

International Magna Charta

The Washington talks between Prime Minister Churchill and President Eisenhower have brought reaffirmation of the principles of the Atlantic Charter and a clear statement of the principles of independence as they apply to nations large and small.

Outside their immediate responsibilities they will also uphold the principle of self-government and will not be party to any agreement which will confirm or prolong the unwilling subordination of any country.

The statement issued Tuesday is a breath of freedom in a world in which that aspiration is all but stifled. It is far from being a product of jingoism.

The late President Roosevelt once said that the "only thing we have to fear is fear". The same is true today. The two camps into which the world is divided behave the way they do because of fear.

Income Tax and Secrecy

The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled unanimously that the courts can compel the Government to produce income tax returns as evidence in criminal actions.

Mr. Justice Kellock, who handed down one of the Supreme Court's main findings, showed the impossibility of the Government's position when he said: "There are cases where the public interest may be endangered by disclosing certain documents, such as diplomatic and defence papers."

And Mr. Justice Kellock added: "In the light of the Income Tax Act it would seem difficult to contend that any state secrecy was intended by Parliament to surround the class of documents here in question."

No one should want income tax returns stripped of all secrecy, bared for the prying eyes of the curious, as happens in the U. S., adds The Journal. But to hold, as the Government held, that they must be held secret in all circumstances, even in the circumstance of denying justice to a citizen, is shocking, to say the least—so shocking that it would be hard to imagine any Parliament in the British Commonwealth giving such a proposition legal sanction.

Grates And Smog

There are 12 million open fireplaces in Great Britain; or, rather, there were up to a couple of weeks ago. Since then, according to an item in the London Daily Herald, the Ministry of Housing has begun a campaign to have the number reduced drastically.

As part of the campaign, members of Parliament are being asked to help in the "difficult task of persuading the public to give up its familiar decorative grates". Other means of heating are to be recommended. To this end Town Councils have been requested to equip a few old houses

with smokeless appliances, furnish them, and open them to the public. It is thought, or hoped, that when the townspeople see for themselves how clean and free from smoke a fire can be they will get rid of their open grates promptly and willingly.

British Parliamentarians are going to have a big job on their hands; one much harder in every way than fighting an election or voting aye or nay in the Commons. It will be doubly hard, since they themselves will go at the task in a half-hearted spirit, born of necessity and not of conviction.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The 25th anniversary of the discovery of penicillin was marked in London Tuesday when the Duke of Edinburgh presented the discoverer, Sir Alexander Fleming, with a pair of silver George III tureens.

That milk cheques should be governed by the findings of government tester and the price established by a milk board were surprise proposals by a leading creamery operator to Island milk producers at a recent meeting.

The farmers, generally speaking, favors an "easy money" economy, requiring as he does large amounts of capital to operate. A difference of even one per cent in interest rates may make the difference between being able to undertake operations profitably or otherwise.

Canada produced 8,621,000 pounds of wool last year, or 12 per cent more than in 1952. The average price was 38.5 cents per pound compared with 37.6 cents in 1952, but away below the 74 cents received in 1951.

Indium may be the 20th century Cinderella metal according to a press release from Trail, B. C. It is only one quarter as hard as lead, the popular soft metal, and was too rare to attract attention when discovered in 1863.

Joseph Chamberlain, British statesman, died this date 1914. Of well-to-do family, he made a fortune himself at an early age and retired from business in 1874 to devote his time to public life.

The legitimate theatre is generally supposed to be a place where culture is dispensed to all who will receive it. That does not mean, however, that theatre-goers are always on their best behaviour. Sometimes, sad to say, they indulge in all sorts of uncultured acts; such as hissing the players, for instance.



Tale Of The Open Road

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.

A HIKE FROM CHTOWN

Sir—This was sixty years ago. Dr. George Leslie MacKay, the "Black Bearded Barbarian", missionary of Formosa was to speak in Zion Church, and Sandy Stirling and I decided we would hear him.

We listened to Dr. MacKay with great interest while he told of his work in Formosa, his great hospital, his schools and his mission among the wild tribes of the mountains. His most interesting adventure was his marrying a Chinese woman, whom he brought to Canada.

Then we took the road, trusting to neighbors for drinks, of which we had many. We had never travelled that way before and took the road that led us down to the Dickleson Mills at New Glasgow. It was then about midnight and the fellow we woke up put his head out the window and snarled: "What-d-yo want?"

