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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Puzzling Circumstances

Several United States' Congressmen are pressing for a full scale inquiry into the reasons behind Russia's apparent supremacy in the ballistic-missile and earth-satellite fields.

The whole thing is puzzling, just the same. When the war ended in the summer of 1945 the United States was far ahead of the Soviet Union in industrial, engineering and technological ability.

Clearly, something has gone wrong with American science or, more likely, with the team work between science and administrative direction. The nature of this inadequacy has yet to be revealed.

Interest In Tariffs

Undoubtedly, one of the reasons why the Canadian Government was in a quandary—at least temporarily—when the British Chancellor of the Exchequer made his free-trade proposal was that at the time the Canadian Tariff Commission was under instructions from Federal authorities to study the effects of British imports on Canadian industry, particularly the textile industry.

The demand for increased protection against imported textiles is not new. It has been made off and on for several years. But it seemed to be given added emphasis when the Conservatives came to power last June.

Presumably, the Tariff Commission is still studying the question, and it is to be hoped that it will be studied from all angles and not merely from the point of view of a few industries in Upper Canada.

verse balance of trade. A protectionist policy can do as much harm in the long run to the country putting it into effect as to the country or countries against which it is directed.

If a high tariff on textiles is needed to protect any great number of wage earners against competition in countries where workers are underpaid, most Canadians would in all probability support it.

In any event, the public, as well as particular industries, has an interest in tariffs, a fact which, no doubt, will be taken into account before any upward revision in tariffs is even considered.

Familiar Complaints

"Farmers say that farm machinery, fertilizer, clothing and other manufactured goods have increased in price over a long period at a rate greater than the increase in farm prices.

"The agricultural policies of governments have lacked coherence and continuity, resulting in unforeseen gluts and shortages.

"The disparity between industrial and agricultural wages is stripping the farms of labour.

"Distribution systems for farm products are antiquated and costly, so that the retail food prices of which consumers complain are mostly reflections of the mark-ups of superfluous middle men rather than farm profiteering.

"The concurrence of all these factors has made of the farmer the low man on the economic pole of the nation."

It so happens that the above excerpts are taken from a report sent to the New York Times from its correspondent in France where in several weeks farmers have been in revolt against the Government's agricultural policies.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The United States' Chamber of Commerce wants the United States' and Canadian Governments to get together on hydroelectric power developments on the Yukon River.

On his first official visit to Ceylon's Ministry of Education, U.S. Ambassador Gluck was refused an interview. The minister said he had "no time for ambassadors."

Unesco publications now cover a wide field in educational, scientific and cultural subjects. An interesting display of this literature, ranging from pamphlets to magazines and bound volumes, is on display at the Charlottetown Public Library.

The grand old man of the United States Senate, Theodore F. Green of Rhode Island, recently celebrated his 90th birthday anniversary and announced that he will soon be leaving for a tour of NATO countries.

Governor Orval Faubus of Arkansas is certainly not lacking in conceit. Speaking of his defiance of judicial authority on the school integration issue, he likened himself to General Robert E. Lee.



THE QUESTION ARISES

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.

PRESERVING OLD MEMORIALS

Sir,—October 12 is a memorable day for the people of America as it will be this year for the people of Canada. In 1892 the United States Congress made October 12 a national holiday henceforth to be known as Columbus Day.

FLOOR LENGTH OR KNEE

At the State opening of Parliament, television viewers will see the unusual spectacle of all the Cabinet in formal day clothes. Usually only the Governor-General and the Prime Minister wear tail coats and striped pants.

WHY THE FAILURE TO REALIZE THAT THE CONDITIONS WHICH ACCOMPANIED COLUMBUS' FIRST AMERICAN VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY COULD BE RE-ENACTED THROUGH THE INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE MODERN ANIMATED CAMERA AND REPRESENTATION OF THE HIGHEST DRAMATIC ART AND SCIENCE?

