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Warmer Weather Forecast

Premier Khrushchev has returned to Moscow after publicly stating his conviction that both President Eisenhower and the American people wish to live in peace and friendship with the Soviet people. In a joint communication issued after a forty-four hour discussion with the President at Camp David, he stated his agreement to settlement of all pending international problems, including the crucial Berlin issue, "not by application of force but by peaceful means through negotiation." A full summit conference, the communication states, will probably take place at Geneva in the next few months.

These assurances do not mean that we are in for a period of unclouded weather internationally. Mr. Khrushchev's whole record is against that assumption. But they do indicate a marked improvement in the climate, and something of a revolutionary change in the Soviet Premier's attitude towards the American government, which he has frequently denounced as capitalistic warmongers. Whatever reservations we may have as to his motives for seeking peace, it would be unrealistic not to meet him half way in his overtures. "There is no reason for looking for fleas where fleas do not exist," he warned before taking off from Washington. If he applies that maxim to himself as well as to the American government, and to the free world generally, he will have really gained something from his tour of immeasurable benefit to us all.

And there are practical reasons why the Soviet leader wants peaceful co-existence at this time. One of them is Russia's manpower problem. The Soviet Union lost, during the Second World War, roughly 10 million men in uniform and about 15 million civilians, and the full weight of these staggering losses is beginning to tell. For the next decade the USSR will be increasing by only a few hundred thousands as compared with one to two million annual increase during the previous decade. At the same time, the crude birthrate is going to fall to 20 per 1,000 from the 1938 peak of 38 per 1,000. This is more than enough to justify the cutting of the number of Soviet armed forces carried out within the last two years. At the present time in Kiev and Kharkov, details of the Soviet Army are being used as a special labor force to spur civilian construction.

There is hope therefore that the "common ground" which Mr. Khrushchev professes to have found in his talks with President Eisenhower really means what it implies, and that a foundation has been laid for easing cold war tensions and reaching better mutual understanding. Even the cynics must admit that this is more than could have been expected from the chill atmosphere prevailing a few months ago.

Good Enough For Us

We don't think the Young Liberals Federation will enhance its prestige in this part of Canada by going on record as favoring a national flag displaying the Maple Leaf in preference to the Union Jack. It looks too much like a political manoeuvre to gain the support of the anglophobes. Prime Minister Diefenbaker favors retaining the Jack, and what's wrong with that? It is on Canada's Red Ensign, as a symbol of our membership in the British Commonwealth and allegiance to the Crown. It has associations with our fallen in two world wars and other conflicts that we value beyond price.

These may be sentimental reasons, but what, after all, is a flag but a symbol of national sentiment? We cannot understand the mentality of people who complain that the Union Jack, or its presence on the Red Ensign, is a cause of disunity. It comes down to us as a token of glorious achievement in democracy and free government. It is known and honored throughout the world; and what,

in these troublesome times, would be the significance of discarding it? The Maple Leaf is all very well for decorative purposes, but to foreigners it means nothing and to most of us it has no more significance than, say, the floral emblems of our respective provinces.

Our own emblem in this Province is the Lady's Slipper. How about a campaign to make that into a national flag design? It is very dainty, carries no connotations of British "imperialism" and can by no stretch of imagination be associated with war drums and conquest. No one could conceivably be inspired to "rally round" it, or salute it with patriotic fervor. Besides, it would be a nice gesture to Canada's smallest province, the cradle of Confederation and—by long odds—the province which has profited least by fat military defense contracts and things of that kind.

On second thoughts, however, we had better leave well enough alone. Mr. Mackenzie King, that shrewd old strategist, paid lip-service to the urge in some quarters for a flag without the Jack, but carefully kept the issue from coming to a head. Mr. St. Laurent did likewise and we have no doubt that the present Liberal leader, Mr. Pearson, has similar intentions. The Young Liberals Association resolution will be respectfully received and placed in cold storage along with other resolutions to the same dreary effect. Meanwhile, let's have out the old flag on every appropriate occasion, and be thankful we are living under what it represents!

Getting The Whole Truth

It is interesting—and reassuring—to note that, for the first time, the West German schools are informing their pupils about Adolf Hitler and his era. Up to now, the period since 1930 has been kept like a skeleton in the closet. Parents didn't want their children to know the truth about the Nazis, and their own shameful participation, actively or passively, in the atrocities that were perpetrated.

Now the skeleton has been dragged out at the instigation of the state governments, which direct education in West Germany. New history books are in all schools. According to Antony Terry of the Sunday Times (London), they tell of the concentration camps and the millions killed in them, they detail Hitler's diplomatic and military mistakes, they explain that the Nazis set the Reichstag fire, and they state that under Hitler "Germany sank into a period of horror greater than she ever experienced before."

