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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Will Mao Call The Tune?

The defeat of United Nations forces in North Korea has released a spate of recriminations among the strategists and statesmen of the western democracies. Such recriminations, however, contribute less than nothing towards finding a solution of the present situation.

Such a policy of disunity plays right into the hands of the enemy. Nothing, at the moment, can be more soothing to Moscow's ears than the name-calling that has been going on in western capitals.

The place to lay the blame is fairly and squarely on the Communists. Subtle distinctions between the Chinese Communists and the Russian Communists only becloud the issue.

Right now a lot of people are wondering what to do about the Korean debacle. The only person who really knows the answer is Chinese Communist leader Mao. He knows, because he takes his orders from Stalin.

Conservative Standard Bearer

Congratulations are due to Wing Commander J. Angus MacLean upon his unanimous nomination as Progressive Conservative candidate for the vacant Federal seat in Queen's. Mr. MacLean was the Party standard bearer on two previous occasions, and although defeated proved a strong and popular candidate.

Last night's convention was a large and enthusiastic one, indicative of the public interest which is being taken in the political situation at this time.

Premier Frost's Discovery

For years the Maritime Provinces have been complaining about the huge industrial expansion of Central Canada at the expense of the outlying Provinces, a process which has been going on at an accelerated pace ever since Confederation.

Premier Frost's complaint was that in his own Province "rapid industrial expansion has led to all manner of problems, from requirements for more roads, more schools, more municipal assistance to those of conservation and stream pollution.

provincial and municipal governments of Ontario." "What I have said," he added, "makes evident the desirability of an even development of Canada. Perhaps it would be well if this conference, as part of its work, would consider ways and means of providing for a more even industrial development across the country."

The Ottawa Citizen, in commenting favorably on Premier Frost's remarks, notes that in Britain there has been some success in inducing light industries to establish in new areas. "Perhaps," it says, "some of the lessons learned by the British Government would be useful here."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Prince Edward Island and its oysters have received a good deal of publicity lately, but no more than their due.

Those who did not do their shopping early and others who did, but were thoroughly bitten by the shopping bug, are crowding the stores and will do so until the last moment.

Tonight the leading teams of the two Maritime leagues meet here, presumably to settle which is the senior series. The result, however, will probably raise more controversy than it decides.

Who actually is responsible for the control of "Shako"? Is it the Department of Health and Welfare, the Temperance Commission, or the Department of Justice? Anyway the City Council is to be commended for drawing attention to the scandalous abuse of shaving lotion.

It is too bad that Moncton, the hub of the Maritimes, should be subject to periodic flooding through rising tides of the Petitcodiac River. It must be a dreadful experience for some 40 householders to find their homes flooded from basement to roof, and in one or two instances floating with the tide.

The Premier has, more or less politely, indicated that the Government is not contemplating the erection of a Provincial Museum. In the circumstances it would be worth while for some citizen or citizens to form a syndicate for the purpose, rather than allow mementos of our historic past to be scattered hither and thither almost beyond anybody's ken.

Dr. Samuel Johnson, English man of letters, died this date 1784 in his seventy-fifth year. In criticism Johnson belongs to the "correct" school; he depreciates Milton's freedom of prosody; he objects to the Romantic Movement, and is suspicious of Gray's poetry.

The potato growers of Prince Edward Island are paying tribute this evening to Mr. S. G. Peppin, veteran district inspector of seed potato certification whose retirement, after thirty-six years with the Federal Department of Agriculture, has been announced.

Lt.-Col. Leo F. MacDonald gave a timely address on public speaking at this week's meeting of Rotary. There is nothing more necessary in a democracy than that the citizens should know how to express themselves, and in a manner both persuasive and emphatic.

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.

NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITIES

Sir, — Recent announcement from Ottawa that the freight subsidy on Western grain, shipped to Eastern Canada would be continued until the end of July next, caused no more than a ripple of enthusiasm, if any at all, among livestock feeders in the province.

The period between the time when local supplies become exhausted, and the arrival of the new crop with time for conditioning, will be the toughest for Island farmers. That will be occasion for another round of delegations hieing to Ottawa for hand-outs that will not materialize if the money spent on such futile missions, even during the past two years to mainland points, Ottawa and further, could be salvaged and potted into one sack, it would show a considerable accumulation, and the farmers of the Province have not benefitted to any extent as a result of these pilgrimages.

It should become apparent by the simplest form of deduction that the day of gratuities from Ottawa are about to be suspended, and that the people of the Maritimes to a greater extent, must depend upon their own initiative and resourcefulness. Ottawa has given notice to that effect in its summary dismissal of a delegation that waited upon the Minister of Agriculture recently and was told to "go home and get their own house in order."

