

Meaningful Approach

Elsewhere on this page appears the text of an appeal by Prime Minister Menzies of Australia for statesmanship on both sides of the Atlantic in dealing with the Middle East crisis. As Mr. Menzies says, this is not the time to be standing on fine points of protocol. We must concentrate on "rebuilding old bridges." The defence of the free world depends essentially not on resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations but on the closest friendliest co-operation between the great powers of Western Europe and the United States. They must be prepared, not only to work together but fight together, if necessary, to resist and defeat Communist aggression. Otherwise, the United Nations may become—as it is now threatening to become—a discredited institution and the grand alliance, which alone can put strength into it, may be weakened so seriously that reckless action of the Communist powers may be positively encouraged.

In the darkest days of the Suez crisis, Mr. Menzies did not hesitate to support Britain and France. His reasons for doing so are clearly set forth in his statement, which is certainly not that of a "chore boy" for Britain or any other country. They are the words of a man who does his own thinking, and who has practical suggestions to offer based on experience and conviction. Would that we had more of his ilk in the Commonwealth today!

The British Request

The Federal Government's tentative announcement that it is willing to forgo the 1956 interest payment owed by Britain on the 1946 loan from this country will undoubtedly have the wholehearted support of most Canadians. It is a little disturbing, however, to note that Canada's final decision in this matter will probably depend on what action is taken by the United States Congress respecting interest due on a loan raised in the United States at the same time. The official reason given for this "wait-to-see-what-Washington-does" policy is that the two loans "were linked in a technical way," whatever that might mean. In light of other events in the past few weeks it seems possible that yet another reason is behind the hesitancy at Ottawa, namely, the Government's emulation of United States' policy wherever it might lead and whatever it might involve.

In any event, it is difficult to see why the Canadian Government cannot act on its own for this once. If there are, in fact, "technical links" barring independent action, surely it would be no great task to get rid of them. And if a special Act of Parliament would be helpful, that, too, should be easy to arrange. In short, the British request to Canada should be considered on its merits—which, incidentally, are beyond dispute—without waiting several months for the United States Congress to give the nod of approval.

Sheep Of Ancient Lineage

The tourist, if he travels far enough, is apt to find some oddities in the Highlands of Scotland. These oddities include Soay sheep, believed by many experts to be the oldest existing breed.

The passing recently of the fifth marquis of Bute, at the early age of 49, recalls that the Crichton-Stuart family, of which he was a member, were largely responsible for the saving of the Soay sheep from utter extinction. The breed traces its descent from the original wild sheep of northern Europe.

Many centuries ago the Vikings, from their strongholds in Orkney and Shetland, made frequent raids on the Hebrides, bringing back with them cattle and sheep in what was known as "chattel ships."

According to the story, one of these ships, separated from the Viking fleet in a storm, found shelter in a bay on an uninhabited island, now known as St. Kilda's. They

stayed and settled there, and so remained till, centuries later, the Macleods of Macleod took over, and, finding the sheep, transferred them to Soay Isle nearby. About 1930, St. Kilda, which is 40 miles offshore in the Atlantic, was deserted by its inhabitants, and with its neighboring isles came into the possession of the Crichton-Stuart family. Under the new regime, St. Kilda was made a bird sanctuary, and the Soay sheep were re-established on Hirta, another island in the group, where, from all accounts, they are thriving.

In size, the Soay sheep is not too impressive, and at a distance the little, chocolate-hued animals look more like deer than sheep. But, because of their isolation they have come down the centuries untaunted by a mixture from any of the numerous and much larger sheep which the border Scots from time to time imported—without the consent of the owners—from the English sheepfolds south of the Tweed.

As a source of wool and mutton, the little brown Soay may not rate high; but so far as ancestry goes, the Soay breed is among the world's purest.

M. C. A. Anniversary

Maritime Central Airways has become an institution of such importance to these seaboard Provinces and across Canada that it comes as a surprise to be reminded that it but fifteen years ago today since it commenced serving our people with continuous daily air transportation. From its beginning in 1941, M.C.A. today flies millions of miles and carries thousands of passengers and all types of equipment and material to all parts of the world. It is in world news at present for its activities in flying Hungarian refugees from Austria to Canada, and it is outstanding among the air lines of the world for its high standards of efficiency and safety.

