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A Sober Warning

In a recent thought-provoking address to an American Legion Convention, His Eminence Cardinal Spellman warned that there is nothing at the moment to indicate that the United States will retain for ever its present dominant position in world affairs.

This is a sober warning, indeed, and it might well be taken to heart by all the peoples of the free nations. Preponderance in military strength is, of course, a useful weapon in the hands of free men.

Butter Stocks Increase

According to a statement issued by the Dairy Farmers of Canada, stocks of creamery butter on June 1 totalled 52,285,000 pounds as compared with 37,607,000 pounds a year earlier.

The organization feels that a continuation of the 58-cent floor price of butter until at least May, 1956, is advisable, primarily because (a) economic stability in the dairy industry requires a moderate annual expenditure to meet the needs of an increasing population.

Civil Defense Lagging

In Ontario the other day, Air Vice-Marshal T. L. Lawrence resigned as civil defense co-ordinator for Toronto and York county, and in doing so made the following statement: "There is only one agency which can set an over-all policy and organization plan. That is Federal Civil Defence."

The Ottawa Journal states that Air Vice-Marshal Lawrence's complaint is shared in other communities. It has no solu-

tion of the problem to offer, but finds that three things in particular defeat—and will continue to defeat—present civil defense efforts: (1) A complete public apathy; the average man just can't bring himself to believe that some day Russian atom bombs will start falling upon him.

Finally, people have been told, on the highest authority, that there is little or no defence against the hydrogen bomb, that it would not only wreak devastation of all buildings within a wide area but poison everybody within an even larger area.

Obviously there is need for leadership in the matter, and it is far too important to shelve responsibility for this leadership upon municipalities or even provincial governments.

Budworm War Continues

New Brunswick's spruce budworm battle will be fought again next year. Another one million acres of infested timberland are expected to receive the aerial spraying treatment, which will boost the cumulative four-year total to some 4.2 million acres.

Originally, the budworm-infested New Brunswick forests were doused with DDT solution at the rate of one gallon per acre. But officials subsequently decided it was not necessary to aim at a complete 100% "kill," particularly since the sprayed lands would probably be reinfested to some extent from adjoining areas.

EDITORIAL NOTES

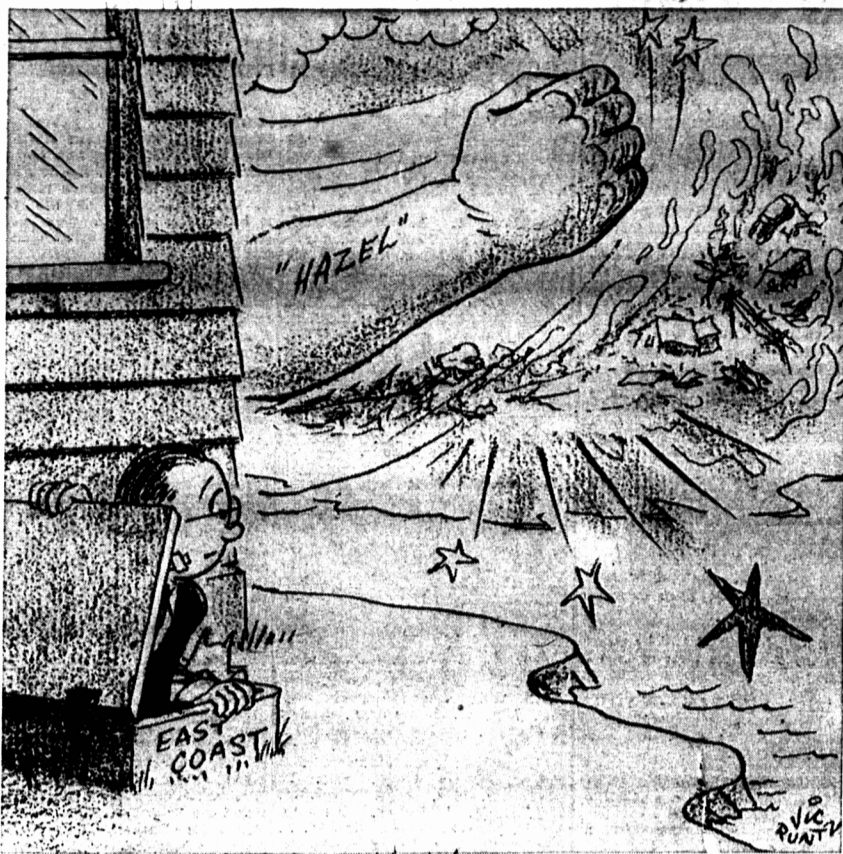
One hundred and twenty-six judges will officiate this year at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. The Fair is expected to attract record-breaking exhibits, including 1,300 horses, 2,800 cattle, 700 swine, 1,000 sheep, 7,500 poultry and pet stock, and large displays of grain, vegetables, dairy products, fruits and flowers.

