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Propaganda In Space

The achievement of the Soviet Union's two newest astronauts has dwarfed all previous space flights and set a new milestone in the conquest of space. The world salutes these daring pioneers, and the scientists and technicians responsible for their performance. But it is not merely in the interests of science that these amazing efforts have been put forth. If we are to judge by previous Soviet performances, propaganda plays a large part in Soviet space planning, just as it has done in nuclear test explosions to gain military supremacy. Some Western observers are predicting that this week's record-breaking flights may be aimed at setting the stage for a new Soviet move on Berlin, timed to follow the Communist celebrations of the erection of the Berlin wall a year ago.

At that time, it will be recalled, Major Titov had just made his impressive 17-orbit flight; and Soviet propaganda used that flight to hammer home the theme that the Soviets had rocket superiority over the United States and could protect East Germany in the event of military reaction.

The main theme spread after the first Sputnik launching in October, 1957, was the alleged superiority of socialism over capitalism. Then at the beginning of 1959, when it was desired to set the stage for the visit of Soviet First Deputy Premier Mikoyan to the United States, the first Soviet satellite was placed in orbit about the sun, providing a vivid demonstration of the power at the command of Mr. Mikoyan's country.

In September of the same year, Premier Khrushchev's first visit to the United States was immediately preceded by the landing of a Soviet rocket on the moon. And shortly after he had left the country, the Soviet Union sent a rocket equipped with a camera round the moon, thus obtaining the first—and to date the only—picture ever taken of the side of the moon that is never visible from earth.

It will be recalled, too, that the Soviets employed their first two astronauts, Major Gagarin and Major Titov, in travelling extensively abroad, thus underlining the accomplishments and superiority of their national space effort. Earlier this month Major Gagarin was a major attraction used to draw people from all over the world to the Communist sponsored World Youth and Student Festival in Helsinki, Finland.

In this game of capitalizing on space achievements it is difficult for the free world to compete, since in Russia the press and radio maintain tight secrecy about Soviet space launchings, never revealing anything about them until they succeed. As a result, the failures go unnoted and only the successes are paraded before the astonished gaze of the nations.

Ike Among The Kennedys

According to a New York Times despatch, when General Eisenhower and his family stay in Culzean Castle in Scotland from Thursday through to August 21 on their current tour of Europe, they will be occupying the historic seat of the Kennedy Clan. A 12-room apartment in this turreted old castle of sandstone at Ayr, near Preswick, was presented to the General by the Scottish people for his service in World War Two; but until 1945, when the castle was given over to the National Trust for Scotland, it was the seat of the Marquess of Ailsa, head of the Clan Kennedy.

To trace the line back from John Fitzgerald Kennedy, who succeeded General Eisenhower as President of the United States, might be difficult but not impossible. There is, as The Times correspondent notes, a strong connection between the clans in the southwest of Scotland and families in Ireland, where the President counts his ancestors. Historians maintain that these Scots came originally from Ireland and, in the generations that followed, waves of them went back.

As for the present head of the clan, the Marquess of Ailsa, he has not given up his claim to Culzean Castle altogether, at least not sentimentally. He was in front of the castle, together with the Earl of Wemyss and March, chairman of the National Trust for Scotland, to greet President Eisenhower when he visited Culzean in September, 1959. It was the last time Eisenhower stayed there, and then for only a week-end, for he was in the midst of a busy diplomatic tour.

This time he will have more leisure to enjoy the castle's magnificent attractions, perched as it is on the edge of a cliff overlooking an extensive forest on one side and the lovely sweep of the Firth of Clyde on the other. There are 560 acres of grounds dotted with ponds, lodges and cottages. The deer park has been depleted of its stock, but the swan lake still has swans and the aviaries are filled. There is even a ghost.

Within the view of the General's apartment is a hill called Piper's Brae, said to be haunted by a piper who "marches underground and plays a tune on the eve of every wedding in the Kennedy clan." And if Ike wants more reminders of the name he will find directly under his apartment a room full of Kennedy clan relics.

Place For Research

Some day, perhaps, we shall realize that the amount of research which rightfully goes towards such scourges as poliomyelitis, heart ailments, cancer, arthritis and diabetes should also be applied to halt highway fatalities. But that day doesn't seem to be close at hand.

