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Watch Uncle Joe

THERE ARE THOSE who believe that as Marshal Stalin has made a few clumsy gestures of goodwill we should be quick to accept this gesture at its full face value. We have a feeling however that, even should we get to sitting down in amity, it might be well for us to watch our hat and overcoat.

There are other facts beside this apparently open gesture. There is the knowledge that the Soviet Union has spent a billion and a half dollars in atomic bomb research and nine billion on new military equipment. She has 500 German scientists working on guided missiles and other weapons—among them, new super tanks. She has more than twice the number of men under arms that are so employed by Britain and the United States and France combined. One and a half million of her troops are on duty in occupied territory. Others are a training force at home. By 1955 there will be a trained reserve force of from 15 to 20 million men. These facts are on the authority of Brigadier-General Edwin Sibert, Assistant Director of the Central Intelligence group of the United States Army.

We hope and believe that Mr. Stalin has achieved what he wished to achieve and is ready to be friendly. All the same we might keep a wary eye on a friend who carries a very big stick.

GOING NEAR THE WATER

BATHING SUIT DESIGNERS are at a dead end. Their efforts to reduce women's swim costumes to a patterned film of sheer nothingness have been so successful that mermaids cannot possibly wear less without being totally indecent.

Now the designers are turning to conservatism in their creations.

Glancing back into history, it is found that up to the middle of the 18th century bathers were only what Nature endowed them with. The Greeks would have thought anyone mad who dressed up to go in the water. When civilization became more "civilized" sea bathers ventured out into the brine under cover of a "bathing machine"—an umbrella-like contraption which supposedly protected them from the curious. But even in those days ladies wore floor-length flannel robes tied around their necks, as a further measure of protection.

A radical departure from these was a voluminous suit with baggy pantaloons, thick, long-sleeved dress to the throat and an abundance of frills and flounces.

In the mid-eighties the leading designer of the time popularized a daring one-piece, short-sleeved affair which covered the wearer from knees to neck. Bound to maintain their shapeliness at all times, women wore their corset beneath this stunning outfit.

The "briefies" of today were promoted by the sun bathing craze which resulted in diaper suits, sarongs, strapless types and countless other "G" string varieties. In addition to seeing how scant their creations can be, designers are giving careful consideration to the materials best suited for this application.

LETTERBOX

POLITICAL FRUSTRATION

Editor, Daily News:
I read with approval your editorial in which you stated "it is the eleventh hour" for our older political parties. Truly it is.

Ours is supposed to be a democratic government. Does that not mean that our Parliament is supposed to govern as the majority of the people will? Do they? A recent example is the margarine question which should not be a question. A minority is against it, the majority for it, yet the minority wins. A past example was the conscription issue. You will recall others too numerous to mention.

A few members in the cabinet decide to put through a law. Then the party followers are told they must abide by it. Can you see a resemblance to the Moscow politburo? I can. During a year's residence in Ottawa, I attended regularly the nightly sessions of Parliament from the Ladies' Gallery. I am only sorry that it is an experience that every Canadian citizen cannot have at least once. Perhaps it would shake the lethargy from many Canadian voters.

Our representatives seem to care more for political prestige (whatever that means) than for trying to do good for us and our country.

I do not believe in Socialism, not for Canada. I think our party system could be the best form of government in this world if our party members would forget party politics and the dishonesty and corruption that goes with them and do the job for which they are elected and paid—the job of governing as we wish to be governed.

What choice have I and thousands more in the next election? To vote for the same thing again as is in now, the counterpart of it or the alternative—Socialism? Yet it is my duty to vote and, however I cast my ballot, it will be with the knowledge that I am voting for a party in which I have no trust, respect or belief.
MRS. M. STRAND.

DUSTY ROADS

Editor, Daily News:
What is the city going to do about dusty roads? Couldn't they get a water sprinkler to take away this filthy dust. It is not sanitary when our children have to swallow this dust into which men spit on the street. We come out clean but we go home as if we have been rolling in the dust.

Thanking you for your space.
MRS. ROSE BOXALLING.

LONDON, 9.—The Thames Embankment will have a new landmark when the sloop Wellington, which was required by the Honorable Company of Master Mariners for use as headquarters is moored at Temple Steps.

IXWORTH, Suffolk, Eng., 9.—Ashes of Roman fires believed to be 1,700 years ago were found here.

THE BATTLE OF THE FLOOD

The cattle grazed on hillside green,
And orchards hung in bloom;
With hopeful heart, the farmer stood,
Upon rich land, and all looked good,
No thought there was of gloom.

But the mighty river Fraser,
Which can be friend or foe,
Did see the havoc she could play,
And with her power night and day,
She filled men's hearts with woe.

Towns and farmlands, highways all,
Of these she heeded not;
In her path she left but fear,
Uprooting homes with memories dear,
While owners refuge sought.

Yet as this battle forth does rage,
Men harken to the call;
They rally forth in time of need,
To fight a single cause indeed,
While selfish thoughts do fall.

