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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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The Grand Alliance

During its relatively brief lifetime the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has developed from a rather modest affair into something which borders on a grand alliance of the free nations of the western world.

NATO is now faced with requests from two countries for membership. Greece and Turkey both want to come in under the North Atlantic umbrella.

Both Ottawa and Washington appear to favor the entry of Greece and Turkey into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Views in both capitals suggest that refusal to include these two middle eastern Mediterranean countries in NATO might result in a weakening of their will to resist Soviet pressure.

Thus far, however, American efforts to secure the entry of Greece and Turkey into NATO have been balked by the smaller European members who see in their admission a possible diversion to the Mediterranean area of the arms and ammunition presently being supplied from this continent.

It would be unfortunate were any such shortsighted attitude to prejudice the addition of more than half a million trained fighting men to NATO forces.

Anti-Dumping Duty

It has been made quite clear by Mr. Abbott that the Federal Government is determined to reinstate, effective May 31, anti-dumping duties against British automobiles.

In suspending the duties two years ago the Canadian Government offered two reasons which, says the Winnipeg Free Press, were sound then and are sound now.

"At the present time," says the Free Press, "the Canadian people are engaged in a struggle with powerful inflationary forces. The essence of inflation is a shortage of goods. A policy which makes low-priced goods available is therefore a constructive anti-inflationary policy."

EDITORIAL NOTES

"The leafy month of June."

The 1951 census starts today.

The pattern is strangely familiar. Now Argentina's Peron is being acclaimed as God. Shades of by-gone dictators!

Another long week-end is coming up. time to take additional precautions about holiday driving or drivers.

John Adams, American statesman, became the first American ambassador in London this date 1785. On his return to America he became vice-president and in 1797 succeeded Washington as President.

Communists are chasing U. S. A. missionaries out of China and persecuting Chinese found associating with them. So the Presbyterian Church Assembly, at Cincinnati was informed, and reported the missionaries are getting out as fast as they can.

The Massey Commission report is expected to be tabled in the House of Commons this afternoon at three. It will probably take even the most interested parties some time, however, to find out what its hundreds of thousands of words have to say for Canadian culture.

Father Peyton left by plane for Halifax yesterday at the conclusion of a successful Rosary Crusade. On Sunday in the two Provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia formal inauguration of the restoration of family worship will take place, and previous to this some 1,600 leaders in the two provinces will visit R. C. homes with a view to stirring up renewed interest in the repetition of the Rosary at eventide.

What is the most entertaining chapter in the Bible (not that the Bible exists for entertainment)? asks "Janus" in The Spectator, and answers his own question: "There may be a stronger candidate than the seventh chapter of Proverbs, but if so I shall be surprised."

Some system of international allocation of newsprint is favoured by the Canadian Government. Minister of External Affairs Pearson is reported to have said to President Auriol of France that no newsprint could be diverted to France because of existing contracts, but he expressed hope for some pooling arrangement "before long."

All Canadians old enough to be able to talk will be asked this question: "What did you do mostly during the week ending June 2, 1951?" Three columns of space have been reserved for the answers.

According to a Reuters Agency report Scotland Yard is taking special precautions at Buckingham Palace after receipt of anonymous telephone calls that six Irishmen plan to invade the King's residence.

It all depends on one's appreciation of service whether one wins out or not. Mrs. Elizabeth Macpherson speaking in a BBC programme of her struggles to run a farm after her first husband died, says: "I had a frightful time for a year and then my luck changed again with the coming of a grim young man called George who coupled an inexhaustible fund of disapproval of my methods with an extreme efficiency. For four years he served this confounded farm with never a day off. I once timidly suggested a holiday but he didn't bother to reply. Then the children took mumps and, worse still, so did I. George continued to serve me with devotion and I felt on my recovery that such an idiot should win his own deserts so I married him."

Suggestion: Ask The Man Who Owns One



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.