The Dominion Automobile Association has been delving into this and finds that while polio, for instance, has $40,000 spent in research for every death from this disease, the most that is spent for research into traffic fatalities is $3 per fatality. This is not the cost of investigation work in connection with fatalities; rather, it is the research to prevent accidents from happening.

On the airlines the rate of study is even greater than for polio. The current average is one death for every 500 million passenger miles of air travel. Yet preventive research accounts for an expenditure of $500,000 for each aviation death.

In Canada, Saskatchewan, which has the lowest automobile fatality rate of one death for every 20 million miles, has a rate still 25 times greater than the rate for aviation. Yet, across Canada less than one cent of every motor vehicle registration fee goes to preventive research.

With the completion of our fine trans-Canada highway system, it is time we took a second look at this challenge of curbing traffic deaths by the means which, in the case of other fatalities, has proved so effective as a deterrent.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In the traffic survey report now before city council, appropriate attention has been paid to the need for co-operation on the part of motorists. It often seems, however, that there is even more urgent need for co-operation on the part of pedestrians

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It is in keeping with the times that an adequate minimum wage rate should be established in this province. The Executive Council has approved a $1.00 per hour rate in Charlottetown and Summerside, and the provincial labor relations board is working on a minimum wage for men in other parts of the Island. It will make recommendations to the government within a fortnight, and there is every reason to believe that these will receive the same favorable consideration.

OTTAWA SHAKESPEARE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

General Election Returns Analyzed

The 1962 General Election was even more of a "squeaker" than the election night returns indicated.

This is confirmed by the official tabulation of the final count, poll by poll and constituency by constituency, just released by our indefatigable Chief Electoral Officer, Nelson Castonguay.

Less than one-twentieth of one per cent of the electorate of over 9,650,000 represented the difference between the nationwide support given to each of the two big parties, with the Liberals' total of 2,871,863 giving them the edge by 4,315 votes.

The Liberals' total vote was well short of their record of 2,929,391 votes which they attracted from a smaller electorate in the 1949 election. But it just nosed out their 1953 total to be the second largest poll they have ever attracted.

For the Conservatives, this was also their second highest poll in history. But it fell more than one million votes short of the 3,911,195 which they totalled in 1958, and which remains by far the highest total vote ever gained by any political party in Canadian politics.

SMALL PARTIES BOOM

The New Democratic Party won a total of 1,036,056 as 1962 saw the first one-million-vote poll ever given to socialism in Canada. The old Co-operative Commonwealth Federation attained a peak of 822,661 votes in 1945. But that figure represented 16 per cent of the total votes cast that year; the million-vote poll won by the NDP this year represented only a considerably smaller 11 per cent of the total votes cast by all electors.

The 19 NDP M.Ps elected this year compare poorly in total with the CCF's peak of 28 M.Ps elected in that 1945 election.

The Social Credit group have even more cause for satisfaction in making this a banner year for their party. Their candidates together attracted 896,427 votes, more than double their previous best attained in 1957. In that year they elected 19 M.Ps, which was their best performance prior to this year's election when 30 of their candidates were elected to Parliament.

There will few tears shed for the communists, who this year polled a total of 6,356 votes, in vivid contrast and marking a steady decline from the surprising total of 111,892 votes which they amassed in 1945.

VOTES MAKE SEATS

The relationship between votes received and seats won offers some paradoxes.

This year, the Conservatives won 116 seats in the House of Commons, while the Liberals with a slightly larger total vote won only 100 seats.

But on the basis of proportional representation, each of those parties would have won only 98 seats. By the same exact relationship to the toal votes, the NDP would have won 37 instead of the 19 seats they now hold; and the Social Credit group would have won 32 seats, slightly more than their actual 30.

The record polls attracted this year by the two smaller parties indicate a weakening of the hold of the two old parties on the electorate. But the progressive slumping of the electoral appeal of independent candidates since the war suggests that party machines increasingly dominate the electoral field. When one realises that sums in excess of $50,000 are not uncommonly spent by just one candidate, it is easy to appreciate that it is undemocratically tough for an individualistic little guy to buck candidates supported by the fund-raising drives of the big party machines.

