside the legislature or bring the matter before the first session.

Mr. Prowse, who says he is prepared to prove his statements, may wait for the government to take the lead or launch the offensive himself.

Another question raised during the campaign concerned the eligibility of Mr. Manning to sit in the legislature. J. Percy Page, Progressive Conservative leader in the last House, said the premier disqualified himself by dealing with the Crown over an exchange of land in connection with mineral rights.

There is a possibility the same question will be raised in the legislature by Mr. Page, who was re-elected.

Political observers feel the opposition will let the government take the lead in reviving campaign charges. But if nothing is done by the second session, expected to start next February, the opposition parties may revive the matter.

The election left the Social Credit party without a lawyer for the first time. The Liberals have three lawyers, one more than in the last House, and the Progressive Conservatives have one.

Mr. Manning has two choices in filling the cabinet posts made vacant by the defeat of Attorney-General Lucien Maynard, provincial Secretary-Treasurer C. E. Gehart and Lands and Forests Minister Ivan Casey.

He may fill the posts by bringing government supporters to the front benches or ask party members to resign and have defeated ministers contest by-election.

PARTY STANDING
The new party lineup, with standing at dissolution in brackets: Social Credit 37 (49); Liberal 15 (4); Progressive Conservative 3 (3); CCF 2 (2); Independent Social Credit 1 (1); Liberal-Progressive Conservative 1; Coalition 1; Independent 1. Two seats were vacant at dissolution.

to enable farmers to set up marketing boards for their produce. The legislation caused a split in Social Credit ranks in the last House.

Agriculture organizations were in the process of submitting briefs to the legislature's agriculture committee when the session ended. The bill had been referred to committee after disagreement was voiced in the legislature.

The government may also sponsor a bill which would prohibit members of the legislature from doing business with the state-run treasury branches—a financial institution operated like chartered banks.

CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHT
The possibility is based on an election campaign speech by Mr. Manning who said he would sponsor such legislation because of the "abuse" from opposition parties.

The premier dissolved the House last May after Mr. Prowse suggested that Social Credit members who had dealings with the treasury branches sat illegally because they held contracts with the government, a violation of the Legislative Assembly Act.

The government has maintained legislation permitted members of the legislature to do business with the treasury branches.

Most Social Credit members have done business with the treasury branches since the branches were established in 1938. Those who uphold Mr. Prowse's viewpoint believe legislation passed since then is not valid because there was not a quorum of members sitting legally.

Mr. Manning referred to this situation during his campaign, and it is thought in some quarters that he will introduce a bill that would erase doubt that legislation of the last 17 years is not legal.

The Queen's English

Toronto Globe and Mail

Since Queen Elizabeth ascended to the Throne two years ago, pundits have wondered which expression was correct—the King's English or the Queen's English? Satisfactory arguments may be adduced for both.

But the most satisfactory thing is that both are sound in fact, as well as in usage. Our Kings and Queens do use an admirably clear and vigorous English, and seem able to inspire a like accomplishment in others.

Witness the following conversation between the Queen Mother and a grower of pedigree-bred asparagus at an agriculture show in Suffolk:

Queen Mother: "So breeding is apparently effective. If it tastes as good as it looks you must be proud of your work."

Mr. Kidner, the grower: "I am, Madam, and especially so now that Your Majesty has commended the results."

Sir Robert Gooch, of Benacre Hall, where the show took place: "But, Kidner, are those large sticks really edible?"

Mr. Kidner: "Yes, Sir Robert, they are. But they are in no sense large sticks. They are Super Quality Buds, and are as sweet and tender as a woman's heart."

Queen Mother: "A pretty compliment, Mr. Kidner, and aptly put. Sir Robert, you are answered."

The London Daily Telegraph, which reports this pleasant exchange, remarks that Queen Elizabeth I would have appreciated its economy and directness. She would, indeed.

Academy Head

By RON EVANS Canadian Press Staff Writer

The professor is a puzzling personality. He holds one of Britain's most distinguished posts but he delights in wearing silk knee breeches, cloaks and three-cornered hats.

