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

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Civil Defence

The retiring head of Canada's civil defence organization is reported to have told the Federal Government that the system—what there is of it—is virtually useless and that measures should be taken either to strengthen it or to scrap it.

If the report is true, it will come as no surprise to anyone. The fact is that the former Liberal Government entered upon its civil defence program in a half-hearted fashion. And understandably so, since at the time it was planned it was generally assumed that an attack, if it does come, will be by nuclear bombs against which there would be little defence, if any, as far as the public is concerned. How could cities like Montreal, Toronto or Winnipeg or, for that matter, cities of any size be evacuated in the few minutes which would elapse between a warning of approaching aircraft—not to mention long range missiles—and the actual attack? And if by some miracle as yet unknown this could be done, where would the millions of displaced persons go and how would they be sheltered and fed? How would they be protected against radioactive fallout which certainly would not be confined to any particular area?

The reason why civil defence exercises have been more or less a failure is that the public and the officials themselves have very little confidence in their efficiency in an emergency. The situation might be a little more manageable if an attack should be made by "conventional" bombs, but not enough to make much difference to the general confusion. In any event, the Government will have to convince the people that civil defence has some practical meaning and not merely theoretical meaning if it expects any worthwhile measure of public co-operation. So far, nothing that has been said or done has conveyed that impression.

A Good Story

While a dozen or more cities in the Southern United States are plagued by racial troubles over school integration, there is one city which has made the transition peacefully and successfully. It is Louisville, Kentucky, which while it is not exactly in the "Deep South", is a city of Southern traditions where strict segregation of the races was the rule until five or six years ago when limited integration was permitted in public libraries and professional societies, but not in the schools. Today Louisville schools are open to children of both races and have been for more than two years; and almost everybody is happy about it, or at least satisfied with it.

The individual credited with playing the most important role in this achievement was Mr. Omer Carmichael, Superintendent of Schools and an experienced administrator. Mr. Carmichael, in collaboration with Mr. Weldon James, Associate Editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, has now written a book about it. It is called the "Louisville Story" and is published by Simon and Schuster.

Mr. Carmichael makes clear that the success in integrating Louisville schools was due mainly to the fact that the Governor of the state, the Mayor and Council of the city, teachers and school officials, the police and most citizens were determined at the outset to make it succeed. There were, of course, many persons—and Mr. Carmichael admits this—who wondered at the time whether integration was wise. But even they recognized the inevitability of the change and agreed that, since it must come sooner or later, the thing to do was to bring it about as quickly as possible and with the least possible irritation. Above all, there was a general respect for the law as interpreted by the Supreme Court.

Mr. Carmichael points out that there are still difficulties to be faced and overcome, a process which will take time. There is, for example, a difficult situation for the teachers who have discovered that many of the Negro pupils are behind the white children of the same age group in scholastic ability. But this is not to be wondered at, since the Negroes had been for so long at a disadvantage; for, although the slogan had been "separate but equal", in very few instances were the Negro schools as efficient as the others. But, on the whole, the new system is working satisfactorily, and that is what counts.

The Louisville story is good to read and better still to ponder. It will encourage many thoughtful citizens of other Southern communities to do the right thing and free themselves from the influence of lawless men.

Persecution In Hungary

That the present Hungarian regime is committed to a policy of persecution and repression of freedom is indicated in a report which appeared recently in Hungarian newspapers. It says that at least one Roman Catholic priest has been executed in recent weeks on charges of "counter-revolutionary activities" against the Communist Government. The execution took place shortly after he had been found guilty of hiding arms and serving on a revolutionary committee during last fall's revolt. His housekeeper, the report adds, was sent to prison for five years on charges of helping him conceal a weapon. Following the usual totalitarian pattern, neither was permitted legal counsel.

Nor is the Government's wrath confined to the Roman Catholic Church. Other reports broadcast over the Budapest radio say that Premier Kadar is preparing to "hold trials" of a number of Church leaders, both Catholic and Protestant, on charges of "stealing secret documents from the State Office of Church Affairs, writing and distributing anti-Communist leaflets and hiding counter-revolutionary elements." Included in the number is Cardinal Mindszenty's private secretary who was arrested last November at about the time the Cardinal was given refuge in the American Embassy.

