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Czecho-Slovakia's Role

THE Czecho-Slovakian Government had promised a supply of the new Bren machine-guns for use by the British Army. This gun, the work of a Czech inventor, has many points of superiority over all previous types of machine-guns for use in warfare.

Portugal was ordering a supply of these guns either to be used by General Franco, or even a much greater power, it is rumored. The Czechs became suddenly unable to supply the Portuguese.

The Czecho-Slovakian Foreign Office, in its communique on Portugal's action, says it is "an unprecedented case in the history of international relations that the failure of commercial negotiations should lead to a formal and one-sided rupture of diplomatic relations." "The failure of commercial negotiations" in this case had to do with a supply of munitions and to that extent was different from an ordinary business deal. It is true, nevertheless, that Portugal's break with Czecho-Slovakia is a most unusual occurrence which cannot help but disturb the people as well as the chancelleries of Europe.

One of the Lisbon papers, *Diario di Noticias*, expresses what is probably the logical Portuguese attitude when it declares: "Czecho-Slovakia is the Russian stronghold in Central Europe and perhaps the Soviet Union's largest air base. Czecho-Slovakia knew that the armaments were not for Spain, but she received instructions from an Eastern power not to supply arms to a country that was a sure guarantee against a Communist Iberian peninsula. Portugal's attitude is a noble one."

This statement in itself shows the seriousness of the situation. It reveals Portugal's self-complicity and brings into the picture the troubled issues of Russia and the Spanish war. It does not mention Germany, but everyone knows that Portugal and the Third Reich are on friendly terms. An arrangement, indeed, was made between these two countries last year which, although widely commented upon then, looms even larger now. Portugal turned back to Germany certain territory in the former Klonga triangle of German East Africa which had been awarded to Portugal by the Treaty of Versailles. This was the first definite step towards regaining of colonies by Germany and makes that country an immediate neighbor of Taganyika, British mandated territory. There are also reports of German penetration in Angola (Portuguese West Africa).

Italy is not mentioned either, in the quotation from the Lisbon paper, but when Portugal withdrew her minister from Prague this week, his business was turned over to the Italian minister. For three centuries Portugal and Great Britain have acted in the closest harmony. European commentators think it is significant that it is Italy and not Britain which Portugal has chosen to look after her interests in Czecho-Slovakia. On the other hand, Mussolini in Sicily spoke of the better feeling between his country and Great Britain. It is all as confused as European relations have the bad habit of being.

Japan Oversteps Once Too Often

GROWING complications in the Chinese war have come to a head in the shooting of Sir Hughe Montgomery Knatchbull-Hugessen, British ambassador to China. It is an incident without precedent in British history. Not only does the attack involve Japan in a grave diplomatic crime, but it seriously complicates Britain's position in the Chinese situation by depriving the Government of the services of its "key agent" at a critical stage of developments. On that account the wholly inexcusable attack could almost be accepted as deliberate.

The British Cabinet's calm and considered handling of the outrage gives assurance that no hasty step will be taken which could aggravate the already strained relations with Japan. At the same time nothing can minimize the serious view it has taken or the positive character of the satisfaction to be asked. Official concern is not placing greater stress on the life of an Ambassador than it would on that of any civilian so attacked. But there are diplomatic conditions which increase the enormity of the offense.

Sir Hughe is his Majesty's representative to China. That position guarantees him full immunity under any circumstances and assures him of absolute freedom in carrying out the duties of his office in war or in peace. The attacks amount to a denial of that immunity, and mere regrets will not wipe it out.

The excuse that the flag flying from the Ambassador's car was not "distinguishable" to the Japanese airmen is without point. The car was travelling a highway miles removed from the actual conflict. The attack, therefore, serves better to illustrate the indiscriminate savagery with which Japan is conducting an undeclared war in what is actually neutral territory. It is an insufferable situation, not only for Britain, but for the other nations, and it is about time it was brought to an end.

