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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Misleading

It is easy to understand the hesitant manner in which members of the Russian Orthodox Church delegation, now visiting this country as guests of the United Church of Canada, answered questions concerning the state of organized religion in the Soviet Union.

There was one statement, however, made by Archbishop Boris, leader of the delegation, that was misleading, though perhaps not intentionally so.

Then, again, it is well known—and, indeed, admitted openly by Soviet leaders—that the public schools are under obligation to ridicule all religious belief and to teach atheism as a regular subject on the curriculum.

These are not speculations. They are simple facts, about which leaders of Soviet Communism, and of the Soviet Government, brag consistently.

Power Of Disallowance

Of the hundred-odd disallowances of provincial legislation since Confederation, a round dozen have been of Alberta Social Credit legislation, nearly thirty were of Manitoba acts, and over forty were sustained by British Columbia.

The frequency of its use in the past against smaller provinces, and the infrequency of its application to Ontario and Quebec, suggests that one customary limit on the power is set by the comparatively large political risk involved in striking down an act of a large province.

The explanation offered by Mr. Mallory for the West's experiences has two facets:

In some instances, disallowance was the result of the unflinching attempt, in the defence of imperial interests and imperial treaty obligations, to minimize the attempts of British Columbians to reduce their Asiatic fellow-citizens to the status of helots in their modern Athens.

Almost half the British Columbia disallowances were of substantially the same discriminatory anti-Oriental statute, which was enacted provincially, and disallowed by the Dominion, a score of times.

The Alberta cases all involved Social Credit acts which not merely alarmed financial houses of all kinds, but in the Dominion's view violated the BNA Act.

In addition to the steady rise in provincial powers which accompanied economic growth and the trend of judicial decisions, the Dominion has for several decades shown an increasing inclination to let the courts alone decide on the constitutional validity of provincial acts.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

A late report says that United States' gold reserves are at the lowest level since 1946, down some \$27 million from the same date last year.

Now that the Russians have exploded a hydrogen bomb which they claim is the biggest and most powerful to be exploded thus far, the Americans can be expected to go ahead with something bigger still.

Streptomycin is proving its almost miraculous worth in still another way. Used on apple trees at the Ohio Agricultural Station, it cut infection of blossoms to 2% as compared with 83% infection on untreated trees.

A British marketing official has hinted that Britain, once this country's leading customer in bacon, may start buying again in quantity as soon as the British Government "gets out of the importing business".

The head of the Soviet Communist Party, Nikita Khrushchev, is quoted as telling Indian crowds: "I love India with all my heart".

But recent months have brought a return to an earlier attitude. The benign smiles of the Geneva spirit seemed to be the expression of statesmen who regarded peace prospects as good, and the likelihood of coexistence at least worthy of



"TRAMP, TRAMP, TRAMP, --"

PUBLIC FORUM

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FITTINGLY HONOURED

Sir,—Last week many of us were delighted to see the spotlight on one of our island's veteran and outstanding teachers, who had the honour of officiating at the opening of the new High School in Kensington.

One of our major projects in "Home and School" is to promote "Teacher recruitment and retention", as the teacher shortage is one of our most critical problems today.

Slowly we are beginning to realize that we as a public have not been putting a high enough value on education. As a public we have not provided proper working and living conditions to attract and maintain sufficient numbers of high calibre teachers in our schools.

At the new school opening in Kensington we were shown one very fine way of honouring and recognizing the services of an outstanding teacher. In this and many other ways we should work to build up a proper status for the teacher who truly is "the shaper of citizens."

I am, Sir, etc., HELEN MACDONALD, Chairman Public Relations, P.E.I. Federation of Home and School.



THE LAST WORD

Creep into thy narrow bed, Creep, and let no more be said; Vain thy onset! all stands fast, Thou thyself must break at last.

Let the long contention cease! Geese are swans, and swans are geese. Let them have it how they will! Thou art tired; best be still.

They out-talked thee, hissed thee, Love thee? Better men fared thus before thee; Fired their ringing shot and passed, Hotly charged—and sank at last. Charge once more, then, and be dumb. Let the victors, when they come, When the forts of folly fall, Find thy body by the wall.

—Matthew Arnold.

