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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Emergency Decisions

Prime Minister St. Laurent was reported before Monday's cabinet meeting to have already approved the principle of sending troops to Korea but as being anxious to have as full support as possible. It is, of course, desirable that Government decisions and action meet with the widest possible approval and in ordinary times a Government may even carry on successfully taking only such action as is forced upon it by the weight of public opinion.

In times of crisis such negative leadership is inadequate. The nation entrusts its safety and place in the world to its leaders, indicating at best only general determination to back them in policies which will achieve that end. Woe betide the nations' leaders who shirk any needed action because popular opinion has not expressed itself for that particular move.

Unlike peacetime politics where inaction may sometimes permit problems to solve themselves, the peril of external aggression is that anything the Government may decide to do may be wrong but to decide to do nothing is sure to be wrong.

Hostilities Only

Should general mobilization become necessary the Government should, and apparently will, classify the volunteers for active service differently from last time. The expansion of the Navy in 1939-45 took the form of greatly increased enrollment in the then Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, a most valuable organization for maintaining a reserve in peacetime. What young Canadians wanted to do in war, however, was not to join the Reserve but to join the Navy. At the same time those who had carried on with little encouragement between the two wars were not pleased that their identity should be lost among the great numbers recruited during the emergency.

A simpler and more satisfactory distinction would be to list those who come in on mobilization as being in the Royal Canadian Navy for hostilities only and not class them as reservists of any kind, which they are certainly not.

Inflation's Ugly Spectre

Government trade experts in Ottawa say Canadians don't need to worry about inflation. Only circumstance that could make inflation a serious threat would be an increased demand for goods and services sufficiently great to push production \$500,000,000 higher than it is today.

Trouble is that the vast majority of Canadians are already worried about inflation. Government expenditures since the end of World War II have been the major factor in contributing to that inflation, as reflected in high living costs in every part of the country.

Two measures, short of the re-imposition of wartime controls which nobody wants, may be taken to ward off the menace of still further inflation. First of these is to halt immediately all new Government expenditures except those essentially earmarked for defence. Second is for Canadians to avoid "scare" buying and hoarding. A third, and even more significant check upon inflation, would be for trade unions to sign a truce in wage warfare on the domestic front.

India's Bankrupt Diplomacy

Pandit Nehru's not inconsiderable prestige has suffered severely as a result of his efforts to appease Russia in order to achieve peace in Korea. Mr. Nehru's proposal to Premier Stalin was that "a speedy, peaceful settlement" of the Korean issue be arrived at through the simple expedient of bringing Communist China into the Security Council of the United Nations. Then, Mr. Nehru no doubt sincerely believed, the Korean war could be ended by agreement among the Great Powers.

In other words, the Indian leader was suggesting to the Kremlin that Communist China could be bought a seat on the Security Council by Russia undertaking to call off the aggression in Korea. Premier Stalin, it now appears, was disposed to accept Mr. Nehru's good offices to secure the entry of Communist China to the Security Council, but was reticent about making any commitments in respect of Korea which, he declared, was an issue to be referred to the Council with "the obligatory participation of the other two Great Powers, including the Peo-

ple's Government of China."

The frigid reception accorded Mr. Nehru's revival of the sort of diplomacy of appeasement popular in Munich days suggests that the leaders of the western democracies are not quite so naive as the Prime Minister of India. Bad boys won't behave any better if you give them candy. Rather will they threaten to behave even more badly unless they are given more. There is no reason to suppose that in this respect Premier Stalin would conduct himself in any different fashion than did Hitler.

Important factor to be borne in mind is that the problem of Communist China's claim to a seat in the Security Council of the U. N. is in no way related to the issue in Korea. Mr. Nehru, in his clumsy but well-meant effort to restore peace in the Orient, has succeeded only in making the task of the forces opposing totalitarianism immensely more difficult.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Edward VI, as Prince of Wales, landed at Charlottetown, this date 1860.

"Business as usual" is the slogan in Britain in this crisis, including the August Bank holiday, equivalent to our own Labour Day holiday.

"Canada a Nation" is now at war along with her allies the U. S. A. and Britain in faraway Korea, which yet may be the prelude to a world conflagration.