How vividly that trip of long ago has been impressed upon my memory! It brings back nothing but pleasant memories. I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN Stanley Bridge.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Presumably science knows what it's about when it talks about getting energy from sunlight. In ordinary experience, however, focusing the sun's rays on a hammock is the surest way to discourage energy. —Edmonton Journal.

A man soon learns these days what his wife cares about him when she chases him out to the garden to be among the mosquitoes. —Moose Jaw Times-Herald.

Since some packers persist in wrapping bacon in red-striped cellophane, many shoppers are in self-defence opening the packages for a peek. Those who want plenty of fat have the least to complain about. But those who prefer the lean have learned to distrust the enhanced impression of meanness given by the stripes.

It would be interesting to know how many persons who profess to abominate capital punishment would react if a loved wife or child these murderers? There have been many cases of brutal rape murders recently in which old women and children have died horribly.

Cornwall township has taken a progressive step in planning to introduce a by-law designed to control the setting up of trailer homes. The township's action stems directly from the large number of trailer homes now in use both in the urban and rural parts of the township.

Nickel, gold, silver, copper, etc., most certainly have their place, but when it comes to valuable metals there is nothing to top this columbium, of which there are apparently huge quantities on the Manitou Islands and under Lake Nipissing.

compiled by a government-appointed commission after a thorough study, placed columbium at the top of the scarce metal list. Current price being paid by the U. S. government is \$3.40 per pound for columbium contained in a fifty per cent concentrate. The total value of the columbium already known to be present in the Lake Nipissing find is \$270,000,000.

The Poet's Corner

THEN AND NOW

There was a time when the days were long enough, Long and slow, as the singing of frogs in the pond.

They were ample then as the spreading arms of the live-oaks.

As the voices of workers in unending rise and fall, As the slow-turning spokes in the wheels of the cane carts that moved in a leisurely crawl.

In that time the days were as small eternities, With excursions by river and road, and long afternoons under the liveoak trees.

Then there was time, deliberate hours to know And to come at the heart and the kernel of life, the present.

Of profliet hurry let go — Soothing and slow as the humming of locusts at dusk.

And now if any return he will find but these, Of the men and their way of life, And who can say why, There remain but the liveoak trees And the hum of the locusts ringing around the sky.

—Mary B. Wall, in the Montreal Gazette.

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The Passing Scene By Observer DIFFERENT TEMPERAMENTS

According to news from England there is some indignation, or at least ill humour, over there about Prime Minister Churchill's current trip to the United States. It does not concern the conference itself; indeed, all parties and most of the newspapers seem to have welcomed the get-together of the heads of States and their Foreign Ministers.

The British view, while just as rigorous in condemnation of Communist aggression, is that this method is a little too simple and a little too arbitrary. So long as there is the slightest chance of obtaining a peaceful settlement at Geneva, or it may be at some later conference (what do a few more conferences matter?), definite lines should be talked about as far as possible.

Over and above all other things, there seem to be more concern in Britain than in the United States over the possible reaction of the native people themselves. The British want to be sure that if and when large scale conflict does take place in South East Asia, the native peoples will have been persuaded that the action would mean their protection from Communist tyranny and not a mere excuse for Western economic gain.

This, however, is only half the story. The other half is political. The British people simply don't like the idea of their Government leaders rushing off to the United States every time there is a little dispute. However physically active and mentally alert he may happen to be at the moment, the fact remains that it is not long since he had a serious illness; a trip like the present one cannot be anything but fatiguing.

It would be good pastime to speculate on where most of the blame lies for this rather serious rift between Britain and the United States: good pastime, but utterly fruitless. Probably it isn't a matter of blame at all but one of different temperaments. The American political temperament, on the whole, may be called pragmatic, in the sense that it looks at things in terms of what is to be viewed in its effect on present policies and strategy.

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The Age-Old Story

Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: in any case it is the Sabbath . . .

FARMER BAGS BEAR

MAGOG, Que. (CP) — Farmer Lindsay Bozell bagged himself a 250-pound male bear with a single rifle shot Wednesday and chased another two of the husky animals off his farm, two miles north of here.

BURNED CHILD DIES

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP) — Sandra Smith, seven-year-old Windsor girl seriously burned Monday when her younger brother set fire to her clothes with a lighted candle, died Wednesday in hospital.

Advertisement for McCormick Baler. It features a large illustration of the baler and text that says "It pays to own your own McCormick Baler". The text describes the benefits of the baler, such as its compact design and ease of use. At the bottom, it lists the dealer "W. R. JENKINS" and "YOUR HUDSON & INTERNATIONAL DEALER" with the address "208 Great Geo. St." and phone number "Dial 6563 - 6564".