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A Good Idea

The London Daily Express has suggested that President Eisenhower send former President Truman to Britain on a special mission of goodwill. It is very doubtful that the idea will be approved in Washington...

It sounds like a good idea, nevertheless. As the Express pointed out, there is probably no man in the United States who understands better the British viewpoint in the present unsatisfactory relations between the two countries...

There is a feeling, too, that Mr. Truman was a stronger President when it came to making decisions and adhering to them than Mr. Eisenhower, for all his excellent qualities, has proved himself to be. Rightly or wrongly, many Britishers, and West Europeans too, believe that had Mr. Truman been in the White House when the Middle East crisis loomed up last summer the British and French would not have been deserted by their American ally...

There is no doubt that Mr. Truman would be welcomed in Britain and in France, too, as a tried and true friend. Certainly, the President could do worse than ask him to undertake the task of reconciliation in his own way.

Christian Martyrs

The slaughter of the Hungarians by the Soviet tyrant shocked the conscience and elicited the compassion and anger of civilized humanity. It was not, however, the only instance of mass killings under Communist rule. A Chinese Christian leader, Dr. Quentin K. Y. Huang, who escaped from a Communist prison some time ago and is now living in the United States, estimates from reliable information at his disposal that no less than 200,000 Chinese Christians have suffered martyrdom because they refused to deny their faith under official persecution...

A few weeks ago the National Council of Churches in the United States suggested that a group of Church leaders should go to China "to try and re-establish relations between Christians of the two countries." Commenting on this, Dr. Huang observed that, though the intention was good, nothing worthwhile could come of it, for, as he put it, "freedom of religion in China today is a joke; there is not even freedom to talk about religion except under supervision of Communist agents."

What price, co-existence? How can it be anything more than a sham...

so long as under Communist rule, whether in Russia, China, or any other state, organized and brutal persecution of religious and political minorities is normal procedure?

A Pleasant Thought

"Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt find it after many days." That would be a suitable text for a brief discourse about a new religious house which is under construction on Lake Memphremagog near St. Benoit Du Lac, Quebec. The work is under the supervision of the Benedictine Order which has been in the area since 1912. During the years the place has been a haven of rest and quiet for weary Catholics, Protestants and Jews who happened along. Now, they are joining together in helping the good monks expand their hospital facilities. One Protestant supplied enough concrete to lay the foundation. Others are providing the nails, lumber and other building materials. The new structure will contain a guest house, a chapel, a modern library and a number of extra cells for residents and visitors. All will be in brick in Gothic style.

The Benedictine Order is one of the oldest in Europe, having been established more than 1400 years ago. It is famed all over Europe for the excellent champagne and wines which are produced within its borders. In Canada its specialties are ermite cheese, smoked hams and (tell it not in Gath!) a pleasant tasting cider. These exquisite viands are for domestic consumption only, but of course guests are proffered sumptuous samples for the good of their stomachs.

The monks' great distinction—apart, of course, from their religious zeal—is in the hospitality they extend to strangers, as befitting disciples of the great and holy St. Benedict. It is that which has called forth the gratitude and aid of outsiders. It is a pleasant thought. The seed that was scattered upon the waters has found its way into the soil.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Russian Ambassador to the United States has declined an invitation to attend the President's inaugural ball. It's going to be difficult to get along without him; but they'll have to manage it some way.

Britain is not doing too badly in a business way, despite her ups and downs of recent months. A late report says that exports in 1956 were 9% higher than those of 1955. Her overall trade deficit is considerably lower.

King Saud of Saudi Arabia is one tourist who doesn't believe in travelling light. He and his retinue are occupying 20 suites on the liner that is taking him to the States for his visit to President Eisenhower. He is taking along only two of his 40 sons, however. He should have taken them all. With a family of that size tagging along, the President could hardly refuse to give the king a lot of economic aid.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has written to the President of the National Council of Churches in the United States expressing appreciation of the fact that "at a time when decisions and actions of the British Government have been sharply criticized by many in your country our American fellow Christians have shown restraint and understanding." How are Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles going to take His Grace's message? They, too, are Christians, but neither showed much restraint or understanding.

