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The Federation Brief

We thrust that all our readers will study carefully the report in today's issue of the presentation of the Federation of Agriculture before the Legislature. This is our major farm organization, representing all phases of the industry and speaking with upped voice.

There is nothing dictatorial about this procedure on the part of our farmers. They have been received with every courtesy in their annual presentations; but our legislators would be the first to admit that the advantage that has accrued has been mutual.

Our members, of course, remain entirely responsible for any legislation they may pass. The aphorism of Edmund Burke—addressed by that great statesman in 1774 to the electors of Bristol—still holds good. "Your representative," he said, "owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays instead of serving you if he sacrifices it to your opinion."

Mr. Dulles' Breakdown

In reply to questions at his news conference last week, President Eisenhower said he could not possibly take on more work in the field of foreign affairs, even with Mr. Dulles in the hospital, without evading some of his responsibilities in other fields.

In the circumstances, there may be some validity in approaching the forthcoming international conferences with the Russians on a national rather than on a merely partisan basis. Men such as John J. McCloy of New York, who was President Eisenhower's second choice as Secretary of State in 1952; Generals Alfred Gruenther and Bedell Smith, who have the President's confidence; Eugene Black, president of the World Bank, who is close to both Under Secretary Dillon and the new chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator J. W. Fulbright, and former Secretary of State Dean G. Acheson—all these could easily be brought together into a temporary national advisory council.

Other experts on German and Soviet problems such as George F. Kennan, former head of the State Department's policy planning staff; Paul Nitze, who also held that post under Mr. Acheson, and Charles E.

Bohlen, the Soviet expert who is now in United States on leave from his post as Ambassador to the Philippines, have not been used as effectively as they might.

The President, of course, would be under no obligation to accept their advice, for he is personally responsible under the Constitution for the conduct of foreign policy; but at least he would have the benefit of their ideas and meanwhile he would be able to demonstrate to the Soviets that the United States was uniting its energies and forging a national policy for the forthcoming negotiations. So far there has been little evidence to this effect.

Britain's Economic Strength

Another sign of Britain's economic recovery is seen in the decision of the Government not to accept a loan of \$250 million from the United States Export-Import Bank. This was part of a \$500 million loan made available on a "stand-by" basis on Feb. 25, 1957. The following October half of the loan was taken up. In February 1958, when the right to draw the remainder was about to expire, the Government asked and received an extension to the end of this month.

As the reason for the decision, an official of the Treasury department cited the strengthening in the international position of the pound sterling since the loan was made available. He announced also that Britain will repay by 1961 the \$561 million drawn from the International Monetary Fund in December 1956. In December last Britain paid more than \$180 million in principal and interest on United States and Canadian loans.

For some time now, the pound sterling has maintained a surprising strength on foreign exchanges, thus reflecting confidence in Britain's economic progress. Indeed, some international economists are said to believe that the pound will soon be more valuable in world trading than the American dollar.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tokyo now claims to be the most populous city in the world. This amazing post-war progress is reflected in another news item, crediting Japanese shipyards with more tonnage last year than those of any other country.

A report issued by the United States Department of Education, Health and Welfare shows that 78 countries now have some kind of social security legislation, as compared with 57 countries 10 years ago. Britain and the Scandinavian countries are in the lead. Canada, however, is well up on the list.

Here's a Winter driving tip from the Ontario Safety League.

Carry two roofing shingles in your trunk. If you get stuck on an icy path, put them under the rear wheels, face down. The abrasive surface on the asphalt bites on the ice, providing a firm surface for the tires to grip. Sand has the same effect, of course, but shingles are easier to carry and handle.

People remember only one-sixth to one-quarter of what they hear, claims a Minnesota University professor. He sees this as a major difficulty in teaching. But there is another side to be considered. If we remembered a much greater fraction of what people said to us, our brains would be cluttered with a useless mass of rubbish. We'd never get it sorted out and we'd be playing for the boon of forgetfulness.