We are proud of the connection this Province has had with M.C.A. since its inception, and with its manager, Captain Carl Burke, who has seen a magnificent dream come true and has been largely responsible for its realization. His highly successful career goes to prove that opportunities are where you make them. Congratulations to Captain Burke today, and to his splendid organization!

EDITORIAL NOTES

For the first eight months of this year Canadian imports from the United States amounted to nearly \$3 billion while those from the United Kingdom amounted to only \$327 million.

Washington officials are spraying trees on the route through which the Presidential inauguration parade will pass in January with some sort of chemical they hope will keep the starlings at a distance. Imagine trying to keep the biggest single racial group from being represented in the big parade!

At last the Egyptian dictator knows where the United States stands in at least one aspect of the Suez crisis. State Department officials have told him that they would regard any unavoidable delay in clearing the canal as a breach of the 1888 treaty which guaranteed freedom of transit for all ships. Nasser should worry! For eight years he has been keeping Israeli ships from using the waterway, thus defying the treaty, and neither the United States nor the United Nations has done the slightest thing about it.

The Bank of Canada, notes an exchange, has made a departure in banking procedure that no central Bank anywhere in the world has made before. It has given up the only action of central banking that normally gets into the newspapers, that the general public is aware of. That is the ritual of fixing a "bank rate"—the rate of interest at which the central Bank stands ready to lend to the chartered banks and money market dealers if, as a last resort, they need cash from it. Instead of this rate being fixed by the judgment of the Bank, it is now related automatically to the short-term interest rate determined in the money market through the weekly tender for Treasury bills. Whatever the average rate of the tender at mid-day each Thursday, Bank rate for the following seven days is now that plus one quarter of one per cent.



ANOTHER CAROL

Appeal For Statesmanship

Text of a statement by the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia.

If from now on constructive efforts are to be made to repair the breach which has occurred in Anglo-American relations it seems quite clear that the approach should be that of realism and not that of theory. The first thing is to get the facts right. I have doubts as to whether even now they are as clearly understood in the United States of America as they are in Australia. It seems to me that the stark facts of the present situation in the Middle East could be put in this way. Great Britain and France have been ordered out of Egypt by the General Assembly of the United Nations. Their forces are being replaced by a fragmentary United Nations force which is pretty clearly not designed to be a fighting body. The whole operation appears to be based on the consent of Colonel Nasser and subject to whatever conditions he thinks fit to impose. This means that Egyptian military defeat having been arrested on the very threshold, Colonel Nasser remains in possession of the field and appears to be dictating terms as if he were a victor.

The Soviet Union is notoriously supplying implements of war to both Egypt, Syria, and possibly to other Arab states. Israel, having been ordered out of territory which she captured so swiftly from the Egyptians, and herself once more hemmed in by those who are hostile to her and whose capacity to attack her is being steadily built up. When the Soviet Union becomes a military benefactor of a small nation, that nation very soon becomes in effect a satellite in the Communist mind. Assistance once accepted involves domination. The humiliation of Great Britain and France in the Middle East therefore is contemporary with the first movements designed by the Soviet Union to give her access to the waters of the Mediterranean.

ACT OF SABOTAGE

Meanwhile Colonel Nasser, without any domination by the General Assembly which appears to have been so eager to divert its attention from the massacre of Hungary that it has concentrated all its fury upon Great Britain and France, has sabotaged the Canal, has directed the sinking of many vessels in it and has put it out of action for many months. In the meantime the current oil supplies of Great Britain and Western Europe have been terribly reduced, petrol rationing has been reintroduced and a great deal of unemployment seems inevitable. We are thus witnessing a state of affairs in which Russian morale has been elevated, the already difficult economic situation of Great Britain aggravated, the prestige of Great Britain and France in the Middle East swept aside, and the basis of Western European defence which includes the maintenance of defensive positions in the Middle East gravely impaired.

These are all grim matters which must cause profound anxiety amongst friends of freedom. I confess myself baffled by the activities of the General Assembly of the United Nations. The terms of the Charter make it quite clear that what might be called the executive body, the Security Council, was set up in the hope that the peace of the world would be defended by co-operative action, primarily on the part of the Great Powers. The new role of the General Assembly appears to reverse this principle because, not only are many small nations offering to give instructions, but the Great Powers themselves have been excluded specifically from any executive part of the operation.