Perhaps also the North American tendency to conformism is spreading over into the field of politics, so that few voters want to support a maverick candidate who might have some original theory to fight for in Parliament, but who cannot expect to deliver any patronage to his constituency. Whatever the reason, the votes dedicated to candidates outside the four national parties have steadily dwindled in total, from 582,393 in 1945 to only 14,315 this year.

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. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to enter into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

P.E.I. RE-VISITED

Sir, — Back from a vacation in the Garden of Paradise, where the Gulf and the Strait replace the Indus and the Euphrates in their confluence at Cape North and East Point, and the attire from fig leaves to silk gowns made the sojourn on the Isle a pleasurable one indeed.

While the foregoing comparisons may leap across the centuries in a rather far-fetched manner, nevertheless, the changes incident thereto indicate what has happened in a small way, since 1904 when I pulled stakes on P.E.I. when I got 10c for twelve hours work planting potatoes, and a similar barter exchange for digging them; when baskets were heavy and carts were high, and the age of the undersigned was twelve years, and his body yet weak in development.

However, much water has gone over the dam and through the flume, and many planes and rockets have pierced the heavens since those nostalgic days of boyhood, when parents were kind and nature was often boisterous and very exacting. Nevertheless, the memories ar inspiring, and the experience laid the basis on which life was prepared for its contacts with the realities that it encountered, far from the neighbors, friends and the parental habitat of birth and kindness.

So, in retrospect, and in perspective, we dream of the past, live in the present and envision the future, with the full measure of our capacity as men of the soil; artisans of toil and recorders of facts and fancies, in our journey along the miles and milestones of life.

I am, Sir, etc.,
PETER A. REILLY
Arlington, Mass.

SEEKING PEN FRIENDS

Sir, — Please forgive us for our rudeness in bothering your busy hours but we are Japanese girls looking for pen friends in your country.

We couldn't get any pen friends in your country because we didn't know how to. But recently we were told by the Youth Council for the International Contact, Tokyo, to write to you asking for some pen friends; so we are writing this letter to you with a big hope.

Here are our brief self introductions. We are Japanese girls aged sixteen years. Masako attend the first grade at Komugakuin High School, Keika attend the first grade at Kaiskhaiawa High School. Our hobbies are music, reading and tennis.

Sincerely,
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A Run In Her Nylons

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Runs in women's hosiery may be on the way out, according to intelligence received from the trade. If so, there will be an end to one of the very special mysteries of women as we know them today.

The reaction of a woman who has sprung a run in her stocking is, to a man, a puzzle within a riddle within an enigma within quite a slender piece of thread.

It is an exasperation unlike any other, and yet not altogether an exasperation: A goggle eyed disbelief, a reluctant, baffled resignation to what has been aptly called "the utter depravity of inanimate objects"; a sense of being sore put upon, without a hint at hand as to who or what did the putting.

The sheer, one thread unexpectedness of it grows with repetition, so that the thousandth and one run is regarded even more vibrantly than the first.

It is a phenomenon for a mere man to ponder over with the inexhaustible curiosity of scientific inquiry into why they do such things.

So we elect to believe that runs in women's stockings are one of the established and inalienable mysteries of their sex, not likely to be lost till some while after holes stop showing in men's socks.

Boating Peril

Ottawa Journal

Near Kirkland Lake an RCMP patrol stopped a small motorboat and found that it contained three women, seven children, one man at the tiller and only three life-saving cushions. The man at the tiller was sent to jail for 10 days for overloading his boat.

If a few equally stiff sentences were handed out to those power boat jockeys who enjoy making rowboats and canoes bob up and down in their wake and those who use swimmers as live gates in a salmon run on water, our Summer resort waters would soon be civilized again.

The Poets Corner

COUNTDOWN

Cat, you'd better hunt for cover,
Sleeping there upon the wall,
Sun-relaxed, your tail hung over,
Bodes you nothing good at all.

Mockingbird, song ceased, regards you
With a fierce, aggressive eye.
Better go where shade affords you
Some protection from the sky.

Like a fighter he'll plummet
Down upon your innocence.
You'll be ambushed in a moment;
Cat, you'd better leave your fence...

—Bonnie May Melody
in the Christian Science Monitor

FAST PUMPS

Pumps in the new 50,000-ton Italian tanker Agip Ancona can empty the vessel's hold in just nine hours.

