

Trade With China

Australia is the latest country—and as far as we know, the first Commonwealth country—to follow Britain's lead in easing restrictions on exports to Communist-controlled nations. According to a dispatch from the Australian News and Information Bureau in Canberra, Russia and China are among the countries to which Australia is looking for new markets for farm products. Would it not be wise for Canada to take similar steps in trade expansion? China especially needs wheat and other agricultural products in large quantities. What is more, according to reports which have been published from time to time, they are not without the money to pay for them, at least in part.

One of these days, despite Mr. Dulles' inclinations to the contrary, the United States is going after the China trade in a big way. This seems certain from American press opinion and from statements which have been made in the Congress in recent weeks. And when it does, other countries which enter the competition late are going to be at a serious disadvantage. At the present time Canada is probably in a better position than most Western countries to get in through the front door, as it were. But that situation won't last. If we wait until all other countries have made entry, we shall find ourselves receiving the leftovers from a lucrative business.

Britain's trade with China, for the most part, would not be competitive with Canada's. But American trade would be and in a very heavy way, especially if the United States gets there first.

Historical Comparisons

President Eisenhower, commenting on the rather unkind things which have been said about him by certain American politicians in recent months, said that when he recalled the terrible things which were said about George Washington in his day he was quite "philosophical" about what he had to put up with. Is not the analogy, however, a little far-fetched?

In Washington's time invective license was much more socially acceptable than it is today. Quite a few pamphleteers, such as the celebrated Tom Paine, virtually made their living at it. Except for a few lofty exceptions, it was the stock in trade of the alert journalist. No one paid much attention to it, except to laud it. A political organ which did not lay up an abundance of abuse to fire at its opponents was likely to go unread. Besides, Mr. Washington, for all his high qualities, was not above replying to his detractors in kind. It was expected of him. According to the contemporary fashion, it was the thing to do.

Perhaps a better comparison for Mr. Eisenhower's comfort would be the life and times of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt. The offensive remarks which have come Mr. Eisenhower's way are child's play compared with the slanderous onslaughts which hit Mr. Roosevelt daily. But here, it must be noted, Mr. Eisenhower's philosophy must be evaluated in line with a noticeable discrepancy between the public appraisals of the two men. From the time of his first inauguration to the day of his passing Mr. Roosevelt was idolized, almost worshipped by one very large segment of the population and actually hated by a lesser segment. This has never been the case with President Eisenhower. From his entry into public life, until quite recently, he has had a host of admirers, a large number of well-wishers even among his political opponents and no enemies. Even the most outspoken critics of the Republican Administration have expressed high praise for Mr. Eisenhower personally. Had he not run for a second term he would undoubtedly have gone down in American history as the one President

against whom not a word of calumny had been spoken, an unstained hero to all the people.

Even now, the President's detractors, in public at least, are confined to a very small circle. Perhaps that fact, all things considered, should be more comforting to him than recollection of the much harsher treatment that was accorded the "Father of his country".

Universal Problem

Wherever teachers get together these days one problem that is sure to come up is the shortage in their ranks. That this is a worldwide annoyance to educators and an impediment to educational development is indicated in a report from Frankfurt, West Germany, where delegates from 40 free world countries and representing 3 million teachers have just concluded their annual meeting. Reports submitted to the organization—The World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession—reveal that in only a few communities is the situation improving; in most it is getting worse.

Several suggestions were made for solving the problem, chief of which was a higher salary scale (which shows that big organizations in this field think very much as the little ones do). "A substantial improvement in the salaries of teachers relative to the salaries of comparably qualified professional people would be an important, and perhaps the main, contribution to solving the problem," the report states.

Other recommendations were (1) Improvement in teachers' pensions. (Canada was one of the countries mentioned as negligent in this respect.) (2) Provision for more permanent appointments of teachers and improved sick leave arrangements. (3) Continuation of pension payments for retired teachers summoned back to the classroom. (4) Payment to married women teachers of salaries comparable to those paid to men.

In the main, these are similar to suggestions offered from time to time by teachers' organizations on the local level.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The French Government has admitted that the country is in a financial crisis. Well, that's a change from the political crises which have been cropping up every now and then.

The British Herring Industry Board has given permission for 60,000 barrels of cured herring to be exported to the Soviet Union. They are not "red" herrings, either, but the plain, succulent kind which the Russians will relish.

The newspaper strike in Boston, though regrettable, will perhaps serve a useful purpose by impressing upon the citizens the importance of the newspaper as a medium of information. As Mayor John B. Hynes put it, "A daily paper is like bread and butter. You can't get along without it."