He is helping change the face of modern London but his home is lit by candles and oil lamps and he won't have a telephone or vacuum cleaner.

This is 74-year-old Albert Edward Richardson, the man who was born just two centuries too late. Recently named president of the Royal Academy, he keeps things hopping in Britain's nodding art world. Some say he is an amiable eccentric, others call him an inspired publicist.

CANDIDLY OUTSPOKEN
As head of the 187-year-old academy—or PRA, as the post is popularly termed—Richardson bosses a sacrosanct group of painters, sculptors and architects who keep a wary eye on the state of British arts. His main job, however, appears to be dispensing controversial comment. Here are some samples:

"The only thing that is not taxed is taste," said Mr. Bevan, having taste. He has the taste of a Welsh goat."
"Nothing should be streamlined except water-closets."
Richardson, one of London's top architects, succeeded artist Sir Gerald Kelly as PRA eight months ago. Sir Gerald's favorite gambit was slipping lustrous adjectives into BB broadcasts.

STUMPED CONSTABLE
The professor's passion for the past, and particularly the 18th century, has been well known around London for some 20 years. Visitors to Avenue House, his country home at Amphil, Bedfordshire, tell of the smoking lamps, crystal chandeliers, harpsichord and a room crowded with 35 prints and oil paintings and a garden dotted with miniature temples.

Richardson sometimes recalls the time his daughter Kathleen went to a party in 18th-century costume, carried a sedan chair by four undergraduates and preceded by the professor with a lantern.

"Halfway down the street," he remembers, "we were stopped by the village constable because the chair had no rear light."

"I explained we were carrying a parcel. The constable scratched his head and let it go at that."

Despite Richardson's idiosyncrasies—he includes carrying a silver snuff box and compass at all times—there is nothing frivolous about his work. He has designed huge office buildings, war memorials, university colleges, cathedrals, opera houses and royal farms. Twenty young architects work in his west end office.

WINDSOR DISPLAYED
"I explained we were carrying a parcel. The constable scratched his head and let it go at that."

Today, Richardson is fighting fierce battle for quality and craftsmanship, particularly in the rebuilding of London but also in less lofty fields. He deplores conformity as a tendency to "level down to one vast morass of congenial stupidity."

And of craftsmanship, he says: "The category of craftsmanship includes everything worthwhile; the woman cleaning the doorstep, the tying up of a parcel properly and doing the simple things—every thing that calls for skill and co-ordination of brain and muscle."

REPORTERS MUST KNOCK
TORONTO (CP)—The wide-open doors reporters have had to Mayor Nathan Phillips' office slammed firmly shut Monday. He said they will remain shut to all city reporters who haven't an invitation—or an appointment. The mayor decided to reverse his "open door" policy, announced at his election, because of what "people in my office think when reporters come in all three doors at once."

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

PROPER PRECAUTIONS CAN PREVENT RINGWORM

Take the proper precautions and you will probably never be bothered with athlete's foot.

Be sure to dry your feet well, especially between your toes, after each bath. You can also use a powder containing 1 per cent thymol in purified bath talc.

X-Ray Treatments

Keep your toenails trimmed and remove any dead skin that may be present.

Cases of excessive perspiration should be treated by your doctor.

Fungus Infection

Of course, it's best not to walk in bare feet around public baths, shower rooms, swimming pools or other places where you might contact a fungus infection; but it isn't always possible to do this. In that case, it might be a good idea to apply a 1 per cent tincture of iodine to your feet as a safeguard after you get home.

It's especially important to use a daily prophylactic powder. Good powders are 1 per cent thymol, 2 per cent salicylic acid, 3 per cent boric acid in purified talc, or 2 per cent undecylenic acid and 10 per cent zinc undecylenate in purified talc. Use one of these for at least several days until you are sure there is no chance of infection.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

A. R.: My breasts are too large for the other measurements of my body. What can be done to reduce their size?

Answer: We know of no evidence that the breasts can be reduced in size without a general reduction in body weight.

The Poet's Poem

SUCCESS

Success is counted sweetest By those who ne'er succeed. To comprehend a nectar Requires sorest need.