From the standpoint of this Province at least, Mr. Angus MacLean's proposals for rehabilitating our Maritime economy seem to be more constructive than the Gordon Commission's. Certainly they hold out better prospects for our basic farming and fishing industries. And there were no "ifs" about his expression of confidence in our possibilities for expansion. He cited, among the actual and potential resources of the Atlantic region, great mineral wealth, largely undeveloped; great quantities of coal; fisheries susceptible of notable expansion; proximity by water transport to European and world markets; hydro power possibilities, forest wealth and agriculture, both of which could be developed on a much greater scale than in the past.



CLEAR PASSAGE

U. N. And The Middle East

By Rt. Hon. R. G. Casey, Australian Minister of External Affairs

The Middle East situation is by no means solved. The Egyptian-Israeli matter is again being debated in the United Nations. Whilst neither party is without guilt Israel has suffered very much more over the years at the hands of Egypt than Egypt at the hands of Israel. The events of the last few months cannot in fairness be treated in isolation. It should be remembered that in defiance of the will of the United Nations Egypt has persistently declared publicly that the State of Israel must be destroyed and has done everything possible to this end for many years. The State of Israel was created by resolution of the United Nations on 29th November, 1947.

Egypt has conducted commando raids into Israel for years killing many Israeli civilians. She has also denied Israel the use of the Suez Canal in the face of the United Nations resolution directing that Israel should have the same use of the canal as all countries are entitled to under the 1888 convention. Egypt now poses as the injured party whereas she has defied the expressed will of the world for many years. All that Israel seeks is that the United Nations shall create conditions under which Egypt will not be able to harm and to harry Israel in the future as she has done in the past.

HINDSIGHT NEEDED TOO In discussing the situation it is to be hoped that the United Nations will keep in mind the events of recent years and not only of recent months. There should be hindsight as well as foresight.

A major problem is posed by the fact that Israel still has some forces in the Sinai Peninsula. While Israel is required by the United Nations General Assembly's resolution of 2nd November, 1956, to withdraw these forces she has understandable apprehensions about Egyptian intentions; for example Egypt has used islands in the Gulf of Aqaba and a fortress on the Egyptian coast to block the passage of Israeli shipping up that Gulf.

The Israeli Port of Elath which is at the head of the Gulf is of considerable importance to Israel. It is reasonable for Israel to expect the United Nations to provide assurances that after Israeli forces withdraw the Egyptians will not be left by the United Nations to resume a blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba in violation of international practice. Israel is also entitled to some firm assurance that Egypt will not resume raids across the border between the two countries.

The other big current problem in the Middle East is that of clearing the Suez Canal. The starting of this essential task was delayed by set purpose by Egypt for over a month at vast cost to the trading nations of the world. Now

a start has been made to which Australia is to contribute on million dollars. The latest indication is that a channel will be cleared by early March which will allow the passage through the canal of ships up to 10,000 tons. To achieve this, some of the wrecks will have to be no more than pushed aside and will have to be properly cleared later. A lot of work remains to be done before larger ships can get through and this task may not be completed by May.

would penalize them for so doing. This is absolutely wrong. Whatever the arguments for lessening U.S. control of Canadian industry this is certainly not the way to do it.

POOR ECONOMICS Secondly, the proposal is poor economics. The tax concessions, allowing faster depreciation, are good policy in general only if we need to encourage a higher rate of investment. At the moment, the economic problem is that investment is already too high and has to be discouraged by a tight money policy. The change in taxation will therefore make sense only when investment becomes less buoyant than it is now. That will be a strange moment to begin being nasty to Americans with capital to invest here.