In this one respect the shooting of Sir Hughe may serve a very useful purpose. Japan has misplayed her hand in China from the beginning. It offers the opportunity to dilute her enthusiasm for aggression and to reduce her impudence to tolerable doses. In the face of her proposals to run the gamut in the Shanghai blockade, it should not be wasted, and there is every reason to believe, it will not.

His Excellency's Birthday

IT would be interesting to know whether his Excellency thought of himself as Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General, or John Buchan, writer, when he cut a huge birthday cake in the little Norwegian settlement on British Columbia's rugged shore. The romantic incident must have stirred his literary spirit to its depths. First a service in the Lutheran church in memory of those who fell in the Great War. Then the birthday party in a community hall with sixty-two candles and a joint greeting from British and Norwegians in their separate languages. A visit to the Bella Coola Indian Reserve to witness the most sacred of Indian rituals, the Thunderbirds' dance, and receive the highest honor the red man could bestow, involving an undesired river crossing to respect the Indian superstition that removal of the paraphernalia from the island would bring ill luck.

We imagine that both John Buchan and Lord Tweedsmuir got something of a thrill out of this combination of events in such a setting. It must have seemed a climax to all the other unusual and surprising incidents in a long and remarkable journey. It was a birthday celebration to be remembered, and it was a vivid portrayal of the complex make-up of His Majesty's domain even in one small, out-of-the-way corner.

Snapshots

Now what do you think of Farr?

If he had had another round he would probably have finished Louis. Louis acted like a poor sport.

Another burglary has gone into the list of unsolved crimes in Fredericton.

Spanking by the Chief of Police for young offenders is being introduced in a town in Ontario. That might be carried out to advantage in our underground police headquarters with our Chief presiding at the shingle. The matter is worth the consideration of Police Commission. There are a number of kids in this city that deserve to be spanked.

The people of St. George are getting more light. It is to be hoped that the lights at the street corners down there are brighter than some nearer home which we could mention. Some of our street lights look like a hole burning in a blanket. The middle of our blocks in some cases are as dark as the inside of a black cow.

A rarity—a sixty-minute program that holds your interest for almost an hour. The program last night however held the interest for more than an hour and contained lots of thrills.

W. W. HUBBARD

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"New Brunswick growers, on the other hand, with their relatively very small production, have not yet organized for a sale service, and in the absence of a consumer demand, find it difficult to interest the trade in their occasional offerings.

"(2) Transportation for fruit has been more costly in this province than from countries whence larger quantities have been shipped. Up until this year there has been very distinct discrimination against the New Brunswick grower in freight and express rates as compared with growers in Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia.

"For instance, it has cost more to ship a box of apples from Fredericton to Sydney, than from Leamington, Ontario, to Sydney, though the distance is about 1,000 miles greater. Fruit from Niagara comes to New Brunswick much more cheaply than New Brunswick fruit can be sent to Toronto or even to Montreal, and rates within the Province of Ontario are very much less than rates within the Province of New Brunswick.

Some Relief

"In the past, Montreal has been one of our largest markets for New Brunswick apples and on this movement our freight rate has been almost doubled since the movement started. Within the past few months some relief has been given both in express and freight rates, but we are not yet on a parity with our competitors.

"(3) The cost of wholesaling from the producer to the retailer has been and is, tremendously greater than in other provinces and what seems like a much too large proportion of the consumer's dollar has been absorbed making a hardship to both the grower and the retailer as well as causing a price to the consumer that prevents him from buying the quantities that would be desirable from a health and economic standpoint. In addition to this, there is an apparent tendency on the part of the trade to push the sales of imported citrus fruits and bananas much more vigorously than apples.

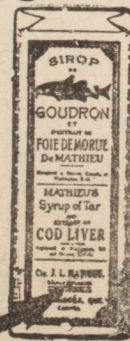
"While these disabilities are discouraging the consumer can, if he or she will, greatly help out the situation by becoming more apple conscious and when thinking of fruit purchases, think in terms of New Brunswick apples rather than of Nova Scotia, British Columbia, or imported apples; know New Brunswick varieties by name; ask for and demand them."