There has never been cause to worry about the democratic future of West Germany as long as its present leaders are in charge. There was, however, reason to have fears about the future, particularly with young people knowing little more about Hitler than that he had a mustache and built the first autobahns. It is a good thing that this inexcusable gap in German education is to be filled.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Professor Clyde Auld had a brilliant scholastic career and was for many years a leading educationist and professor of law at Toronto University. Here, in his native Province, he was well known and highly esteemed, and his death, which occurred at Toronto on Sunday, will be learned with deep regret.

This group has just made public a report prepared for the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council. It is a study of the Atlantic regions economy during the past 17 years, and has been described at the council's annual meeting as an important contribution.

Federal assurances regarding the brighter economic situation would seem to be borne out by the president of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Mr. Rhys M. Sale. Speaking in Montreal the other day, he expressed confidence that sales of new cars in Canada in 1953 will set a record "unless the U.S. steel strike affects us."

One of the more macabre incidents of Premier Khrushchev's tour of the United States, says an exchange, occurred during his visit to Des Moines. Before he partook of a hot dog, security agents gave the delicacy—frankfurter, roll, mustard and all—a thorough check with a Geiger counter, to make sure no one had slipped anything radioactive into it!

A great figure in the labor movement in this country has passed with the death of Mr. A.H. Mosher. He was chiefly noted for his activities as president of the Canadian Labor Congress and for his part in merging that body with the Trades and Labor Congress. He was also chief founder of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees and remained its president until 1952. Mr. Mosher strove for moderation in labor disputes and was respected by all parties for his integrity and sincerity.



GOING TO THE COUNTRY.

OTTAWA REPORT

May Change Tourist Pattern

By Patrick Nicholson
We have excellent shipyards in Canada, Maritime Commission chairman Alec Watson tells me; yet the world's two largest liners are not to be built in Canadian shipyards. The reason is seen here as high Canadian costs—40 per cent above typical European prices.

Hyman B. Cantor, a U.S. hotel operator, has plans for two 90,000 ton super-liners for the Atlantic service. He is negotiating to have these twin ships built in a West German shipyard, at a cost of \$160,000,000. To be named "Peace" and "Goodwill" from midsummer 1962 they will offer Atlantic crossings at the amazingly low figure of \$50 one-way.

The 56-year-old Mr. Cantor currently owns and operates two hotels in New York City, and several elsewhere. But as he himself says, "they come and go, because I'm a dealer in hotels". As well as being president of his hotel company, he is boss of the new "Sea Coach Transatlantic Lines Inc."—long a sweet dream to him, but now a horrible nightmare to other shipping men.

FIVE-AND-DIME TRAVEL

The cheapest fare to Europe on one of the luxurious Cunard Line "Queens" is \$207 at the summer peak, dropping to \$181 in the winter. On smaller ships, it is slightly less. By air, the cheapest summer fare from Montreal to Paris is \$274. The proposed

Maritime Problems Report

When the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects, in discussing the special problems of the Atlantic region, suggested that there might need to be federal aid so that some of the population could migrate to other parts of the country, there was quite an unfavorable reaction among Maritimers. Now, however, much the same idea has been put forward by a group of experts who are themselves Maritimers.

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Queer Sense Of Values

In New York City, where horse race betting is legal, the huge new Aqueduct track opened last week. It attracted 42,500 fans who wagered \$3,431,000 on the first day. Average betting was almost \$91 per capita.

May Help To Prevent Cancer

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.
A LARGE number of baby boys born in hospitals throughout the United States are circumcised within a few days of birth. However, I would like to see the practice even more wide-spread than it is.

PREVENTS CANCER

Few of you probably have ever thought of circumcision as protection against cancer, but apparently it is. Interest in this practice as a method of preventing penile cancer was stimulated by the knowledge that few Jewish men developed this particular type of the disease. And Jews, of course, regard circumcision as part of a religious rite.

NO ETHNICAL IMMUNITY

Further study indicates that Jewish persons have no ethical immunity since they are just as apt to develop skin cancer in other body areas as is anyone else. It seems logical therefore, that circumcision does help to prevent this one specific type of cancer.

SOON AFTER BIRTH

Most young boys born in American hospitals are circumcised within a few days after birth. The rite is performed on Jewish males within eight days after they are born.

AT LATER DATE.

