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Unilateral Action

The World Council of Churches, representing 165 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican bodies in 50 countries, has just concluded a meeting at New Haven, Conn.

This part of the message reads: "We are bound to ask ourselves whether any nation is justified in continuing the testing of nuclear weapons while the magnitude of the dangers is so little known and while effective means of protection against these dangers are lacking."

The gist of this appeal is that, failing an agreement among the three nuclear powers—the United States, Russia and Britain—one of them should stop the tests.

Reports from London have hinted that the British Government may be considering unilateral action. All things considered, it is the most likely of the three Governments to take the initiative, chiefly perhaps because public opinion against the tests seems to be more pronounced there than anywhere else.

Criticism Of U.N.

Sir Winston Churchill's recent criticism of the United Nations will win approval in many quarters. "We have reached the point," he said, "where nations must contrive a system to resolve their disputes and settle them peacefully."

Sir Winston's reference to the voting power of the smaller nations which have entered the U.N. in recent years is particularly worth pondering. "We (the British) wish these new nations well," he said. "Indeed, we created many of them and have done our best since to ensure their integrity."

self advantage may direct. This should be improved."

As things now stand, the Asian-African bloc is numerically strong enough virtually to dominate proceedings in the General Assembly. And, since many of them have fallen under the spell of Soviet "anti-colonialism" propaganda, it is difficult, if not impossible, for the U.N. to be firm with the Soviet Union on any issue.

Population Figures

According to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Canada's population is likely to reach the 17 million mark some time next year, provided immigration is not slowed down to any great extent.

All Provinces recorded population gain except Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island. The former's figures dipped slightly from 881,000 to 879,000, while our own population remained steady at around 99,000.

Whatever justifiable reason there may be for Saskatchewan's decline, there would seem to be none at all for the situation that exists in this Province. Evidently, the natural increase in population is being offset by the exodus of many of our young people who go to Ontario and other areas seeking employment.

The relatively few immigrants who have come here from Britain, the Netherlands and other West European countries have adapted themselves well to the new conditions. We need many more of them. It is incredible that our population should have to remain at less than 100,000 when there is so much land available.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Jordanians have discovered that they need British assistance after all, despite their haste to abrogate the old treaty between the two countries. And Britain has been magnanimous enough to loan them more than a million pounds without interest.

The United States Congress has passed a bill extending barter authority for one year, thus permitting the Administration to dispose of an additional \$1 billion worth of surpluses. It also permits the Government to donate \$30 million worth to needy persons abroad.

The fact that 15 million adults and about as many children are being taught to read each year should give world leaders food for thought. In Asiatic countries especially Communist agents are taking full advantage of this rapid development in literacy.

Soon the Salk vaccine will be made from rabbit tissue. That is the word from Sir MacFarlane Burnet, authority on virus diseases at the Walter and Eliza Hall Research Institute in Melbourne, Australia.

Sir MacFarlane told a meeting of the World Health Organization Committee on Poliomyelitis that, once a few technical difficulties have been solved, "the vaccine could be produced in large quantities and would eliminate the bottleneck created by the present need to use the kidneys of Rhesus monkeys which must be imported at heavy cost from India and other Asiatic countries."



BETTER TIMES ARE COMING

German Reunification

By W. N. Ewer United Kingdom Information Service

Just two years ago, at the end of the "Summit" meeting, the heads of the governments of the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, France, and the United States—the four "occupying" powers of the postwar period—announced that they had agreed that the settlement of the German question and the reunification of Germany, by means of free elections, shall be carried out in conformity with the national interests of the German people and the interest of European Security.

Moreover, the East German Communist leaders have made it very clear that their conditions for negotiations are such that no West German Government could conceivably accept them. Herr Ulbricht laid down these conditions at a meeting of the East German Communist Party's central committee in February.

A Really Royal Occasion

Committees of civil servants have started preparations for the Queen's visit in October. They have much to do. This is no small occasion to be satisfied by the parade of a few Reserve Army soldiers to Parliament Hill, the glitter of a horse-drawn carriage on the way to the opening of Parliament from Rideau Hall, or the installation of a few flags and shields on public buildings.

Of course there will be innumerable reasons offered why these things can't be done. But the Prime Minister will be expected to interest themselves in seeing what can be done. And Mr. Green, as Minister of Public Works, should give attention to the possibility of erecting temporary stands on Parliament Hill and along the streets to be travelled by Her Majesty to ensure that the greatest possible number of Canadians may see her, and bid her welcome.

What the nation ropes for is a demonstration that Ottawa and the leaders of the nation have imagination, the capacity to provide color and pageantry so suitable on rare royal occasions. Small RCN vessels on the Ottawa river, flights of RCAF aircraft, military displays, ceremonial dress and procedure for high officials, adequate and tasteful decoration of public and business buildings—all these are arrangements to be considered and fitted into a harmonious pattern—these and innumerable other ideas which will spring to the mind of those responsible, SHOULD BE CHEERFUL.

The City of Caliphs

National Geographic Society

Iraq is one of the Near East desert lands that makes up in oil what it lacks in water. WESTERN INFLUENCE Among pressures behind Baghdad's ambitious building is the problem of increasing population, says the National Geographic Society. Since World War II, young Arabs from the hinterland have poured into the Iraq capital seeking opportunities and higher wages. More than 400,000 people, it is estimated, now live in the city proper.

