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All Aboard

By G. E. MORTIMORE

Unbutton your collars, men. A clergyman in Miami, Fla. thinks the necktie is going out of fashion.

According to a recent news story, Dr. Harman's research shows that ties change every 50 years.

As it happens, Dr. Harman is a collector of ties. He has cravats once owned by a number of celebrities, including Tom Mix and Harry Truman.

Other critics will claim that he shows a sourgrapes attitude toward an item of dress which (I suppose) he is not allowed to wear.

However, I will not hear such evil talk about a man of the cloth, spread as it must be by the vested interests.

Speaking as one whose windpipe has been too long imprisoned in a noose of pesky fabrics, I will be happy to bid the necktie farewell and bon voyage to the garbage pail.

Coats shield a man from the weather. No one will deny, I hope, that pants are useful. But what good did a tie ever do? It doesn't keep you warm.

Some people may object that there is a place for things which are purely ornamental.

Colored pictures of bucking horses, bathing beauties and pheasants winging into the sunset have appeared on some neckties.

Dr. Harman put up two alternatives: a different kind of necktie, or no necktie.

But the tie is one mark of a well-dressed man," reactionaries will say.

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THE OIL-COVERED BIRD AT RIGHT, a gull not, if you want to get technical about it, wishes that human beings would mind their own business and leave Britain's coastal birds alone.



The War Cry

IT IS often thought that the principal duty of the Salvation Army is to watch out for the lost and strayed, give them a bowl of soup and clean clothes, say a prayer and send them on their way refreshed.

Admittedly that is part of it, but there is something else which makes the Army considerably more than a welfare bureau with religious overtones.

As Field Secretary Gilbert Best told the meeting, all Salvationists are sworn to follow their "Articles of War," which means making active personal use of their Christian teachings in the combat of existence.

It is a dedicated form of life which most would hesitate to enter. Yet anyone who attended the congress just past could feel only envy.

With no sense of self-righteousness but only a desire to help, the Salvationists are taking these qualities into the dark areas of the world where they do most of their work.

Driver, Be Careful

THE trend towards more long weekends, such as Labor Day, is responsible for an alarming increase in traffic deaths and injuries, say officials of the All Canada Insurance Federation.

An estimated 70 deaths and hundreds of injuries are expected this coming Labor Day weekend in Canada unless above-average precautions are taken.

When a holiday falls on a weekend motorists tend to drive further and faster into unfamiliar territory, say safety experts.

Mechanical failures, bad roads, and poor driving conditions cause only a small percentage of all traffic accidents, according to these experts.

Officials of the All Canada Insurance Federation, which represents more than 200 fire, automobile and casualty insurance companies, recommend some safety measures for weekend drivers:

- 1. Plan trips carefully. Long distances are tiring, and should be left until summer holidays.
2. Have car checked before leaving.
3. Never load too many people into car.
4. Remember that speeding, drinking while driving, driving on wrong side of the road, and ignoring rights of way of other motorists are the factors responsible for 70 per cent of all traffic accidents.
5. Never drive with glaring headlights or fogged windows.

"Dead" Veteran Faces Problem Of New Family

GALENA PARK, Tex. (AP)—Pte. Walter B. Dixon, whose sister has two death certificates for him—one signed by former President Truman—faced a dilemma today.

Back from the dead in the continuing prisoner-of-war exchanges at Panmunjom, the 23-year-old Galena Park soldier was reported killed in action, May 18, 1951.

Today, his 23-year-old wife, Mrs. Agnes Dixon of Lagrange, N.C., has a one-year-old son by her second husband, Pte. William S. Sasser of Lagrange.

The sister, Mrs. Lorean Storey of Galena Park, said Monday night, "I feel sure Walter knows that Agnes married again, but I don't know if he is aware that she had a child."

"I've told him everything in many letters," the sister continued. "But I don't know if he got the letters. He has never mentioned the child to me in any of his letters. He did say he would do whatever Agnes wanted to do."

Mrs. Dixon, in Lagrange, refused to talk Monday night to Atlanta, Ga., newspaper men who reached her by telephone. Mrs. Storey said her sister-in-law revealed no plans to her in a letter she had from North Carolina last week.

"But she did say she was very anxious to see Walter," the sister said.

Mrs. Storey said Agnes legally cannot divorce Dixon until he returns to the United States. The couple were together but five days after their April 5, 1950, marriage. Mrs. Storey said, when he was ordered to the west coast and about a month later shipped to Korea.

Reported killed in action about a year later, it was not until late in 1951 that the Communists released his name as a war prisoner.

Two death certificates, one signed by Truman, the other from the State of Missouri, are among a pile of mementoes and clippings Mrs. Storey has on the case.

Socialist Fined

CALCUTTA (AP)—For burning eight effigies of U.S. State Secretary Dulles in a public park last May when he was visiting India, two Bengali Socialists were fined 25 rupees (\$5.28) today by a city magistrate.

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Judge Says Press Should Curb Own Offenders Against Decency

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP)—The judge who barred reporters from the Jelke vice trial holds that it is up to the press itself to "police the offenders" against journalistic canons of decency and responsibility.

Judge Francis L. Valente of New York City's general sessions court Monday night cautioned the New York State Society of Newspaper Editors that "our history is studied with instances where unbridled excess has brought legal and legislative restraints."

The judge did not refer directly to the trial of Minot F. Mickey Jelke. During portions of that proceeding, he kept reporters out of his courtroom on the ground that publication of the testimony was likely to impair public morals.