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"THE ORPHANS AND OTHERS" THEME OF ELOQUENT ADDRESS

Henry Harvey Stuart Made An Appeal On Behalf of Protestant Orphans.

An address on behalf of the New Brunswick Protestant Orphanage, under the auspices of the Orange Order, was given in the United Baptist Church, Geary, Sunbury Co., N. B., on Sunday afternoon, August 29th, 1937, by Henry Harvey Stuart.

The address was as follows:

"And the Lord said, shall I hide from Abraham that which I do: 'Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?'

"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."—Genesis XVIII, 17-19.

We are told in the text just why Abraham came to be chosen as the father of the faithful and the ancestor of the nation in whom all nations of the earth should be blessed. It was simply for the reason that Abraham, among all the chiefs of his period, could alone, or at least away above all others, be depended upon to pass on all he knew and felt to others and see that his children and subjects should be brought up in his own faith and carefully guided in the way he believed they should go. There was no favoritism or mere luck about the choice. Abraham was spiritually the most serious and enlightened man of his age therefore, the one best qualified to produce the long line of thinkers and actors who, in God's providence, should be the instruments through which salvation should come to the human race. The Lord could then, as now, work only for man in and through the lives of those who responded to the continuous and impartial promptings of His Holy Spirit.

The divine message was broadcast then, as now, to all men, but only those who found time to pay close attention thereto—who listened in with set purpose of learning—were able to hear and understand and make use of it. As brought so forcibly, long years after Abraham's time, to the consciousness of Elijah, one of his most illustrious descendants, the Holy Spirit speaks not so much in the thunder and the earthquake as in the still small voice, which is not always audible in the noise and bustle of the street but is always heard in the preparedness of reverent attention and silence.

Abraham, through his children, especially through the son he kept with him, to whom he taught all of the nature and will of God that he himself had been able to comprehend, kept the faint gleam of Truth that obtained in those times before his people, and by the same means that gleam was ever after kept in sight and seen plainer and plainer as the centuries went by. Prophet after prophet caught new visions, which they shared with all who were able to appreciate and understand these newer and fuller revelations, until in the fullness of time the long-looked for Messiah appeared, announcing Himself to be The Way, The Truth and The Life and hailing His disciples as both the salt, or preserver, of the earth and the light of the world, and even assuring them that greater works than His should they do after His departure and the coming of The Comforter He should send to take His place.

What a tremendous emphasis the organizers of nations and founders of religions placed so properly upon the importance of Education! "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it," is still as true as ever. And the opposite is just as true. Train up a child in the wrong way or give him no training at all, and he can be depended upon to grow up a menace to society or at best a nuisance in the community. Good training nearly always produces good citizens; bad training, bad or poor citizens. We need all the good citizens we can muster if our community is to keep on improving steadily rather than fall back into ignorance, carelessness and cruelty of the bad old times from which we are just emerging.

As all in this and other of the more progressive and democratic countries are supposed to be equal before the law and have equal rights at the ballot box, therefore every vicious, or even merely ignorant, man or woman is a serious danger to the freedom and well-being of all the rest. As has so often been pointed out, no chain is stronger than its weakest link. As the breaking of one link at the wrong moment will hurl both load and driver to destruction, so an ignorant or unprincipled voter or official may, at a critical period in the nation's life, hurl the state into years

OUR MAIL BAG

THE SCHOOL BOARD

Editor of The Daily Mail,
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:

I have been very much interested at the able, gentlemanly and forcible matter that you valuable paper has been after the Fredericton School Board, in reference to their closed door actions. I was also interested in the way other papers throughout Canada have been taking the matter up. Your School Board is the only one I know of who is holding these private meetings and no wonder the taxpayers are growing hot under the collar. In St. Stephen when the School Board is in session, the press is invited to attend and if they do not go, Gordon Nicholson the Secretary, or any member of the board will gladly furnish any information required to the reporters after the meeting. That is the way it should be. The Sackville Tribune seems to have hit the nail on the head when it took the matter up and spoke as it did in reference to the actions of the Capital City in the matter of school affairs.