Finding Diabetes In Kiddies Vital

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

CHILDHOOD diabetes is a serious condition. Early recognition and adequate treatment is the only way to avoid serious complications involving the eyes and blood vessels. Many authorities are so concerned about this aspect they are seeking ways to diagnose the condition before it actually develops.

This sounds incredible but, in some instances, it has been possible to delay and keep the disease in a mild and harmless stage for many years. The trick is to ferret out the child who stands a good chance of developing the disease.

The physician must make use of every possible clew that suggests Johnny or Carol is going to get diabetes. We know, for example, it is hereditary in that one in five persons carries the characteristics in their germ cells. When two persons with a family history of diabetes marry, the possibility of having diabetic offspring must be considered. The chances are greater when both have the disease.

In this respect, the first hint is a family of the malady. This is not always easy to obtain because the mother or father may not become diabetic until middle or late life. But there are certain signs that the mother is going to get the disease in years to come.

Some have repeated miscarriages or stillbirths. Others deliver babies over 9 pounds at birth. These women may put on weight after each child is born or develop "temporary" diabetes while pregnant. Women with this obstetric history should have laboratory tests made, such as the standard glucose tolerance test. This procedure uncovers the potential sufferer long before sugar appears in the urine.

To give the test, a certain amount of sugar is taken and then blood and urine studies are made at one-half hour intervals for two hours to determine whether the carbohydrate is metabolized in a normal way or like a diabetic. This test is an important clew and may be positive years before the disease is diagnosed.

(Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.)

SOFT SHOES

LINDA writes: One day when a group of us were playing jump the ball, one of our grade school teachers came along and gave us heck for wearing running shoes on a wet day. She said it could give us rheumatic fever. Please tell me how we could get this fever from wearing running shoes on a wet day.

REPLY

Rheumatic fever usually develops 10 days to two weeks after a streptococcal infection. It has nothing to do with the type of shoe worn. Years ago, rubbers and rubber soled shoes had a bad reputation of an equally silly sort.

BIFOCALS FOR CHILD

Mrs. K. writes: Is it considered unusual for a 7-year-old who is slightly myopic to have to wear bifocals? She has trouble reading.

REPLY

Most people with myopia (shortsightedness) need glasses to read. I assume the ophthalmologist has reasons for suggesting bifocals — one lens for astigmatism and one for distance.

HAIR GROWTH

Mrs. P.M. writes: Is there any way to make hair grow faster at age 52?

REPLY

There is no magic formula for this purpose. Wigs have become popular and if you have the money you could get one to make you look like Harpo Marx.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT —

Don't leave used razor blades around loose.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
August 15, 1937

Brain Stanley, Professor of Education in Durham University, Durham, England left Charlottetown Thursday for Halifax, after a visit to this province for a few days studying our educational system. He renewed his acquaintance with Professor H. H. Shaw whom he had met overseas, and also met Dr. S.N. Robertson, Principal of Prince of Wales College, and other educationalists.

A brush fire was raging in French Village, about two miles from Mount Stewart, last night and Mounted Police were directing the efforts of a large number of volunteer fire fighters who labored to subdue the flames. A light shower of rain shortly after nine o'clock gave temporary hope that the fire would be brought under control, but clearing weather and high wind sent the flames rapidly through green timber, tinder dry after six weeks with little rainfall.

TEN YEARS AGO
August 15, 1952

The induction of Rev. A. Frank MacLean, B.A. as minister of Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, in succession to Rev. H.E.D. Ashford, D.D. is expected to take place early in September.

The Prince Edward Island "Lads and Lassies" Band won second place at the 14th annual Gaelic Mod in Baddeck, N.S. The Sidney Girls Pipe Band was judged best in junior piping. Marilyn White of Westville won the grand championship in Highland dancing.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Wisconsin has ruled that urchins who dig up worms to sell to fishermen must collect sales tax and rebate it to the state. — Windsor Star.

The shopper saw a coat in the window and went in and asked the price. "For that coat", the dealer said, "I'm not asking $12. I'm asking only $10". "See here", said the customer, "I'm not offering only $7. I'm offering only $5." "Sold", the dealer said. "That is the way I like to do business. No chiselling". — Sarnia Observer.

