

Lament For Angus L.

If ever a Canadian statesman occupied the place of a Highland Chief in the hearts of his people it was Angus L. Macdonald, Nova Scotia's Premier, who died unexpectedly early yesterday morning.

His characteristics were a love of his native land and province and the traditions inherited from across the sea, a love of learning and a high sense of honour.

In the same way he was called to Ottawa because he was needed to give balance to the wartime Cabinet and to undertake the herculean task of developing the Royal Canadian Navy from its insignificant peacetime force to a great armada skillfully designed for the task of keeping open the sea lanes in the face of submarine attack.

His heart was in Nova Scotia, however, and he returned there to do everything possible to preserve an ancient and unique culture and at the same time to develop the industries, communications and wealth of his native Province.

Another Secret Agreement

More light is thrown on Canadian-American-United Kingdom relations in the matter of atomic energy by a newly published autobiography of British Labour Party Leader Clement Attlee, "As It Happened".

At the Quebec Conference Roosevelt and Churchill made an agreement for full and effective collaboration on the military development of atomic energy, the United States to be in a preferred position in the matter of peacetime utilization.

Mr. Attlee's autobiography now reveals that there was a second agreement reached in Washington in 1945, designed to clarify the "loosely worded" Quebec agreement. This agreement for future co-operation was signed by Prime Minister King as well as by President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee.

The immediate impetus to American isolation was given by the affair of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, who was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment for betraying atomic secrets to Russia. It is highly doubtful, however, that even in the atmosphere of distrust that then existed the McMahon Act would have been adopted had this country drawn American legislators' attention to the two agreements.

No Safe Alternative

A dispassionate analysis of the reasons behind the historic decision at Washington authorizing the H-bomb program has been given by a New York Times correspondent, Arthur Krock. Mr. Krock reports that the U. S. leaders based their policy upon four vital propositions. These were:

1. Not to proceed from the atomic bomb to the development of the H-bomb would eventually put Soviet Russia in sole possession of a military instrument wherewith it could rule the free world and devastate areas of resistance. In this connection, it should be noted that nations in possession of atomic knowledge faced no such formidable problems in developing the new weapon as those confronting the scientists who tackled the original challenge of the atomic bomb.

that the Russians are much closer on the heels of the U. S. in developing the H-bomb than they ever were in the case of its atomic predecessor.

2. Instead of being a deterrent to aggression in the hands of the free nations, atomic energy would be employed to achieve world-wide aggression. Here of course the record of Russian Communism, on the one hand; of the western democracies on the other is generally known and requires no comment.

3. The peaceful uses of this new energy would be indefinitely subordinated to those of world policing by the aggressor.

4. The only alternative was for the United States to develop the hydrogen bomb.

Federal Taxes

It is computed by a Toronto exchange that the per capita federal tax this fiscal year will be \$288 or, for the statistical Canadian family of four (computations used to be on the basis of five) a grand total of \$1,152. This comes, of course, from both direct and hidden taxes.

In the family are two children receiving the maximum family allowance of \$8 a month the receipts just about balance the taxes on account of pensions. If only one child receives the allowance the family is out of pocket on this account.

Families in low-income schedules pay less than the average (though no one escapes the hidden taxes) and those higher in the scale pay more than the average.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Pan-American Day.

Property owners and others responsible for lawns and gardens will earnestly join Summerside Town Councillor Clarence Steele in his appeal to the public to keep off lawn areas until the grass has had a chance to start growing.

Prince Edward Island welcomes the Royal Air Force specialist navigation class visiting the Central Navigation School in Summerside. April is not our most attractive month as it is in England and it is to be hoped that some of the eleven will be able to visit this Province at its more enjoyable seasons.

It is reassuring to have the statement of Transport Minister Chevrier that the Government has no intention of winding up operations of the C. N. S. between this country and the West Indies.

At 6 p.m. today, Wednesday, the House of Commons will adjourn for an 11-day Easter recess. The bulk of the Government's legislative programme is now, apparently, before the House and there is no reason why rapid progress should not be made after the holiday.

George Frederick Handel, naturalized British composer, died this date 1759. Born at Halle, he studied there and at Hamburg, Florence, Venice, Rome and Naples before making his home in London.

At the request of the Bank of Canada the Government proposes to introduce in the Senate a series of amendments to the Criminal Code banning the photographing of Canadian banknotes and limiting the extent to which they may be simulated for news and advertising purposes.

Provision of expenditure of more than \$150 million on atomic energy has been made in the Civil Estimates published in London for 1954-55. On the subject of atomic weapons, U. K. Minister of Works Sir David Eccles, stated in the House of Commons that "in the hands of this country and of our allies, these terrible weapons will never be used for aggression."



What We'd Like To Do With Him

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.

MERMAID LAKE

Sir,—In April 3rd issue of The Guardian I noticed a letter signed by Jas. P. Driscoll of Bethel. He wished to know who appointed a meeting of the Government which I referred to in my letter of March 31st entitled "Mermaid Lake".

Now I would like to inform your readers that in Bethel district we have 13 resident property owners. I have discussed the lake problem with the majority of them, all of whom were of the opinion that our lakes should be left intact, and the people's rights adhered to as in former years.

I am, Sir, etc., J. S. HORTON, Bethel, Lot 4R.

