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Highland Games

Scotsmen the world over delight in assembling in open air gatherings to hear the music of the pibroch as it should be heard, and to watch, or take part, in many sports and intricate dances.

The choice of Strathgartney for this year's gathering is particularly apt. Historic associations and hilly beauty combine to provide an ideal gathering place.

Ideological Isolationist

Styles in leftist thinking, as in Paris gowns, are subject to change. Active participation in blatantly open communist-front organizations is no longer fashionable.

Inasmuch as present day Russian imperialism bears about as little resemblance to the doctrines Karl Marx preached as it does to responsible government as we know it in Canada, the distress of these lost liberals with a small "i" is understandable.

Fact of the matter is that these people are actually more of a menace than the straight communist party-liners. Consider their strategy and tactics and the truth of this assertion becomes abundantly clear.

These "anti-anti-communists" denounced the Government's action in making security checks on officials in key departments in Ottawa as "witch-hunting, hysteria and red-baiting."

These are the people who, voluntarily or involuntarily, are the recruits in the Soviet Union's latest strategy in psychological warfare.

Need of Cruder Maps

Although we generally think of increasing accuracy and added detail as being improvements in map making, the experience of pilots of jet aircraft shows that this is not necessarily so.

This is only one field in which utilitarian simplicity has the advantage over painstaking accuracy and detail. All too often it is found that the effort to achieve perfection results in ineffective puttering and greatest rewards go to more casual but single-minded dash and elan.

On Arctic Missions

The new government-owned Arctic patrol vessel C. D. Howe has left Quebec for a 10,000-mile cruise to take supplies and services to Canada's far northern outposts.

During the next two-and-a-half months the C. D. Howe will visit more than 25 ports in the Arctic.

Hudson's Bay. Her appearance at bleak outposts with supplies, mail and medical services will be a gala occasion for those Canadians who live the rugged frontier life, as was the annual arrival of the old Nascope. But the new ship is much better fitted for her task.

The C. D. Howe also boasts accommodations for staff and crew which would make the Nascope veteran weep. Mr. J. G. Wright, head of the Arctic Division of the Department of Resources and Development has described her as a floating luxury hotel, with an important job to do.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The calendar has made the full cycle, and another Churchill, William Randolph, becomes a war correspondent.

The revival rally to be held tonight is likely to tax the seating capacity of the Forum great as that is.

Veteran blood donors will again make their contribution as a matter of course, but the Red Cross clinics literally need new blood to carry on successfully.

Dartmouth, New Glasgow and Moncton are all celebrating birthdays—200th, 75th and 60th. Islanders will be on hand to assist in celebrating each.

The decision as to sending ground forces to Korea or not is one of strategy, but it is the clear duty of this country to be in a position to send them promptly if it proves desirable.

The Trans-Canada Highway project has started, and good progress should be made ere winter's here. But what particular route will finally be chosen to Wood Islands is on the lap of the gods or speculators.

In spite of the critical war situation, the British Parliament has recessed till October, and in the meantime the policy to be pursued by all parties—hands off politics and stand untidily behind the Government, which is behind the United Nations.

Once more, as has become the normal situation, girls will outnumber boys by a very high ratio among first year students at P. W. C. The sex which was once considered unfit for higher education bids fair to become the only educated one.

William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, died this date 1718; he obtained the grant of land in then Colonial America from the Crown, and called it Pennsylvania after his father, Admiral Sir W. Penn; he made it a haven for persecuted Quakers, he himself having been imprisoned for publishing "Sandy Foundations Shaken."

Before British Parliament rose Prime Minister Attlee outlined the current government practice for consulting other members of the Commonwealth on important matters. He said: "It is the invariable practice of the British Government to ensure that other members of the Commonwealth are informed in advance of any matter which falls to be decided by this government and which may involve their interests."

The butter-market is the all-absorbing subject of discussion in agricultural and commercial circles. The Federal Government purchased last year 50,000,000 pounds of butter at 58 cents a pound as a means of stabilizing the butter market.

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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.

P. W. C. ENTRANCE LISTS

Sir—I would like to make a brief comment upon the manner in which the Prince of Wales College entrance examinations have been published.

Many pupils, after successfully graduating from grade ten, write these examinations to find out just how they rank with other pupils of the island. But after reading the published list, finding that they are no further ahead and I feel sure that many who wrote these examinations would not have done so, had they known that the list would be published in this manner.

Publishing the list in alphabetical order may have been more convenient for the Department of Education but is it exactly fair to the boys and girls who wrote these examinations to be left in confusion and dissatisfaction?