The three-day Gaelic Mod at St. Ann's is a mecca for Scots, but perhaps an even greater contribution to Scottish culture is the school there conducted by the Nova Scotia Gaelic Foundation.

There is no foundation for the suspicion that Charlottetown's new cold storage plant which commenced operations Saturday has made temperatures ten degrees cooler in the city.

The ground is certainly hard and dry but somehow flowers seem to be at their best throughout the city, perhaps by a determination to make a good showing for Old Home Week.

The postponement of the calling of Parliament for six or seven weeks, will give Mr. Drew, leader of the Opposition, time to conclude his two months' holiday in Italy before returning to Ottawa.

Bicycles are commonly operated at night with only a rear reflector to show up in car headlights and more often than not waggons are lacking even that protection. If the drivers of such vehicles knew how nearly invisible they can be under certain conditions they would more readily drive a blacked-out car than a buggy.

Mr. Alan S. Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart, and solicitor and City Clerk of Owen Sound gave at Rotary a timely and instructive address on municipal affairs. He has had practical experience of traffic infractions, and so spoke "as one having authority", and no doubt his advice will be appreciated by our municipalities.

Hon. Mr. Gregg, V.C., is an excellent choice as successor to Hon. Mr. Mitchell as Minister of Labour. He "did his bit" with more than usual credit overseas, and subsequently as Black Rod in Parliament, and Veterans Minister he earned his spurs as an administrator and mixer with all sorts and conditions of men. In addition he is another Maritime Minister holding an important portfolio. The joining up of the portfolios of solicitor general and Minister of Justice, sets free Hon. Mr. Hugues Lapointe to take over the much more important position of Minister of Veterans Affairs to which he brings the same practical knowledge Mr. Gregg had of experience overseas in the last Great War.

Quebec Provincial Government is by no means socialistic, but it certainly is akin to totalitarianism as the following prosecution shows. A Montreal firm pleaded guilty through counsel before Judge T. A. Fontaine to a charge of having failed to close the company factory during the first two weeks in July. The court imposed a fine of \$1 and court costs on the Raby Contracting Co., 2004 City Councillors street. The charge was preferred under the amendment to the Collective Labor Agreement adopted last fall by Order-in-Council at Quebec. Under the amendment all fashion accessories firms must close their plants during the first two weeks in July each year and give their employees two weeks' vacation with pay. The amendment to the law affects about 80 fashion accessories firms and about 1,500 employees in Montreal and vicinity. It was hoped that the Raby Co. would plead not guilty, and, if convicted, to appeal to test the constitutionality of the amendment.

Old Charlottetown

And F. R. L.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From The Islander, Friday, Oct. 15, 1947:

Mr. John LePage "respectfully intimates to the public of Charlottetown that he has removed his School from its former site to Mr. Jury's buildings, Kent Street, where, in connection with Mr. A. McNeill, he will continue the business of instruction as heretofore. Terms, 10¢ per quarter. Evening classes will be opened immediately, for the benefit of young men who may be desirous of further improvement."

Dr. Potts, Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, announces that he has settled in Charlottetown and will practice the different branches of his profession. "Having also studied Midwifery under Professor Campbell, of Edinburgh, from whom he holds a Diploma - to that department he means to turn particular attention." Residence at Mr. Davis' Hillsborough Square.

Daniel Hodgson, Prothonotary, certifies that Monson Jarvis and William H. Pope, Esquires, were on the 1st day of the current term duly admitted and enrolled Attorneys of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature.

Editorially The Islander notes that an address congratulating Lieutenant Governor Sir Henry Vere Huxley on his return from Canada "has been hawked about the town for the past few days."

A despatch is published from Earl Gray, Secretary of State, Downing Street, to Sir Henry intimating that his request for an extension of his term of office has been declined by Her Majesty.

John Hatch, silk, cotton and woollen dyer, calico glazer and cloth dresser, informs the public "that having taken the premises lately in the possession of Mr. T. Davey, blacksmith, on the corners of Hillsborough Street and Square, and having completed his machinery, he is now enabled to complete all orders with the greatest despatch in silks, satins, poplins, bombazines, stuffs, ladies' veils and shawls, moreen, bed and window curtains," etc.

