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Mr. Coyne resigns . . . there goes a man

Right or wrong, James E. Coyne, former governor of the Bank of Canada, will occupy several paragraphs in the history books of Canadian children of the future.

He will be recorded in the chronicles as a man who, because he felt he was right, refused to be dismissed from his job, criticized his employers and was able to retire with what he felt was honor and dignity because Parliament was unable to fire him. All this sounds somewhat fantastic for a civil servant, even though he was one of the country's highest paid ones.

However, he also held one of the country's highest paid and most important posts, that of governor of the Bank of Canada and by his reckoning, carried out his duties in the best interests of the Canadian people. The fact that he differed with Finance Minister Fleming and his experts brought down criticism on his head and many editorials have been written on his audacity, his apparent foolishness and the fact that he challenged the very fount of Canadian law, the Canadian Parliament. However, he exposed Mr. Fleming as a man neither too brilliant as a statesman nor too able a finance minister.

Mr. Coyne was vindicated by the Senate and then, head up, resigned as he had promised he would.

The Senate's decision, Mr. Coyne said, was a vindication of "my own conduct, of my personal honor and of the integrity of the position of the governor of the Bank of Canada . . .

"It is my earnest hope that the result of these proceedings will constitute a precedent which will deter any government in future from adopting methods designed to remove any person from any high offices established by Parliament to be held during good behaviour such as the methods which have been attempted in the present case."

Mr. Fleming's political career appears at an end although an ambassadorial post is mooted for him. Mr. Coyne is unemployed at the moment, but we are sure we will hear more of him in the monetary world and the Canadian business sphere. We doubt very much if we will hear too much about Mr. Fleming again, once he leaves the ministry of finance.

Lost cause

Professor Rene Etiemble of the Sorbonne, who is leading a new charge against the invasion of French speech by English words, had better save his breath to cool his potage. Noble as his aim may be in summoning les sportsmen of France to the defense of their language, the effort is vain. People who can not only call a radio announcer un speaker but coin a feminine, une speakerine, people who have produced a verb like matcher, who call a hike un footing, whose most stable institution is Le Jockey Club de France, are beyond redemption.

The professor would do better, perhaps, to lead a charge against the advertising agencies and the popular press, which are corrupting their language in a manner less pardonable. After all, sporting language was a direct import and French has no word for football except football. But the writers who say Mrs. Kennedy looks like une star, who live in un home, who send out les hommes-sandwiches to advertise their wares, wear pullovers, carry gas to their cars in un jerrycan or take voyages in un cargo, when there are French equivalents for all these terms, deserve professorial censure.

Even so, it may be too late. Hardly a page of any French dictionary pretending to include words in current use would be without Anglo-American imports. More slip in every day, first in quotation marks and within a few months totally assimilated. It is a trend of the times.

— The Baltimore Sun

ANSWER TO THREAT

Mobilization of U.S. reserves lengthy scheme

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The United States, stepping up its propaganda battle against Russia, has again hinted it may mobilize part of its reserve army forces if the Soviet continues to threaten the West.

But army experts estimate it may take between six months and one year to get American reserve forces into fighting trim. On paper they look big — a total of 50 divisions. In actual manpower and equipment they fall far short of the mark.

These "Sunday soldiers", says the experts, lack sufficient training and are short of such vital equipment as the new M-14 rifle, the new M-60 tank and other tracked vehicles. Substantial industrial expansion will be required to equip these units for full active service.

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President Kennedy now is seeking additional spending power to plug these holes, to put at least 10 reserve divisions into such a state of readiness that they can be called up and sent into the field within two to eight weeks' notice.

This may cost up to $1,000,000 more than the $42,700,000,000 defence budget now before Congress. But congressional leaders indicate that in view of the Russian threat, Kennedy may get what he wants. He still has to "sell" the regular army on his plan. The active army would rather have an expansion of active forces than to concentrate more effort on the reserves.

Deputy Defence Secretary Roswell Gilpatric has indicated a call-up of reserves still is a strong possibility as part of an over-all study of American military strength to counter Russia's "menacing attitude".