Thirdly, the Gordon proposal is pointless in terms of the argument advanced for it. It would promote minority Canadian holdings in the subsidiaries of big American companies. But minority holdings do not give control. If the fear really is that American companies may put other considerations above Canadian interests, they remain equally free to do so after 25 per cent of their shares are held in Canada.

The proposal would have, of course, immediate attractions for the investors of Bay Street. They would be able to get a dip into the profits of some successful American companies. That is fine—if it is done fairly. We have nothing against Bay Street. But the idea that the apparatus of the Canadian state should be used to secure this result, by a discrimination that is offensive to all the principles of justice and sound tax policy, is ludicrous. As the solemn proposal of a Royal Commission concerned about the long-term welfare of the Canadian people, it is humiliating.

MAXIMS

Bringing good tidings may be gracious, but a little malicious gossip is usually more appreciated.

100,000 THIS YEAR

NEW YORK (CP) — Ronald Wilby, United Kingdom trade commissioner in Toronto, said total emigration from Britain to Canada during 1957 will exceed 100,000 persons if the present rate continues. Wilby and his wife arrived here from Britain aboard the Cunard liner Britannic.

ALGERIAN TOLL

ALGIERS (AP)—French forces killed or captured more than 170 Algerian nationalist rebels during the weekend, military headquarters here said Monday.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

ARE PEACEFUL SLUMBERS A MATTER OF HABIT?

A GOOD night's sleep might simply be a matter of habit. Unconsciously you build up to peaceful slumber through your regular night-time routine, but a break in this routine might mean sleep and a night of fretful tossing and turning.

As Dr. Henry Dantzig explains in "Blue Print for Health," getting ready for bedtime may be part of a conditioned reflex or compulsion complex which establishes a nightly pattern. Your routines become habits. Without them, you might not sleep well.

SCHEDULED TRAIN

Even though you're not aware that you're sleepy, the rumble of a scheduled train or the blowing of a factory whistle might be the signal for you to retire.

Dr. Dantzig advises that you follow your usual routines, since breaking them might give you the feeling that you have forgotten something. This feeling, as you well know, is apt to disturb your sleep.

COMPLETE TASKS

If you're in the habit of checking the doors to see if they are locked, making sure the gas jets on the kitchen range are off and going to the basement to bank the furnace each evening, be sure you complete each task before retiring.

If you men customarily shave before you go to bed, don't let it go till morning. You're apt to worry all night about this additional chore facing you upon arising.

You women who usually put up your hair, and make certain cosmetic preparations before going to bed, should follow this routine nightly.

ACCUSTOMED ROUTINE

Reading your newspaper or listening to a particular news broadcast might be part of your routine.

Raiding the refrigerator might be a habit, too. This, within reason, is all right. The type of food or drink taken before bedtime is not too important. Medically, there is no reason for not eating or drinking before retiring.

But don't overeat. Gorging yourself can give you indigestion, and that can prevent a good night's sleep.

If you habitually "count sheep" in order to get to sleep, it's probably a good idea to continue. Even the practice of self-hypnosis or auto-suggestion should be continued if it is successful.

The important thing to remember is to do the things you usually do.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q: What can I do to remove moles from my neck? I have one about the size of my thumb.

A: Moles should be removed only by a physician, preferably a skin specialist or surgeon. Certain types of moles should be left alone. Your physician will determine whether or not removal is advisable in your case.

The Age Old Story

Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.



BRIGHT TRIBUTE

See how the slender column holds a flame. A gem tongue that can persuade the night. To stand its distance while a golden theme. Draws giant shadows with a little light.

This sculptured for, designed in summer days. By winging labor, busy hour on hour. Burns bright in tribute to the amber bees. On swift excursions or in airy tour. All flowers find their colors in the bloom. That hovers on the candle as it burns.

