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Eden's Critics

At this stage two facts in the Suez Canal crisis stand out with certain clearness: (1) President Nasser is as determined as ever to resist international control of the waterway; (2) The British and French Governments have modified the aggressive stand which they adopted when the crisis arose.

It comes as no surprise to hear that British Labour Party leaders are taking the credit for this retreat from what they have been pleased to call "sabre-rattling" (that, of course, was not the right name for it), at least as far as the British Government was concerned.

Whether the new policy will prove to be better than the one it replaced will, of course, not be known for some time. It may result in some sort of workable compromise, or it may merely postpone a clash of arms in the Middle East.

An Alger Story

European cruets of American culture often make fun of what they call the "Horatio Alger" concept of success: a boy starts out with nothing but pluck and perseverance and in due course becomes a very successful man of affairs, a shining example for youth to follow.

Take the case of Frederick R. Kappel, for example. Born of parents of average or less than average means (always an Alger prerequisite) in a small Minnesota town, he worked his way through college by doing odd jobs around town in his spare time.

1934, ten years after he had begun his career, he received his first appointment as plant manager in the Nebraska-Dakota area. Other promotions followed, and in 1954 he became President of the Western Electric Company.

This is perhaps the outstanding Horatio Alger story of our time. As if to make sure that nothing relevant is left out, it is recorded that Mr. Kappel still finds time to help out in religious and charitable organizations and to visit his aged and proud parents in Minnesota occasionally.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It has been established that visitors to any given area drink alcoholic liquors in much less quantity than do the natives. This probably reflects the natural desire of most guests to be on their good behaviour in the company of their hosts.

A research study among 500 business executives, most of whom felt they were in good health, revealed that all but 40 of them had some disease. Doctors, no doubt, will see in the revelation support for their recommendation of periodic examination.

A list of methods for dealing with skunk odor on grain, clothing and machinery has been compiled by the Plant Industry Branch of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture. It started last September when some farmers put skunks through their combines, and wanted to know what to do with the grain rejected by elevators.

Dr. Tung Pi Wu, President of the Supreme Court of China, is either a very brave man or a very foolish one. He told a meeting of the other day that China's laws need strengthening in both content and administration.

It seems that even hurricanes have their good qualities. When a meteorologist announced some time ago that this season's prevailing wind conditions make hurricanes on the American mainland unlikely, the news was received with little enthusiasm by some inhabitants of the east coast of Florida.

Peaceful uses of the rocket began about the middle of the 19th century. From then on it was used for such varied purposes as carrying lines to ships in distress, throwing cables across gorges in bridge building operations, and laying telephone lines in difficult terrain.



WISE MOVE

India-Ceylon Canal Scheme

National Geographic Society

The Government of India is considering a project to cut a big ship canal route to Adam's ridge, in one of the world's most sacred and legend-surrounded areas.

A narrow chain of rocks, reefs and shoals stretching between India and the northwest coast of the Adam's ridge is about 20 miles long. Its waters are too shallow for any but small craft to navigate.

The current proposal calls for a deep channel and lock canal to join Palk Strait on the north with the Gulf of Mannar on the south. If carried out, the project will save shipping the long trip around Ceylon, and bring modern commercial traffic to a region long associated with religious rites and pilgrimages.

At the western end of Adam's ridge lies India's temple-dotted Rameswaram Island, a holy place to followers of the epic hero Rama, revered as the incarnation of the Hindu god Vishnu.

According to ancient Hindu mythology, an army of monkeys in Rama's service built a causeway from this island to Ceylon. The god in mortal form marched over it with legions of monkeys and bears to rescue his wife from Ceylon's ten-headed giant king.

Religious traditions hallow Adam's Peak, which rises in south-west Ceylon about 170 miles various other names, this peak is from Adam's Bridge. Known by various other names, this peak is a famous pilgrimage site for Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists, and to a lesser degree, Christians.

At the narrow summit of the spectacularly beautiful mountain, 7,365 feet high, is a slight depression resembling a huge human footprint.

Canadian Books Reviewed

By The Canadian Press

Out of 15 years in Canada's foreign service, R. A. D. Ford has woven a book of verse in which his Canadian background blends with his observation of life in Russia and South America.

In A Window On The North (Rueson Press) Mr. Ford places translations from Russian and Brazilian poets beside verse written from his own keenly-felt experience.