It is evident that Church leaders in Hungary are facing a very difficult period and that the assurances of religious and civil freedom given in the U.N. General Assembly by the Hungarian delegation are without the slightest foundation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Congratulations to a Mrs. Mooney of Placentia, Newfoundland, who celebrated her 108th birthday a few days ago. Mrs. Mooney believes she is the oldest woman in Canada. If she isn't, she is certainly headed that way.

According to Science Service, a professor of astrophysics says that the "magic carpet" of legend will be a reality soon. It will be made of tiny closed cells filled with hydrogen or helium, the cell walls being so strong and light that the whole carpet will be lighter than air.

Most people regard taxes as unpleasant but inevitable. The citizens of St. Pierre and Miquelon hold another view. A few years ago they forced the recall of the governor who dared to tax them, and they are now demanding the recall of his successor for the same reason. After having been tax-free for so long they simply don't relish 20 per cent duties. Visitors don't like them either, for it means much higher prices for liquor, among other things.

A new fish has been discovered in Nova Scotia. It is the tautog, often known as blackfish; and its newly found habitat is Eel Lake. No one knew the fish were there until a diver went to the bottom on some other mission and reported seeing thousands of strange fish which later were identified by experts as tautog. Since then fishermen have caught as many as 40 in one day, most of them in the 5-pound class. The tautog is really a salt water fish. Eel Lake, partly fresh and partly salt is connected with the sea by a 100 yard tidal channel. It is thought that the fish entered the lake, probably centuries ago, to escape the sharks and other predators.



FANNING THE EMBERS

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.

TRAFFIC LAWS

Sir,—On the evening of Sept. 20, while waiting for a barber shop to open, there were things I noticed which I would like to comment on. The first was an ambulance proceeding east on Kent Street, passing through a red light. Correct me if I am wrong, but an ambulance has more right to kill two people to save one, than any John Q. citizen.

The second thing I noticed was a City policeman on a motor cycle jaunting by a line of cars, rounding the corner in front of the preceding car, thus violating a traffic law. On another occasion I had the opportunity of having an R.C.M.P. officer pass in front of me in the same manner just mentioned. Had I wanted to I could have smashed into this officer and made a case of this offence, but through judgment of good sense I waited for him to pass.

Might I say, Sir, that what the public does not know is the City Police and R.C.M.P. are not "law and order" but public servants paid by the public to uphold law and order passed down to them. If they fail to do this they can be brought before a court for judgment just as any other citizen can be. Too many times accidents occur leaving the small guy to pay for it all. I think it is nearly time that these public servants were taught what the meaning of law and order is, and also taught to show a good example to the rest of the public.

I am Sir, etc., JOSEPH L. MARTIN

157 Kent Street, Charlottetown.

(Editor's Note: On this subject the Highway Traffic Act, Part IV, sections 5 and 6, provides: "(5) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway shall yield the right of way to ambulances travelling in emergencies and to police and fire department vehicles operated upon official business when the drivers thereof give clearly audible signals of bell, siren or exhaust whistle. This provision shall not relieve the driver of an ambulance travelling in emergencies, a police or fire department vehicle, from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway, nor shall it protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of an arbitrary assumption of such right of way.")

(6) Upon the approach of an ambulance, police or fire department vehicle, giving clearly audible signal by bell, siren or exhaust whistle, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right hand edge or curb of the highway, clear of any intersection of highways, and remain in such position, unless otherwise directed by a police or traffic officer, until the ambulance, police or fire department vehicle shall have passed.")

C.F.P. POLICIES

Sir,—During his recent speech in Charlottetown, Prime Minister Diefenbaker made insinuations about the CCF which call for comment. Mr. Diefenbaker said his government wasn't going to be pushed around by Opposition parties and that plans the CCF had made concerning its activities during the next session of Parliament weren't going to deter the government from "bringing before Parliament measures which are very much in the public interest as a whole." Thus he implies that the legislation the CCF feels should receive priority at this time is not in the public interest. He doesn't say what the legislation would be, if he went far enough

OTTAWA REPORT

Preparing For Royalty

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: Prime Minister Diefenbaker and his wife Olive are each attending in their own capacities to the little details which must be prepared for the visit of Queen Elizabeth next month. Mr. Diefenbaker walked across from his East Block office to see the progress being made in redecorating the Senate Chamber, where the Queen will officially open our Twenty-Third Parliament. When he arrived, Robert Groh had just finished sewing together strips cut from half a mile of red carpet, specially imported from Germany, to re-cover the floor of the Chamber.