HELP FROM OTHERS

Sir,—A friend of mine, I understand, wishes to know who writes my letters for me, or helps to compose them. In reply I would say that I am indebted to quite a number for help.

NEWFOUNDLAND TRADE

Sir,—Many congratulations are due our Premier Jones and his strong Party for their success in the last election campaign, but with the return of the Government I am curious to know what they have in store for the betterment of the Newfoundland trade.

THE AGE-OLD STORY

O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, be not comforted, I will lay thy stones with fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

THE POET'S CORNER

THE MAN UPRIGHT The man upright of life, whose guileless heart is free From all dishonest deeds, or thought of vanity;

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—Thomas Campion (1567-1620),

RECALL THIS TRUTH TO MIND EVERY TIME THAT I WRITE TO THE GUARDIAN FORUM.

I might go on much further in answering the question of my enquiring friend. He is an outstanding farmer, and whether he is conscious of it or not, he is in partnership with God in nature, as he attends his beautiful farm.

WOODROW WHEATLEY

Charlotteville.

SINGAPORE, MALAYA, MAY 30

(Reuters)—A fleet of 10 Russian trawlers and a mother ship arrived here today. They were bound for Vladivostok from Kaliningrad (formerly Königsberg, East Germany) with a cargo of salt.

BIG CO-OP.

—Delegates from credit unions across the province attended a ceremony to celebrate the fact the New Waterford Credit Union had become the first in Nova Scotia to attain the \$500,000 mark in assets.

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Notes By The Way

Whatever may be the future of who camp in the woods or go to apple marketing, it would seem to be a fair guess that the future of the Annapolis Valley will be one of mixed farming and that the period when the Valley was an area devoted almost exclusively to apples has become history.

One of the biggest laughs out of Ottawa in a long while is the statement by Postmaster General Rinfret that "postal service is improving all the time." Begging your pardon, sir, it's not true, not around these parts at least, and from what we read it isn't true in many other parts of Canada.

A good many Canadians will agree with the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada, now meeting in Quebec, that this country should have a national flag, but also approve of the defeat of the proposal that such an emblem be distinct from any other. This would mean that the Union Jack would have no place in the Canadian banner.

After waiting more or less patiently for 30 years for the United States to take some action on the St. Lawrence seaway, Canada seems to be serving notice that she won't wait any longer. A seaway developed on the Canadian side of the river will still reach United States ports, and the hydro-electric development so much needed by Ontario is almost equally important to New York.

Canadian colleges are now entering the holiday season. At university level convocation exercises all over the country are giving notice that this year's study has already ended. When, with varying degrees of reluctance, the undergraduates take temporary leave of their academic homes, it is to be supposed that very few of them will freely trade their leisure time for formal book study.

At present, there is scarcely a river in which a good basket of trout may be obtained by legitimate means. The reason is obvious. When the month of June arrives, boys and men may be seen at almost every trout river provided with nets, which they set completely across the streams. These nets are watched during the night, and oftentimes as many as twelve or twenty dozen splendid fish are taken in each.

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TROUT UNPROTECTED

It is to be regretted that, while providing for the protection of salmon in those rivers frequented by this fish, our legislators have not deemed the worthy of their notice. It is well known that in the month of June multitudes of magnificent sea trout resort to our shores, and after remaining a short time at the mouths of the rivers, in the salt water, they ascend the streams, where they remain for several weeks. They rise to the fly both in the salt water and in the streams, and if their wholesale destruction by nets and spears were prevented, more than a score of the streams would afford fishing such as would allure sportsmen from the neighboring colonies, and probably from England.

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All that is required to fill our rivers with trout is to prevent their destruction by nets, spears, traps, and all other engines save the angler's hook. We sincerely trust that the Legislature will at its next session, prohibit the taking of trout in any other manner; and—what is still more important—will provide for the strict observance of the prohibitory law. The throwing of sawdust into the rivers is very improper, and should have been prohibited years ago. But as the forests are now well nigh gone, it is perhaps not worth while for the Legislature to interfere.

—The Islander, July 2, 1869