His cool and unimpassioned method is illustrated in the opening lines of his title poem: The whole landscape drifted away to the north.

To Moose Factory, hundreds of miles, to the pole And beyond, to the Arctic ends of the earth, Sullen, Siberian, Grey, only the hills and Hamps of snow, and the brightening black.

Of the evergreens before us... But this is not simply descriptive poetry. Mr. Ford uses landscape to set the tone. The poem ends:

A geranium plant stood on the shelf behind him. Putney in extremis. Suddenly it was all red with lower.

Glowing with matic, defiant to the great White bear, I thought of you in the sweet south, and the wind at the windows was only a warm breeze to melt the icicles of sleep.

Obviously Mr. Ford brought great care, sympathy and fellow-feeling to his translations. Perhaps the most moving of these is The Golden Grove by Sergei Yesenin, who has been dead for 30 years.

In Luis Medias Pontual in Red Square Mr. Ford tries the interesting experiment of presenting as art a political predicament—the last identity of Spanish Republican emigres in Moscow:

I should like To lie down in temperature shade, Far from the city of my birth, And the city of my exiled choice, Out of the tyrannous sun And the oppressive snow.

For the soft hands of love To feel the soft hands of love

Moslems say the imprint was made by Adam. Hindus attribute it to Siva, third deity after Brahma and Vishnu, in the Hindu trinity. Buddhists believe it while some Christians have held that the mark was left by St. Thomas on an apostolic journey to Ceylon.

The Western world, beginning with Portuguese explorers, adopted the name Adam for both peak and "bridge." Behind the geographic terms lies the picturesque Moslem account of the dawn of the human race.

Adam, having been cast out of Seventh Heaven, says Islam, landed on one foot atop the Ceylon peak. There, as penance for his sin, he stood for a thousand years (hence the footprint), until he was reunited with Eve near Mount Ararat. The first couple, the story continues, crossed India and finally entered their chosen home of Ceylon by the rocky causeway to be known as Adam's Bridge.

Apart from religious background, the passage-way between India and Ceylon has its own geological and biological interest. The continental shelf extending from India at this point drops in places to precipitous depths. Here and there along its rocky banks grow colorful masses of corals, sea fans, and sponges where bottom-feeding fish find good hunting.

Ceylon's rich and ancient pearl banks extend along the coast of the Gulf of Mannar, southeast of Adam's Bridge. In the 6th century B.C., it is recorded, the island's first king, having successfully invaded the region, sent back a gift of pearls to his father-in-law in India.

Mr. Ford, formerly of London, Ont., is head of the European division of the department of external affairs, Ottawa. He served in the Canadian embassy, Rio de Janeiro, later going to Moscow where for a time he was chargé d'affaires.

THE SACRIFICE A reception usually reserved for the works of well-established authors has been accorded The Sacrifice, a first novel by 28-year-old Adele Wiseman of Winnipeg.

Critics in Canada and the United States have hailed the biblical-like story of the Jewish immigrant Abraham as a fine, mature novel. The setting is Winnipeg although the city is not identified by name. Abraham, the proud, devout butcher, moves from tragedy to tragedy—the slaughter of his two oldest sons in Europe, the death of his wife Sarah, of his youngest son Isaac, then his own violent act of sacrifice.

Yet tragedy is not the full story of The Sacrifice (Macmillan), for Miss Wiseman, who lives now in London, has woven into her novel a succession of warm, secondary characters and happenings that lift the narrative far above a morbid recital of gloom.

Winfield Townley Scott of the New York Herald Tribune writes that "first novels seldom arrive bearing such full-grown authority of mastered craftsmanship" as Miss Wiseman's book. (Published in the United States by the Viking Press.)

"The Sacrifice is rich in many things—its knowledge of many kinds of human nature, the wit and wisdom in which its perceptions are cast, a dramatic narrative that implies a significance greater than itself.

"And all this is evolved, unforced, in an immensely skilful pattern of story—telling and through a prose style of mature simplicity. In short, the arrival here is very probably not merely of a first novel but of an overall.

MAXIMS

Patient endurance of sufferings, bold resistance of power, forgiveness of injuries, hard-earned and faithful friendship and self-sacrificing love, are seen in beautiful relief over the flat uniformity of life, or stand out in steady and bright grandeur in the midst of the dark deeds of men.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (September 23, 1931) Major L. T. Lowther was elected president of the Charlottetown Branch of the Canadian Legion at the annual meeting presided over by retiring president James J. Leightner.