You can hear the hum of its projects! The spirit is abroad. You can hear the hum of its wings. It is northward bound. Ontario has its Stratford for its lovers of Shakespeare, and Quebec its flashing series of light plays.

na was burned to the water's edge; in 1920 a miserly \$90,000 was spent on the Santa Maria;

in 1940 "The Fitz Simons and Connors Dredge and Dock Co. was hired to dispose of the bulk. And the Santa Maria II joined her sister ships in history."

Had they been ensnared in a large overground concrete or marble National Mausoleum Theatre it would have been one of the great show places of this continent. Their fate is a solemn warning to the owners and promoters of the Mayflower II to keep away from "exact duplication."

I am Sir, etc.

J. P. McCLOSKEY Cornwall, P.E.I.

OTTAWA REPORT

Royal Protocol Revised

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: If you should happen to come face to face with Queen Elizabeth during her visit to Canada this weekend, just start talking quickly. This is set out in a confidential memorandum of royal protocol revised for Canadian usage which is being circulated here.

It would be helpful to Her Majesty if whoever she is meeting would start the conversation, says this memorandum. The old protocol of waiting for the monarch to speak first is a dead duck, partly killed by the Queen's shyness, and given the coup-de-grace by her lack of intimacy with the conversational topics of interest to her Canadian subjects.

Dress will be a lot less formal than is usual when the Court is in London, even in modern Britain. Women, for example, may wear coloured dresses at the social gatherings arranged for Her Majesty. The old idea that dresses must be black is a misconception dating back to the times of long court mourning imposed by Queen Victoria for her husband.

A blanket invitation to come to the airport to greet the Queen has been issued by the commandant of Uplands R.C.A.F. base, Group Captain Mussels. More than 10,000 cars are expected there, and the only highway giving access to the airport is expected to be inextricably jammed for as long as it takes the Russian moon to make four complete circuits of the world.

A carnival atmosphere is being set up at Uplands, with two bands to entertain the crowds, numerous refreshment booths to feed the multitudes and rest room facilities adjoining the spectator enclosures nearby, for the curious to see and the hungry to patronize, stands the only hot dog stand in the world owned by the Queen. The elaborate and odoriferous short-order bar, under its varicoloured striped roof, is located at the Hog's Back bathing Beach beside the airport. Operated by a concessionaire, it stands on Crown land and hence is described as the Queen's Snack Bar. Her arrival is likely to give it its record day's trade.

Her arrival is also likely to see a new record set for Ottawa's largest crowd attending a free outdoor entertainment, exceeding the gathering at the Dog-Derby, the Midway Parade, or Santa Claus' annual arrival in town.

Out Of Darkness

Toronto Globe and Mail

An estimated 1,500 Canadians are blind or partly blind because of corneal damage. Sight could be restored to a great number of them by surgery if substitute corneas were available. To this end, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind last year set up the Eye Bank of Canada.

Thanks to the Canadian Legion, this bank has received a noble and extraordinary bequest. Delegates to the Ontario convention pledged the use of their eyes after death. Their pledge was compared to the greater offering of life which Legion members made in wartime service. It was a good comparison. The thought of mutilation, even in

death, is a shock to sensitive natures. But hundreds of delegates readily gave their pledge on the spot.

Science has made much progress in sight preservation; but injury to the exposed cornea is often in the realm of accident and so beyond the reach of preventive medication. So there will always be a vast field for injured eye repair. And the Legion delegates have set a heroic pattern, not only for the 70,000 member Ontario command which they re-presented, but for the 300,000 members across Canada. No single benevolent action by the Legion has been so heart-warming as this.

SPUTNIK CREATES RUSH

NEW YORK AP)—Major department stores reported Thursday that shoppers, apparently eager for a look at Sputnik, have created a rush for binoculars and telescopes. Sales of these normally slow-moving items are up 50 to 75 per cent.