And Mrs. Diefenbaker is considering the familiar problem of every housewife: what to give the family to eat. But her family party on 15th October will be more than that: she will act as hostess to the Queen, Prince Philip and other distinguished guests at the Prime Minister's official Ottawa residence. Suggestions for the menu are being sent to her by Stephen Wojciech, normally head chef of Toronto's King Edward Hotel, who will be head chef at 24 Sussex Street, Ottawa, on that great evening. And like every Mister, John Diefenbaker has made a suggestion to his Missus: why not eat Saskatchewan wild duck, which he will go to his home province and shoot for the occasion with his own little gun?

LORD PAPER-HANGER A similar little domestic note from an important family comes from England, where our former Governor-General Field Marshal Earl Alexander has been helping his wife redecorate seven rooms in their new home at Valcartier. They found that the hardest job was stripping off the old wallpaper. Hardest, maybe, but I speak with bitter personal feeling when I wonder if they found any job so finicky as repainting the storm windows.

NEW HISTORY FOR US Many competent judges consider that the best history of our country ever written for senior students and their parents was "Dominion of the North," published 13 years ago, this was written by our most widely recognized and most highly honored historical biographer, Professor Donald Creighton, chairman of the department of History at Toronto University. This month a new edition of "Dominion of the North" has been published by MacMillan. But it is more than a new edition, for Professor Creighton has brought the history up to date by adding a long and interesting chapter on our post-war history. In these seventy-five pages we can already obtain a glimpse of how posterity will assess our immediate post-war decade as well as our conduct of the war.

The profile of Canada written by this twofold winner of the medal is a model of historical writing, filled with the facts, based on painstakingly complete research, and on an easy-flowing pleasure-to-read style which we have come to expect from the author of the outstanding biography of our great first Prime Minister, Sir John Macdonald.

A flamboyant footnote to early North American history arrived at these shores this summer, and has ever since been drawing record crowds of sightseers at Plymouth, Massachusetts, and at New York City. This is the British-built replica of the famous little ship "Mayflower," which brought the first courageous Pilgrim Fathers to the new world. The first Mayflower was a toy of 180 tons, smaller than many a St. Lawrence River ferryboat, yet she brought 102 adventurers and her crew across the Atlantic in 1620. Twelve years earlier, an armada of three ships with a small total tonnage had carried Captain John Smith and his first settlers to establish the colony of Virginia. These were the "Susan Constant" of 100 tons, the "God Speed" of 40 tons and the incredible "Discovery" of a mere 10 tons.

But this 20th century replica contains historical inaccuracies in its name "Mayflower II." For the second Mayflower actually crossed the Atlantic with more pilgrims just nine years after the first. It sailed from Gravesend, England, to Naumkeag (now Salem) Massachusetts under the command of Captain William Peirce. Among the unsung heroes aboard was Thomas Willet, who 35 years later became the first English mayor of

Writing Valcartier Story Montreal Gazette There has always been a history to be told in the army camp at Valcartier. And it is good to know that it has now been written, in a most interesting pamphlet by Col. H. M. Catcart, the camp's ex-commander, now serving at The Hague. The camp will always be remembered as the ground where the Canadian Expeditionary Force to do that, his whole line of argument would break down. The legislators of the CCF consider the most important falls into four main categories: increased old age pensions, a better deal for agriculture, a national health plan and action to keep down the cost of living. Progressive Conservative spokesmen were loud in their promises concerning the first three of these before the election, and the CCF will do all it can to make sure these promises are kept. The CCF has been more vocal than other parties about the fourth point. This is an important matter on which most Canadians desire some real action, and the government might well be expected to take such action. The things the CCF plans to press the government to do are very much in the public interest. Mr. Diefenbaker should attempt no further to make people believe otherwise. I am Sir, etc., DOUGLAS MacFARLANE, President, CCF, P.E.I. Section.

