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Unfortunate

The most cheerful piece of news to come out of Moscow since the now defunct "Geneva Spirit" began its brief journey across the world is that, under certain conditions, the Soviet Union would stop exploding hydrogen bombs.

The latest word from Secretary of State Dulles is that the United States will want more assurance of the sincerity of the Soviet proposal before deciding to match it, and that, as a matter of fact, the United States has been considering the wisdom of such a step for several months.

Mr. Dulles has adopted a guarded, wait-and-see attitude on the Soviet announcement. He has learned by experience that any Soviet proposal, having for its ostensible objective the softening of international tension, must be checked for possible flaws.

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And it is not without significance that the Moscow announcement comes at a time when Russian leaders are touring India in a well planned effort to persuade Prime Minister Nehru that Russia, and not the Western alliance is the world's best hope for peace.

The Butter Sale

It was inevitable that controversy should arise over the sale, at a loss, of approximately eight million pounds of surplus Canadian butter to East Germany, just as similar differences of opinion were expressed a year ago when a much smaller amount was sent to Czechoslovakia, another Communist State.

As the Ottawa Journal points out, however, such losses were foreseen and provided for by Parliament after the war when the Agricultural Prices Support Act was passed as compensation for farmers who accepted rigid price restrictions during the war.

Many other industries outside the farm field receive support or protection which costs either the treasury direct or Canadian consumers through tariffs large sums of money annually.

The actual money loss on this latest butter shipment, argues The Journal, is not the important factor. If this eight to ten million pounds was 1954 storage butter, and helps the Government's surplus problem to that extent, it can be justified although many dislike our making this deal with an Iron Curtain country.

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"ing," says The Journal, "is why this bargain butter was not made available at home, either to low-income families or to institutions. There is no easy answer to that question. Selling a few million pounds of cheap butter in a market that uses over 300 million pounds yearly poses many problems.

"And to suggest, as some have, that all storage butter should be thrown on the market to find its own price level in competition with substitutes involves something hardly fair to producers. Indeed it could well mean higher than present prices to consumers after the surplus was picked up.

"A bad feature of deals such as these sales to Communist countries is that no permanent new markets are opened and that the butter market here is not helped to any degree. They do however help get the Government out of a mess."

At Raj Ghat

We have been looking at a number of pictures showing the Russian leaders, Premier Bulganin and Communist Party head Khrushchev, at various places in their Indian journey. One of these pictures stands out prominently and, in a sense, pathetically. It shows the two visitors removing their shoes, preparatory to standing before the shrine known as Raj Ghat where the body of Mohandes K. Gandhi was cremated after his assassination in 1948.

There was nothing extraordinary about the pilgrimage itself, nor yet about the little ceremony that went with it. Most visitors from abroad take time off from political and economic discussions to honour the great Indian leader and patriot in that simple, reverent way. What is extraordinary is that the Russians looked as if they were sincere in what they were doing, almost as if they had been waiting eagerly for the moment when they might do homage to a man whose philosophy of life, with peace and goodwill at its centre, was almost the exact antithesis of Soviet Communism, at the centre of which—if one may judge from the evidence—are violence and hate.

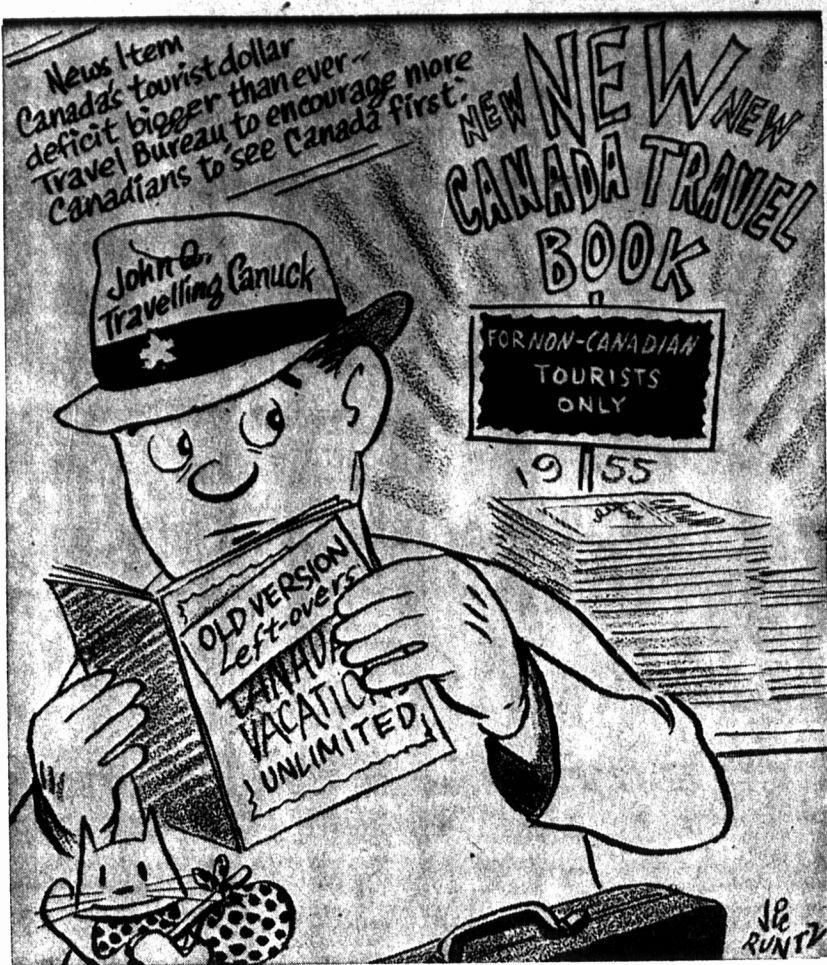
If the Russians were, in fact, sincere in their shoe-removing ceremony, their thinking certainly has changed drastically in recent months. Only a year ago, the Great Soviet Encyclopedia which, like all other Soviet periodicals, reflects the views of the Kremlin, referred to Gandhi as "a reactionary who only pretended to be a supporter of Indian independence".