The Ultimate Crime

(Edmonton Journal) There seems to be no limit to the depths of human depravity in the Twentieth Century. A new low—at least in feminine eyes—was recently reached by a fashion salon in Paris, according to a report in the Swiss magazine Pour Tous.

Police, who raided the place, found that the fitting rooms were lined with distorting mirrors of the kind sometimes seen at exhibition midways. The type employed in this case made persons who looked in them appear much taller and slender than they actually were.

We draw a veil over the painful scenes that must have occurred when the customer arrived home and saw herself in an honest and uncompromising mirror. The Swiss paper does not say what punishment was awarded to the proprietors of the salon. If Parisian women have their way, we suspect, it will be nothing less than the guillotine.

OTTAWA REPORT

Mr. Sinclair's Background

By Patrick Nicholson

OTTAWA: It was a Scotsman's cupidity for 100 cents of value for his dollar that gave British Columbia its colorful minister of fisheries in the federal cabinet.

Hon. Jimmy Sinclair, resting his injured spine in bed, chatted to me today about the mere chance which led the Sinclair family to homestead in Vancouver. Listening to his story, I learned what makes him the ideal man to be heading our drive to use brains as well as nets to increase our rich harvest from the sea.

Jimmy's father, James George Sinclair, was a schoolteacher in the Highlands of Scotland; the only landlubber in a family of fishermen. In 1910 the sweetest highway in Scotland—as in many other European countries—led to Canada.

In that one year, when our population was less than half its present size, we were comfortably able to absorb three times as many immigrants as have managed to wriggle through our immigration barriers this year.

The Sinclair family, including two-year-old Jimmy, joined the 1910 rush. Being a Scot, Papa Sinclair determined to get the maximum travel out of his immigrant's ticket. So he aimed for the most distant section of Canada, the Pacific coast. He laid plans with a fellow-Scot and fellow-immigrant named Mitchell. Studying an atlas together, they noticed two equally large dots on the map of the B.C. coast; these represented two towns called Prince Rupert and Vancouver. Chance led Mitchell to pick Prince Rupert; that left Vancouver for the Sinclairs.

FAMED TEACHER

James Senior taught at the Vancouver high school, and later came principal of the technical school. When he retired in 1945, he was promptly elected chairman of the school board. A great believer in the need for fuller and technical education, he was instrumental in founding what is regarded as the best vocational school in Canada.

A Word Of Caution

By Heath Macquarrie

In a thoughtful and perceptive editorial The Guardian recently gave its attention to an utterance of our External Affairs Secretary, Mr. Pearson, fresh from his visit to Russia, has given his opinion that the Soviet Union is not planning aggressive war, since the Russians are no more anxious to commit suicide than anyone else.

For some time after the explosion of the first atomic bomb, there were many people convinced that, with so horrible a weapon at hand, no nation would ever contemplate resort to war (When dynamite was discovered the same pious hope was held). But it was not very long before the horror seemed to pass, and the bomb was regarded as another piece of military ordinance.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, began to speak of "massive retaliation by means of our own choosing". And even earlier Mr. Churchill had described American possession of the atomic weapon as the blessing which had kept the Red hordes from overwhelming all Europe. Within Russia, Mr. Malenkov was castigated for his error in stating that an atomic war would leave no victor but universal destruction.

But recent months have brought a return to an earlier attitude. The benign smiles of the Geneva spirit seemed to be the expression of statesmen who regarded peace prospects as good, and the likelihood of coexistence at least worthy of

consideration in their overall diplomacy. To many shrewd observers the new atmosphere of goodwill was the outcome of military and scientific developments which profoundly stired the leaders of the free world and doubtless had a powerful effect upon the men of the Kremlin. The fact that the New Look followed closely the great test explosion of hydrogen bombs which blasted the Pacific Ocean should not be overlooked. Once again sober men asked if we were not nearing the rim of an awful abyss destruction. In the face of such dread possibilities, attempts to find agreement with the Communists were made by western leaders, who, a few months earlier, might have denounced such activity as dangerously leftist, if not outright traitorous. For instance, who, a year ago, would have predicted that Mr. Pearson would visit Russia with the good wishes of all sections of the Canadian parliament?