A contrast in pomp: According to the Manchester Guardian, when the Queen Mother visited the Central African Federation she took along with her a lady-in-waiting and an equestrian. The Paramount Chief of Barotseland who journeyed to the capital city, Lusaka, to see Her Majesty was accompanied by 2 stewards, 7 drummers, 5 cooks, 5 waiters, 3 maidservants, 4 drivers, 3 personal servants and 4 guards.

Newfoundland is having trouble with some of its fish-processing plants. The one at Grand Bank has been closed for some time. It cost the Provincial Government upwards of \$1 million. The best offer that has been received for it from an independent firm is in the vicinity of \$300,000, which the Government has indicated it will turn down. Another at Fortune is said to be on the point of closing.

Provided it is accepted by the Russians—which is doubtful—President Eisenhower's "open skies" plan may or may not serve a useful purpose. But it is already causing some little controversy in the United States. One Senator is reported to have told Secretary Dulles, "I don't mind Russian planes coming over, so long as they don't fly over my state." It was probably said half-facetiously. Nevertheless, it reflects some measure of public opinion.



PENCIL JOTTINGS AROUND THE GROUNDS

Lord Altrincham's 'Infelicity'

Montreal Gazette

On July 19 a book review appeared in the London weekly, The Spectator. The reviewer said that the book suffers from bias, irrelevance, selective presentation of facts, emotionalism, stylistic infelicity, bad print and excessive length. With the possible exception of the "bad print," the same words might well be used to describe the references to the Queen by Lord Altrincham. And perhaps they would be all the more appropriate, as this book review was written by Lord Altrincham himself.

It will be seen from this quotation that Lord Altrincham is temperamentally given to casting restraint to the winds. But when this type of thinking and writing is turned against the Queen, the "stylistic infelicity" becomes particularly painful.

This is not to say that a monarch should be beyond criticism. But there are ways of saying things. As the Archbishop of Canterbury has remarked: If he had advice to give, he could have expressed it in a much more suitable way.

For Lord Altrincham was not simply speaking about a person who happened to be Queen. He was (to recall Sir Winston Churchill's words in 1953) speaking about "the lady whom we respect because she is our queen, and whom we love because she is herself."

It was of this lady that he spoke, when he said her speeches were "a pain in the neck," that "like her mother, she appears to be unable to string even a few sentences together without a written text," that she should remember that the day will come "when she has lost the bloom of youth."

Of course, Lord Altrincham explains that he speaks harshly only for the Queen's good. But a

part from the "stylistic infelicity" of what he said, it might have been well to have kept in mind that he was not dealing with a public servant, who has sought the role she now plays, and who ought to be scolded for any supposed failures. He was speaking of no one who has been called to that role by force of destiny, without regard to wish or will, and who has had to show devotion and courage, and to reconcile any differences there may be between private inclination and public obligation.

There is a very revealing account in the diary of Queen Elizabeth's grandfather, George V. It is a reminder of the inward struggle that may be involved in the performance of a public duty that must be carried out without regard to personal feelings.

This entry describes an opening of Parliament. "It was indeed a terrible ordeal," he wrote, "as the House was crowded in every part and I felt horribly shy and nervous. My voice was somewhat husky."

Indeed, George V found it necessary to give instructions that his speeches be prepared in very large letters, so he could read them, despite the nervous trembling of his hands. He used to say that his Christmas broadcasts from Sandringham made him so nervous that he could never enjoy a Christmas dinner.

To bring matters a little nearer home, let it be recalled what happened on the tour of Canada made by the Queen when she was still Princess Elizabeth. On October 18, 1951, a despatch from Reuters news agency said: "Correspondents who followed the royal couple for the first few days of their travels from Quebec through Ottawa are free-predicting that no human being could go through 45 days at

such a helter-skelter pace without suffering at least, a nervous breakdown."

In Montreal, by the time she had reached City Hall at the end of an exhausting day, a report described her in these words: "She walked down the carpeted hall on the main floor and stared 'glassy-eyed' at the privileged few who stood not 15 feet away. She kept waving and smiling but even these motions seemed mechanical. Like anyone finishing a long, hard day, the Princess was worn out. . . . And there was more to come."

ROLE UNSOUGHT

What reward can there be for the strain of performing such a role—a role not sought but faithfully carried out? Only the loyalty of encouragement and the kindness of understanding. Lord Altrincham shakes his finger and scolds. He says that it is his right, and that it is all to the good, and that he is really "a fierce monarchist." But one is not fierce to a young woman who has inherited such heavy responsibilities and has accepted them so humbly.

In reading Lord Altrincham's hard words one might summon up in memory the scene at a London airport, only five years ago. That scene was made known to the world in an unforgettable photograph.

It showed the Queen coming down the steps from her airplane, with Prime Minister Churchill and Mr. Clement Attlee standing, shoulder to shoulder, to receive her home to her grief and her duty. The long hard role of Elizabeth II had begun.