Benjamin Davies advertises the sailing from Murray Harbour, on the 25th inst., for London of the "superior build copper-fastened barque 'Prince Edward', 319 tons register, James Fawcett commander, built expressly for the regular trade between this port and London."

Six "eligibly situated building lots near Mr. Pethick's Brewery, 43 feet in front by 70 and upwards in depth," also 110 acres of land fronting on the South West river, New London, are advertised by Theophilus Desbrisay.

Two apprentices "to the Pump and Block Making business" are sought by Mr. Watson Douche-man, Sr., while Mr. Dennis Reddin announces that he is taking his son James into partnership and winding up his present business.

The Poet's Corner

SHEEP

Seeing a country churchyard, when the grey Monuments walked, I with a second glance, Doubting, postponed the apparent judgment day To watch instead the random slow advance Across the down of a hundred nibbling sheep. And yet these tombs, half fainted and half seen In the dim world between waking and sleep, These headstones browsing on their plot of green Were sheep indeed and emblems of all life. For man to dust, dust turns to grass, and grass Grows wool and feeds on grass The butcher's knife Works magic, and the ephemeral sheep forms pass Through swift tombs and through silent tombs, until Once more God's acre feeds across the hill.

-Aldous Huxley

The Age-Old Story

All the days of the afflicted are evil; but he that is merry of heart hath a continual feast.

Refrigeration

SALES and SERVICE Repairs To All Makes

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Rewinding and Repairs

ELECTRICAL

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The Neighbors

By George Clark



"I never know who's calling. All your boy friends change their voices every few days!"

Flora MacDonald in America

(Donald Nicholas in the Edinburgh Scotsman.)

It is strange that one period of Flora MacDonald's life has been much neglected by her biographers, presumably because her name is linked forever with Scotland and Scotland is jealous of her heroine. Consequently, few people realize that Flora spent five years of her life in America - in the State of North Carolina.

(Flora MacDonald played an important part in the escape of Bonnie Prince Charlie to France after the 1745 rebellion in Scotland.)

The people of that State are very proud of their connection with Flora. Pieces of her silver, which she was obliged to sell to obtain passage-money before leaving America, are at Red Springs where there is a fine college for girls, founded in 1898, named the Flora MacDonald College.

In August, 1774, Flora and Allan, with her two sons, Alexander and James, and her daughter, Anne, with her husband Alexander MacLeod, of Lochbay, and their children, together with eight servants, sailed in the Balliol from Campbelltown for Wilmington, North Carolina.

News of their coming had preceded them and they had a great welcome from the Scottish community. Their temporary house was at Cross Creek, now Fayetteville.

After six months at Fayetteville, the MacDonalds moved to Mount Pleasant, where Allan had purchased a tract of land, but this he soon sold, and they moved farther west into Anson County, settling in a large pine plantation of some 478 acres, called Killigreey.

Here they thought to live permanently. They cleared some 80 acres and built a house and barns, but even before the MacDonalds arrived the American War of Independence was threatening, though it was difficult for them to realize its significance.

As soon as Governor Josiah Martin issued his Royalist proclamation Allan took the side of the Loyalists, was offered a captain's commission in the Royal Highland Emigrant Regiment, and was appointed recruiting officer for North Carolina, with the rank of Brigade Major.

Alexander and James MacDonald also joined the Loyalist forces following their father's lead.

while Captain Alexander MacLeod, Allan's son-in-law, raised a company.

As they prepared to march out, Flora rode a little way out of the town and, taking up her position under an oak tree - "Flora MacDonald's Tree" - she watched them go to what was almost another Culloden.

On February 27, 1776, the Highlanders arrived at Moore's Creek, and found themselves face to face with the enemy on the opposite bank, which could be reached only by a narrow bridge. The order was given to rush this bridge an hour before dawn. But in the night the American Patriots had lifted the bridge and gressed them.

When, therefore, the rush came the Patriots swept the bridge and the bank beyond with gunfire. Confusion followed, and the Highlanders suffered heavy loss. Eight hundred and fifty Highlanders were captured, including their chief of fliers, among them Allan MacDonald and his son, Alexander, though James managed to escape.

