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**Two Frustrated Generals**

If one were asked to suggest who, among all the players on the international stage, is likely to come up against the most frustration in this new year, one would find it difficult to choose between Major General E. L. M. Burns of Canada and Lt. General R. E. Wheeler of the United States. Both of them would qualify for the unenviable role. Both are distinguished soldiers. Both are filling important posts in the U.N.'s Middle East expedition. Both are sorely handicapped in their work by reason of the fact that they are virtually under the control of President Nasser of Egypt. In a formal sense, of course, they take their orders from U.N. Secretary-General Hammarskjöld. But since Mr. Hammarskjöld, so far at any rate, has been obliged to consult Colonel Nasser every step of the way, it is not an exaggeration to say that the two generals for all practical purposes are under Nasser's dictation. Perhaps never before in military history have high-ranking officers been placed in such an embarrassing and irritating position.

General Burns can place the men under his command only at such points and at such times and under such conditions as are agreeable to the dictator of Egypt. And, presumably, he and his force will be obliged to leave the Middle East whenever Nasser believes their work is done. In fact, Mr. Hammarskjöld has intimated as much. As for General Wheeler, there is no question about his ability to clear the Suez Canal speedily and efficiently if he were given full authority on methods to be used. That authority, however, he does not possess. Time and time again Nasser has told him what to do and when to do it and what not to do. It is clear from reports that General Wheeler wanted to use all the British and French salvage ships which were on the spot and their crews who had had wide experience in such work. But no, Nasser would not listen to any such arrangement except on his own terms. His wishes — not General Wheeler's nor the U.N. Secretary-General's — had to be respected and carried out in detail. And there is every indication that should he take the notion in his head that the canal should remain closed, General Wheeler and his crews would simply have to pack their bags and go home.

"It is the merit of a general," said Sophocles, "to impart good news and to conceal the bad." The fact that Colonel Nasser is the boss of Middle East operations is bad news; but neither General Burns nor General Wheeler can conceal it; nor, to their credit, have they made any attempt to do so. They are probably heartily sick of the whole business.

**In The Beginning**

Savants attending the annual convention of the American Physical Society have been having a lot of fun arguing with one another about the origins of the universe. Great interest was created by a visiting British scientist who claimed to have evidence to show that "matter was constantly being created and destroyed and that this has been going on eternally." Another caused slight lifting of eyebrows when he expressed the opinion that the so-called "big bang" concept of creation is outmoded. What this unscientific term means, in the words of the convention report, is that "the entire universe was formed about 5 billion years ago when all matter, concentrated in one place under pressure, suddenly began to expand in a cosmic explosion." Hence, the "big bang."

Well, the Bible does not pretend to be a book of science nor does it bother with many details which appear to keep some of the scientists in a state of perplexity. But for simplicity of language describing the

fundamental fact of creation and the origin of matter before any "big bang" process got under way, it cannot be surpassed. Curiously enough, though perhaps inevitably, a good many top-notch scientists are coming around to the view that in substance there is nothing in Genesis that is against established scientific data as distinguished from mere speculative imaginings.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light; and there was light . . ."

**Tourist Trade Promotion**

Of great value to the tourist industry should be the intensified publicity campaign which is being launched in Eastern Canada with the aid of a \$300,000 grant from the Federal Government. This money will be spent chiefly in newspaper advertising in the Northeast United States; The three Maritime Provinces are also planning, for the third successive year, a joint campaign involving the expenditure of \$25,000 in addition to the regular advertising carried on annually in each Province. This money will be spent on advertising in Central Canada in an effort to capitalize on the awakened interest in interprovincial tourist travel.

The tourist trade is now one of our major industries and there is no doubt that it can be developed to a much more profitable extent by well-directed publicity. With the new Wood Islands-Caribou ferry in operation this season, accommodation on this route will be greatly improved. As pointed out by Mr. George Fraser, our energetic Travel Bureau director, the trade has increased between 15 to 20 per cent during the past two years, and there is every prospect of a record-breaking season this year. All sections of the Province will benefit from this business, and every effort should be made to see that our prospective visitors are well provided for.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

The early opening of the Legislature, on January 26, should enable our lawmakers to dispose of their duties well before the advent of spring activities on the farm.

A report says that Americans bought more than a billion dollars worth of toys this Christmas. And it's a safe bet that at least half of them are already in need of repairs.