Yours truly,
E. G. MERRITT.
St. Stephen, N. B., Aug. 30, 1937.

of misery and disgrace. We cannot afford to allow one child in the land to be deprived of his God-given right of access to the most complete and beneficial education he is fitted by nature to grasp and assimilate.

Now, the fact that a child is an orphan does not put him into a separate class. He will grow up to be a good citizen or a citizen not so good. If a good citizen, he will help build up the commonwealth in the right direction; if bad, he will help to tear down and degrade. We can afford, even for merely selfish reasons, to take no chances. Never was there a truer word spoken than that "no man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself." Every person has an influence for either good or evil—there is no standing neutral in the battle of life—and we need all the help in solving our problems we can get.

Since many orphans are left by poor parents—and so much of our poverty is entirely unnecessary—they need to be helped along until able to look after themselves and take up their proper share of the world's burden. And, as many are not bona fide orphans, but much worse off than the real variety, being deserted by heartless fathers or unfortunate mothers, these are still more in need of help and guidance, because of their still greater potentiality for evil; if they are not directed rightly in time. If we do not lift up the fallen, they will drag us down; if we do not educate the ignorant, some of them will marry into higher-grade families and the standard of the community will be lowered; if we let the vicious-minded run loose, our sons and daughters may fall into their habits of life from mere association; for manners like some diseases are highly contagious.

Here let me again emphasize the importance to a sound educational system open to all. We can't spend too much on the proper training of our children nor be too careful of the training and selection of teachers and text books and supplementary reading. Consolidated high schools, well-equipped, are imperative necessities, and compulsory attendance goes as a matter of course. Moral training must not be neglected, and it should never be forgotten that the true function of the school is to prepare the child for good citizenship. All the merely denominational instruction necessary can be given at home and in the church and Sabbath school. The country that neglects its Sunday rest from ordinary business is making a big mistake!

In the old days when the national spirit was weaker than at present but the clan feeling much stronger, the orphan was adopted by a near relative or neighbor or allowed to run at will in the place, but now it is necessary that he be looked after on a more systematic plan. True, he can be sent to the almshouse, but almshouse accommodation as hitherto available has not proved entirely satisfactory, so far at least as children were concerned. The orphans should, where adequate facilities cannot be provided in kindly private homes, be looked after in well-equipped, well-officed and well-regulated municipal or Provincial institutions in such a manner as to have no slur let upon the inmates. And, by the way, hospital, medical and many other services directly affecting the public as a whole should be naturalized; and, some day, none but the mentally fit, the physically healthy and the morally clean will be allowed to marry and reproduce themselves, and the penalty for illegitimacy will fall upon the parents in such a way as to make repetition entirely out of the question.

Law and custom should encourage morality and discourage all that tends to hurt or corrupt the community. But among us the conditions are exactly contrary—it is hard to do right and most easy to fall into evil ways. Un-

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summoned to the colors would consist of Chinese aged 20-25, with penalties provided for those who fail to join.

China charged last night that Japan precipitated the present Far Eastern conflict and warned that the "world as yet has witnessed only the beginning of hostilities."

A Chinese note was sent to the League of Nations advisory committee on China.

China accused Japan of rejecting all Chinese attempts to settle local conflicts by direct negotiation, mediation or arbitration and declared that "Japan irrevocably is committed to a policy of military conquest and expansion in the Asiatic Continent."

"Japanese armed forces invaded China's territory extensively," the Chinese note to the League charged, "attacking Chinese positions on land, at sea, and in the air, in central as well as in North China."

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