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The "Peacemaker"

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Yes, a strange man is this Mr. Nehru, who calls himself a "peacemaker" and is now peddling his wares in Washington...

A Cancelled Invitation

"On November 8, two days after the difficult British-French decision how to the cease-fire demands of the United Nations, it is reported on good authority that Sir Anthony Eden phoned President Eisenhower...

Thus writes the chief Washington correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, one of the best informed papers in the United States. If true, the story adds a new twist to the controversy...

ministration. The Monitor writer, who says the report is "now rather thoroughly verified," goes on to say that the Washington point of view was that such a sudden resumption of intimate Anglo-French-American relations would "rouse grave suspicion among the Arab-Asian bloc" and damage the U.S. reputation for "impartiality."

Stemming from this pussyfooting at Washington is the inexcusable delay in clearing the Suez canal due to Nasser's refusal to allow British or French nationals to participate. Even the overly patient New York Times has become alarmed at what it editorially calls "this preposterous situation."

Good Counsel

The Progressive Conservative Convention delegate who protested the action of Ottawa police in placing parking tickets on delegates' cars probably now wishes he hadn't, in view of the stinging but well deserved rebuke he received from Her Worship the Mayor.

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Fortunate is the city whose chief magistrate insists on the law's strict observance without fear or favour; and happy is the political convention that can accept with good grace the admonition to respect a fundamental civic duty.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The statisticians are trying to figure out the Conservative Party's chances of winning the next General Election. It's an interesting pastime, no doubt. But elections are not won by statistical studies but by hard work buttressed by sound leadership and an intelligent, well-thought-out program which appeals to the good sense of the electorate.

Archbishop Berry's words of welcome to Hungarian refugees arriving at Halifax were in favourable contrast to words spoken by American dignitaries when the first arrivals entered the United States. "You are the bearers of the torch of freedom," said His Grace. On the American scene most of the talk centered round the United States as the land of hope and glory.

Foreign Minister Shepilov of the Soviet Union told correspondents: "There's nothing secret about Central Committee meetings. We always issue a communique when it's over." Quite so. The trouble is the world is no wiser after the issuance of the report than before. In this, however, the Russians hold no distinction. Most official communiques are ambiguously-worded documents.



THE FARMING PICTURE

Mr. Dulles At Nato

Toronto Globe and Mail

Treaty Organization nor any other Free World alliance can survive if constantly and uselessly subjected to efforts to make Washington's messianic doctrines the touchstone of co-operation. As head of his State, President Eisenhower is bound to voice the nation's broad objectives and the reasons for them. But in doing so he had the temerity to assume the role of at least a spokesman for the Cabinet when they are under fire...

Today neither the United States press, members of Congress nor anyone else knows from day to day what American foreign policy is. Leading policy analysts are equally at sea. They know, however, that the rest of the world has lost confidence in Mr. Dulles' methods and that it is now too late for the rearrangement of alliances at his dictation. The problems of NATO are these: to find a co-operative method which recognizes the different outlooks forestall the consequences for the rest of the world of Russia's bloody suppression of captive states and of intrusions in the affairs of the non-Communist world...

A SCOTSMAN'S AMERICAN LOG

Sights And Sounds

By Wilfred Taylor of The Edinburgh Scotsman

WINSTON-SALEM. No, Carolina - We chose this place. Winston-Salem, almost blindfolded. If the public relations man in Chicago had been able to work us a route to Raleigh we shouldn't have been here at all. But he couldn't work out a plot for Raleigh. It was too difficult. He suggested Winston-Salem instead and as we wanted to laze for a couple of days and catch up on our correspondence we thought that a town where we knew nothing and where we knew nobody would be an ideal oasis.

Well, we thought wrong. Yesterday, our second day here, we made no fewer than four appearances on station WJSR, the local TV and radio station, between 2.30 and 6.30. Two of them were on live television and the other two were on sound broadcasting. And we enjoyed it all immensely although it came on a day when we had to write two columns in order to keep up to date. OFF THE CUFF

There is all the difference in the world in working for an American station and working for the B. B. C. The studio here is in an attractive little building quite close to our hotel. We got there about 15 minutes before the cameras were due to pick us up. It was an informal, homely building, full of eager, brisk young men. One of them took us into the studio and we sat there watching a programme while our producer chatted to us. A few minutes before our time came along we moved across to a table and sat down behind it while a little microphone was buttoned round our neck. We watched a member of the station staff interviewing a Christmas shopping crowd and we were on the air, as we could see by watching the monitoring screen. We talked, entirely off the cuff, for ten minutes or so, and the whole business was over. No rehearsal, no script, just sitting down in a chair and shooting our head off about the election, the international crisis, and so forth. ON THE TAPE

No Sir!