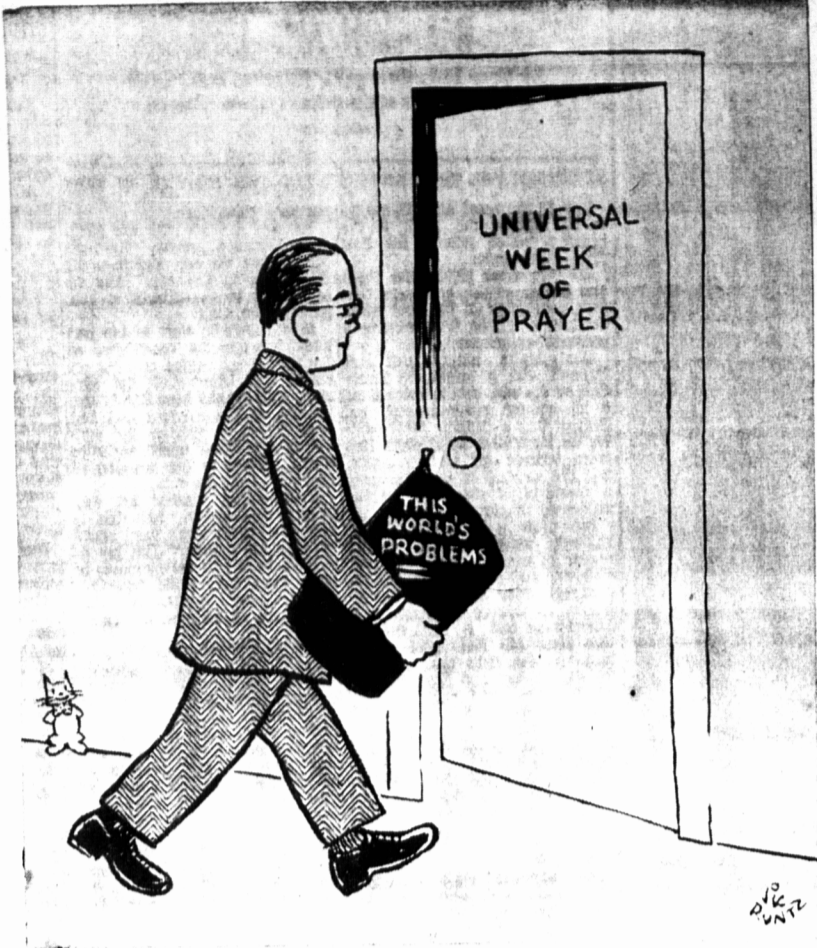
One impediment in the way of those United States Senators who are trying to do away with filibustering is that advocates of the practice could, if they felt like it, talk so long that the proposal would not even get to a vote. That's what's called filibustering anti-filibustering.

A critic of the military system in Argentina under former President Peron complains that "recruits got 6 months training, and 3 of these were spent in learning how to goose-step." They must have been pretty smart to pick it up in so short a time.

The Federal Government is waiting for Parliament to make up its mind on the railway strike crisis. Meanwhile millions of dollars in losses are being incurred, thousands of people have been thrown out of work in midwinter and the whole economy of the country has been disrupted.

The Eisenhower proposals to fill the power vacuum in the Middle East, says the Associated Press, already appear to have impaired the two-months Arab-American honeymoon. It was, after, all a somewhat bungling courtship rather than a honeymoon, with little prospect of permanent wedded bliss.

The new safety regulations for school vehicles, necessitated by the increased number of students being transported from one-room rural schools to larger centres, are designed to save human lives and should receive the fullest co-operation on the part of all concerned. This is a very important matter, and the Government is to be commended on the thoroughness with which, under the Minister of Education, the regulations have been drafted.



FOR HIGHER CONSULTATION

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**COLONIALISM, AND WHETHER CANADA?**

Sir, — Our American neighbors take great and apparent pride in proclaiming to the world that, unlike our great mother country, they have no ill-gotten colonies. But just why should they have them or need them? Are they not now in possession of half a continent of palm and pine wrested none too gently from the Red man?

And does not every American school boy know and boast that this great half-continent includes the corn belt, the cotton belt and the banana belt of North America, which taken all together contain within their limits, oil wells, coal and iron mines, silver and gold mines, and what not, in practically unlimited abundance?

In short the United States contains within its borders all the resources that go to make a country self-sufficient and prosperous at home, and it is for this reason, and this alone, that Americans neither possess nor need colonies.

But let us in imagination put forty or fifty million typical Americans on an island in the Atlantic or Pacific Ocean, say the size of Britain or Japan, comparatively devoid of natural resources, and then see how quickly our American neighbors who have no colonies would have them, and good and plenty of them.

And notwithstanding their vast natural resources at home, do they not, even today, covet the oil fields and all manner of mines of every country in the world, and especially of Canada, and manage with their avaricious American dollar to get a covetly share of them without the burden of political and far-distant colonies?

And is any American so innocent as to claim that the United States would not protect, nor even threaten to protect, these by force if they were seriously attacked by others as sometimes happened in the history of British Colonialism?

Again, notwithstanding American abhorrence of colonies, is it not a potent fact that the United States has several possessions that closely resemble these?

