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A Frail Hope

The United States Secretary of State is reported not to have given up the hope that some day the Russian people will demand a voice in their country's affairs and persuade their rulers, by one means or another, to take a more reasonable position in their negotiations with other powers.

Whether Mr. Dulles referred to Russians of political stature or to those of moral stature he did not make clear. Doubtless, there are many of the latter who, secretly, do not particularly like the way things are going under the dictatorship of the minority Communist Party.

It would be a wonderful thing if the Russian people could extricate themselves from their bonds and declare their dissociation from the aggressive designs of world Communism.

Labor Party Difficulties

Now that some of the shouting, pursuant to Mr. Aneurin Bevan's current troubles with the official leadership of Britain's Labor Party, has died down, perhaps a speculative look at the ins and outs of the situation may be permitted at this long distance from the scene of battle.

Actually, nothing very serious has happened to Mr. Bevan's political career as yet. Although he will not be recognized as a Labor member—for the time being and in the immediate future, at any rate—he will continue to hold his seat in the Commons until it is taken from him in a general election, if it ever is.

Although the Labour Party's present difficulties may seem to give momentary aid and comfort to the Conservatives, it is not likely that Conservative Party leaders are too happy at the turn of events.

Thus far, British Socialism has been moderate and restrained in its political and social approach to national affairs, without the slightest trace of the radical temper that has featured the continental variety.

Political Finesse

Cutting taxes is the one sure way for governments on all levels to make friends and influence people. The trouble is that ways of performing the operation are always better known to parties in opposition to the administration than to the party which, for the time being, is responsible for government financing.

Immediately the President and his Republican supporters raised the cry of "politics!" In this they were perfectly right; but, since the Democrats are in virtual control of the House of Representatives, the measure passed that chamber without difficulty.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Secretary of State Dulles has little time for neighbourly chats these days. Reason for his current visit to Ottawa can, therefore, be put down to serious matters of security and defence affecting both countries.

The embargo on imports of Mexican cattle was lifted by the United States on January 1. Because of foot-and-mouth disease, the border has only been open to these imports for seven months during the last eight years.

British bacon has not been receiving first demand of that country's housewives because it has not been uniform in quality. The National Pig Breeders' Association has recommended a new hog-grading system and increased advertising to overcome this deficiency.

A jet propelled, steam operated boat was developed as far back as the 18th century, says the National Geographic Society. George Washington watched a test model run in 1784 and called its demonstration of the propelling principle one of "vast importance".

President Sidney Smith is quite right in advising Canadians to stop "squabbling" about flags and national anthems. The day may come when a little controversy in such matters might be stimulating; but at the moment there are other things requiring haste.

Fears may be exaggerated as to the result on international relations of the Yalta papers released at Washington. This at least, is the opinion of an Associated Press analysis, who points out that the revelations add little to public knowledge of that famous conference.



Soop 'er Up!

Alice In Pickersland

Montreal Gazette

Press report of Sept. 2, 1954: "Three-man sub-committee of Canadian Bar Association reports 'shocking practices in Immigration Department.'"

Then the strangest thing happened. Alice had seen a very strange thing happen before, but this was the strangest of them all. For suddenly everyone at the tea-party began saying that something connected with the Gilypick was "disgraceful."

For a moment the Gilypick stopped at the banging with the same fist he brushed a forelock out of one eye. Then the answer came into his head. "But you're all talking about me, aren't you? And if you're all going to talk about me, it's only right that I be present to hear what you say about me."

Alice glanced about the table. She saw that most of those at the tea-party felt they just had to think that the Gilypick belonged there. Since, with a big sigh, she decided she would try to go on with the business.

At this the Gilypick stopped his banging. He quieted, a little smile, but somehow Alice didn't think it was very friendly. "My dear little girl," he said (and Alice had to give him credit for trying to be charming), "my dear little girl, when you are older, and learn more of this world, as I am sure you will (though I won't wager it, mind you) then you will know that nothing about a person in my position could possibly be found 'shocking' at a tea-party like this."

"Pluto, for all your wit as poodle And zeal for sound, you seem a noodle To bark, as dogs will bark for ever Across a summer-shining river. It is your echoed self you fear. It is your frenzied self you fear. The crystal mockeries of distance. Evolve this comic, grim persistence."

The Age Old Story

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

ing. But now you yourself say they are quite disgraceful." Alice was thirsty for information. The Gilypick looked at her quickly and good-naturedly. Taking a little box out of his pocket, he said, "Have a biscuit!"

OTTAWA REPORT Stamps and Prime Ministers By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: The unfinished series of portraits of our Prime Ministers on postage stamps is to be completed this Fall.

These will be the ninth and tenth stamps in the series. Mr. St. Laurent is our twelfth Prime Minister; his portrait will not be depicted on a stamp during his lifetime, in accordance with custom.

THE next year, the first Liberal Prime Minister was honoured, Hon. A. Mackenzie. He held office for five years, but was overshadowed by the great "Sir John A.", who was Prime Minister both before and after him.

Prices have risen a long way since Sir John R. Macdonald stamp priced at one cent was put into circulation. He held office for five years, but was overshadowed by the great "Sir John A.", who was Prime Minister both before and after him.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. E. T. W.: How long can a person take sleeping sedatives, continuously, and do they damage the nervous system?

ANSWER: Preparations for producing sleep should be taken only under the direction of a physician. Excessive use may be harmful to the nervous system.

The Red Ensign

In the House of Commons the Prime Minister was asked whether the Red Ensign (the flag with the Union Jack and the Canadian coat of arms) was "the temporary flag of this country or its official flag"; the question quoted an alleged reference by Mr. Pickersland to the Red Ensign as Canada's official flag.

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Medically Speaking

ULCERATIVE COLITIS HITS THE MIDDLE-AGED

A change in your bowel movements is often the first sign that something is wrong within your body. Chronic ulcerative colitis is an example. This is a long-continued inflammation of the large intestine, with ulcers or sores forming in the bowel.

Generally, the disease is a prolonged one. You will probably feel quite improved for a while, have a relapse, and then feel better again. While there is no specific treatment, there are several general rules to follow.

Use of Heat I think you'll find application of heat to your abdomen helpful. Use either an electric heating pad or a hotwater bottle.

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Prayer For Special Needs

The natural and spontaneous prayers of men are often infantile and selfish, the expression of a craving for protection or possession. The prayers of many remain at this level, undeveloped, unfulfilled, and uneducated. It is the level of paganism, whose objective is seldom more than "my will be done."

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ANTARCTIC MISSION OVER BUENOS AIRES (AP)—The U.S. Navy icebreaker Atka reached Buenos Aires Monday after completing a fruitful two-month exploration in the Antarctic.

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