SYRIAN PROTEST

DAMASCUS, Syria (Reuters)—Syria has protested to Turkey against "holding continuous demonstrations coupled with provocative acts" near the border of northern Syria, it was announced Thursday.

For High Blood Pressure Victims

By Herman N. Budesen, M.D.

Don't cheat yourself. You pay a doctor for his advice, so why not follow it? Many of the victims of hypertension listen carefully to everything your physician tells you—and then make up your own rules to govern your activities.

NEW DRUGS With the new drugs we have to aid us, we can do a lot more these days to keep high blood pressure under control than we could a few years ago.

GENERAL RULES To help you victims of high blood pressure get the most benefit from your doctor's advice and to help you live longer—let me pass on a few general rules advised by the American Heart Association:

- 1. Try not to worry. Nervous tension and emotional storms help push blood pressure up. 2. Keep your weight normal. I've repeatedly explained how overweight causes overwork for your heart. 3. Get plenty of sleep. Take a short nap or two during the day if it is possible. And make sure you get at least eight hours sleep every night. Blood pressure, you see, it lowest while you are asleep. It goes up during waking hours. 4. Rest before you get tired. Not only will this help you avoid the tension that usually accompanies fatigue, but you will get a lot more done in the long run. You can't do your best work if you're tired. 5. Stay away from competitive sports. You are very apt to over-exert yourself when you're competing with someone. However, mild exercise like walking, generally is good for a person. 6. Avoid excessive smoking and drinking. Some doctors advise victims of high blood pressure to exclude tobacco and alcohol entirely. Your doctor is the best judge in your particular case. Do what he tells you.

QUESTION AND ANSWER M.H.: Is cancer contagious? I have been sharing my food with a person who has cancer. Answer: There is no evidence cancer is contagious.

The Age Old Story

The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldst know his will.

The Poets Corner

CELLAR IN WAITING The cellar stairs are worn from years of women. Carrying jars of summer to the shelves. Then, through the blizzards, choosing, bringing up The bright fur. Where the winter wood-mouse dwells

Safe from the snow among the rows of purple And dusty blue and red and green and gold. Now there are emptiness and fragrant shadows The jars of beauty vanished in the cold.

And now the kitchen doors are open, meadows Blow new wind through, and Indian-colored men Bend to the fields, that women, humming softly, May fill dark shelves with summer once again.

—Frances Frost

OUR YESTERDAYS From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Oct. 11, 1932) At the regular monthly meeting of the City Council His Worship read some correspondence which passed between the Council and the Provincial Government regarding unemployment relief. The Government, he contended, was inactive in the matter of relief. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Peter Morrison, President of the Unemployed Association, who stated that relief was available if the City Council would co-operate with the Government.

The Fox Exhibition to be held in November is stirring up a great measure of interest and enthusiasm among breeders throughout the Province. The great competition of 1930, when 750 foxes were entered is being discussed, and the enthusiasm of that show is being revived for this exhibit.

TEN YEARS AGO (Oct. 11, 1947)

Premier J. Walter Jones said yesterday he thought any agreement with Newfoundland should include the opening of Harmon Airfield at Stephenville, Nfld., to general traffic. This province, he said, was interested in establishing closer trade relations with Newfoundland and with the opening of Harmon field it would provide a short air express route to Newfoundland centres.

About 425 Cape Breton workers arrived in the province last night to help with the potato harvest. The group was met by National Unemployment Officials at Borden. Some twenty-five or fifty more are expected tonight and will also be dispersed throughout the Province.

MAXIMS Skillful pilots gain their reputation from storms and tempests.

NOTES BY THE WAY Japanese scientists claim they have invented a high-speed dental drill which relieves the patient of pain, heat and vibration... Associate Chief Justice Scott of the Superior Court of Quebec echoed the thoughts of many community leaders when he said it was "illogical that manufacturers be permitted to install motors which enable cars to reach speeds double those permitted on the highways."

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