

Trouble For NATO

The Council of ministers of NATO will have plenty to talk about these days. As U.S. Secretary of State Dulles pointed out just before he left Washington for the meetings, the main thing now is to try and keep NATO together. This has always been difficult enough; it will become more so as the conviction grows in West Europe that the next war, should one come will be fought mainly with nuclear weapons.

However much the smaller nations of West Europe may dislike the Soviet Union and however friendly they may be with Britain and the United States—the only two Western powers which at the present time have any amount of atomic power at their disposal—it is not pleasant for them to face the fact that the presence of nuclear bases on their territories would mean, as the Soviet Union has told them, that they would be subjected to nuclear attack; something which, conceivably though not certainly, they might otherwise be able to avoid. This, of course, is what is behind the current agitation in West Germany against Chancellor Adenauer's declared intention to supply his country with the latest weapons of war. Yet, without the fullest co-operation of these nations, NATO would be gravely handicapped in its plans and purposes.

So far, the Soviet threats have not seemed to have much adverse effect on public opinion in West Europe and Scandinavia; but it can be taken for granted that they are being pondered more deeply than may appear on the surface; and they are, without a doubt, making things ever more difficult for NATO's main strategists.

Sober Dog

An unusual story about a dog comes from Sydney, Australia. Some will say that it tells of an injustice to a well behaved animal, others that what happened to the dog was for his own good. It's all in the point of view.

Rusty—that is the dog's name—for several years was accustomed to drinking one tin of beer nightly. This was set out for him regularly by the kind proprietor of a fashionable pub. Usually, the dog sipped his refreshment and went quietly home. He never begged for a second, nor did he go to any other pub; at home he contented himself with milk. Occasionally, however, he went inside and stretched himself out on the floor, bothering no one and giving no trouble to the attendants. But on one of these occasions, a two-legged patron, who should have known better, stumbled over Rusty and broke his arm. This was the dog's undoing.

The patron sued the pub for \$12,000 damages. When the matter came up in court, the case was argued back and forth as is the custom. One lawyer contended that the proprietor couldn't properly be sued for what was purely an accident, another that it is the inalienable right of a dog to accept hospitality wherever it is offered and that the complainant was a clumsy fellow who deserved to have his arm broken, still another that no self-respecting dog would enter a pub anyway, so that on that account his owner should be made to pay the bill. The upshot was that the learned judge awarded the plaintiff a nominal sum and ordered Rusty to give up his nightly trips in search of beer. The dog's owner says he doesn't think Rusty will miss the beer very much, since he was only a social drinker and a mild one at that; but he fears that the injustice might drive him to hard liquor, and that would be very bad.

There is talk now of the case's going to the Supreme Court and, if necessary, to the Privy Council for review. One lawyer says he has known of less important matters being argued before that high tribunal. Perhaps he is right. In any case, so many humans are intemperate in

their habits and get away with it, that one is inclined to believe that a sober dog is entitled to leniency for a first offence—if, indeed, any offence was involved.

Growing Fast

The strength of the Canadian economy, viewed quantitatively, is of course a lot less than that of the United States. Last year, for instance, the American national production was worth approximately \$413 billion while Canada's was worth around \$30 billion. But, according to the Bureau of Statistics, the Canadian economy is growing faster than its American counterpart. In the 1946-53 period, Canadian production increased by 104%, while the American increase was only 74%. In the 1953-56 period the comparative figures were 22% and 14%. It is interesting, too, to note that between 1946 and 1953 Canadian wages increased more than did American wages, although of course the American rate was higher to begin with. Since 1953, the rate of increase has been about the same in both countries.

It will take Canada a long time to become the industrially strong country that the United States is at the present time. But the above figures show that the Canadian economy is growing at a very rapid and healthy rate. Given a broad and satisfactory immigration policy—it will have to be much broader than the existing one—and more active Canadian investment in expanding industry, there would seem to be no good reason why in the next quarter of a century or so, this country could not be among the leading industrial nations of the world. Even now, the known natural resources are bigger than those of the United States, on a per capita basis, and there are still vast areas awaiting technical appraisal and development.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In the small town of Coal Burn, England, a fire which burned for 31 years has finally gone out. The name, however, comes from a little stream, or "burn" which runs through the town. It has been an appropriate name in another sense since 1926, the year the fire started.

The "Mayflower the Second" has radioed "all is well" from somewhere in the Atlantic enroute to Plymouth, Mass. This, in itself, shows that simulation of the journey of the first Mayflower is far from perfect. In the 17th century, when a ship entered the Atlantic she was "on her own" with no way to tell her friends how she was doing.

