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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

A Prayer Room

For the first time in its 154 year history, the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., is to have a Prayer room. The Senate and House of Representatives voted unanimously for the proposal on a joint resolution sponsored by Senator A. S. Monroney, Democrat of Oklahoma, and Representative Brooks Hays, Democrat of Arkansas.

Homes For Veterans

The most important legislation dealt with by the House of Commons' committee on veterans' affairs and approved by Parliament at the session just ended, says The Legionary, was undoubtedly the amendment to the Veterans' Land Act which provides substantial assistance to World War II veterans willing and able to build their own homes.

three acres where it is less. V.L.A. has already settled over 27,000 veterans on small holdings of an average size of 6.2 acres. The income derived by settlers from these is increasing every year and is now estimated at six and a half million dollars.

Second Fiddle For Mr. Nehru?

Has India's Prime Minister Nehru decided to play second fiddle to Red China's Premier Chou En-lai? Mr. Nehru's utterances following Chou En-lai's visit to New Delhi, and in particular his remarks to the Prime Minister of Ceylon, suggest that such is in fact the case.

Second Centenary Of Bowdler

Thomas Bowdler was born July 10, 1754 and his name is still a part of our language in the verb to bowdlerize. That estimable gentleman published his "Family Shakespeare" in ten volumes; in which nothing is added to the original text; but those words and expressions are omitted which cannot with propriety be read aloud in a family.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 4th Sunday after Trinity, 5th after Pentecost. The British electricity authority is establishing a nuclear power branch and may begin construction of nuclear power stations by 1960. The age of power from atomic energy is indeed rapidly approaching.

The confession of a British Columbia youth to a murder in Quebec which had never been committed will not surprise those familiar with the administration of justice. The records show that false confessions to even capital crimes are to be expected.

Marcel Proust, French author, was born in Paris this date 1871. He was received into the stilted social life of the nineties until forced by ill-health to seek seclusion. His writing exposes and illuminates subtle mental processes and brings up every detail of the past with photographic precision.

"The Canada Year Book 1954" is a massive volume of 1324 pages packed with information as always. It includes statistics of the 1951 Census of Agriculture relating to farms, farm operators, mechanization, electrification. Numerous new diagrams and maps assist in portraying the remarkable economic development of this country.



Camping Hazards

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I. THE BROWN BLOCK. "The Brown, Cameron and Newson Blocks, recently completed on the south side of Queen Square, have, owing to their architectural beauty, been the cause of much favorable comment.

As a hot weather drink there is nothing better than oatmeal in water with a splash of molasses.—Farmer's Advocate. If all the cars in Ontario were placed end to end, it would look like any other Sunday.—London Free Press.

Hamilton officials have dismissed a threatening letter because it was "badly written." Still it's always possible for a bad writer to be a good shot.—Edmonton Journal. Highland Fling will not disappear as long as there is a Nova Scotia. That province's Association of Scottish Societies now has under consideration a proposal that one month each year be designated as a Scottish month.

Postmaster General Summerfield is keeping close tabs on the U.S. mail system these days—by testing it himself. He keeps a special Post Office Department staff occupied full-time just sending letters to various locations in the country and checking up on how fast they get there. Under this "test mailing plan," officials say they can investigate and clear up delays within a week.—Wall Street Journal.

A mynah bird was brought from India to the Detroit Zoological Park. When the bird arrived he could say only "Poo-hoo." Since his arrival his vocabulary has been extended to include: "Hi boy!" "What do you know?" "Play ball!" "When is the house going to buy?" Another example of the broader American education on the North American continent.—Fort William Times-Journal.

"While fishing the other day the question came up, how far can a fish see under the water?" writes Kenneth J. F. of North Bay, Department of Game and Fisheries, quotes A History of Fishes, by Norman, as saying, "the extreme convexity of the lenses of the eye points to the fact that a fish is near-sighted and even in the clear water it is doubtful whether the range of vision exceeds about 12 yards, if as far as this.—Toronto Telegram.

One man appeared in court recently and learned that it was expensive to put a slug instead of a coin in the town's parking meters. For his attempt at saving one nickel he paid a fine of \$10 and costs which would total about \$13.50. So, in the final analysis, by trying to save one nickel he was fined 250 nickles. You can't save money that way.—Leamington Post and News.