The Hebrides off the west coast of Scotland supply seaweed producing salts and derivatives—alginates—that go into soups and sauces, toothpastes and lotions, absorbent medical dressings, and anti-burn ointments. Experiments are under way to use metallic alginates in commercially useful flameproof fabrics.

Cesare Lombroso, Italian criminologist and professor of forensic medicine, died this date 1909. His name is generally associated with theories relative to the responsibility or irresponsibility of criminals, and with theories as to the physical and psychological characteristics which go to form the criminal type.

The new Maritime Hospital Service Association headquarters building at Moncton was officially opened recently. Speakers called it an expression of confidence by residents of the Atlantic Provinces in the principle of voluntary prepaid hospital and surgical-medical care.

The work of compiling and editing the 6,000 pages of records of colonial and imperial conferences has been done at Ottawa by Dr. Maurice Ollivier, law clerk of the House of Commons. The volumes are filled mostly with verbatim reporting of discussions held by statesmen from all over the British Empire.



With Sympathy For Those Concerned

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of current events of general interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

POTATO BOARD'S ORIGIN

Sir,—In the complexity of confusion brought about by the advent of a Potato Marketing Board, there is none more baffling than that of its ancestry and circumstance of origin. The Premier in a recent pronouncement on behalf of the government refused to assume any responsibility beyond providing the facilities under which it was begotten.

I am, Sir, etc., DOUGLAS MacFARLANE, Bedeque, P.E.I.

THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

Sir,—It has been said that man faces two grave dangers. One is that he treats himself as an animal whose horizon is bounded by this world, and whose motto is "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow you will die and that will be the end of you."

FORUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Sir,—There is some merit in the suggestion made by Mr. Leslie Simmons, President of the Potato and Turnip Dealers' Association, in the Public Forum of October 16th, that your paper should insist that all contributions to the Public Forum concerning the present potato marketing controversy be published only over the signature of the author.

However, there's a little more to it than that. Free speech and freedom of expression are supposed to be accomplished realities, but so far we've fallen just a little short of this worthy objective. Many farmers find themselves beholden to dealers with whom they disagree over the potato issue and, in this do-or-die struggle, the only way they feel they can safely express their views is over an assumed name.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Some people seem to think Canada could sell lots of grain by simply cutting the price. It doesn't occur to them that other countries would immediately do likewise and then a fire sale would commence.—Farmer's Advocate.

An American Johnny "crooner" who weeps and moans rather than sings, will receive nearly \$30,000 for seven days work in Australia. So it is reported from Melbourne. This tops any figure ever paid a foreign artist in Australia—in Australia the country that gave to the world the great soprano Nellie Melba. It seems symptomatic of something or other of these times.

When a favor is asked there may be an inclination to grant it at once. That is a grave error. For if a favor is granted immediately it will appear easy to get. The asking of more favors will be encouraged. The favor will not be appreciated.—Galt Reporter.

There is no monotony about Canada's climate and this may be why each successive season brings its own feelings of satisfaction. What we want to point out today is that we are entering what can be the most productive period of the year. It is worth a little planning to take full advantage of the situation.—Port Colborne Tribune.

There is a legend that people who live together for many years tend to become similar in appearance. And if people, why not people and their dogs? a humorist asked. But until the town of Wallace, England, broke into the world news the other day, no one so far as we know had ever set up either of these developments as necessarily desirable goals.

The Poet's Corner

Glittering, silent, needles of the snow  
Sew the smooth winter cover for the land;  
The bright steel moon, where zig-zag fenceposts go  
Trims the field with shadow cross-slit band.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer  
OCCIDENTAL-ORIENTAL DIFFERENCES

Now that the time has come when the East and West must meet face to face and peaceful co-existence seems to be the only alternative to global war which might, and probably would, engulf both civilisations in darkness for a thousand years—even if a remnant in each managed to survive, which is by no means certain—an important question is: How and in what ways do Occidentals and Orientals differ from one another?

Lately I have been reading a thesis on this general subject; it was written just fifty years ago by a Japanese scholar by the name of Iyenaga, who at the time was lecturing on International Affairs at the University of Chicago. Because I found it intensely interesting and timely, despite the great changes that have taken place meanwhile in the Asiatic situation, I should like this week to share some of its contents with readers of this column.