SOVIET FARM PROBLEMS

Sir,—I have read The Guardian's editorial on "Soviet Farm Troubles" with deep interest. It seems to this rural reader that the trend outlined has indeed, a deep significance — and not alone to agriculture on both sides of the so-called Iron Curtain but, even more important, to the ideals and plans of free people everywhere.

I noted especially these two points: (1)—"The cattle population was less than before the Revolution. Quality was poor. The average milk yield of a Soviet cow was less than half that of a British cow"; and (2) "The state of Soviet agriculture, serious last year, is this year even more serious. Unless the downward 'drift' can be speedily checked and reversed, the consequences may be very far reaching."

It certainly is something to ponder, that, if one may be guided by current news, in the two great power segments of the human family (headed if one may say so, by the U.S. and the S.U.) the basic problems seem to be diametrically in contrast: the former a "mix" of freedom and abundance; and the latter a "blend" of tyranny and scarcity.

In the circumstances, therefore, I feel that the general welfare of the whole human family will, somehow, get served by what has been happening in Russian fields and barns. The situation carries my mind back to an assertion by a noted U. S. farm leader: "Wherever you look, through history, you will find that nations broke down upon the farm — and when any nation breaks down upon the farm, it breaks down everywhere."

I am, Sir, etc., FREE MAN, Toronto, Ont.

The Age Old Story

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

The "Molotov Plan"

By W. N. Ewer

There seems to be an impression in many quarters that the Soviet Government is preparing to revise the "European security" proposals which Mr. Molotov tabled at the Berlin Conference: to recast it, or allow it to be recast, into a form which could be accepted by the Western Powers.

That impression seems to be drawn from a single passage in a speech made by the Soviet Foreign Minister during the recent Soviet "election". It is very possible that the passage was intended to create a feeling that there might still be some purpose in a Four-Power discussion of the "Molotov plan"; and that it would therefore be wise to postpone any further action with regard to the European Defence Community until some effort has been made to explore that possibility.

But let us see just what Mr. Molotov did say. He referred to some of the objections which had been made to his plan when he produced it in Berlin. One of them was, in his words, that it was undesirable that the United States should find itself outside the European collective security treaty. On that his comment was that "no-one in Berlin put any obstacle in the way of examining appropriate amendments to the Soviet project". Another was that "it was claimed that the proposed treaty would give the Soviet Union an undesirable advantage in view of its known strength compared with other European states."

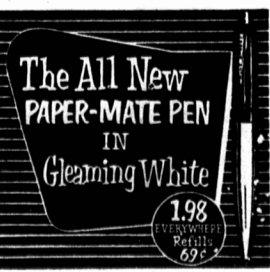
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NOTICE RE M. V. FAIRVIEW

Notice is hereby given that, weather conditions permitting, the M. V. FAIRVIEW will proceed to Pictou for annual overhaul on Wednesday, 21 April, 1954.

DOUGALD MacKINNON, Minister of Public Works and Highways.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Inflation can hardly be called "a drop in the bucket." But it definitely is a drop in the buck. — Ottawa Citizen

One should never ruin an interesting and lively argument by injecting a few facts into it. — Kit-chener-Waterloo Record

New cars made of rubber have been developed. No doubt the same material used in many people's necks. — Hamilton Spectator

The weather has been less than kind this year to the maple sugar industry in Quebec. An industry as totally dependent upon climatic conditions could hardly expect to be left unaffected by the recent weather vagaries.

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An astronomer says we'll have 85,000,000 years of sunshine. It's always nice to know about the bright things. — Kingston Whig-Standard

All Scotsmen are canny, of course, and when the Scotsmen are lawyers the extent of the cannyness becomes well-nigh incredible. This being so, we'd give a great deal to know what was in the mind of the lawyers who recently put this advertisement in The Glasgow Herald: "Solicitors have vacancy for girl; experience preferred, not necessarily legal." — Saturday Night

A writer in a Toronto newspaper has recalled the anniversary of the fire at the Cocoanut Grove in Boston a little more than ten years ago when 493 night club patrons died. They were victims of a panic and a jammed revolving door. He also lists other instances where doors which swing inwards prevented a crowd from escaping disaster.

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South wind blow from your seaward home, Blow o'er the billows; blow o'er the foam; The sea is wild To the windward isle. The black rocks answer with dreary moan.

Blow south wind, — blow harden yet, The salt waves leap, — the sea-wall's wet; Blow till the white Crests laugh with might, So white against the dark tide set. From cape to cape, the shore, along, The steep cliffs echo your viking song; Sing loud your lay To the rising day Laugh with the wild scud loud and long. —D. A. MacDonald, Souris, P. E. I.

WELLAND, Ont., (CP) — Police said Monday children here have started a fad of making pipe-guns and called the weapons "very dangerous." Police said lighted firecrackers are dropped into foot-long lengths of pipe sealed at one end with a screw cap. Then marbles, and other objects are put in. When the firecracker explodes, the marbles are fired out of the pipe with considerable force.

NOTICE

P. E. I. FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS MONDAY, APRIL 19th—8:00 P.M. IN THE SCHOOL Group Accident Insurance—\$5.00 per year Benefits up to \$1000.00 YOU may be the next to have a costly accident. Attend the Meeting for more information.

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