Dr. Lewis Robinson, head of the geography department of the University of British Columbia, recently told a meeting in Vancouver that the Canadian Arctic isn't worth anything, economically, because its chief crop is white fox and women no longer want to wear long-haired fur. Whereupon the Financial Post reminds the professor that he is "out of touch." If he had done his reading he would have discovered that for the moment mink and sable have shot their bolt. To be really chic this year, a fashionable woman must wear fox. Just as the fox-breeders had managed to switch to mink, fox has made its comeback. Wild arctic fox is once again a valuable fur.

KHRUSHCHEV INVITES EISENHOWER TO MOSCOW



"HOW DO YOU BUILD A COURSE?"

NATO Parliamentarians Meet

By Heath Macquarrie, M.P.

It is now almost ten years since the North Atlantic Treaty was signed in Washington. It was on April 4, 1949 that the representatives of twelve European and North American nations affixed their signatures to the document.

The member states agreed to come jointly to the defence of any member of the alliance which became the victim of an armed attack. As the terms of the Treaty puts it: "an armed attack against one or more of the parties shall be considered an attack against them all."

The North Atlantic Alliance, drawn up in peace time, was unfortunately inspired by war-like actions on the part of the Soviet Union. In the early phases of the Cold War, which settled in soon after the end of the Hot War, the Russians had made many moves which appeared to threaten the position of the West. Among these were the pressure upon Iran, territorial demands upon Turkey.

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.

THE HOSPITAL PLAN

Sir,—The proposed Government hospital insurance plan does not meet the requirements of the poor people in this Province. We are in a period of inflation and unbalanced economy; we live in a low wage area; our people in the low income bracket cannot afford to pay the proposed premium for hospital care, and supply the necessary drugs at present prices after being discharged from hospital.

There are at present many good hospital and medical insurance plans available within the reach of the high and medium income people in this province; but many of the small farmers, the unorganized industrial worker, the seasonal worker, and the unemployed are without any protection, and the proposed plan is not the solution.

The present Opposition in the Legislature seem to be dormant when it comes to hospital insurance. They never presented one suggestion on financing the plan, not even constructive criticism of the present proposed plan.

Will Premier Matheson and his Government implement a hospital plan to serve the needs of those that need it most, or will they be influenced by those who lag would have an unpopular ineffective compulsory plan.

I am, Sir, etc. CLIFFORD MURPHY Charlottetown.

COMIC-TRAGIC OPERA

Sir,—I was interested in reading "J. Norton's" recent letter in your columns, giving his reactions as a college student sitting in on a session of our Provincial Legislature. I can well understand how he could be disillusioned as he watched the comic opera of our elected representatives.

Causes Of Underweight

By Herman N. Bundeles, M. D. SELDOM are glandular disorders responsible for a person's being overweight. However, such glandular disorders are likely to result in the loss of weight or the inability to gain.

LACK OF WEIGHT

As a general rule, we consider that anyone who is 20 per cent below his best weight is underweight. Sometimes this lack of weight is a symptom of disease, such as glandular disorders.

CAUSES OF UNDERWEIGHT

If your meals are poorly prepared, if you eat at irregular times, if you consider eating one of the least important activities of your daily life, then you are apt to get inadequate nourishment.

HOW TO GAIN?

Now, how can you gain weight? Simply apply the same principles used in losing weight, but reverse them. First, of course, check with your doctor and get and follow his advice.

EXTRA CALORIES

Add extra calories at each meal. The simplest way is to take second helpings of everything and to be sure to eat extra bread and butter. I'll go into detail on this subject in another column.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. P. A.: Does the use of hormone cream on one's face cause hair to grow on it? Answer: Ordinarily, the use of so-called hormone cream on the face will not cause the growth of hair. Under unusual circumstances, however, the use of the male hormone in this way might result in some increase of facial hair.

The Age Old Story

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne.

Meeting Of East And West

Elizabeth Long in the Winnipeg Free Press

expression of the personality of the race and as sources of global enrichment.