Mohammedans, for example, also perform ritual circumcision, but usually at a much later date. Generally the rite is performed when the boy is between six and 14 years of age.

NOT PREVALENT IN U.S.

Cancer of this type is not prevalent in the United States. It ranges from one to five per cent of all cancers in males.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

B.G.H.: I have been taking Biellin tablets daily for bronchitis and have been told that this treatment must continue indefinitely.

THIS SUMMER WORLD

This summer world reveals to me more clearly than a printed page or eloquence of oratory. The marvel of man's heritage. Here things diverse as seed and sun.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Sept. 29, 1934)
Fire, which was discovered shortly after three o'clock this morning, completely gutted a building at the rear of N.D. MacLean's Funeral Parlors. The fire was discovered by Mrs. MacLean. Two horses, stabled in the building, were removed to safety. It was considered likely that the funeral parlors would be damaged by smoke and water.

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(From The Guardian Files)
TEN YEARS AGO (Sept. 29, 1943)
Rev. John H. McCallum, B.A. of York, P.E.I., pastoral charge of the United Church, has accepted a call to Epworth United Church in Glace Bay, N.S., and will be leaving shortly to assume his duties in his new pastorate. Mr. McCallum has been in the York pastorate for the past two years.

MAXIMS

People who have nothing to say are never at a loss in talking.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A gourmet is a fellow who instead of the food instead of the waitress. — St. Thomas Times-Journal
There are really only three kinds of people — Those who make good, those who make trouble and those who make excuses.—Brandon Sun

The man down the street says he doesn't mind being nagged around the house; it's the constructive criticism he can't stand.—Calgary Herald

If one-tenth the people were killed while hunting that there are driving cars how long do you think the public would be allowed to hunt?—Marion Advertiser

Safer toys for children is the objective of a newly formed international group. And we have yet to have a disarmament conference that can agree on less dangerous weapons for grown-ups.—Brantford Expositor

It's like turning back the pages of history to read that four New Guinea tribesmen have been taken to hospital with wounds suffered in a bow-and-arrow encounter with other natives. Imagine! Bows and arrows in this advanced age. Those benighted savages have been denied the very essentials of civilization. No rifles, pistols, machine guns, tanks aircraft or bombs whether conventional or atomic.—London Free Press

About the only piece of real estate picked up by Britain's shrinking empire since World War II appears to be threatened. The Admiralty announced that a metal plaque signifying Britain's annexation of tiny Rockall Island in the North Atlantic four years ago has disappeared. Rockall, an uninhabited pile of rocks 200 miles northwest of Scotland, was recently visited by the British destroyer Devonport. The landing party searched in vain for the plaque which was bolted and cemented into hard rock in September, 1855. In the name of Queen Elizabeth II, the sailors rebolted the union jack and fixed a temporary tablet on the site.—Fort, William Times-Journal

Next to a rocket on the moon we are most impressed with the news that a toad which lived in captivity for 40 years set no record. What must a toad do to be famous?—Ottawa Journal

The collapse of a large grain terminal elevator at Port Arthur has caused an estimated loss of \$10,000,000 to the building and its contents, but fortunately there was no loss of life. Some 2,500,000 bushels of wheat, oats and barley were dumped into Lake Superior. This is not quite the best way to reduce Canada's grain surplus.—Ottawa Citizen

Suez Three Years After

Prime Minister MacMillan has met head on Mac criticism of his government's part in the 1956 Suez crisis. He accepts the three-year-old controversy over British and French intervention in the Israeli-Egyptian conflict as an issue on which the October 8 British election can be won or lost.

His challenge to Labor: "I still believe that we were justified and that history will take this view." He added that "the temptation to inaction is always greater than the urge to act. So, often, are the dangers."

The British government stand at the time was that the Anglo-French intervention was a police action, in keeping with the spirit of both the Charter of the United Nations and the conventions governing the operation of the international waterway. This newspaper agreed.

Events since then strengthen this view. President Nasser of Egypt continues to defy U.N. exhortations and solemn Egyptian undertakings that the canal be open to international shipping without discrimination. He bars Israeli ships and goods.

The Suez crisis of 1956 will fascinate historians for many years. Britain and France acted decisively, but miscalculated the military job to be done. American policy, quick to undermine British and French authority in the Middle East, was asleep at the switch when the region threatened to burst into flames. And now the U.S.A. carries the burden of maintaining peace. Russia

quickly sought to consolidate its position with Arab opinion, by threatening Britain and France with atomic war. Only Nasser won, in the end.

The pacifists and appeasers have had their innings with the Suez crisis. It will be interesting to see what the British voters say about it on October 8.

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