A report from Washington says that James P. Richards, President Eisenhower's roving representative in the Middle East, will be in Israel some time this week "to explain the Eisenhower Doctrine." He'd better make is sound good. The Israelis have had to put up with a lot of double talk from Washington in recent months, and they are probably getting a little sick of it.

Deaths from tuberculosis continue to show a steady decrease in most European countries for the period 1950 to 1955, according to a statistical report just issued by the World Health Organization. The report shows that in Denmark, for instance, the death rate per 100,000 population dropped from 13.8 in 1950 to 6.3 in 1955; in France from 58.1 to 31.3; and in Portugal from 143.6 to 63.0.

Commenting on Egypt's decision regarding the operation of the Suez Canal, a member of the United States delegation to the U.N. observed "we are not happy about it. We don't think it's as good as it could be." Happy or not, the United States must do as Egypt directs, or keep its ships out of the canal. That is the one and only result of Secretary Dulles' negotiations with Col. Nasser. Certainly, it is nothing to be happy about.

An extensive survey of disease and accident rates in the United States has been started by the U.S. Public Health Service. This survey, the first of its kind since 1936, will include new facts such as overweight, smoking, smog exposure, etc. It will be conducted from year to year by interviewing some 3,500 men and women per month. The results of the survey, to be published every six months, will be used in administrative and medical planning.



POSSIBLE UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS

An Epicure's Revolt

F. S. M. in the Winnipeg Free Press

A group of U.S. doctors who have convinced themselves that obesity leads to heart disease are demanding an immediate ban on bacon, eggs, butter, milk, French-fried foods, fat meat, oiled salads, as well as pies and ice-cream. Here is an issue fraught with grave dangers. With our blind, nay superstitious, adulation of science, and with our dandy-knight governments only too prone to legislate in matters affecting our most personal affairs, we shall find ourselves upon a law enforced diet before we can say crepe Suzette.

Brakfasting on bacon and eggs will become an un-American activity, and apple pie a la mode will only be taken with the Fifth Amendment. Wheat will become more suspect than hashish—what dumplings!—and hatchet-faced revenue officers will scour the deserted countryside to nose out illicit patches of No. 1 Northern, which they will ruthlessly burn.

Pigs will be kept only in zoos, among the most dangerous animals, while officers trained in destruction in destroying moonshine will now be employed on purging gallons of unadulterated milk in our hitherto unpolluted rivers. This in turn will fatten the fish which will then come within the meaning of the Act.

Human nature being that it is, the natural corollary of such prohibition will not be slow in coming. Men will be seen knocking on doors of secluded houses late in the evening, whispering "Jo sent me a letter" and when admitted will breathlessly order a double milk ponoo.

The telephone will ring in the homes of even the most law-abiding citizens, and muffled voice will announce that Aunt Mary has arrived from the country, to which the reply will be "Send me two pounds." Thus leaving the party-line listener wondering whether

Nature's Fireworks

National Geographic Society

Mount Etna spews hot sand. Fuego hurls a pall of ash over central Guatemala. Severe tremors rock San Francisco the Aleutians, and Manchuria.

Shaken spectators of nature's fireworks might well wonder whether Vulcan is working overtime this year. Traditional hot spots, such as Fuego, have been rekindled. However, statisticians say the situation seems to be normal, if not quiet—along the earth's notorious "Belts of Fire."

The Coast and Geodetic Survey, which keeps one ear to the trembling earth, has listed only 266 major earthquakes in 1957 as compared to 299 during the same period last year.

As for volcanoes, our planet is—quite literally—letting off a normal amount of steam. No more than a handful of the earth's 450 active volcanoes usually spew at once.

The major earthquake-volcano belt runs around the edge of the Pacific Ocean. Significantly, there is the juxtaposition of lofty, rugged peaks and extreme ocean depths. The mountain chains are still growing.

The second trouble zone extends from the West Indies across the Atlantic and Mediterranean to the Himalayas and East Indies. The Himalayas and mountains of the Indies also are rising newcomers. Both earthquakes and volcanoes are intimately connected with mountain-making. For the earth, like an adolescent, is still undergoing the torment of growing pains. It is restless, unpredictable. Tremors and volcanoes are safety valves to ease pen-up tension and pressure.

Tremors occur at "faults" or deep fractures in the earth when one rock mass slips against another. One such fault, the San Andreas, cuts 600 miles across California and triggered the 1906 disaster, as well as the recent quake in the San Francisco area. Most faults lie beneath the sea; they are harmless. But a tremendous shift may start a tidal wave. On March 9, the same day that

healthy appetites. I suggest that the doctors leave us, who are fat and contented, them that it was Churchill who on his flight to America told the plane steward: "The clock is going to do some funny things while we are in the air, it is either going to go backwards or forwards, but that is of little consequence. My stomach is my clock and I eat every four hours." And what meals did Sir Winston consume every four hours?