After being taken prisoner, Allan was kept at Halifax, Virginia, but on April 11 the North Carolina Provincial Congress put him "on parole with conditions."

In August he was permitted to go to New York to arrange for the exchange of Alexander and himself, and on September 16, Governor Martin wrote to Lord George Germain: "Kingsborough lately came to N. Y. to arrange his exchange - these captive officers were due their pay, but not satisfied."

Late in 1778, Allan rejoined his regiment in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In the meantime, poor Flora had suffered for her own and her husband's loyalty. She was turned out of Killigreey and stripped of nearly all her belongings.

Kenneth Black, a native of Jura who was later murdered for his adherence to the Loyalists, and who had emigrated to North Carolina in 1740, took Flora into his house. From there she was summoned to appear before the Committee of Safety for alleged seditious conduct; when she did so, it is recorded, she displayed a most "spirited behavior". She was in great poverty and unhappiness of mind, and had to sell most of her treasured possessions, both to live and to get together the passage money for her return to Skye, which was now her main object.

She finally returned to Scotland after staying for a time in Nova Scotia.

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Notes By The Way

The late Lord Wavell described the ideal infantryman as part poacher, burglar and highwayman. Or, as used to be said in the old army, a supply sergeant. - Winnipeg Tribune.

Coming up in fashions is the Guitlar Look, announced by stylist Dior. Very becoming on a high-strung lady, we presume. - Ottawa Citizen.

Walking down the Charing Cross road late the other night, we overtook a Sikh with a blonde on his arm. They were talking about the Faroe Islands. "That," I said to my friend, "is the sort of thing that makes London rather endearing." "I know just what you mean," he agreed. "The very first day I got back from the war I saw a Chinaman in a kilt cutting his toenails in St. James Park. I've never forgotten the shock of pleasure it gave me." - London Spectator.

A train whistle might well be Canada's national anthem. No matter where you are in Canada you've never very far away from it. It booms through the mountains of the Rockies, walls over the grain-surf of the Prairies and shrieks above the roar of the industrial East. It is a sound that bound Canada into a confederacy and is the symbol of her greatness. It is the song she sings as she grows. - Pembroke Bulletin.

A newspaper writer should write if he can, as much as possible like one of the earliest and best of journalists, Daniel Defoe. He produced, amid a multitude of other works, that model of clarity and good reporting, Robinson Crusoe. And what wonderful reporting it is! Remember that splendid climax: "One day, about noon, going towards my boat, I was exceedingly surprised with the print of a man's naked foot on the shore, which was very plain to be seen on the sand." And see how plainly it is achieved! But reporters like Defoe are rare. - Peterborough Examiner.

The reason why the insurance companies charge extra for drivers under 25 years of age was demonstrated nicely on Yonge Street near Barrie in fairly heavy traffic a couple of days ago. There were three girls in one car and a girl and four boys in another car. The

cars kept passing and re-passing each other at 50 miles an hour while the occupants passed notes back and forth from one car to the other. - Toronto Telegram.

It is pretty obvious that cars are no longer considered luxuries by the average Canadian. This feeling has been in evidence for many years in the country to the south of us, where Will Rogers once said, "America is going to the poorhouse in an automobile," but only recently did Canadians begin to feel that way. Thus in another way Canada grew more like the United States. - Lethbridge Herald.

A seven-year-old boy marched into juvenile court the other day and with three older youths was charged with causing damage to some property. Judge Donald Menzies was furious and said it was "ridiculous" that one so young should be brought into the atmosphere of a court room. He ordered that the child be taken outside. Perhaps the right people to be summoned in such a case are the parents. It seems that any seven-year-old who has been allowed to wander into a dangerous environment with equally dangerous companions has been neglected in the home. - London Free Press.

According to The Times of London's Tokyo correspondent, frightened Japanese editors are reluctant to discuss the recent "purging" of scores of employees. The discharges were apparently inspired by General MacArthur's anti-Communist directives to the government. Many of those purged, including some labor leaders, were not Communists. Similar purgings have been reported in the schools and universities. In this atmosphere, academic freedom and freedom of the press can hardly flourish and the work of fostering democracy in Japan is being set back. - The Times.

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