What, for instance, is the Panama Canal Zone if it is not a colony? And, by the way, what would the United States immediately do if this Panama Canal was nationalized overnight by Panama Republic? And what is the American DEW line on the far northern frontier of Canada if it is not an American military colony? And what is it doing there? To protect Canada, some ingenious pro-American Canadians may tell us; and when they tell us this we just naturally recall the history of Hengist and Horsa in Britain.

Finally, what is Alaska if it is not an American colony, and a most objectionable colony from the viewpoint of those Canadians who would fain see it joined to Canada politically as it most certainly is geographically? For with Alaska thus properly joined to Canada, our fair Dominion would then extend not only as described in the old school song, from Cape Race to Nova Scotia, but rather from the extreme eastern point of North America to the extreme western point of it, scarcely more than fifty miles from Asia.

Canada thus formed would constitute the great bridge between the East and West that Kipling said could never meet. Canada then on account of its peculiar geographical position and the character of its people might well be the leading nation among the nations of the world — our great neighboring Republic not excepted.

**WILD GEESSE IN JANUARY**

Sir, — On January 3, 1957 I saw a large flock of wild geese flying over the village of Bradalbane. I have never seen geese this late in the season before, so I thought it might be interesting for the sportsmen of the Province to know that this fine game bird is vacationing with us yet.

I am Sir, etc.  
 HAROLD TOOMBS  
 Bradalbane.

**DRUNKEN DRIVING**

Sir, — Much has been said and written concerning safety on the highways, but it seems that more effective measures must be taken to curb accidents as they are caused, chiefly in my opinion, from drunkenness and reckless driving. Liquor is directly or indirectly the major cause of most accidents.

If the government would close the liquor stores on the Island and make an all out drive to clean up the bootleggers, our roads and highways would be safer to travel on. Liquor is too easy to get and mostly anyone at all can get it.

Again if the Authorities would get out and check on the speeders and reckless drivers, instead of checking for some less significant matter, and then make the fines and sentences heavy enough I feel that there would be less accidents and fewer deaths.

I am Sir, etc.  
 Elnsdale, P.E.I. TEETOTALER

**The Lesson of Hungary**

W. J. Stankiewicz in The Canadian Forum

The Hungarian tragedy — which unrolled so fast and is dragging to such an agonizing end — poses questions on whose solution the future of this world will depend. The tempo of events in Hungary, first the suddenness of the eruption, and then the desperate and superhuman stand against Russian armored might — was used as an excuse by the complacent and lethargic West for keeping a stunned silence at the beginning, and for remaining totally inactive later.

The explanation given was that "the Hungarians went too far." But the rationalization of Western spokesmen rested on shaky grounds: it served the purpose of lulling consciences into passivity and of condoning the state of Western unreadiness. It betrayed, on the other hand, a total ignorance of revolutionary processes which cannot, strictly speaking, be "controlled"; and it revealed a lack of responsibility on the part of the United States Government, unwilling to accept the consequences of the long-range action it had been sponsoring. Organizations such as Radio Free Europe — unofficially financed by Washington — may not have been directly responsible for the upsurge, yet the constant beaming of anti-Soviet propaganda was certain to help create conditions in which ultimately a single spark would start the big fire.

THE BLUNDER  
 Another fallacy implied that the Hungarian events were less important than the Suez crisis. Hungary was left to be slaughtered because, ostensibly, the West had to cope with issues threatening its more vital interests. The blunder consisted in failing to see these issues as parts of a whole, instead of two separate phenomena. One of the major weaknesses of American policy is dealing piecemeal with problems as they arise and an inability to see them within a larger context. This makes a rational policy impossible, invites errors, and leads to disgraceful and unnecessary defeats.

exist in any part whatever of Canada.

Arise young Canadian statesmen! Whither now colonialism? Whither now Canada?

I am Sir, etc.  
 Yours, etc.  
 M. MACKENZIE  
 A Former Canadian Teacher.  
 Argyle Shore, P.E.I.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER**

K.M.: I now live in a temperate climate. The sun seems to help my psoriasis. Would moving to a warmer climate permanently eliminate it?  
 Answer: Psoriasis is often greatly helped by sunlight. Moving to a climate where there is a great deal of sunshine might benefit your case. However, an ultraviolet lamp might be of just as great benefit.

**Medically Speaking**

By Herman N. Buedens, M. D.

**DON'T TAKE ANY RISKS IN APPENDICITIS ATTACK**  
 An simple pain or cramp in the abdomen isn't always a signal to call your doctor. No one wants to summon his physician at each little tinge of discomfort.

A persistent pain, however, is quite another matter. Not only is it a sign to notify your doctor right away, it's also a warning that you should go to bed and stay there. For a persistent abdominal pain might mean appendicitis. And appendicitis always means you need medical help.