FADING SPIRIT The Geneva spirit seems to be fading now, and the latest meeting of East-West foreign ministers was a dismal failure. We are now convinced, that while Soviet tactics have changed, the strategy has not; and, in the furthering of its own interest the Soviet Union has been pursuing most successful policies in the midst of the relaxations of the Geneva spirit. Our Mr. Pearson is a statesman of wide experience and great wisdom and it is doubtful if he has lost his perspective on the matter, regardless of what he saw or heard behind the iron curtain.

Yet even Mr. Pearson, judging from his utterances, may have been

the victim of one of our present-day delusions. In the olden days diplomacy was an art, slow, tedious, exacting, symbolized by the man with the match case. In our day we have tended to rely greatly on personal contacts. The idea of "talking it over" assumes an importance far out of line with realities. We can recall the high hopes raised when personal contacts between Stalin and the Western leaders were first arranged.

Of course, the condition should be treated under the direction of a physician.

His father was a teacher. Jimmy was a short while, but long enough to get a promising view when he saw her among his mathematics pupils. This combination of his interests and his background—fishing and education—is now making itself felt by his official encouragement of education in our important fishing industry.

It was in Hon. Jimmy Sinclair's new home town in the New World—Vancouver—that Canada's first university course for fishermen was recently launched. It is during Hon. Jimmy Sinclair's tenure of the fisheries portfolio that a wholesale exchange of scientific information with Russia will add appreciably to our knowledge of that huge protein factory called the North Pacific ocean.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

FIGHT AGAINST CANCER: LEARN DANGER SIGNALS

Pain is not an early symptom of cancer. Neither are the other familiar warnings of the disease, fever and prostration. Yet early detection of cancer is essential to save a victim's life.

How, then, can you tell whether you have cancer? You can't, but your doctor can. There are seven danger signals, any one of which should send you scurrying right off to your doctor.

1.—Any sore that does not heal, particularly about the mouth.

2.—A lump or thickening in the breast or anywhere.

3.—Unusual bleeding or discharge from any body opening.

4.—Any change in a wart or mole.

5.—Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.

6.—Persistent hoarseness or a cough that hangs on.

7.—Any change in normal bowel habits (constipation, or diarrhea in a person who has been more or less chronically constipated).

DANGER SIGNALS

Don't get panicky if you discover one of these danger signals. The odds are greatly in your favor. You probably do not have cancer, but it is best to get a pelvic examination and that a vaginal smudge be taken.

More than 50 per cent of cancers occur in sites which can easily be detected in such a physical examination. A second pelvic examination should be given to all women six months after the first check-up. That means two pelvic examinations a year.

Men over 45 should have a chest X-ray taken every six months. Even though you do not have a cough—one of the danger signals—more might be something wrong with your lungs.

Do not rely on the chest X-rays you have taken for tuberculosis checks. Generally, it is difficult to find an early lung cancer on a plate that small.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

H.K.: What is meant by essential vascular hypertension? Is there a cure for it? Answer: By essential vascular hypertension is meant high blood pressure the exact cause of which has not been determined.

No cure for this disorder is known, although it can be kept under control in many instances by the use of various drugs, such as rauwolfia serpentina.

Of course, the condition should be treated under the direction of a physician.

TRAGIC INADEQUACY The Yalta story has since revealed the tragic inadequacy of such a view. Nor can we ever forget that ill-advised and totally unfortunate era of personal diplomacy, for ever associated with Neville Chamberlain. It is too easy to overrate the importance and value of conversations between statesmen on the occasion of official visits. It is perhaps a human tendency to regard with favor one's own ability in influencing another's point of view, and in appraising and judging the other's motives.

But foreign policy is far more than a personal matter. Considerations of the hard cold facts of power and assumed national interest and security are the bases for its formulation. These are not changed overnight by the conversations of leaders. There is certainly little evidence of any profound change in Russia's basic policies in recent months. Nor is her attitude on war the only factor to be considered. Since 1945 her most striking successes have been attained without war, and she continues to make gains without resort to armed conflict. It is to the practice of such peaceful diplomacy that our leaders must give attention, and to the checking of which they must devote their united strength.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A Madrid newspaper informs us that a remedial speech clinic for parrots has been opened in the Taronga Zoo in Australia. The purpose of the clinic is to polish up the speech of badly educated parrots who speak sloppily. It must be nice to live in a country where that sort of clinic is in a zoo, and not, as with us, in universities. —Kingston Whig-Standard.