There is no use in being repetitious and persistent in our pleas on the assumption that because of our "continual coming" Ottawa will become "weary," and yield. Recent dispatches from Ottawa state that on preceding next session of Parliament, Department of Agriculture expenditures are among those being pared down, as an economic measure, for the next few years. That does not give room for much hope that the present freight subsidy on Western grain coming East will be adopted as a permanent Federal policy. And so it looks as if we must do our own economic thinking in this Province, — do our own planning, based on doing something on our own behalf instead of eternally soliciting aid.

There is room and opportunity for progress along these lines under good leadership and individual initiative. Ottawa is well aware of the possibilities within our reach, and is steering our thoughts in that direction. Ottawa knows for instance, if we "put our house in order," we can bring Western grain into the Province by water route at equal, if not actually lower cost than now under a freight subsidized policy, and that the quality can be much superior to that brought here through regular channels of trade.

Ottawa knows we can greatly increase our volume of home grown grain, and give farmers with a surplus price that is better comparative price than they are receiving. (At the moment Western grain is costing 60 percent or over, more than the price offered for Island grain.) Ottawa knows our hog production can be added to by about 150 percent with an assured outlet for the product and without disturbing an established market. Ottawa knows such a situation would create a profitable outlet for a legitimately produced potato crop in case of a distressed market.

These comprise only a few instances of how the Province can improve its economic condition annually, and the suggestions are a direct challenge to our Provincial Department of Agriculture and our Farmers' Federation. That is what Ottawa meant when its Minister of Agriculture said "go home and get your house in order," and then (when you experiment) "Come back."

I am, Sir, etc. J. A. GILLIES.

The Poets Corner

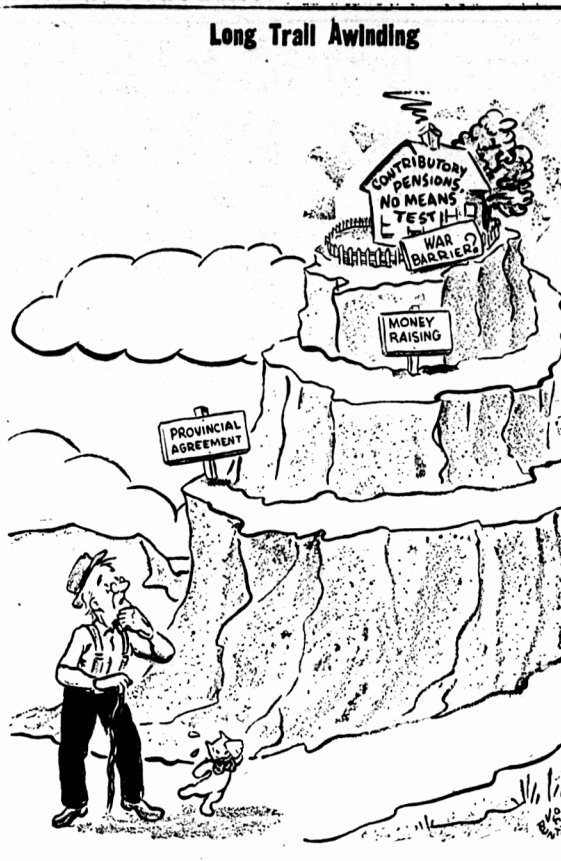
EDICT

From furrows of the Spring The nut and bud are shaped The golden beak and wing, The hemlock bough is draped With bright, with living green, The maple leaf is veined, The violet is seen, Its narrow petals stained, The fountain of the snow Melts in delicious air, Soft light begins to blow Down valleys that were bare, What metamorphosis Stirs sap and fluid fire, To wake the clematis, And stir the branch and brar, April remains no myth But waking with the sun Paints with the brush of faith Dust and oblivion.

—Harold Vinal.

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I Was Just Thinking

(Sandy Todd in Weekly Scotsman) About the only things the National Health Service hasn't provided free of charge up to now are rose-tinted spectacles.

Mr. John Marchbanks, deSable Mills, on Tuesday last sold two monster hogs in Charlottetown, one of which weighed 596 lbs., and the other 628 lbs. The fat on the ribs was between 6 and 7 inches thick, and altogether the animals were the largest and finest brought to this market within the last five or six years.

Some of the British Transport Commission shareholders (that's us) have got a silly, old-fashioned idea that a loss of £20,000,000 in a year is something to get worried about. We get the notion into our heads that the business isn't paying its way. What nonsense! It just shows how little we understand the higher finance of nationalisation.

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But, alas, that tremendous gastronomic achievement was not enough. The surplus on the refreshment rooms was wiped out by a deficit on the restaurant cars. What was gained on the swing-doors of the restaurants was lost on the Pullman roundabouts. Far too many passengers, I fear, have been willfully ignoring that insistent, pleading call of the dining-car attendants, "Second call for lup—, second call for lunch."