**BED REST IMPORTANT**  
 Going to bed benefits you in two ways. For one thing, it is the most comfortable place for anyone with appendicitis. For another, there is less chance of any infection spreading to other parts of your body when you lie still.

By remaining in bed and being as quiet as you can under the circumstances, you will help to localize any infection which might be present.

There are two theories of thought on the use of an ice bag. **LOCALIZE INFECTION**  
 There is no doubt that cold tends to localize an infection while heat does just the opposite. At the same time, cold tends to deaden the pain, and a victim of appendicitis might be in severe pain.

Yet because it does help to kill the pain, many doctors caution against continued use of an ice bag. When your pain vanishes, they reason, you might be fooled into believing that the attack is over.

Such a misconception could result in your getting out of bed and moving about a great deal. I've already explained the need for remaining still.

As long as your abdominal pain remains undiagnosed, don't take a laxative. Don't eat anything, either. See your doctor. If your trouble really is appendicitis, any violent action by your stomach might cause rupture of the appendix.

**The Poets Corner**

**THE SILENT VOICES**  
 When the dumb hour, clothed in black  
 Brings the Dreams about my bed,  
 Call me not so often back,  
 Silent Voices of the dead,  
 And the lowland ways behind me.

**The Age Old Story**

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

**OUR YESTERDAYS**

From The Guardian Files  
**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
 (January 7, 1932)  
 The Fire Marshall's inquiry into the Falconwood fire was concluded yesterday morning, at least for the present, with the examination of Dr. Goodwill, former superintendent of the institution.

That the number of foxes pelted this year is considerably in advance of last year is shown by the figures of the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association. Up to January 5th, nearly 18,000 pelts were taken in, almost double the quantity received up to that date last year.

**TEN YEARS AGO**

(January 7, 1947)  
 Need of a grain elevator and storage facilities at Charlottetown was emphasized at a largely attended meeting of leading farmers of Winoosie and vicinity, held in the home of Mr. Roland Beaton, on Friday evening. Mr. Leonard MacKinnon, Highfield, presided.

Yesterday morning at the High School Auditorium in Summerside, Douglas Bell, Judge of the P.E.I. Silver Fox\* Pelts Show began the long and difficult task of judging the largest entry of pelts in the history of the show.

**MAXIMS**

The great aim of education is not knowledge but action.

that is mainly on land with orthodox weapons, the West had to give in.  
 But the logical consequence of the West's shortage of orthodox arms is that any major war must inevitably be fought with atomic weapons. The lesson that emerges from the present crisis is the need for the Western Allies to build up a land force which can match the Soviet armies — before it is too late.

**WHITON JOINS PAPER**

OTTAWA (CP) — The Citizen Saturday announced former mayor Charlotte Whitton will join the paper in February as a staff columnist to write three columns a week and do a weekly Sunday radio broadcast sponsored by the Citizen.

**NOTES BY THE WAY**

Why not get out a leisure jacket for the pipe-smoker with the holes down the front pre-burned?  
 —Hamilton Spectator

Many wise words are spoken in jest, but they can't compare with the number of foolish words spoken in earnest.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

A Washington report says the Suez Canal blockage may cause a rise in the price of gasoline and fuel oil on this side of the Atlantic. That wouldn't be at all surprising. Very often the price goes up without anything like as good an expansion.—Brantford Expositor

For a man to suggest a diet to his wife would be completely un tactful because she would deduce that he thought she was fat, and she would never forgive him for being so cruelly critical of a mere pound or so of excess weight.—The Weathervane

A doctor said that many drivers who find they will be driving long hours, late at night, or early in the morning, would do well to have a few chocolate bars in the glove department of the car. "I do not recommend anyone driving when he feels sleepy," he said. "But I know some people do and others will drive when they are tired. One way to build up the energy is to apply the same practice that athletes do to obtain emergency reserve of energy — eat something with high sugar content."—Cornwall Standard

Some folks think they are worth a lot of money just because they have it.—Vancouver Province

One of the most disquieting things about taxation is the reluctance shown by government to forgo any part of the tax-revenue once it has come into its hands and the blandness with which it justifies its attitude.—St. Catherine's Standard

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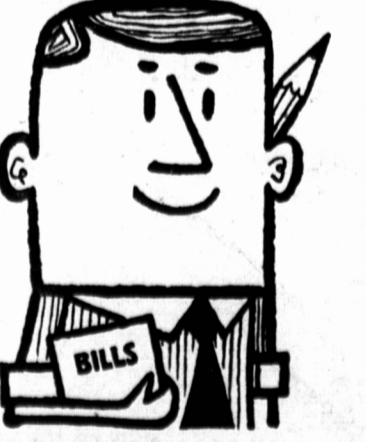
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