Dr. Iyenaga starts out by saying: "It is an every day assertion among Western peoples that everything Oriental is topsy-turvy; that they read backward, write backward, speak backward, and that this is only the tip of the contrary; that they place their heads in the stable with his head where his tail ought to be; that they use white instead of black as a symbol of mourning, carrying babies on their backs instead of in their arms; that is—wear skirts and their women trousers." (As of which I plain craziness to Westerners.)

Dr. Iyenaga then goes on to speak of differences in temperament. "The temperament of the Westerner is nervous, whereas that of the Easterner is phlegmatic. The habit of the former is active (always in a hurry) that of the latter is slow (always leisurely). Easterners are timid; Westerners (excluding the Scotch) are wasteful even extravagant. The manners of Westerners are blunt and coarse; their expressions direct and terse. The Easterners are polite in their manners, genial in their intercourse, and round-about in their speech."

Dr. Iyenaga's opinion, were the difference in mental attitude. "The Western mind," he wrote, "is secular and empiric, whereas the Eastern mind is spiritual and religious. This must ultimately have some relation to the grand fact that every creed accepted by the great races of mankind has had its origin in Asia. The white man unlearned the steam engine, but no religion which has endured."

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He then proceeds to berate the West for "not practising what they preach" in this manner: "Europe, having accepted with hearty conviction the voices of Peter and Paul about the meaning of what their divine Master said, regards all other systems of religious thought with contemptuous distaste and sums them up in its heart as 'alien rubbish'."

"In saying this, I do not blind myself to centuries of theological disputes in the West, to mountains of sacred literature, and to a host of theologians and saints Europe and America have produced. Nor do I try to belittle the mighty influence of Christianity upon the West. Indeed, the most ennobling, the most humane phase of modern civilization is the gift of Christianity. Were the Western civilization stripped of the high ethical ideas taught by the Founder of Christianity, how barren, how vulgar, how merciless would be the commercial Christianity that we see with due respect to the Western civilization it is certain that, while you profess Christianity, your civilization is not and never has been actually Christian."

Easterner, on the other hand, according to Dr. Iyenaga, practices their religion at all times. "The Asiatic peoples," he wrote, "with a few exceptions have been religious through and through. The history of India is the history of one long effort to solve the problem of how to conform the conduct of life to the teachings of its religion. The Moslems stick to their tenets and creeds with tenacity. Even the Chinese, the most practical of all Asiatics, have so faithfully followed the teachings of their Master, Confucius, that Chinese civilization can with perfect justice be declared to be crystallised Confucianism. As for Japan, her history is really the history of her religion."

All this, or a great part of it, is very hard for us to believe; but that is how the religiosity of Asia seemed to a Japanese scholar fifty years ago.

Old Charlottetown

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OSCAR WILDE'S VISIT

"The Apostle of the Beautiful" has been among us preaching in the Market Hall (at 50 cents per head) the need of a greater love of the artistic in the decoration of our homes. He was greeted by a splendid audience, an audience that seldom extends the same encouragement to local efforts which endeavour to elevate the taste of the community. Many present felt disappointed at the lecturer's almost monotonous manner of delivery; others, who can enjoy the music, softness, strength and beauty of the English language, will remember with pleasure the chasteness and melody of the lecturer's effort.

"On appearing before his audience Mr. Wilde was received with applause. He apologized for not being in evening dress. He had just arrived by the boat, and thought it well to begin his lecture in his travelling costume, a light suit with knee breeches, looking both graceful and comfortable. In tones conversational and with an occasional 'pose,' he proceeded to give his ideas of Decorative Art. He said we could get along very well without philosophy if we surrounded ourselves with beautiful things."

"Coming last evening when night had thrown her sable mantle over our aesthetic town, Oscar saw little of our architectural beauty. We saw him in his appearance from the back staircase of the hall; we saw his intense look of pre-Raphaelite wonder as he viewed the walls, gazed on the beauty of the platform, and sniffed the redolent smell of stale butter, eggs and cabbage. Oh! that platform. It was too! too! Whatever will Oscar say about us when he is away? Surely nothing showed so much the need of 'decorative art' as the building in which he held forth. We saw a cloud gather on his face as he feasted on the view."

"Oscar's hair needed the barber's art. His face was peculiarly feminine at times, but it was heavy and fleshy. Those who heard the party will find consolation in the thought that they may be able to talk about it in their old age."

—The Examiner, Oct. 12, 1882

The Age Old Story

I will stand upon my watch and not let me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

MANY PATIENTS VANCOUVER (CP) — Essondale mental hospital near here has a population exceeding that of some cities. The annual report showed 10,700 patients, exceeding the populations of Penitentiary, Prince Rupert, Kelowna and Kamloops.

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