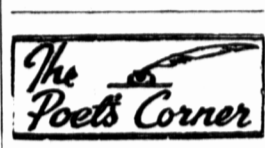
NOTES BY THE WAY

One reason many people don't enjoy a vacation is that they take themselves along.—Ottawa Citizen. It's funny how a man will stand out in the blazing sun to fish because it's too hot to go to church.—London Free Press.

His statement that all Communists are equal is something like George Orwell's Animal Farm in which all animals are equal, but some are more equal than others.—Sherbrooke Record.

Brantford pioneered floridation in this province and the successful results of the experiment are known literally the world over. Dental decay has been spectacularly reduced, yet there has never been any title of evidence of any harm being done.—Brantford Expositor.

There is no better time than now to check heating apparatus to make sure it is in good shape before the heating season starts. Too many "first" fires are started in furnaces that need repairs or cleaning out. Too many pipes and flues are filled with soot to start chimney fires.—Sudbury Star.



SEPTEMBER MORN

Dawn light flecked with gold. A stillness in the leaves; White shawls of mist About the tanned shoulders of the hills, With their gauzy ends, trailing, floating. Down the long ripe valleys. Soon the alchemy of Phoebus Will gild the pleasant land: A vast harvest of changeling gold Will lie, heaped beneath the stripped trees, Which like gnarled geni will silent and steadfast, through the long white night. Until their sentry watch is over. And Spring's warm breath will stir The quiet earth to living day.

— WM. H. DOUGETTE C.S.S.R. Rollo Bay and Toronto.

The Age Old Story

The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(Sept. 24, 1932) A systematic study of the causes underlying the depletion of eel grass in the coastal waters and rivers of this Province and other Maritime provinces is being made by Dr. H. F. Lewes of Ottawa. Dr. Lewes was unwilling to state the possible cause for the present depletion, and said that a number of theories might be entertained. Analysis will be carried out on the plants and the water in an effort to determine the cause.

The C.G.S. Brant, under command of Captain Basil Kelly which left here some two weeks ago with a cargo of lighthouse supplies for Cheticamp and the Magdalen Islands, arrived in port yesterday after encountering one of the worst storms in the four years that the ship has been sailing, causing some anxiety at times when the wind and seas were at their worst.

TEN YEARS AGO

(Sept. 24, 1947) Prize winners in the 1947 competitions were announced last evening by the P.E.I. Rural Beautification Society. The provincial winner in the home competition was Mr. Earl Hogg of Wilnot, who won the coveted Lt. Governor J.A. Bernard Trophy. In the school competition, Glen Roy school district carried off the Provincial honours.

The Special Committee of the Provincial Federation of Agriculture met with the Management of the local branch of Canada Packers and the officials of the local C.I.O. Union last evening. Several possible steps for a settlement of the strike were discussed but no definite decisions were arrived at.

MAXIMS

We ought not to look back unless it is to derive useful lessons from past errors.

the 1930's. These in this work camp were kept busy levelling off some 100 air fields. PROVED VITAL

This was only a "make-work" policy. But its ultimate usefulness was to prove critically important. "Without this work," writes Col. Catcart, "we would not have been in such a favorable position as we were to take on the tremendous task of training so many air-crew from all parts of the Commonwealth."

The days of tents or temporary wooden structures are now over at Valcartier. Between 1953 and 1957 permanent buildings of the most modern design and equipment have been put up. But the past is very much in mind at the camp. All the streets are named after those who once trained at camp but later gave their lives in battle. There is much to remember at Valcartier, and it is not being forgotten.

Arabi's defence minister, Khalid el Azm, says he feels the Soviet Union has no designs in the Middle East except to see the Arab nations "entirely independent and free from any influence, either from the West or from the Soviet Union itself." He believes that he'll believe any thing.—Toronto Star. What good, asks Junior, does a cold bath do you? The standard answers do not convince him. In fact, he hardly listens to them. So here's an answer that will not convince him either, but at any rate he may listen. A hen that took a cold bath laid 17 eggs in five days. Previously she had been laying an egg every other day, which is about par. But one day, the temperature in her coop rose about 100, and she passed out. Her owner threw a bucket of cold water over her to revive her. After that she started her egg-laying spree. Some days she laid three eggs, some days four.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

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