Books Received

THE SCARLET DAWN by Rev. R. M. Hickey, Major, M.C. (Palm Publishers, 277 pp. \$3).

The scarlet dawn of D-Day is only one incident recorded for his comrades of the North Shore Regiment by their chaplain, Father Hickey. The day by day life of Maritimers at home and overseas is simply and faithfully recorded in this little book.

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(And P. E. L.) MONSTER HOGS

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The Age-Old Story

He that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his lips that they speak no guile.

Deer A Poor Sport

(Peterborough Examiner) With a deep sense of shock we read of the unsporting conduct of a white-tailed buck in Wisconsin; a hunter shot it, and the buck stood still, gazing at him; but when he raised his gun to shoot again, the buck charged, smashed a valuable rifle, injured the hunter in the chest with its antlers, and when he drew a knife to kill it, ran off into the woods. The hunter is in hospital, being treated for shock, and no wonder.

Isn't it enough that hunters have to run the risk of being shot by fellow-hunters, without the added risk of being attacked by deer?

And what has become of the once-dependable docility of deer—the very quality which makes it a favorite with hunters everywhere? If deer are going to be as savage as bear, they will soon find that they are not being hunted at all.

The obvious answer to deal with this problem is the local authority issuing hunting licences. If money is taken by a government for a licence, that government should afford some protection for hunters while they are in the woods.

Notes By The Way

High prices are causing a crisis in the Paris fashion industry. That's fact; enough, for Paris fashions have caused many a financial crisis in Canadian households — London Free Press.

We are pleased to announce the arrival of several of next year's calendars and the Dodd's Kidney Almanac; the one that tells you what to do if your filter gets out of kilter. All of which seems to be an evidence of faith that the world is going to last for another year. — Ottawa Citizen.

"One more push and they're out," says Mr. Churchill of Britain's Labor Government. In other words, the old heave-ho by which the dazed victim picks himself up at the curb and mutters: "What an enchanted evening?" — Hamilton Spectator.

Two men were arrested in England for trying to buy gold from a black market trafficker — who was a detective in disguise — have now been released. They were also detectives on the black market detail. The three were acquainted, but their impersonations were too good! — London Daily Mirror.

I believe that it is only in solitude that permanently valuable creative work can be done. Solitude is the source and origin of the mystery of creation. The most tremendous moments, great decisions are not reached, great deeds are not done by a man in the middle of a mob. And it is one of the silliest, most superficial lies of our time to pretend otherwise. In a multitude there is dissipation, in solitude the mind and the spirit are concentrated. — John Connell on BBC Broadcast.

Atom bombs and fashion shows . . . civic elections, and someone just back from Washington, deeply weighted with the gravity of the concern and confusion over there. It's an odd, mixed-up period, isn't it? All the ragged threads of small plans and everyday occurrences which we are trying to weave into a normal pattern, against the swiftly, darkening tapestry of international affairs. The glowing advance notices of the London and Paris fashion shows in January, arriving by airmail the day Clement Attlee got to Washington . . . even the wonderful new collection of Chinese textiles, on exhibition at the Royal Ontario Museum, at a moment when the Chinese Communist delegates are the focus of all eyes on the U. S. . . . Toronto Globe and Mail.

Why dog-owners persist in leaving their pets out of doors all night is beyond our powers of comprehension. Only one solution offers to suffer from amnesia and are jealous of the sleep which comes naturally to their neighbors. Intent upon ensuring that they alone shall not be robbed of sleep, they the poor dog loose, to carry out the nefarious scheme — and reap the abuse of a disturbed neighborhood. — London Daily Mirror.

When a young American, accompanied by his wife, arrived at an isolated Canadian resort for a vacation, the hotel clerk glanced at the register after the lady signed, and read: "Herbert Hoover, Jr." Thrilled and awed, he tremulously inquired: "Are you any relation to the great Hoover?" The modest son of our only living ex-President hesitated, wishing to avoid making a reply. "Hoover, the great G-man, you know," the clerk pressed. Young Hoover sighed with relief. "No, I am not," he replied. "Well," remarked the clerk, "it doesn't hurt to ask. We always like to know when there are entertaining relatives of celebrities." — Wall Street Journal.

Never be surprised at what you read in your daily newspaper. That's the way we look at things and that's why we weren't too surprised the other day when we picked up a copy of the venerable Vancouver Province and read in its society columns an item about the christening of a young racing colt. This colt, we might add, comes from a fine line of horses and no doubt merits a prominent place in any society column. If it ever comes to Lethbridge, we are sure our society editor will give it a prominent place in our "In and Out of Town" column. What's good enough for Vancouver society should be good enough for us. And don't let us hear anyone say that the only reason the colt received mention in the Province's society column was because he is a prominent member of Vancouver's "horsey set." — Lethbridge Herald.

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