The London Times

"Say Captain" will apparently be for the future the correct form of allocation in the South African forces. So at least we gather from the announcement that the rank of the person addressed will be used and that "Sir" will be dropped. We cannot presume to dictate and other people's soldiers must do as they choose; but we may hope that no exaggerated feeling for the moral dignity of man will abolish "Sir" in this country whether in military or civilian society. All of us cannot aspire to its use as in Sir Osbert Sitwell's words "the sacrificial monosyllable that is the correct reply to a superior officer in the Brigade of Guards"; but in other spheres there is scarcely a word that can express so much and so vividly what will a Minister of the Crown do without it? Today he can answer one of those tortuous questions beginning "Is the Minister aware that..." with a simple and ordinary "No Sir." We could not love Dr. Johnson as we do but for his constant use of "Sir." He would be a common-place shadow of himself without it. It adds a formality to his abrupt rudeness and makes it seem almost a courtesy, if an annihilating one. "I have found you an argument; but I am not obliged to find you an understanding" would be merely crude without its essential beginning.

In some ways "Sir" may be dying out, as for instance, as a rebuke. The modern schoolmaster no longer begins his harangue, "The boy, Sir, who construes delta and instead of delta epsilon but, will probably come to be banded. Neither is it so frequently employed to convey anger. Observe how Mr. Pickwick protested against Mr. Tupman wearing the bandit's green velvet jacket. "Because, Sir, you are too old, Sir. And if any further ground of objection be wanting, you are too fat, Sir". On the other hand, as a mode of address from a younger man to an older one it has done something towards retaining its old status. It probably came in again with the First World War, when young men grew accustomed to it, and it has remained ever since. If used in moderation it conveys very prettily a due measure of respect. It can be a shock to the elder party to be so addressed for the first time, but it brings home his age to him in a thoroughly amiable manner. There is even something pleasant about it, whatever South Africa may think if only asking a perfect stranger to pass the mustard.

was a huge procession of floats and school brass bands. Prancing young ladies in gay costumes preceded the bands and a wonderful time was had by the spectators. Since American streets are so garishly lit that they seem to be a Christmas mood all the time they really have to work here to put on that little extra seasonable effort. There was a Catholic high school dance in the hotel and we watched for a bit the pretty young ladies in their ball frocks and the boys with their closely cropped hair wearing their tuxedos, black, white or pinkish, rather awkwardly. When we got into the elevator the lift man said that he was proposing to sing to us "Romin in the Gloamin'". We said fine and instructed him to take the car up to the top of the building. In all we made about ten trips up and down while the elderly operator went through his Harry Lauder repertoire. "He was the greatest showman of them all", he said, interrupting his recital of "It's fine to get up in the morning." "Better than Elvis Presley?" we asked. The lift man made a disrespectful gesture and broke into "Will ye stop your tucking Jack". It's a wonderful town, Winston-Salem. When we went to a bank this morning the air was full of soft music. "Do you always have music in this bank?" we asked the teller. "All the time, sir", he said. "It's kinda nice and it brings in the customers." Will the Bank of Scotland and kindred institutions kindly note? A little Chopin works wonders with accounts and a little Mozart makes even an overdraft seem like a gentle, whispering Zephyr. Good bye Winston-Salem.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

SAFEGUARD THAT TREE A small Christmas tree can be just as beautiful as a large one. And what's more important, it is often less hazardous. It takes less than 60 seconds for the average tree to be entirely consumed by fire. The longer a tree remains in the house, the quicker it will dry out. And a dried-out tree presents a serious fire hazard. It takes less than 60 seconds for the average tree to be entirely consumed by fire.

ADD WATER Then place the tree in a secure holder that contains water. Every day add enough water to keep it above the level of the grooves. This helps to keep the tree green and to retain its needles. It also slows up the drying-out process, thus reducing the possibility of burning.

FLAME-PROOF SOLUTION To make a flame-proof solution, mix three quarts of warm water with seven ounces of borax and three ounces of boric acid. Or you can mix two pounds of diammonium phosphate with one gallon of water.

QUESTION AND ANSWER W.W.: My 20-year-old son has a very high-pitched voice. This began at the age of 14. What can be causing this? Answer: Some disorder of the vocal cords or nervous system may be at fault. A thorough physical examination will probably reveal the exact cause.

The Poet's Corner BRIGHT BULWARK No better bulwark can be found For somber days Than the old kitchen wise in warm And homely ways.

Window geraniums seem more brave. More redly glowing. When clouds are gray and heavy with Potential snowing.

On braided rugs the garden's bright. Lost colors settle: The truant sun is captured in A copper kettle.

Although the voices of the summer Now are gone, A bubbling, baking, simmering language Here goes on—

And what could be more wind and cold And cloud defying Than the warm, brown, and portly Of doughnuts frying? smell

—Silence Buck Bellows in the Christian Science Monitor.

The Age Old Story And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

MAXIMS No education is complete that does not teach how to live contentedly.

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