"Lassie Come Home", that celebrated children's classic of a collie who covers hundreds of miles to return to her young master, is not so far-fetched as Hollywood has made it. A news item from Stouffville, Ont., tells of Queenie, an 11-year-old deer hound lost 18 months ago 250 miles from home. Her master spotted her plodding down the highway near his home and she came running when he called her name. For nine years the pair had hunted together in Algonquin Park, and a touching reunion it must have been. Ottawa Journal.

Canadians can take little pride in the figures produced by the 1961 census on Canada's linguistic standards. Only 12 per cent of Canadians can speak the two languages. In Quebec one quarter of the population is bilingual; in Ontario only 7.6 per cent. The percentage in other provinces is even lower. Until this situation is corrected there is little excuse for English-speaking Canadians prating of the need of national unity or condemning separatist movements in French Canada.— Hamilton Spectator.

In the good old days it wasn't necessary for a person to become an acrobat in order to qualify as a dancer. — Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

A Washington, D. C., high school teacher has come to the conclusion that Canada and the United States should unite to form one big country. Who could ever decide to the satisfaction of both sides whether to permit downfield blocking in football? — Calgary Albertan.

Mr. Real Caouette says that the Liberals and the Conservatives have lost the confidence of the Canadian people. But he must be using Social Credit accounting methods if he thinks his party has won it. — Ottawa Journal.

The office manager noticed that each time the young shipping clerk took a bunch of invoices to the typist's desk, he invariably whispered something to her and she whispered back. After their latest exchange, the manager asked the typist: "And what do you say when the young swain whispers sweet little-nothings into your ear?" The typist answered: "I whisper back sweet little nothing-doings." — Financial Post.

"I've got a pretty distasteful job before me," remarked the genealogist. "Mrs. Newrich employed me to look up her family-tree, and I've got to inform her that one of her relatives was electrocuted." "Why worry about that?" said his friend. Just write that the man in question occupied the chair of applied electricity at one of our public institutions." — Montreal Star.

Critics Of Winter Works

Pembroke Observer

The federal government has announced that the winter works incentive program will be continued again this year. It appears that this is one program which will be spared the government's austerity axe.

While welcoming the news that the program will continue, there is still room to support criticism from opposition parties. The program has failed to really touch seasonal unemployment, and it throws too much of the cost for what has been done upon the lower levels of government.

The government provides figures which show the benefits of the winter works plan. An estimated 146,000 men were given on-site employment last winter for a total of 5,800,000 mandays of work. Some 8,257 local projects received approval.

Liberal party critics have pointed out that while finding part-time jobs for 146,000 of half a million unemployed is a help, it is a long way short of perfection. Part of the trouble, they have said, is the method of financing winter works. The federal government pays one-half of the labor costs for approved projects. But the average labor content in winter works is only about 34 per cent. The federal contribution to the entire project, then, is 17 per cent. The province and the municipality pay the remainder; and something more than half is paid by the municipality.

Few municipalities are in a financial position to bear this burden, the opposition claims. As a result, full advanage of the plan cannot be taken, nor can it be expanded. One suggested solution: long term, low interest loans to municipalities with which to finance improvement projects that could be done, or partly done, under winter works. It sounds like a reasonable proposal for expansion of the winter works program.

Boston Propriety

New York Herald-Tribune

Times change, and not always for the better in the lives of writers who dream of enhancing their literary fortunes by getting a book banned in Boston. Things looked good when State Attorney General Edward McCormack jr. followed tradition and ruled against "Tropic of Cancer." But then the Massachusetts Supreme Court came along and upset the book cart by ruling, four-to-three, that "Tropic is legally permissible, adding, however, that the Henry Miller work is "dull, dreary and offensive."

What this means to one book and one author is less important than its significance to all those others standing in line, hoping to win the distinction of aucor non gratus in a city that has made its ban as famous as its bean. This is ban news indeed, for here was one of the great short cuts to the best-seller list.

The honorable justices may not have realized it, but in their wisdom they raised another question that may be more troublesome than judging the morality of a book. What should a reader do when such an august jury brands something as "dull and dreary"? And whence comes the authority to stand as a critic and pass down a literary caveat? After all, one man's dullness is another man's dish of belles-lettres. Perhaps Bostonians, with their legendary nose for propriety, will have something to say about the right of a court of law to tell anybody what's drear and what isn't in the world of books. There's an opportunity here for a layman's obiter dictum.

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