A shipment of 29 pure bred silver fox pups arrived in Montreal from this Province en route to Scotland. They were shipped by Mr. W. K. Rogers.

TEN YEARS AGO (September 25, 1946) The Souris Exhibition drew an excellent entry list and was held under ideal weather conditions. It was officially opened by Lieutenant Governor J. A. Bernard.

The Rocky Point ferry 'Fairview' was back in operation after several days layoff due to damaged floats at the Rocky Point wharf.

pean Jew in North America.

"Few fictional tragedies are enriched by such bustling warmth and contain so many expertly-portrayed characters." Toronto Telegram critic James Scott writes that "there is no doubt that in this book a new author has moved on to the Canadian scene who already has developed considerable stature."

Another first novel of Canadian interest is Follow A Shadow by Wallace Reyburn who came to Canada before the Second World War. Reyburn worked for a number of Canadian publications, was a correspondent overseas with the Canadian forces during the war and now lives in London.

Follow A Shadow (Cassell) stems from the dramatic attempt by Danish Capt. Kurt Carlson to bring the crippled United States freighter Flying Enterprise to port in the winter of 1951-52.

Reyburn, who reported the story at the time for a British publication, has given it a romantic twist in his fictional version.

A record 10,500 visitors from six continents examined the work of Canadian authors and artists at Stratford, Ont., this summer during the Shakespearean Festival.

Signing the visitors' book at a combined exhibition of books presented by the Book Publishers' Association, and work of the Canadian Society of Graphic Art, lent for the occasion by the Toronto Telegram, they gave home addresses from 23 of the United States, all the Canadian provinces, Europe, Asia, Australia, South Africa and South America. They recorded their approval in such phrases as "a revelation to the uninitiated" and "this alone is worth a summer trip to Stratford."

The exhibition also marked the first public appearance of books from the Shakespeare library of Sidney T. Fisher, Montreal, believed by experts to be the finest privately-owned collection of Shakespeare books on this continent.

NEW CHINA TREATY KATMANDU, Nepal (Reuters) Nepal has signed away some long-standing concessions—including military escort rights in Tibet—under a new treaty with Communist China published here Monday.

The agreement will replace the 1856 treaty under which Nepal had extra-territorial rights in Tibet. Under the same treaty, Tibet used to pay an annual tribute to Nepal but this ceased after the Chinese Communists took control of Tibet.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sudessen, M. D.

FROZEN FOOD SPOilage DURING POWER FAILURE

Don't worry about food stored in your home freezer spoiling because of a power failure. Tests by the Department of Agriculture indicate that frozen foods can be stored safely in the typical small home freezer without power for about three days.

Such power failures seldom last more than a few hours at the most. But in case of disaster, such as floods, tornadoes or hurricanes, your home could be without electric power for several days.

In such emergencies, the type of freezer, the amount of food it holds and the insulation will determine just how long the contents will remain edible.

The temperature within the freezer at the time power fails, of course, also is a determining factor. Naturally the colder the food is, the longer it will keep.

A full freezer will keep foods frozen longer than will one which is nearly empty. The frozen foods themselves help serve as a temporary refrigerator and delay the temperature rise.

LARGE FREEZER A large freezer, of course, will keep food frozen longer than will a small one.

The type of foods stored also will determine how long they remain frozen. Frozen baked goods, for instance, will absorb heat much more rapidly than will frozen meats. Thus, your meats will last longer.

What should you do to your freezer when power stops? The Health Emergency Planning Office of the Public Health Service advises that you keep freezers closed. Open them only to add dry ice or to transfer the food somewhere else.

While addition of dry ice is advisable to keep the foods frozen, ordinary ice can be used if nothing better is available.

ORDINARY ICE But don't add ordinary ice until the foods begin to soften. Temperature of regular ice, you see, usually is just below 32 degrees. Frozen foods, on the other hand, generally are stored in temperatures of about zero.

If all these precautions fail to keep the food in your freezer solidly frozen, you had better take other measures of preserving it. During freezing, you must remember, the cellular structure of foods is ruptured. Consequently, frozen foods deteriorate much more rapidly after they thaw out than do fresh foods.