The first national conference of the Canadian National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization will be held in Montreal in March. It will be attended by representatives of groups active in education, culture, social sciences, mass communications and natural sciences.

INTENSIVE STUDY

Already more than thirty countries have made their plans for what UNESCO officials define as an intensive study by the most enlightened people of East and West to find a basis of mutual respect.

UNESCO

UNESCO frankly declares the obstacles are mostly psychological and political. Emotional prejudices are due mainly to exaggerated national susceptibility and lowered human dignity, as well as to blind or wounded self-esteem. Political obstacles usually result from a lack of independence, or some degree of exploitation.

CULTURAL DEBT

Similarities of cultures can be appreciated, but the differences merit equal respect both as an

NOTES BY THE WAY

A United Kingdom company has perfected a machine that will sign up to 500 cheques an hour. What is needed now is a machine to ensure there is enough money in the bank to cover mechanized cheques.—Ottawa Journal

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Feb. 25, 1934) On Saturday morning an empty box car overturned near the eastern railway crossing at Summerside when it ran off the track. The car was attached to a long train of box cars and was the last but one. After leaving the track it ran along until it reached the switch, when it overturned. Beyond blocking the line for a short time, no damage was done.

TEN YEARS AGO

(Feb. 25, 1949) Miss Marion Shaw and Miss Allie MacLeod have agreed to take charge of the Guide Company of St. James Church. It was announced Wednesday evening at the annual Scout-Guide supper. The Guides, who had been without a regular leader for some time, had the services of Mrs. Fred Jenkins, field secretary, who held the troop intact.

MAXIMS

I am an old man and have known a great many troubles, but most of them have never happened.

Adjustment Period For Cyprus

By Jack Bruffy Canadian Press Staff Writer

It will take more than intangibles to dispel the bitterness and mistrust engendered by four years of death and destruction on the turbulent island of Cyprus.

As a matter of fact, it may be that the practical realities of an unshaken economy will accomplish more in the early period of adjustment ahead than any formal agreement. For all Cypriots—Greek, Turk and British colonial alike—are canny traders and fully appreciate that the setting up of an independent republic means more than peace with compromise. It means their relatively high standard of living can probably be maintained and their jobs at the big British bases—chief sources of employment on the island—will be continued.

And it seems a safe bet that these practical considerations overruled the cloudy philosophy of Archbishop Makarios, who plugged for British expulsion almost to the point of wrecking last week's London conference.

SPRING ATMOSPHERE

But next month when spring comes to the island, it will bring two exhibits: one of Scandinavia to tour the Orient, and one of the Orient to tour Scandinavia. Latin America is concentrating on joint exhibits of books and translations. Egypt plans to bring the story of Arab culture to the world by making translations of their representative books; and, at the rate of 200 a year, will translate into Arabic the world classics.

During the recent UNESCO meeting, which elected Dr. Veronesi, France staged a great museum exhibit centering on the debt of the West to the cultures of the East. The International Music Council arranged a conference where musicians of 12 countries considered how best they could introduce to the West music based on principles of polyphony existing outside the West's own classical system. They concentrated on the Occident because much Western music already is popular throughout Asia.

In view of the response in other countries, there will be widespread interest in the attitude taken by Canada's National Commission on UNESCO towards this important and significant project.

CANADIANS PROMINENT

The agreement concluded in London last Thursday just followed the lines volunteered to a CP reporter covering that area two years ago. However Canadians serving with the British forces in Cyprus at that time told the CP man that they believed a final settlement might have to go as far as turning the key British base over to NATO or even UN trusteeship.

Incidentally, Canadians took prominent roles with both British air and ground forces in anti-terrorist activity. And in one case a Canadian serving with a royal artillery patrol was cited for his work in foiling an EOKA ambush, and he captured one of the leaders. None of the Canadians involved had any association with the Canadian services. All were attached to British forces as expatriates.

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