EDITORIAL NOTES

The rescue by helicopter of the crew of the stranded freighter "Kismet" is one more chapter added to the story of heroism and ingenuity which has featured Maritime history for generations.

Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge has stated that in his opinion Outer Mongolia could not "make the grade" in diplomacy if it were elected to the U. N. Perhaps he would tell us—and the Outer Mongolians—what nation has managed to make it thus far!

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HOW - TO - DO - IT

Gambling With Hospitals

The Union of Manitoba Municipalities has approved by a vote of 109 to 71 — and against spirited opposition — a resolution endorsing legal lotteries in aid of hospitals.

It is astonishing that an air of novelty continues to surround this hardly perennial. Whatever else a state lottery may be, it is certainly no bold experiment on the social frontier.

NO one can suggest, therefore, that there is any lack of material on which to base a serious study of the economic merits and demerits — and the social effects — of state lotteries.

LEARN ARABIC They come from Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Morocco, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria. Their first babel of Oriental tongues, North African French, Romanian, Slav and Yiddish has begun to blend after six years into modern Hebrew.

Hospitals today are considered a proper and extremely important concern of governments at the various levels. Lotteries are advocated as an easy means of relieving them of pressing financial problems.

It has been found in other countries that a lottery carries the greatest appeal for people in reduced circumstances; they, who normally would contribute least to the tax-gatherer, are encouraged by the State to risk what they can ill spare in the frantic hope of beating fantastic odds to snatch a windfall.

The Age Old Story

Fear not, little floss; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32.

PRIZE BAG

REGINA (CP) — A pronghorn antelope buck which weighed 102 pounds dressed is believed to be a record for Saskatchewan. The animal was shot by Sid Thompson of Regina in the Goveblock area.

BIG COUGAR MELLARVILLE, Alta. (CP) — G. W. Sand killed a 96-pound cougar near here but while Sands was dispatching the six-foot animal with revolvers, two other cougars killed his trained hunting dog.

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The Poet's Corner

EVEN SUCH IS TIME That takes in trust Our youth, our joys, our all we have, And pays us but with earth and dust; Who, in the dark and silent grave, When we have wandered all our ways, Shuts up the story of our days: But from this earth, this grave, this dust, My God shall raise me up, I trust. Sir Walter Raleigh

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

PREPARING THE NURSERY FOR BABY'S HOMECOMING

Getting the nursery ready for that new baby? Then let me give you a few tips about where it should be located and what furnishings it should contain.

Every baby should have a room of his own. Everyone concerned will be able to sleep better if he has.

The nursery should be located in a quiet part of the house where it will get direct sunshine for at least several hours of the day. Make sure the windows can be opened easily so it can be well aired.

If you have only one bedroom, screen off one corner for the nursery. Or put the baby to sleep in the bedroom in the early evening. Then, before you retire, air the living room thoroughly and move the baby there. This leaves the bedroom for you and gives the baby his own sleeping room, too.

Floors should be smooth. Washable rugs may be used in the nursery, but avoid heavy rugs or carpets. All walls, of course, must be clean and smooth.

The bed or crib and all other furniture should be painted with lead-free paint because sooner or later the little tyke is going to start chewing on them.

Place the bed against an inside wall opposite the windows and away from a radiator or heating vent. A simple chest of drawers will also be needed. You'll be surprised at the amount of clothes a little baby acquires.

A bathnet or firm table also is a handy piece of furniture, especially when changing diapers. A comfortable chair for mother-ether should be placed on a level with the crib.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

"Ancient Inca drawings recently discovered closely resemble modernistic paintings." It is possible then, that our modernistic painters are centuries behind the times. — Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

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According to some naturalists a still unidentified species of rhinoceros might exist in Africa. Evidence based on reports by inhabitants of an animal more like the Great Indian or the Javan one-horned rhinoceros than other African relatives. Since such species are animals as the okapi, the Congo peacock and the dwarf gorilla, among others, have only comparatively recently been discovered by science, one is reluctant to be too sceptical about this possibility. —International Nature Bulletin.

At least the toll system — once denounced as a relic of the horse-and-buggy days — has the advantage of requiring direct payment from those who use the roads. So long as good alternate routes are provided by the province, so long as there is good evidence that there would be enough truck and other traffic to make throughways pay, and so long as they would enable the province to be more generous toward the building and maintenance of municipal streets, there would seem to be a strong argument in favor of toll highways. —Hamilton Spectator.

An American teen-ager who is going to school this month in Moscow has already learned some interesting things about Russian notions concerning the United States. Thirteen-year-old John Benton, son of the former Senator from Connecticut, says that one of his classmates wanted to know if Texas was a separate country. The Russian student said an American delegation had visited the school and the Texans in the group had given that impression. We know exactly how the young Russian got that idea. Every now and then we meet up with someone who has the dum of the one star in his eye if not that yellow rose in his buttonhole and we begin to think the same thing ourselves! —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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