Valente cited one of the canons of journalism adopted in 1923 by the American Society of Newspaper Editors, stating that "a newspaper that supplies incentives to base conduct such as are to be found in details of crime and vice cannot escape being convicted of insincerity while professing a high purpose."

The responsibility to curb and correct is yours and the alternative is, I repeat, outside regulation, which we are all in favor of avoiding," Valente said.

Soviet Satellites All Out of Step In Regard to Zhdanov Anniversary

LONDON (Reuters)—A five-year-old Kremlin death mystery took an odd turn Monday night when all the satellites were out of step with Moscow in commemorating the event.

Five years ago Andrei Alexandrovich Zhdanov died suddenly in Moscow at the age of 54 and apparently at the height of his power.

Zhdanov was then reckoned No. 2 to Stalin. He was Russia's culture chief, the founder of the Cominform, and an apostle of militant expansionist communism.

A medical bulletin signed by several Kremlin doctors said he died from heart disease.

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Beria said the accused doctors had been freed. The charges against them were said to be false. "Unlawful" interrogation methods were said to have been used.

In July Beria was denounced as an "enemy of the people" and an "imperialist spy"; he was stripped of all offices in party and state. The announcement, however, made no reference to the Zhdanov affair.

Monday night Moscow radio ignored completely the Zhdanov anniversary. In past years Zhdanov had been built up in a big way with commemorative articles about the part he played in building up "socialism" in the U.S.S.R.

But in contrast, monitors here reported, the news bulletins of Soviet satellite countries were almost entirely devoted to commemorating Zhdanov. Radio reports showed that the press of those countries also carried long articles about Zhdanov.

Many observers of the Soviet scene believe that Zhdanov and Malenkov were bitter rivals for "the succession." There is some evidence to suggest that a purge of Zhdanov men was undertaken following his death.

Yet, presumably of Stalin's orders, the anniversary of his death was each year commemorated by the Soviet press and radio.

Clearly Malenkov ordered this commemoration to stop this year. It is in line with his policy of playing down the memory of Stalin and with his denunciation of "the cult of the individual." It may also be in line with his personal feelings about the late Zhdanov.

But clearly, too, these instructions have not reached satellite capitals.

Tourist Trade

YORKTON, Sask. (CP)—Indian children are making money off the red Prairie lily, Saskatchewan's flower emblem. They stand along the roadsides and sell the flowers for a few pennies to passing tourists.

ray... Reflects and Reminisces

The pioneers had no cigarettes. And fewer forest fires.

There may be some truth in this recently published war ad: For sale, special six-room house, well ventilated due to the way it was built.

During last June, Canada exported \$144 worth of ice to Alaska. This has just been announced by the Bureau of Statistics. It is always encouraging to note the steady development of commercial relations between the Dominion and American northland.

The Lancet says: as you grow older, your "electro encephalogram will show less activation of the Alpha rhythm." In plain English this means that the older you get the less likely will your body be subject to sea sickness.

WHAT SHE DOES

Back in the days when Rita Hayworth was married to Orson Welles, she was emoting before the cameras when a make-up man yelled: "Hey, Miss Hayworth's sweating. I gotta put some more make-up on her face."

A television announcer reporting a fight at Madison Square Garden, commented on the women present: "Several are quite dressed up. There are a number, in fact, in gownless evening straps."

LOOKS LOW!

One of the miseries of life, comments the Montreal Gazette, is to be overworked, but underworking may become an evil also. The biggest labor body in Canada, the Trades and Labor Congress, will press for a 30-hour week and endeavor to have this enforced by law.

If the working week is to be cut down to 30 hours, and if payment is to be kept as high as it was for the 40-hour week, or even higher, what will the consequence be? Is there not a danger that the reaction from overwork is swinging to the opposite extreme?

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By Norman M. MacLeod

One of the most interesting speculations in connection with the new Cabinet which Prime Minister St. Laurent is devising down at his summer home in St. Patrick's is the rumor of the retirement of Health and Welfare Minister Paul Martin.

It is well known to his friends that Hon. Mr. Martin has considered retirement from public life more than once during the recent past. The report now current in well-informed Liberal circles is that he has made up his mind finally, and that his separation from the Cabinet will come in the course of the changes which the Prime Minister will announce next week.

If he leaves public life Hon. Mr. Martin will be appointed to high judicial office. The Supreme Court of Ontario is the post most generally mentioned.

Politically, all the rival aspirants to succeed Prime Minister St. Laurent, when and if he lays down the mantle of Liberal Leader, will breathe a lot more freely with Hon. Paul out of the picture. The strong support that he uncovered in the 1948 convention is still remembered very vividly in the Cabinet here.

Just how close Hon. Paul came to capturing the Liberal crown back in 1948 probably will never be known. He made a pre-convention appeal to young Liberals which received an enthusiastic coast-to-coast response.

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MIDDLE WALLOP, Hants, Eng. (CP)—Warrant Officer Sidney Richard Pegg, who joined the air force when planes flew at 50 miles an hour, bowed out by flying a jet fighter at 12 times that speed.

The two speeds encompassed an interval of 40 years, the length of Pegg's air force service.

He joined the military wing of the Royal Flying Corps in 1913 and took the salute in a farewell parade Aug. 9 this year. His air force number, 910, was the lowest in the RAF.

In a farewell flight Pegg flew in a Meteor jet fighter at more than 600 miles an hour. He said he could recall flying in his early days at 53 miles an hour.

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