How awful it is for a family whose bread-winner is out of work was demonstrated in a tragic way by little Sandra Smith, terribly burned when her clothing became ignited. Neighbors ripped the blazing apparel from her body and one went to phone an ambulance. Despite the terrific pain, the seven-year-old Windsor child exclaimed: "Please don't call an ambulance. My daddy isn't working right now and we can't afford to pay for it."

Man is a colossal egotist in assuming the earth was made primarily for his benefit. It would be more logical to assume it was made primarily for fish, as it is three-fourths water.—Kingston Whig-Standard. As a sports fan, we cheer the four-minute mile and the 60-foot shot-put, but as a citizen of the world we admit to being a little bit more anxious to find out how that lovely track star, Miss Pease, comes out in the international hurdles.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

I am not thinking now of Congressional Committees; I am thinking of responsible college heads and school superintendents who have a responsibility to see that the institutions under their care are kept free from subversive activities, a responsibility not always easy these days in view of the devious methods of the Communist apparatus. For a college teacher to "think as he likes" is one thing; it is quite another thing for him to attempt alien indoctrination of his students. After all, when parents send a son or daughter to college they have a right to expect that he or she will be encouraged, not discouraged, in loyalty and patriotism. They have a right to assure that he or she will not be subjected to the whims and personal opinions of some well-meaning (perhaps) but socially confused individual.

Democracy can afford to be more magnanimous than Communism or any other totalitarian political system, for it has greater reservoirs of strength on which to draw in times of danger; but it cannot afford to put up with anything and everything under the guise and protection of freedom of expression. It would be stupid to allow Communists and their sympathizers to do as they pleased in college classrooms, simply because the Constitution guarantees freedom of thought and expression. That would be wonderful for the Communists but not for anyone else.

The problem at the moment is how to preserve academic freedom and at the same time keep it from becoming a vehicle for subversive and disloyal propaganda; there is no greater problem, no more vexatious one, facing the Free World in these perilous days. It is not, of course, a new thing. Whenever a threat to human freedom has developed, the mind has been its chief target; it is a simple thing to enslave bodies, once minds and spirits have been brought under the yoke.

The Communists, like their predecessors in the troubled story of man, know that every restriction on intellectual freedom in the Free World means one less obstacle for them to surmount in their journey towards world conquest. They know also that when freedom is allowed to run wild, with no safeguards to keep it from degenerating into license, their agents can work without let or hindrance. Thus it is that the via media, the middle way between academic repression on the one hand and academic lawlessness on the other, becomes the only safe way for a free society that wishes to remain free.

NOTES BY THE WAY

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The Poet's Corner

THE ECHOING GREEN

The Sun does arise, And make happy the skies; The merry bells ring To welcome the Spring; The skylark and thrush The birds of the bush, Sing louder around To the bells' cheerful sound, While our sports shall be on On the Echoing Green.

Old John, with white hair, Does laugh away care, Sitting under the oak, Among the old folk. They laugh at our play, And soon they all say: 'Such, such were the joys When we all, girls and boys, In our youth were seen On the Echoing Green.'

Till the little ones, weary, No more can be merry; The sun does descend, And our sports have an end. Round the laps of their mothers Many sisters and brothers, Like birds in their nest, Are ready for rest, And sport no more seen On the Echoing Green.

—William Blake.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer ACADEMIC FREEDOM

I have been reading a report of the National Education Association's 92nd Annual Convention held in New York a week or so ago. More than 30,000 teachers, educators, and school administrators were in attendance and there were 750 speakers, most of whom were specialists in various fields of education.

Congressional investigations of education, perhaps necessary, have in some instances indicated a measure of thought control which, obviously, is undemocratic and, one likes to think, un-American. Because of this, the N. E. A. report says, "many teachers are afraid to discuss current events." It speaks of attempts "to stifle free expression and freedom of thought."

It is questionable, however, that freedom of speech extends, or was meant to extend, to activities in the classroom. The influence of Communism in American Universities and Colleges probably has been greatly exaggerated; nevertheless, there is plenty of evidence to show that there has been a great deal of it, and it was almost inevitable that, in attempting to get rid of it, there should be measures of injustice done to a few teachers here and there, for the complexities are very great.

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The Age Old Story

He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

UP-TO-DATE WEAPONS

PRETORIA, (CP) — Plans have been laid for the steady purchase of modern combat equipment for South Africa's defence forces, said Maj.-Gen. H. B. Klopper, Inspector-General. The Union of South Africa, he added, could be well satisfied with the progress made in building up the strength and efficiency of the armed forces.

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