Easier Now To Grow Old

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. You may not be as old as you think you are. As the years pass by, some physiological changes do gradually take place in the human body of all of us.

WE SLOW UP Our walk becomes slower and there is less spring to the step. Fatigue overtakes us more quickly.

Yet it's probably not time for the old rocking chair yet. Mentally, and physically, too, you're most likely a lot younger than you think. It's all in the way you look at it.

A century ago you could expect to live 40 years. That was the average life span. Anything beyond that was borrowed time.

Today the average is almost 70 years. And many, many persons live well beyond that.

For those of you who must retire at the age of 65, because of company policy, let me give you a few tips on how you can remain young at heart and in spirit.

Life can be fascinating or meaningless at any age. It depends upon you. It probably will help a great deal if you keep active.

If you still feel like working, get a part-time job. Everyone can use a little extra income these days.

Broaden your interests. Keep your thinking flexible. Take a bigger part in club and church activities. Get interested in something besides sitting around the house watching television.

If life is really interesting for you, there is always something to live for. It loses its meaning only when you feel lonely and useless.

No one is ever useless. And no one ever need be lonely. QUESTION AND ANSWER A. R.: Can the sense of smell be lost after a skull fracture? Answer: Yes, if the portion of the brain controlling this sense is damaged.

The Age Old Story

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(August 12, 1932)

Optimism as to the turn in the economic tide, tempered by caution against expecting any sudden improvement in conditions, was the message conveyed by Colonel Jackson Dods, General Manager of the Bank of Montreal, in addressing a gathering of local business and professional men at a luncheon yesterday afternoon given at the Canadian National Hotel.

An inspection of the P.E.I. Highlanders, now encamped at Brighton, was held yesterday afternoon on the grounds west of the Central Park roadway. The salute was taken by Lieut. Col. D. W. B. Spry, OBE, VD. The march past was under the command of Lieut. Col. U. G. Dawson, V.D.

TEN YEARS AGO

(August 12, 1947)

This week will be a big week at the Summerside R.C.A.F. Station with the annual inspection of the English Air Cadets and the inspection of the Air Cadets now in camp there. Air Vice Marshall E.E. Middleton, C.B.E., Air Officer Commanding, Central Air Command, Trenton, Ontario, will arrive this evening and will carry out the inspection on Wednesday.

Over 500 pure bred grade cattle, the largest entry of cattle ever to appear before judges at an exhibition in this province will begin walking into the show rings this morning at the Provincial Exhibition. Judges will be Mr. Dale Dean, Jerseys; R. A. Profit, Holsteins; and W. H. Black, Shorthorns.

ble-decker buses. Streamlined, air-conditioned hotels and modernish apartments rise beside dilapidated shack colonies and Arab mansions whose walls hide a bustling secret life.

One of the striking contrasts that mark today's changing scene is the spectacle of the world's latest aircraft swooping down to Baghdad's airport over tents of nomad tribesmen who follow me deval years.

On the Tigris, steel arches of modern bridges frame ancient, bow-shaped, reed boats. Towers and spheres of modern oil refineries have joined the mosque and minaret skyline of the city of Harun al Rashid.

CITY MADE TO ORDER Baghdad's all-out construction has a precedent that goes back to its origin as a made to order capital. Selecting a strategic site beside the Tigris, Caliph al Mansur in 762 built a circular double walled settlement with palace and mosque at its heart and other buildings radiating outward.

The metropolis flourishes as the center of the powerful Islamic empire when Europe was in the Dark Ages. Its population was said to have reached two million. The surrounding country was a garden, watered by a complex irrigation system fed by the twin Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

But the city's golden age soon gave way to slow decay, in which a succession of disasters—bitter caliphate struggles, Mongol invasions, plagues, and catastrophic floods—all played a part.

Today, through modern flood control, irrigation, and power, the Development Board hopes to restore prosperity to the Baghdad area.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The common moor, a vagrant of the hedgehog, has a strong odor like an onion which keeps its enemies at bay, we see by a scenic article. We sat behind a couple of moonrats at the movies recently.—Peterborough Examiner.

By next year Canada will have 17,000,000 people. It was Sir Wilfrid Laurier who said the 20th century belongs to Canada.—Ottawa Journal.

Did anybody ever hear a good word said for poison ivy, asks The Ottawa Journal. After some brain-racking, we should like to say that it turns a very pretty color in the autumn.—Peterborough Examiner.

A New York tourist, picked up at Niagara Falls, Ontario, as an "impaired" driver, had in his car two revolvers, a pistol, cartridges, a hatchet, a machete and a knife. He was taking no chances with any Indians on the war-path he might encounter.—Ottawa Journal.

The United States treasury has its "conscience fund," maintained by anonymous taxpayers who want to repay old debts to the government quietly, and the Brooklyn Public Library has the borrower—apparently a slow reader—who one night recently deposited on its doorstep a carton of thirty-two books checked out in 1935. The slow reader apparently was moved by the library's recent plea for the return of some 92,000 books overdue in Brooklyn.—New York Times.

Britain was still Finland's best customer in 1956. Britain's share of the total foreign trade was 20.9 per cent. Next came the Soviet Union, 16.4 per cent, and then West Germany, 10.3 per cent, the United States, 6.6 per cent, and France, 5.5 per cent.—Finlandia.

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Jersey Breeders are also urged to place their herd on R.O.P. testing and practice calfohd vaccination as it is very likely any bonus paid by the club during the coming year will be subject to the above requirements.

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