You can preserve these thawing foods by canning, cooking, smoking or salting.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

D.V.: I am thinking of painting my baby's furniture. Is there any paint that is lead-free? I am afraid he might get lead poisoning from the paint.

Answer: Practically all enamels now used for interiors of houses are lead-free.

The Poet's Corner

BOY DRIVING COWS He turns one cartwheel, then turns two, As if with nothing else to do, But need is on him head to toes To go the way a brown boy goes Who has to bring the red cows back. He cartwheels down a rabbit's track, Uncurls to climb a chestnut tree, Nodding a squirrel's nest he must see. And then beyond the third white birch Tries to scoop up a silver perch Which hugs the creek bank's dark blue shade. At last, with such a straight course made, He sets his heels down to begin To bring the patient red cows in. —Anobel Armour.

The Age Old Story

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

MORE POLIO CASES

OTTAWA (CP)—Cases of Poliomyelitis reported to the health department for the week ended Sept. 15 showed an increase of six over the previous week, the department reported Saturday. The department's weekly polio bulletin said there were 35 cases in the week, including 16 paralytic, compared with 28 last week of which 16 were paralytic. There were 30 cases in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. Quebec reported 12 and New Brunswick two.



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NOTES BY THE WAY

Look at the driveway to the garage and you'll see that it is not as long as you said it was when shovelling snow. — Moose Jaw Times-Herald

Our guess is that if science could find some use for saw stumps or twigs grass we couldn't find an example of either within five miles of our claim.—Brandon Sun

Vienna has changed the name of its Stalin Square. The Austrians apparently agree with the Kremlin there was nothing square about Old Joe.—St. Catharines Standard

In England, a youth who objects to cosmetics was fined for hitting his girl friend when he saw her wearing lipstick. He must have seen red.—Toronto Star

Another indication that the children are growing up comes when the "phone bill becomes larger than the grocery bill.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

Frankly, we think the people of choosing their senators wisely. And Canada are perfectly capable of it allowing them to do so is the best means of putting the Senate on its feet, the sooner they begin the better.—Lethbridge Herald

An elderly man down East has predicted a bad winter and a cold spring for 1956-57. What a miserable thought for most Canadians, who have experienced a miserable spring and summer in 1956!—Stratford Beacon Herald

Hon. Paul Martin says he was once introduced as "the minister of wealth and hell fire." Reminds us of the English clergyman who called on a fellow minister and said to the maid at the door: "I beg your pardon, is the bean dizzy?"—Niagara Falls Review

Hon. Walter Harris took the end of the Parliamentary session to urge the Canadian people to be more careful with their spending. Mr. Harris would be more honest and realistic if he tendered this advice to his colleagues.—Ottawa Journal

According to a Spanish paper, the world's first serial was discovered recently in Egypt. Archaeologists found a long inscription on the wall of an ancient temple recording the exploits of one of the Pharaohs. It broke off unfinished. At the bottom was a note: "Continued in the next temple."—Stratford Beacon-Herald

"Dress optional" invitations sometimes specify. And sometimes a recipient, contemplating his one best suit asks: "Where's the option?"—Chatham News

British visitor says husbands are the worst sources of advice for women on hair styles. Especially when they get in their hair.—Windsor Star

A contemporary says that in our search for a human means of putting criminals to death, the cup of hemlock has been forgotten. Yes, but not every criminal is a Socrates. Can you imagine listening to an hour-long death oration by Louie The Lip, or Gyp The Blood?—Peterborough Examiner

It is, generally speaking, better for people to be allowed to keep their own money as far as possible and to provide as far as possible for their own needs. For it is hard to believe that Governments have ever done for people what they might have done for themselves, at a saving to the people for whom it was done.—Montreal Gazette

The Antarctic is the place to go to avoid catching colds, according to an Australian polar expert, who says: "A person would not even catch cold if he had a hot bath and went walking in the snow straight after... you would go blue and shiver for awhile." And after you freeze solid you are immune to everything!—Toronto Star

Cool weather is certainly much better for sleeping—but when it reminds us that summer, short as it was, is almost over and there must be at least 10 more months of chilly weather before we can expect another warm season, the passage of time is entirely too obvious. The summer of 1956, late in coming, but obviously in a hurry to leave, could almost be considered a lost season—so anything instore for next year would certainly be thought an improvement.—Brockville Recorder and Times

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