Not one of all the purple host Who took the flag today Can tell the definition, So clear, of victory.

As he defeated, dying, On foes forbidden ear The distant strains of triumph Break, agonized and clear.

—Emily Dickinson.

The Age Old Story

No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore I say unto you, Take thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

INCREASE STAFF

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP)—The National Steel Car Corporation announced Thursday it will raise its Hamilton staff to 2,000 in mid-August, adding 700 to 800 employees to the payroll. The increase, expected to affect Hamilton's employment situation substantially, results from the corporation's decision to start making railway freight cars.

SKIDS ON LANDING

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sixty persons escaped injury early Thursday when an Eastern Airlines Constellation skidded several hundred feet after its right wheels collapsed on landing at National airport. An airline spokesman said many of the 55 passengers were shaken, but that none apparently was hurt. The plane carried a crew of five.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

New season is here when the motorist who passes on curves can vary his routine a bit by standing up in canoes.—Edmonton Journal.

Premier Nehru framed the looziest phrase of these international weeks thus: "The only alternative to co-existence is co-destruction." If you can't do with co-existence you can't do without it.—Peterborough Examiner.

Surprising that Prayda hasn't yet cottoned on to the propaganda value of those patio-gracious-looking pictures of the underprivileged North American peasantry, forced to cook over an outdoor fire.—Hamilton Spectator.

New electronic quartz-crystal clocks are said to have margin of error of only one second in three to 10 years—a chronometrical accuracy thought to be unequalled by any other timekeeper in the world. Developed and manufactured in Britain they are already being used by the Royal Observatory, the National Physical Laboratories and other overseas authorities.—Financial Post, Toronto.

Quite often items appear in the reports of Ontario magistrate's courts to the effect that some individuals have been tried on charges alleging illegal sale of liquor. The instances of convictions would probably be about equal to the number of acquittals. This is largely because police officers have difficulty in amassing adequate evidence and, over the years, the common bootlegger has become smart in the ways of the law and he has a pre-fabricated explanation or alibi even before a search warrant is shown to him.—Galt Evening Reporter.

Sir Winston Churchill has had the unusual experience of unveiling a statue of himself. This is the statue by Mr. Oscar Nemon, commissioned by the Corporation of London, "in recognition of his outstanding services." Said Sir Winston: "I greatly admire the art of Mr. Oscar Nemon. I also admire, if I may say so, this particular example" (and, after a pause, he added) "because it seems to be such a very good likeness."—Montreal Gazette.

Walter Reuther envisions an era when the average worker will spend most of his time composing concertos or painting pictures, while earning a living will merely be a hobby. And we can imagine the citizen of that happy time yearning for the day when he can get away from that blasted piano and down to the factory for a few hours of bolt tightening.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Optimists International decided at their convention in Montreal that narcotics are contributing to the increase in juvenile delinquency. And so they passed a resolution demanding the death penalty for anyone convicted of selling narcotics to minors. This sort of resolution makes the headlines; but it doesn't do a thing to prevent children from becoming involved in crime.—Vancouver Province.

A method of reducing the noise made at take-off by jet-engine aircraft to that from a comparable propeller-driven machine has been developed by Rolls-Royce Limited. The concept of "corrugated nozzles" to replace the usual convergent propelling nozzle of a jet engine having been arrived at, a range of nozzles with different numbers of corrugations from 60 to four was tested. A nozzle with six corrugations was found to provide the greatest reduction in the loudest part of the jet noise, without affecting engine performance.—London Times.

Buffalo Public Library reports circulation of children's books has reached a 15-year peak. Not long ago, prophets were making gloomy forecasts about the impact of television on future generations. The reading habit was supposed to atrophy under the bewitching spell of the picture tube. But the novelty of TV was bound to wear off—and it did. Actually, the medium often became library patronage by inducing a hunger for works or subjects popularized on the air. Anyway, the phenomenon of the rise in circulation of children's books is more important than the factors behind it. In a time of wide and sometimes neurotic worry about our young, it's something to keep in mind—and something for every parent to encourage.—Buffalo Evening News.

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