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Big Three Propose Joint Meeting With Soviets

MOSCOW, Sept. 10 (CP)—Britain, the United States and France Saturday proposed to meet with Russia in London Sept. 20 to discuss a new draft of a peace treaty for Austria.

To meet Russia's demands, the Big Three western powers agreed to limit Austria's armed forces to 53,000 troops and police once a four-power treaty is signed.

The three western governments also agreed to Russia's insistence that specific guarantees be included in any treaty providing for basic freedoms, free elections and dissolving of any Nazi-like organizations.

The British-American-French proposals were delivered in formal notes to the Russian foreign office. The Western move represented a joint effort to prod Russia into agreeing to an Austrian pact.

Efforts to agree on a peace treaty for the former Second World War enemy have been stalemated for years by what the West has insisted are Russian delaying tactics.

The Western notes replied to a Russian note of Aug. 14. The Big Three said they were willing to add to their short eight-point draft treaty all the four further points raised by the Soviet Government.

The Western notes do not withdraw the shortened form of the Austrian treaty as requested by Russia, but attempt to meet Russian objections by including the texts of four articles from the original long draft treaty dealing

with human rights, Nazism, free elections and Austrian armed forces.

The Russian Aug. 14 note, in rejecting the "short Austrian treaty" proposed by the Western Powers in an attempt to break the deadlock on the long treaty, especially criticized the omission of these four points.

The Western notes recognized the Soviet objections to the short treaty—namely, that it fails to provide for free elections as specified in article 8 of the long draft of the state treaty; that it fails to guarantee human rights and basic freedoms as specified in article 7 of the long draft; that it fails to eliminate Nazism as specified in article 9 of the long draft; and that it fails to provide for Austrian armed forces.

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Glutton was not. Paddy can stay under water a long time. Now he drew a long breath and went to the bottom of that pool taking Glutton with him. Glutton couldn't stay under water long. He was struggling now, but not to kill Paddy, to get away from Paddy. Paddy was holding on, trying to hold Glutton down; trying to drown him. How the water boiled as they struggled down at the bottom of that deep pool! How was that fight going to end? Would they both drown?

Strange But True

By F. E. MacArthur

In yesterday's column I spoke about the role trees have played in human affairs since the days of our first parents. I am continuing today's column in the same vein in order to give this interesting subject a more complete coverage.

The underlying belief in trees as promoters of family fertility led to many curious practices, some of which are carried on to the present day. Some tribes in India consider it expedient that before a couple were married they should both first go through a marriage ceremony to two trees, each clasping a trunk or in some cases tied to it—the idea being to communicate to the betrothed the vigorous reproductive power of the tree.

Trees could preserve love. If two were planted in front of a home of a newly wedded couple their happiness would run on forever like a meandering brook or river.

Trees were supposed to cure as many ailments as patent medicines. One had only to place a lock of hair in the fissure of a tree and then plug up the opening. The tree did the rest.

There are still plenty of people living today who believe this. I once surrendered a lock of hair to cure asthma in this manner, but I still have the disease.

Odin was the god of the hanged as well as a tree-god. All sacrifices to him were made via the gallows. We still pay a certain homage to the mystery of the tree when we set up a Christmas tree every year with its artificial decorations, etc., and still believed is the legend that the cross of Christ was made from a piece of wood of the Tree of Knowledge.

It was an olive branch that Noah's dove brought back to the Ark after the great deluge had receded. When we search for water under the earth's surface we like to use wood for our divining rod. Indeed everywhere we turn we see the influence which trees have exerted over the minds and the works of men.

Place a bowl of water where the sun can strike it, and put a snail, a fish, and a water-plant into it. The three will thrive for months by mutual exchange. The fish lives on the plant. The wastes of the fish is prepared by the snail so that it can be manufactured by the plant which uses the waste of both fish and snail for its own purposes, and in so doing releases oxygen that purifies the water and guards the creatures from suffocating. This is what ecologists call a balanced environment. Now, remove the snail and what happens? The plant will wither and the fish will die. Take out the fish and all contact between the plant and the snail is lost. Take away the plant and what happens? No food for either fish or snail. But that is not the whole story. Without the water and the sun the fish, the plant and the snail would all die. This proves that when things are in their right place they do nicely. And nature is wise enough to always keep her house in order.

A single pair of plant lice could produce enough offsprings to outnumber the human population of the earth fivefold.

In six months flies can raise six trillion children; the white ants when massed in millions have sometimes more power than an earthquake. These are hard, cold facts, which would cause us grave concern if we were ignorant of nature's law which preserves a proper balance between all these creatures, and that one group does not empire it above all the others.

Loam soil is said to be composed of 1-4 water, 1-4 air, and 1-10 organic matter—so it swims, breathes and is alive!

The largest forest area in the world is at the upper Amazon, 620 miles from the Atlantic. Between 108 B.C. and A.D. 1911, several millions perished from famines alone. In the famine of 1920-21 the death-toll was 500,000, while 20 millions were forced by hunger to eat sawdust, thistles, the bark of trees, and stones ground into our artificial flour, as an aid to digestion of all this litter.

Every year 2 1/2 billion tons of China's soil is carried into the sea by floods. This amounts to 12 inches yearly taken away from an area covering one thousand two hundred square miles.

It's a curious fact that the Red Indians never disturbed Nature's Way. The Indians never dammed a stream, never drained a swamp, never exterminated wild life. What ground he cleared and cultivated was negligible. Indeed his whole

attitude towards nature was opposite to those who came from Europe to destroy.

You may not believe it, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that an average issue of the New York Times of 92 pages, plus book supplements and magazine pages, requires one hundred acres of forest for its production, or to put it another way it takes 15,680 trees to put out one edition of this big newspaper. The management of the Times is my authority for the above statement. Now consider all the newspapers that are published daily in every country and one

can visualize the slaughter that goes on in the forests of the world.

We are told by the Soil Association that its yearly loss of productive soil by erosion is 3,000,000,000 tons—enough good earth to fill a train of freight cars girdling the world 18 times, and the equivalent of 73,000 forty-acre farms washed or blown away.

Off on a 225-mile horseback ride to Washington from Norfolk, Va., is Mrs. Pauline Buffalari, a grandmother. She is carrying 13 letters to be read over the Voice of America to people living behind Russia's Iron Curtain.

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The July meeting of the Carleton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mr. Arthur McMicken. The meeting opened with the president in the chair, by singing the ode and repeating the creed in unison. Roll call was taken with eleven members present and one member paid her dues.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. New committees are as follows: sels. Mrs. MacWilliams and Mrs. Harvey, re-elected; school, Mrs. McMicken and Mrs. John Quigley; lunch, Mrs. John Myers, Mrs. McMicken and Mrs. Crawell.

The president attended the Women's Institute Convention in Charlottetown and brought back a very interesting report. Mrs. Heber Myers moved a vote of

thanks to Mrs. Frances for the splendid report.

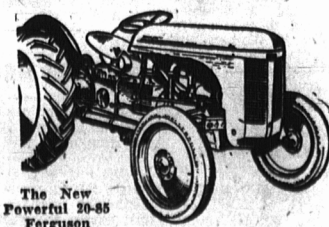
A sale of premium blankets took place which amounted to \$23.15. It was decided to pack old woollens to send away to be made into blankets the third week in August. It was decided to write the Institute Office to see if a Swimming Instructor or Instructor-tress could be procured to teach the children of the district to swim.

The amount collected in the district amounted to \$36.50 and collection to sixty cents.

Mrs. Frank Quigley invited the members to meet at her home for the August meeting. Roll call to be answered with a grab bag.

The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

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