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That means the regular army — which wants its existing 875,000 authorized strength increased to 925,000 — may have been squelched. Total American active strength runs to 14 divisions, including five at home and five in Europe.

The reserve forces total about 700,000 men, many of the type who train about two hours on weekends and draw a full day's pay for it. All they require to remain in the reserves is to attend 48 drill periods a year — each drill could be just two hours — along with five full weekend drills and spend 15 days at camp each summer.

Kennedy wants nine full weekend drills instead of five and three weeks at camp instead of 15 days.

He also wants reserve manpower boosted to 735,000.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

East-West conflicts fade with Gagarin visit

By DAVID OANCIA
Canadian Press Staff Writer

A pint-sized Soviet spaceman with an engaging smile may have done more to improve British-Russian relations than Soviet diplomacy.

Maj. Yuri Gagarin, the first man to circle the earth in a rocket, has captivated Britons — especially the younger set — since his arrival in London Tuesday.

Among the bobby-soxers, his welcome could be compared only to that given a guitar-plunking Elvis Presley or singing-idol Paul Anka.

East-West conflicts and ideological divisions, it seemed, faded into the background when Gagarin made his western debut.

This may have been just what the Kremlin leaders have always wanted.

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Since 1917, when the Communist revolution succeeded in over-throwing the Czarist regime, the Russians have been striving to gain recognition beyond their borders.

Moscow thought this could be achieved by struggling for world revolution.

Then, when this proved impracticable, the Kremlin settled on developing communism in one state, leaving the appeal to the people of other states to the Communist International, an arm of the all-powerful Soviet Communist party.

Until it was dissolved in the Second World War, the Comintern had the annoying habit of appealing to nations above the heads of their non-Communist governments. Their aim seemed to be to stir peoples against their rulers to a pitch where they would take the law into their own hands and start the development of socialist states.

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With the possible exception of China — where revolution was carried out largely by Chinese efforts — the Comintern efforts were frustrated. Now the world is witnessing what amounts to Russian attempts to gain respectability. Their efforts are not directed solely at improving the Soviet standards of living.

They're equally interested in impressing the rest of the world with the rightness of their ways.

They could have hardly had a better example than Gagarin. The 27-year-old major is a living symbol of the success of Communist effort.

His mere appearance was a demonstration of Communist success — something Soviet diplomats have been trying to demonstrate ever since the first days of the Russian revolution.

"IF THAT YOUNG WHIPPERSNAPPER DIEFENBAKER KEEPS DRUMMING FOR SENATE REFORM, WELL SHOW HIM OUR FANGS..."

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Calling all Smiths . . . Your day is coming.

September 2 will be "Smithsday" at Seattle World's Fair. Everybody named Smith — no matter where he lives — is invited to be the guest of the fair for a cruise on Puget Sound, a chuckwagon breakfast and a preview tour of the partly-completed buildings. (The fair is due to open April 21, 1962.)

There is only one catch. You Smiths must write in advance to apply for a ticket. The management has to know in advance how many Smiths are coming. There are 4,500 of you in the Seattle telephone directory; more than 700 listed on Vancouver Island.

B. J. McFarland, information manager, is the man to ask. His address is: "Century 21 International Exposition, Exposition Building, Seattle 9, Washington". It might be a good idea to print "Smith" on the envelope.

Why have a "Smithsday"? It's in honor of H. B. Smth of Rock Springs, Wyoming, who happened to be the first man to ask about accommodation at fair-time. He wrote October 6, 1960.

H.B.S. — a store executive — is getting the super-Smith treatment. He and his family are going on a 20-day tour of Washington, Oregon and B.C.

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Is the stock market due for another disastrous "boom and bust" — as in 1929?

New York financial reporter Peter B. Bart fears that it could happen. In the July Harper's magazine, he quotes an eminent broker as saying: "The 1929 boom may actually have been only a trial run for the one now apparently getting under way".