It may be believed by theoretically minded people that when the British and French forces leave under U.N. orders, the Suez Canal problem will be back where it began. But we should not delude ourselves that this is so. In my opinion all the entries in this disastrous accounting will be on the debit side. Like most

Australians I am tremendously exercised as to what effect all this will be upon Turkey, the most powerful Middle East member of NATO and upon the Baghdad Pact which appeared to offer great promise of stability in the Middle East.

ANGRY DIVISION

I will not attempt to elaborate these comments. We can only hope that the world will learn some salutary lesson from what has happened, but I do want to point out that the worst result of all is that there is beyond question an output of angry division of opinion among those who are, by tradition and practice, bound to be friends. Unless the difference between Great Britain and the United States can be speedily bridged there will be a great temptation for the Soviet Union to pursue more actively its aggressive policies in order to take advantage of the confusion now existing west of the Iron Curtain.

I am not attempting to exaggerate the significance of any thing that I am saying, but I have many friends in both the United States of America and Great Britain, and at a slightly earlier stage I was made the principal spokesman for the eighteen nations which formed the majority in the London Conference. I would like to remind all of the eighteen nations that the very essence of the proposals which my colleagues and I were sent to Cairo to present was that the character of the Suez Canal as a free international waterway must be preserved by taking the operation of the canal out of the political control of any one nation. It is to be hoped that the eighteen nations will not forget about this and that it will continue to be regarded by them as their major task to bring this result about.

REAL DANGER

The real danger is that when the canal has been cleared and the United Nations Force withdrawn it will be thought by many that the whole incident is closed. It can never be closed until the future of the Canal has been assured. It is certainly not to the interests of the American people, who are not only the greatest power in the world but have also done so much for the world since the Second War, that there should be any discord between them and the people of Great Britain, who after all have twice in this century been the first into the field in the defence of Liberty, including the liberty of our American friends and allies.

This is not a time to be standing on fine points of protocol. Statesmanship on both sides of the Atlantic must concentrate its attention on the rebuilding of the old bridges. It needs to be made clear once more that the defence of the free world depends essentially not upon resolutions of the General Assembly but on the closest and most friendly co-operation between the great powers of western Europe and the United States.

It would be of inestimable benefit if these recent matters of difference being swiftly put aside it can be made plain by some concerted statement on the part of the leaders of these great nations that their cohesion will remain and that under any and all circumstances that they will work together and fight together to resist and defeat Communist aggression. With goodwill, a quick understanding and the earliest possible meeting on the highest level the danger which is indeed threatening the world may be successfully averted.

U.N. JEOPARDY

If the present state of affairs is allowed to continue, then the United Nations may itself unhappily become for the world a discredited institution and the grand alliance which alone can put strength into it may be weakened so seriously that reckless action on the part of Communist powers may be positively encouraged. Nobody can be in any doubt



TO WINTER
"O Winter! bar thine adamantine doors:
The north is thine: there hast thou built thy dark
Deep-founded habitation. Shake not thy roofs
Nor bend thy pillars with thine iron car."
He hears me not but o'er the yawning deep
Rides heavy: his storms are unchain'd sheathed
In ribbed steel; I dare not lift mine eyes
For he hath rear'd his sceptre o'er the world.
—William Blake.

The Age Old Story

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

OUR YESTERDAYS
From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(December 7, 1931)
Mr. Arthur W. Weeks, Charlottetown, was the victim of an unfortunate accident in his garage at the rear of his residence yesterday. Mr. Weeks apparently was greasing his car while it was jacked up, and while he was lying under the car it slipped off the jack striking Mr. Weeks on the chest over his heart.

A splendid concert was held yesterday afternoon and evening in the Assembly Hall of the new annex to Queen Square School marking the official opening of this new addition to school facilities at Queen Square. The Principal, Leo MacDonald expressed the appreciation of the staff and students to all those who had made possible the construction of the new annex.