Of course, Lord Altrincham has the right to speak but it is only unfortunate that he does not also have more of the gratitude to understand.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(August 14, 1932)

Announcement has been made of the holding of the District Gyro convention of the Gyro Clubs of the Maritime Provinces, which this year will be held in Charlottetown. Headquarters for the convention will be at Beach Grove Inn. Extensive plans for the entertainment of the delegates are being made by the members of the Charlottetown Club.

Mr. John Moyer, Chief Supervisor of Illustrations for Canada, who has been visiting Illustrations Stations throughout the province, has expressed himself as being much pleased with the appearance of the stations and the general spirit of the operators.

TEN YEARS AGO

(August 14, 1947)

Air Vice Marshall E. E. Middleton, C.B.E., Air Officer Commanding Central Air Command, inspected the Air Station at Summerside yesterday. In the afternoon he conducted the inspection of the Air Cadets in camp at the present time, and last evening left by plane for Greenwood accompanied by his officers.

COMPARATIVELY NEW

The accordion was invented by Damjan at Vienna in 1829.

The R.C.A.F. crash boat which is stationed at Summerside this summer has been assigned to assist the Red Cross in connection with the forest fire situation on Cape Breton Island. The boat left Summerside Thursday and took on a load of supplies at Pictou and then proceeded to the stricken area.

Pup May Carry Germs Of Rabies

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. Keep your youngsters away from stray dogs during these hot summer months. That frisky little puppy who licks their hands might be bestowing more than an affectionate dog-kiss. He might be giving your child rabies.

Contrary to popular belief, a rabid animal doesn't have to bite a person to infect him with rabies infection. Nor does a rabid animal necessarily appear any different during the early stages of rabies than a noninfected dog.

PRESENT IN SALIVA The germ or virus which causes rabies could by chance be present in the saliva of the rabid animal. It may be present for several days before any symptoms of hydrophobia are noticed.

Susceptible persons may be stricken with rabies if an infected animal so much as licks a tiny scratch or break in the skin. And once the infection is permitted to develop there is no hope.

Adults, of course, can become dog-bite victims just as readily as children, but in Illinois at least, more than half of the bite victims are under the age of 20.

DANGER ZONES Moreover, nearly three-fourths of these bite wounds occur in the so-called danger zone—the face, neck, shoulders, arms and hands. Not only are these areas particularly vulnerable, they also are especially dangerous. The rabies virus reaches the brain through the nerves. Naturally, the closer the bite is to the brain, the quicker symptoms appear and the less time you have to combat them.

DON'T DELAY Usually, it takes anywhere from a week to ten days for the first symptoms to appear, although the time may vary to several months. But you can't afford to wait until you notice symptoms.

As soon as the child is bitten or even licked by a stray dog, wash the wound area for about 15 minutes, using both soap and running water. This will help remove much of the saliva and lessen chances of infection.

PROPER PRECAUTIONS Then, right away, take the youngster to a physician. He'll take the proper precautions and probably suggest that you try to have the dog apprehended. If you can't locate the dog, or if you know or suspect the animal had rabies, I suggest that anti-rabies treatment be started immediately.

QUESTION AND ANSWER R. B.: What is the cause of brain cells wasting away?

Answer: Brain cells deteriorate because of lack of circulation, as may occur with hardening of the arteries or extreme old age. Certain chemicals and drugs can be harmful to brain cells; certain diseases, such as syphilis, also can harm them.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The man stood on a street corner waiting to cross. After watching cars whiz by for a long time, he spotted a pedestrian across the street. "How did you get over there?" he shouted. "I was born over here," the other yelled back.—Ottawa Journal.

Bathers disporting themselves at beaches on days when the water is cold may be interested to learn that shivering is Nature's way of generating heat. In a really vigorous spell of the shivers, the body produces warmth about five times as fast as it normally does.—St. John Telegraph-Journal

Horsepower in the autos keeps going up and horse sense in the drivers down.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

The most awkward items around the home are those which aren't bad enough to throw away and not quite good enough for the rummage sale.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Rock-'n'-roll enthusiasts say that dance fads do no lasting harm. "Oh, no?" asks the lady in the second house from the corner who has an old Charleston knee that still slips out of joint once in a while.—Winnipeg Tribune.

In handling a modern automobile with its tremendous and potential speed, constant control is clearly the vital key to safety. You must be able to manage the car in any developing road situation, no matter how critical. This being so, it is absolutely astonishing to see how many drivers hold the wheel casually with one hand—or even a few fingers—while in the other is draped out the window in some foolish attitude of relaxation suitable to a living room couch but not a speeding car.—Sherbrooke Record

The Age Old Story In the Christian Science Monitor. Unto them that look FOR him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

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