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Another Report

The report of the U. N. Committee on Hungary seems to be attracting more attention than it deserves. Certainly, there is nothing in it that was not known all along.

The report, however, makes a useful contribution to world service by disposing of a fallacious theory advanced by the United States' delegation to the U. N. and supported, tacitly if not outrightly, by the Canadian delegation.

Evidently, the report is to be brought before the next regular meeting of the U. N. General Assembly for "discussion".

Dangerous Qualities

A significant sign of the times, when almost everybody looks forward to the day when he will be the recipient of some sort of bounty from "the Government" has been revealed in a French court.

The central and strange figure in the case was a farmer by the name of Felix Barbaut. He was brought to court originally for refusing to pay taxes. That is understandable, though unusual.

To the judge, the reason was much more serious than the offence. It showed, undoubtedly, that Mr. Barbaut was mentally incompetent.

He thereupon remanded the accused for mental examination. But, although the doctors tried everything they could think of, they were unable to find anything wrong with the man's mental processes.

Here, the judge observed that never in his experience had he heard any such reasoning and that it was clear to him, whatever the doctors might say, that the man was out of

his mind. Without more ado, he suspended sentence on the tax evasion charge and sent Mr. Barbaut to an institution for observation and treatment.

Mrs. "Peace Pilgrim"

Sometime before the snow flies motorists on Island roads can expect to meet a woman trudging along bearing on the back of her tunic the legend "on foot for world peace."

Mrs. Peace Pilgrim, the name by which she carries on her crusade, has no money. She says that from time to time friends and well wishers give her clothes and shoes, that she eats when food is offered and sleeps wherever she happens to be at the end of the day's walk—sometimes in hospitable homes, often in sheds and on barn floors.

It is difficult to see how one individual's protest-walking could have any beneficial effect on world conditions. But, at least, Mrs. Pilgrim has found out one pleasant thing on her travels, namely, that even "cranks"—rightly or wrongly so-called—can rely on the public generosity. "Never," she told reporters in Victoria, "have I skipped more than four meals in a row."

EDITORIAL NOTES

A boy in Wisconsin, asked by his teacher what his father did for a living, hemmed and hawed and finally came up with: "He sort of teaches teachers how to teach teachers."

A South African scientist has developed a "copper salt" to prevent mineral deficiency in livestock, according to a bulletin put out by the Information Office of the South African Government.

You can never tell who has a lot of money and who hasn't. In New York the other day a recluse who lived in near squalor and who lived on the most meagre rations died and left an estate worth more than a half-million dollars.

It is reported that a South African inventor has developed a "gasoline economizer" which will save up to 20 per cent in fuel. Which makes us wonder what happened to the device which was supposed to make a tankful of gas last almost indefinitely.

Soviet scientists say they will be ready to launch the first artificial moon before the end of 1958 and that it will be much superior to the American product. Just to be on the safe side, however, they have made it known that they have no desire to compete with the United States for the "first launching".

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(BUT THEN, SOMETIMES IT RAINS - -)

The Commonwealth Today

By W. N. Ewer, United Kingdom Information Service

This year's Conference of Commonwealth Ministers, which meets in London June 26, marks a double anniversary.

The first meeting of "Colonial Premiers" which was held in the summer of 1887 just 70 years ago was almost accidental. The Premiers of the "self-governing Colonies" had come to London as guests for the celebrations of Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

That was the first faint beginning. There was no idea that it was the beginning of a permanent and world-important institution. The Premiers did not meet again until the Diamond Jubilee ten years later.

Yet, as I say, it was inevitable. It was inevitable that the British self-governing institutions should

as they did during the 19th century develop and be recognized in the "European" colonies. It was equally inevitable that, as Lord Macaulay foresaw 120 years ago, such institutions should in the course of time be demanded by the people of India.

It did more than this. It laid down firmly that the United Kingdom and the Dominions are "autonomous communities within the British Empire, equal in status, in no way subordinate one to another in any aspect of their domestic or external affairs, freely associated as members of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

Others, as much as 90,000 miles across, are visible to the naked eye. The temperature is indescribably hot—an estimated 5,000 degrees in the dark centres, and the edges, from which the flares shoot miles of up to 1,000 miles a second.

Scientists hope to find more answers during the International Geophysical Year, an 18-month period starting July 1. Sunspot activity, with high and low varying in cycles of roughly 11 years, now is at—or, perhaps, just past—its peak, following the steepest and highest climb in history.

The fact that this is a period of intense sunspot turbulence is the reason why the July 1957-December 1958 period was chosen for the third IGY, during which scientists in some 50 countries will make and pool observations and measurements of the earth and heavens.

Next to the plotting of stars for navigation purposes, sunspots are the oldest recorded phenomenon of the skies. Records show the average monthly count of sunspots for about the last 200 years, although astronomers cannot be sure of the early score-keeping during periods of low sunspot activity.

Best guess is that the dark spots on the sun are highly ionized or magnetic gases producing a shower of powerful radiation on the ionosphere, which lies between 130 and 200 miles from earth.

It is this effect on the porous ionosphere that disturbs broadcast, radio waves are directed to the ionosphere, from which they are reflected, or bounced back, to receivers.

Such forecasts are made by DRB's communications wing for periods of three months in advance by estimating the trend of day-to-day measurements of sun spots and the critical point at which high frequencies are lost in the ionosphere.