A memory of summer in the room. To which the garnered season now returns. Accomplishment is proven very well—Winged workers have a sweet and radiant skill.—William Vincent Sieller. In the Christian Science Monitor.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 23, 1932)

In no other province of Canada has such progress been made in Red Cross work as in this province during the past two or three years. This was the encouraging statement voiced by Dr. L.J. Biggar, National Commissioner of the Red Cross Society at the annual meeting of the P.E.I. branch last

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The do-it-yourself craze has made many a husband fix things so they're beyond repair.—London Free Press.

The accordion is said to be 135 years old, though it's in pretty fair shape, considering the number of light squeezes it has had in its lifetime.—Ottawa Citizen.

The trend is higher and higher things. The world's tallest chimney is a 570-foot structure of reinforced concrete at a copper plant in Sagazanooki, Japan. A 1,610-foot television tower being built in Roswell, NM, is the tallest man-made structure in the world. Next are the 1,572-foot TV tower at Oklahoma City, the 1,472-foot Empire State Building in New York and the 984-foot Eiffel Tower in Paris.—St. Thomas Journal

The cumulative effect of a concentration of many forces during the past twenty years has been a notable victory in the campaign against tuberculosis in Newfoundland. It is marked by the decision to close down the old sanatorium and convert the building to other uses. And the reason is that in all the sanatoria in Newfoundland—the two buildings on Bowcock's Farm and the new institution in Corner Brook—there are 170 vacant beds.—London iFree Press.

The name Campbell probably began as a descriptive nickname, "cam bell" meaning "squirmy" or "twisted mouth" (just as Cameron meant "squirmy nose").—A.J. Campbell explained in a talk on the clans of Scotland. One old manuscript traced the Campbells back to "Enoch son of Seth son of Adam," he said, while another legendary forbear was Diarmid, one of the heroes of the old tales of Ireland and hence the Campbells were known as the "race of Diarmid."—BBC (London) News.

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TEEN YEARS AGO

(January 23, 1947) The general design of the new Prince County Hospital has been approved by the board of trustees of the hospital and after a few minor changes have been made the final drafting will be done in the office of the architect, Mr. Leslie Fairn, of Halifax and Wolfville. When that is completed, in a couple of months, tenders will be called for.

A Maritime Central Airways plane turned fish transport yesterday, carrying a cargo of more than three tons of frozen smelts from the Magdalen Islands to Charlottetown. At least part of the cargo of frozen smelts will go to the New York Market.

It is the kind of men girls have to marry that makes them blushing brides.—Brandon Sun

Winter driving would be much safer and there would be fewer crushed fenders if all drivers would realize that driving practices safe on dry pavement simply do not work on snow, and especially not on wet and greasy snow.—Ottawa Journal

On the west side of Lake Opegon, largest lake in Algonquin Park is the grave of Capt. John Dennison, who, so far as the records go was the first and one of the very few people ever killed by a bear in Ontario. The grave is situated in a large clearing which was once the site of the Dennison home and farm buildings.—Owen Sound-Sun Times

To people who think of New York as a city of concrete and steel the number of trees in it may be a surprise. For on city-owned property alone, along streets and in the parks, there are estimated to be 2,300,000 trees. Of the trees the city owns, about 30,000 are dead, by Park Department estimate.—New York Times

The death in Cardston of Mr. Joseph Y. Card removes another prominent pioneer resident of Southern Alberta. Mr. Card came of a family of pioneers. His father, Charles Ora Card, was the distinguished founder of Cardston and the town bears his name, while his grandfather on his mother's side, was Brigham Young, second world head of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and founder and first governor of the Territory of Utah.—Lethbridge Herald

Driving a Reindeer

If Santa Claus can drive eight reindeer it should be easy to handle just one. Photographer Jean Marquis tried it when in Lapland recently and landed in a snowdrift. The thrills and spills of one-rein reindeer navigation are told in picture and story for readers of The Standard this week. A new sport for hardy adventurers. Get The Standard — on sale now, complete with magazine, 12-page novel and 20 pages of comics. Only ten cents.

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