In 1929, only 1,500,000 people owned common stocks. Today the number of share-owners is estimated at 15,000,000. By 1966 it may be 30,000,000.

The stock market is a mass market now. The steady old-pro stock players have been overshadowed by hordes of quick-money amateurs who play mad hunches and boom up the prices of small new companies to absurd levels.

Wall Street may be heading for a runaway speculative boom — followed by a plunge that will strip millions of ordinary people of their savings. Will the U.S. government and the stock exchange authorities take steps to control speculation?

Canadians, as well as Americans, are deeply involved in this question, because the earthquakes of Wall Street can tumble Canadian fortunes, too.

On the lighter side

A young man took his girl friend to a Chinese restaurant. Anxious to demonstrate his knowledge of Chinese food he reeled off items from the menu to the waiter.

Then he turned to his girl friend: "How would you like your rice?"

She answered clearly and determinedly: "Thrown."

HANDICAPPED FRIENDS — Charles Crane, 55, blind and deaf since infancy, and 12-year-old Peter Sinclair, who lost both legs above the knee in a train accident five years ago, have developed a deep bond of friendship and mutual aid through their handicaps. The two live with Mr. and Mrs. G. Roy Philpot of Vancouver and their three sons and daughters. — CP Photo

Time & Place

By WALTER WICKS
of Alderwood Manor, Wash.
Who recently visited Prince Rupert

Last week I stood in the bright sunshine with bared head beside the grave of a woman now passed away these last 30 years.

My son snapped a picture of the marker.

It was a Wednesday, the stores are closed, I failed to find a flower shop open. You see, I had just arrived in the city after a 38-year absence, but I had to visit the resting place of that woman, that wonderful person who was, for three years, my second mother in the old Metlakatla Missionary Home at the start of the century.

We have no explanation for it, but old memories never die, and this was one of them, to remember Margaret West as she was then at the Home. She was the children's matron, counsellor, teacher, guide mother.

I am now in the twilight years, but childhood days come back so vividly of this grand person, who, through years of labor, helped to bring to this primitive land, a rich and lasting example of Christian life among the natives at the old Metlakatla village.

One of my short stories, recently published in this paper was in my hands.

I asked the cemetery caretaker who had located the grave if he would like to hear my eulogy of this woman who lay beneath the sod and he answered a definite "Yes."

Then I read aloud this story from the paper.

Before a paragraph had been read, he removed his "tam, and with bowed head, he listened in silent reverence.

When I had finished, he made one simple remark, but it meant so much to me, "She must, have been a wonderful woman."

A Creed

There is a destiny that makes
us brothers;
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives
of others
Comes back into our own.

I care not what his temples or
his creeds,
One thing holds firm and
fast—
That into his fateful heap of
days and deeds
The soul of man is cast.

—Edwin Markham.

Not catspaw

From the
San Francisco Chronicle

There was a time in U.S. history when participation by Canada in inter-American affairs would have been unwelcome, for fear that she might be used as a catspaw for British interests. But today, with Canada a stout and thoroughly independent force in the Western alliance, such apprehensions no longer exist.

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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I saw the bus coming when I was a good 100 yards from the bus stop, and I started to run for it. But I didn't make it.

The bus took on its passengers and snorted away when I was about 30 jumps from it.

In my rush, I passed a heavy built, indeed a fat young man who had been within a few yards of the bus when it pulled away, and I was surprised when he halted at the bus stop where I stood panting.

"You could have made it," I remarked.

"I've been missing buses all my life," said the fat young man cheerfully, "and something always interesting comes of it."

"That's something," I admitted. "Consolation in missing buses!"

"There's always something," assured the young man, who looked as if he had taken his time over a good big breakfast.

The next bus came in six minutes. We boarded. Ten blocks farther on, our bus drew up alongside a bus halted by the kerb. Our driver leaned out and spoke to the other. All the passengers got out of the other bus and climbed in ours to stand. Engine trouble. It was the bus we had missed.

"See?" called the young man down the aisle to me.

Short sermons

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