TEN YEARS AGO
(December 7, 1946)
Results of investigations into three disastrous fires which caused almost \$1,000,000 damage in Charlottetown during the last few months were disclosed yesterday by Provincial Fire Marshall C.A. Beer. In all cases, Mr. Beer said, the causes had been ascertained and no indications of incendiarism were present.

Detailed plans for renovation and reconstruction of the "Charles A. Dunning" now at Bruce Stewart and Company's wharf, have been submitted to Ottawa for approval. In the meantime the ship is being dismantled in preparation for the work which will continue all winter.

MAXIMS

Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises.

of the tremendous goodwill and high idealism of the President of the United States nor can anybody have any doubt that the people of Great Britain and France, who would be first objects of attack in the event of global nuclear war have followed the course that they have in order to maintain the peace which is vital to their very existence. Here we have therefore vast reserves of peaceful friendship. It is to be hoped that they will be drawn upon by the world's leaders swiftly and effectively.

SHIPS SET RECORD

MONTREAL (CP)—Canadian Pacific Steamships said Tuesday its three Empresses took a post-war record number of passengers on Montreal-Europe runs this season. A total of 44,260 passengers were carried on 66 Atlantic crossings, 27 per cent more than last year's 34,767 passengers.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Budeson, M. D.

MILK FOR MOTHER-TO-BE
WHILE it's essential that all of us get plenty of milk, it is doubly important for expectant mothers.

Milk is a good source of vitamins, especially riboflavin and vitamin A, which are needed both to protect the mother's health and to help growth of the baby. **GOOD PROTEIN**
It also supplies good quality protein for growth and muscle-building. And it provides sufficient calcium, an important mineral in regulating body processes and building sound bones, teeth and blood.

It furnishes milk sugar for energy and butterfat for both heat and energy. If you are an expectant mother, you and your baby need a daily supply of milk. Drink at least one quart each day. Of course, you could, if you prefer, get your quota of milk in other dairy products or prepared dishes. Buttermilk, skim milk, evaporated milk, ice cream, cheese—all of these furnish minerals and protein for body-building. But milk is still the standby during pregnancy.

Some women, who must watch their calories for fear of putting on too much weight, use butter-milk or skim milk instead of regular milk. If you do this, remember that

NOTES BY THE WAY

Sir Beverley Baxter, a Conservative member of the British House of Commons, says he knows nothing of a move to draft him as the next leader of Canada's Progressive Conservative Party. Neither does anyone else.—Ottawa Journal

You'll lose the value of the vitamin which is in the butterfat of the milk. You'll have to get it from some other source. By far the easiest way to getting full value from your milk is by drinking it. You can count the glasses and make sure you get four of them a day. Besides, in most cases, pasteurized or evaporated whole milk is easy to digest and more nearly complete in food value.

OTHER FLUIDS
While drinking four glasses of milk daily, don't neglect other fluids. An expectant mother requires between six and eight glasses of liquids each day to help the bowels, kidneys and skin carry off the additional waste from the baby's body. In addition to milk, drink water, tea, coffee and fruit juices.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
R.P.: My granddaughter was born with a receded lower jaw bone. Can this be corrected?
Answer: Usually, a child with a receded lower jaw bone can have an operation performed to correct this deformity when she reaches four to six years of age.

Now that we are going to have home-to-auto phones the backseat drivers won't have even to leave home to run the car.—Brandon Star

Perhaps a useful addition to the campaign for safe driving would be an appeal to motorists to make their 1957 cars last until 1957.—Edmonton Journal

Rock 'n' roll music has been banned in Naples, and we can only hope that Venice will follow suit. The stuff would be murder in a gondola.—Hamilton Spectator

They say the most warlike tribes are eaters of meat. But for real, red, rip-snortin' fury there's Father when Mother has him on a compulsory diet of rabbit-foed salad!—Ottawa Citizen

Few people change their garages as often as they change their car. Yet garages should be tailored to measure. And car measurements have altered enormously during the past two decades. So too, have the measurements of many an individual car owner, but the tailor has managed to keep pace with these changes. The family car, however, has not been so fortunate. In many cases garages have remained unaltered, which must give a 1956 car a serious case of claustrophobia every time it is called upon to wiggle its 1956-wide doors.—Belleville Intelligencer

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