Smoke abatement isn't just the elimination of a nuisance. It can be a very sound financial plan, as is illustrated by a medium-sized Windsor industry. Compelled to install new machinery to avoid pollution of the air, it now finds it is using 15 tons less coal per day. A great proportion of the waste materials allowed to escape in the air, or deliberately dumped in the river, could be economically used. It is just that sufficient time and thought hasn't yet been given the problem. —Windsor Daily Star.

The trend toward making banks more attractive aesthetically is not confined to the U. S. In Sydney we have the example of the Bank of Montreal, which recently underwent interior reconstruction and put up a large and decidedly colorful mural painting of the siege of Louisbourg on an interior wall. The work of a Sydney artist, Lola Mould, it is a spirited painting of bright colors and red coats of the British soldiers, the deep green of the sea, etc. Bright, as a good mural should be. —Sydney Post-Record.

After January 1 textile goods cannot be labelled hand-knitted or hand-woven if they are partly knitted or woven by machine. If produce is made of more than one fibre - wool, nylon and cotton for example - it must say so on the label. These regulations might appear obvious. But the fact is, Canada will be the first country to adopt them. The government has taken steps to protect the consumer, but it should have gone further and made labelling itself mandatory. Manufacturers will still be able to sell textile goods, without labels. The new law applies only to products that have been labelled. However, it is a welcome move to complete grade labelling of consumer goods. —Toronto Star.

The tourist industry is a national asset that every Canadian has a share in protecting it from disaster. Tourist attractions have just got to be sold as other goods and services are sold, by advertising and aggressive salesmanship. Mr. Dolan with his silver tongue has been immense as a salesman, but unless we decide to back up his silver tongue with a lot more silver dollars we will fall out of the tourist procession. Tourist dollars are worth a lot. When we sell newspaper and copper and asbestos and like things we deplete our forests and the mountains and valleys he pays to see remain. We shouldn't want, therefore, to fall out of the tourist procession. Especially as dollars, and U.S. dollars in particular, are badly needed. —Ottawa Journal.

We may justly boast an abundance of far-seeing administrators and wise teachers. Yet there must be a limit to their achievements so long as money is lacking. The money simply has to be found and found reasonably quickly. To this pressing plight governments, both federal and provincial, industry, business, alumni and citizens generally should address themselves in a spirit of aggressive co-operation. —Brockville Recorder and Times.

The amount on deposit in personal savings accounts in Canada's chartered banks is put at \$6,900,000,000. The figure exceeds by some \$1,400,000,000 the total amount spent by the federal government in one year. There is a crumb of comfort in the fact that personal savings in the banks still have a fair margin over Ottawa's annual expenditures. But unless government spending is cut to the bone the margin is likely to get narrower and narrower. —Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Russia's "new era" of friendship and frankness is producing some astonishing developments. Not so long ago the Reds were claiming they invented everything. Now the Soviet Union's top fashion experts, touring in Britain to pick up tips on foundation garments, admit: "We're bringing up the rear, and we know it." This opens the way for a frank discussion of Russian fashions. The fact is, the best-dressed Soviet ladies look as if they had been out-fitted from grandmother's trunk. The worst can hardly be distinguished from bundles of laundry. —Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

The U. S. Weather Bureau plans to use rocket-borne cameras to take pictures of hurricanes from an altitude of 50 miles. The project is for a 30-month study of tropical storms beginning next Summer. At least eight rockets will be launched, each carrying two cameras. All this for scientific purposes, but what it can accomplish in the study of anything so erratic and variable as a hurricane, is beyond the conjecture of a layman to whom a hurricane is beyond understanding. All that the mariner in the path of the mean thing can do to it batten down the hatches, heave to, and say a prayer. —Sydney Post-Record.

Argentine and Brazil are having a tough time trying to get on an even governmental keel. Both aiming at representative government by due process. Both countries have politically-minded military forces in which national interest, or their conception of it, is a constant temptation to step in and take over the reins of government. Even when they do, they are sometimes unable to agree among themselves. Through all this confusion, the everyday Argentinian and Brazilians go on with their daily avocations in what must amount to chronic bewilderment without a word to say. They never really have had much to say in the conduct of their affairs and may not feel as we would under similar circumstances. —Regina Leader-Post.

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