The sunspot trend is forecast from average daily counts provided by the Zurich Observatory in Switzerland, recognized as the world's best for the job. Transport department ionosphere stations in Canada record the critical frequency of penetration.

The predictions really are just an educated guess," Dr. Chapman said. However, the Ottawa forecasters are becoming authoritative in their work and have achieved world repute in the 10 years or so they have been working.

Old Treatment With New Twist

By Herman N. Bundeser, M.D.

The old, it seems, is still new. With a few modifications, some doctors are now treating dislocated shoulders with a technique developed half a century ago.

Generally, correction of an anterior dislocation of the shoulder requires general anesthesia and must be done in a hospital.

An anterior dislocation means that the shoulder is pushed forward and the arm backward.

The procedure used by Drs. William S. Smith and Thomas J. Klug of the University of Colorado Medical Center can be applied right in a doctor's office without any general anesthesia.

It is really a very simple method. All it requires is two five-pound weights and a sandbag, a mild pain reliever—and the patient's ability to relax.

In fact, its success is based primarily on good muscle relaxation. First, the patient is given a mild pain-relieving drug which also produces relaxation and drowsiness.

When relaxation is complete, the patient is placed face down on a table. The arm of the injured shoulder is permitted to hang over the side of the table.

The doctor then places a sandbag under the shoulder and both five-pound weights are attached to the forearm.

In many cases the pressure of the weights is enough to cause the shoulder to move back into place. If this does not occur within five minutes, the arm is allowed to move back and forth in a gentle pendulum movement.

If the muscles are sufficiently relaxed, this should correct the dislocation in about 10 to 15 minutes.

If it does not, I'm afraid it means using the conventional pressure method under a general anesthetic.

Mrs. O.M.: Is Vitamin B-12 ever of any help in increasing growth of children?

Answer: Yes, Vitamin B-12 has been found to help the growth of children in some instances.

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

TO AN ORIOLE Child of summer, in your orange cloak, Warbling cool notes of liquid song, Flashing golden-barbed in the sun, Chanting mellow music all day long.

O Bird of heartening melody! Sing herald of cheerful songs! Singing thy symphony of heart! Until dark care departs. —Wm. H. Doucette Lower Rollo Bay.

OUR YESTERDAYS From the Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 25, 1932)

A Council meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade was held last evening to discuss the matter concerning the accounting of the Car Ferry service.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have put a seaplane into operation during the past month to patrol coastal waters of P.E.I., New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 25, 1947) After many delays caused by lack of building material, work on the extension to the Charlottetown Hospital has been started with excavation of the ground adjoining the existing hospital buildings.

With engines roaring at all speeds, the new car ferry Abegweit is in the midst of exhaustive tests on the St. Lawrence River. Officials are highly pleased with her performance to date, and after several more tests will possibly proceed to Charlottetown.

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DUTCH EMIGRANTS THE HAGUE (AP)—Emigration commissioner B. Haveman estimates 34,000 Dutchmen will find new homes abroad this year.

OIL IN EGYPT CAIRO (AP)—An oil discovery in the Sinai desert has raised hopes that Egypt will not only be able to meet her own needs but will have a surplus for export.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A writer says the speed limit eventually will be 100 miles per hour. That will slow some driver down, we hope. —London Free Press

An Indianapolis woman was arrested when she got tipsy on her 80th birthday. What are we going to do with the older generation? —London Free Press

More and more people in Canada, census figures show, are holding down two jobs. This is dangerous not because of the work, but because of the strain on the nerves caused by four coffee breaks a day. —Peterborough Examiner

The state of California is in the process of making a new approach to the problem of higher education for deserving students. This approach consists of a state scholarship program which by 1959 will provide 2,500 students with scholarships ranging up to \$600 a year. —Christian Science Monitor

After barely getting over their headaches in Poland and Hungary, the Russians are facing a new challenge: evidence is mounting that vodka was first made in Persia more than 1,000 years ago, before the Russians ever got stiff on it. —Galt Reporter

In Montreal now the police paint a big white cross on the pavement wherever a person has been killed in a traffic accident. This might induce passing drivers to slow down, to give signals, to watch their turns—but we doubt it. The needless driver is little influenced by the death of somebody else. —Ottawa Journal

To people who think of New York as a city of concrete and steel, the number of trees in it may be a surprise. For on city-owned property alone, along streets and in the parks, there are estimated to be 2,300,000 trees. Of these trees the city owns, about 30,000 are dead, by Park Department estimates. —New York Times

Silence is golden. A Florida woman argued over a \$2 parking ticket, and ended up by being fined \$402. —Oshawa Times-Gazette

Men may not be able to spell as well as women, but they can see if a figure is right by one swift look. —Brandon Sun

A barber who specializes in cutting boys' hair is thinking of retiring to some quieter line of work such as dynamiting oil wells. —Hamilton Spectator

Proxy marriages by long distance telephone used to be a novelty. But now in the United States a divorce has been secured by long distance, with written answers to questions presented as evidence in court. —Sherbrooke Record

It isn't only in North America that new words come to the English language. From Dover in England comes "coachboat," meaning a hotel especially designed for the convenience of tourist parties arriving by motor coach. —Ottawa Journal

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