Courageously they man the dykes,
And pass bags filled with sand;
Into the night with all their might,
They sweat and toil to win the fight,
And save their precious land.

There still is hope for all mankind,
Where greed does oft prevail;
For here men work as waters roar,
Side by side till the battle's o'er,
We pray they may not fail.

—Helen Wyllie.

PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

(June 11, 1913)

The civic finance committee recommended to city council that the speeding bylaw be enforced and to "prosecute offenders regardless of who they may be." Alderman Collart suggested that speed limit signs be placed on bridges.

The highest temperature was recorded when the thermometer reached 78 degrees, according to Dominion Meteorologist H. O. Crewe. The highest reading for 1922 was 82.

The Northern B. C. Agricultural and Industrial Association

indicated at a meeting that it would have to have greater financial assistance from the city if a fair was to be possible in 1923.

(June 11, 1923)

The Borealis, of Atlin Fisheries, arrived in port with between 50,000 and 60,000 pounds of halibut. The captain reported rough weather for the time of year. On one day, he said, the sea was so stormy that he had trouble picking up the men in the dories.

According to the monthly weather summary, average temperature for May, 1913, was 48.4 degrees. Highest temperature was 62 and lowest 36. Precipitation for the month was 6.75 inches.

CIVIC CARNIVAL MARINE EXHIBIT

Date of Port Day Set for August 26

Marine industrial exhibits will have a prominent place at the Civic Centre Carnival this year, if plans of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Port Day committee mature. The display will be a part of the committee's 1948 project and will feature marine engines, ship's gear and sea products.

At the monthly meeting of the Junior Chamber last night, Port Day Committee Chairman Stuart Furk said that the date for Port Day had been set for August 26, the Thursday of Carnival week. He appealed for the active support of Junior Chamber members.

Al Manson, treasurer of the Port Day committee, said that plans were being made to have the industrial exhibit in the Civic Centre and that space had been tentatively allotted. The exhibits would remain on display for the whole of Carnival Week as part of the show.

Industrial firms are being contacted to have them prepare exhibits.

The meeting went on record as favoring the restoration of chlorination of the city's water supply and voted to inform City Council of its position in the matter.

Three voting delegates will be sent by the Junior Chamber to the 1948 convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia, which will be held at Juneau, Alaska in the third week in September. No delegates were named last night however.

The meeting welcomed two new members, Robert Howard Hoban and Douglas Pitt-Brook. Attendance at the meeting was 20, with two guests.

Guest speaker was Frank T. Davies, of Ottawa, superintendent of radio propagation for the Defence Research Board, who spoke on the background and

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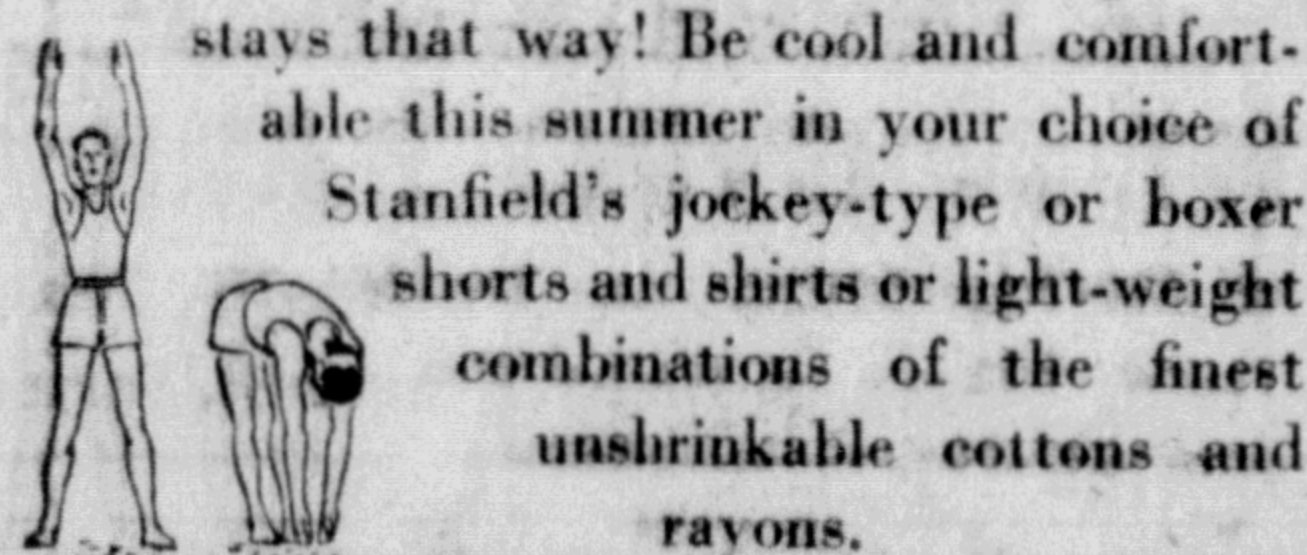
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