Contrariwise, it was that austere, abstemious arch-vegetarian Adolf Hitler, who brought us hell on earth.



MYSTERY STORY

I must have been preoccupied in thought. And failed to sense that feather-footed draft—My door had opened slightly and the reason, did that slender golden shaft, Of sunlight need the room for growing taller? Save for an English sparrow perched upon My step, I saw no signs of any caller. And so, without a word from any one, I flung the door wide open, deeply breathed An air all living things pay homage to, And caught the wonder of its freshness, wreathed In mystery—then suddenly I knew! The answer to it all was very clear: This breeze—my open door—why, Spring is here! I sought Florence A. Dix, in the New York Herald Tribune.

The Age Old Story

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(May 2, 1932)

Victoria Park is now being cleaned up for the summer. Road machines have graded all the roadways and the caretaker has for some days been raking and tidying up the grounds. It has been suggested that the fountain be turned on for the accommodation of those out for a stroll as well as the ball players who are using the park every day.

The final session of the Dairy Short Course being held in the Agricultural Hall was addressed yesterday afternoon by Hon. G. Sheton Sharp, Minister of Agriculture. Mr. Sharp directed the dairymen to an improvement in the quality of their product, and assured them of every assistance from his department.

TEN YEARS AGO

(May 2, 1947)

Northeast winds, throwing up rough, choppy seas, prevented all North Shore lobster fishermen from running their lines yesterday. From North Cape to East Point not a boat went to sea, but a few lines were run near Murray Harbour. Should this wind continue it is possible that the fishermen will not be able to run lines until the first of next week.

Yesterday's rain storm caused considerable difficulty for telephone and telegraph men. Ice forming on the wires put numbers of telephone lines out of service, particularly in Prince County, and about 8 o'clock last night disrupted telegraphic communications with the mainland.

MAXIMS

Think all you speak, but speak not all you think. Thoughts are your own; your words are so no more.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sandesen, M.D.

A HEAD COLD OR ALLERGY WATCH your child's nose when he has a cold. You may learn a lot.

While you can't tell whether he is ill or well simply by feeling his nose, as in the case of dogs, you may be able to ascertain whether his cold is caused by an allergy or a virus.

Now nose wiping is not a subject widely discussed about the average home. But, many doctors advise, as parents you should watch for your youngster to give the—allergic salute.

In this maneuver, he elevates a tip of his nose with the palm of his hand in an upward movement. It is entirely different than the usual gesture of wiping from side to side to relieve the nose of mucus.

Through experience, the youngster has discovered that this gesture will somewhat relieve the nasal obstruction. It is a pretty good indication that a virus is not responsible for the cold.

NASAL ALLERGY

Other indications of allergic rhinitis are wrinkling of the nose and mouth. A youngster may try one or both in an effort to relieve the itching caused by a nasal allergy.

Both types of colds are prevalent during the spring months. Actually, the less your child—or anyone for that matter—blows his nose when he has the cold, the better it is. That blast of exhaled air and debris has a greater chance of contaminating a sinus than inhaled contaminants.

In short, it is better to sniff than to blow.

SAFEST THING

The safest thing to do when you have a cold usually is to sniff the mucus to the back of your throat and then spit it out.

If you must blow, hold your handkerchief loosely. Blow easily, being careful not to press both nostrils closed at the same time. Violent nose blowing might push the mucus from the back of your throat through the eustachian tube into the middle ear.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

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ugly-looking large moles on her face and body which develop hard scab-like tops. Is there anything that can be done to help her?

Answer: Many moles should be removed only by a doctor. Certain types of moles should be left alone.

A physician will determine whether or not removal is necessary in your mother's case.

If you can let a telephone ring without answering it, you've got will power that will get you into trouble some day.—Hamilton Spectator

Atomics scientists foresee the day of atomic-powered automobiles, but not in the near future. This is regrettable for if there is one thing more than any other which is polluting our streets these days it is the gases from exhaust. We get it two ways: from the gasoline engine and from diesel.—London Free Press

An ardent member of the Fort William Curling Club has been making some calculations. His rocks weigh 42 pounds each. He had thrown 20 rocks in each game he has played. He estimates that since he started playing last October, the total weight he had handled is at least 30,000 tons. This figure he is keeping from his wife, less she recall the few pounds he neglected to shovel during the winter.—Fort William Times-Journal

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