I would not bother writing this merely to criticize but to suggest this matter be adjusted.

I am, Sir, etc., Summerside, P. E. I.

Mid-Year Economic Review

(Bank of Commerce Letter)

Canada can expect to sell more goods in the near future to the United Kingdom and the British West Indies. This forecast is in the current issue of The Canadian Bank of Commerce Monthly Commercial Letter.

Business conditions in the United States are currently buoyant. This has its effect on Canadian business, since the two countries are each other's best customer.

Looking ahead for the next six months, the effects of the Korean conflict on Canada's well-being are difficult to assess. The same is true of the coming trade conference at Torquay, England.

From January to May inclusive this year, Canada imported slightly more merchandise than she exported—for the first time since 1939. Exports to, and imports from the United States were at an all time high.

The Bank's index of industrial activity stood at 182 (1937=100) for June, up 4 points from March, April and May. The June figure suggests an improvement all round and reflects the generally stable economic conditions in Canada during the first half of 1950.

Since 1935 output of Canadian newspaper has grown from 3 million a year to 5 million at the present time, an increase of about 64 per cent. During the same period United States newspaper production increased about 5 per cent.

All phases of the mining industry are very active. With the exception of nickel, mineral production in the first four months of 1950 was substantially higher than in the same months last year.

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CHARLEROI, Belgium, July 30 (AP)—Young couples here have been told they can't get married until King Leopold III abdicates. Civic authorities are out on strike and there is no one available to officiate.

The Neighbors

By George Clark



"Someday some guy is gonna trip over me and it'll be romance from then on."

The President's Message

(By W. N. Ewer)

The most important thing about President Truman's message to Congress is the stress which it lays upon the fact that the aggression in Korea cannot be thought of in isolation.

Failure to realize this was one of the fatal blunders of the years before the war. Each act of aggression from the Japanese seizure of Manchuria onwards was thought of as a local event, having no relevance to "other areas."

Now Mr. Truman reminds the free world that the fact of aggression in Korea implies, and indeed proves, the possibility of aggression in other parts of the world.

Simultaneously with Mr. Truman's reminder that aggression in Korea could be a prelude to aggression elsewhere comes clear proof that there is no hope at present that Russia will cooperate in securing the restoration of peace in Korea itself.

Mr. Acheson has rightly pointed out that the Communist decision on the question of Chinese representation cannot be dictated by an act of aggression or made "under coercion or duress."

For it is a demand rather than an offer. It is not a "peace proposal" or a "peace plan" or "peace terms". It offers nothing which is of any use at the moment whatsoever.

The Poet's Corner

FROM "TERMINUS"

As the bird trims her to the gale, I trim myself to the storm of time, I man the rudder, reef the sail, Obey the voice at eve obeyed at prime.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

"On Friday morning last, as the Hon. Donald MacDonald was leaving his own place, at Ganaladale, for Charlottetown, and just as he had reached the outer gate, he received two shots, the first passing through his left arm, and slightly wounding his breast—the second passing through his hat, a little above his head.

Both the Nehru-Stalin correspondence and the Kelly-Gromyko conversations make it quite clear that for the present the Soviet Government has not the slightest intention of using its influence with the North Korean Communists to bring this about.

The Prime Minister of Norway has said bluntly that "one word from Stalin" would end the war in an hour. The phrase is not to be taken too literally.

GOOD-WILL GIFT THORSHAVN, Faroe Islands (CP)—In connection with the island's national day, July 29, the Swedish cruiser "Tre Kronor" (Three Crowns) will visit here, bringing a gift from the Swedish Riksdag.

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Notes By The Way

There is usually one plant that particularly catches the public eye. This year at Chelsea a yellow lilac was in the lead. It is a new break in its novelty. One desires a lilac lilac; and in the same tent for novelties, has shown an extremely dark lilac (syringa massena) that is singularly pleasing in hue.

With eyes thoroughly bandaged and covered with a black hood an Indian magician, P. C. Sorcar, created a sensation by cycling blindfolded along "Boulevard des Capucines" in the Op a Circus, one of the busiest thoroughfares in Paris on July 12.

Nevil Shute—his full name is Nevil Shute Norway—sailed from England with his wife and two daughters, to begin a new life in Australia. And all because he was refused an extra 20 gallons of gasoline.

The panic buying which has resulted in a rush on the stores in Detroit and most other places within the past few days is a disgraceful exhibition of greed.

The Age-Old Story

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart.

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