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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink." FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1956

Is It Necessary?

Corlis Lamont, American millionaire, friend of the Soviet Union, and University lecturer—a strange combination, surely—has been refused entry into Canada...

Mr. Lamont has been in trouble with Congressional Committees over his reluctance to answer a number of questions concerning his avowed friendship for the Soviet Union...

Canadian democracy is too well rooted to be shaken by every alien wind that blows. Why then must our immigration officials behave as if every half-baked political theorist that comes to our gates from abroad is so dangerous that he must be shooed away?

The Lucky 13

The Principal and other officials of a school in Outremont, Quebec, are reported to be rejoicing over the result of an experiment they made during Education Week...

"We believe," said the Principal, after the plan had been put in operation, "that the chance to see what makes up a teacher's day and what teaching means as a career is of tremendous value to students at this point in their school life."

An old sword, used by a Captain Nicholas Peddle in 1696 to drive off a French sailor who landed in Conception Bay from an attacking warship has been placed in the Newfoundland Museum at St. John's.

aries, who for the time being were not dressed in brief academic authority, was most sweet. Usually, the ecstasy passed away with the 4 o'clock closing signal, and it is doubtful that many permanent careers were built on the occasional assignments.

So it was, one suspects, with the 13 lucky girls at Outremont. It's a pity in a way that the whole 48 could not have been turned into teachers for a day; for there is nothing like it in juvenile experience.

Dr. Blank's Bill

Who would have thought the time would ever come when a military conscription bill would have hard going in a German parliament? Yet, that is what is happening these days in the Bundestag at Bonn.

It is interesting to note some of the reasons given by speakers for opposing conscription. Some thought it would incite the East Germans to building a large army, thus leading to an East-West armistice race and, possibly, civil war.

Defence Minister Dr. Theodore Blank must have sensed a bit of humour as well as irritation in having to argue for the right to put Germans in uniform.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Simple proof that conditions in Democratic West Germany are better than they are in Communist-controlled East Germany is found in a conviction entered against an East German school teacher for taking his pupils to see the stores in the Western zone.

What is a politician to say when a voter presents this problem: "I want to vote for you this year, but I am not sure you will want me to do so when I tell you that in forty years of voting I have never yet supported a winner."

Mr. Hammarskjöld's partially successful journey to the Middle East was not the first time he took a personal hand in a dangerous situation. Little over a year ago, it will be recalled, he went to China and was credited with persuading the rulers of that country to release a number of imprisoned American airmen.

The NATO post is of course free from the occupational hazard of politics, under which the voters' disapproval could reduce a Prime Minister to opposition insignificance earning a trivial \$10,000 a year.



AS THE SOUNDS FADE ON OUR EAR

The Fluoridation Question

By James M. Mather, M.D., D.P.H. Head of the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine University of British Columbia.

(Concluded from yesterday's issue) I propose to deal with some of the more common statements made by the anti-fluoridationists. It would be impossible to cover them all but I will select those that constantly recur and attempt to give authoritative refutations.

Fluoridation constitutes mass medication. Religious freedom is one of the basic tenets of democracy and we must recognize that there are groups in Canada opposed to any forced mass medication. But fluoridation is not mass medication, it is prevention in the truest sense.

Let me end with a quotation from Sir William Osler: "There is not one single thing in eventful medicine that equals in importance mouth hygiene and the preservation of the teeth." What better summation could there be for the tremendous importance of this subject?

Mr. Pearson's Future

Hon. Lester B. Pearson's future is back in the headlines again. In the parliamentary cafeteria, where incessant chin-wagging formulates the bulk opinion of political Ottawa, more people are taking Mike than sugar with their morning coffee today.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

DEVICE AVOIDS DANGER TO TEETH IN SURGERY Probably the last thing you would worry about when undergoing surgery is your teeth.

However, a new device greatly lessens the complications which might develop because of damage to the teeth during an operation. Dentists now accept these risks with confidence because of better techniques and use of new drugs which provide excellent muscular relaxation.

Still, emergencies do arise every now and then during operations. A tube may have to be inserted quickly into the trachea to keep the airway open. This means doctors often will have to insert a laryngoscope to inspect the area.

Previous use of lead shields or adhesive tape protectors has generally proven to be inadequate. Dr. Carl E. Wasmuth, of the Cleveland Clinic Department of Anesthesiology, reports that a medium-hard rubber device which fits over the teeth has been found successful.

The basket-shaped protector not only helps prevent damage to the incisors and cuspids, it also captures any fragments, dentures or baby teeth which might become dislodged by necessary quick, forceful action.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. C.B.: My child is recovering from a liver infection due to a virus. Should I disinfect her room? Answer: It is not likely that the infection can be spread by objects in the room.

INAUDIBLE The sparrow, rom the garden. Files into silence now. Only the rain is ailing. Where song was on the bough.

OUR YESTERDAYS From The Guardian Files (TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO) (May 11, 1931)

Summerside harbor presents a busy scene this week, with four steamers tied up at the wharves. The Gypsum Prince, the latest arrival, was outside the harbour waiting for a berth at the Marine Wharf.

Friday two young ladies took the initial plunge of the season into the river, despite the fact that fields of ice were floating only a few miles away.

The first motor party of the season left Hunter River on Saturday. Consisting of Messrs. Chester Sellar, Horace Cutcliffe, Joe Martin, Wilbur Whitlock and Harold Chandler, the party reached Charlottetown after a very roundabout way.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 11, 1946) A delegation of farmers from Freetown, Bedouque, Sherbrooke, Linkletter and other country districts waited on the Summerside Town Council last evening and presented a strong case for the discontinuance of daylight saving time.

Lobster fishermen are suffering great financial losses along the north shore by reason of the continued rough weather which is hampering the efforts of the fishermen in getting their gear out.

The Age Old Story Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying, Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ciled houses, and this house be waste?

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HEAR MR. LAWRENCE McALLISTER, B.Sc., B.E. Maritime Director of the Canadian Sunday School Mission At: THE YOUTH RALLY in the Charlottetown Bible Chapel, Saturday, May 12th-8 p.m.

THE GEORGETOWN BAPTIST CHURCH, Sunday, May 13th-10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. UPTON GOSPEL CHAPEL, Monday, May 14th-8 p.m. SUMMERSIDE GLAD TIDINGS CHAPEL, Tues., May 15th-8 p.m. ALL WELCOME

Lots of things are more important than money. The trouble is it takes money to obtain them.—Hamilton Spectator

The body is said to be susceptible to 1,600 diseases, and to hear some people talk, they've had all of them.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

Since the end of the year 600 million people have been freed of Western colonial rule. How many subject people have got their independence from Russia in the same period?—Branford Expositor

Employers who worry about the coffee break habit should feel happy they don't live in Iran. There it has been found necessary to issue an order forbidding government employees to smoke opium during office hours.—Edmonton Journal

The trouble with being an intelligent, informed citizen in the world today is that every time you take an intelligent, informed interest in any problem, that's the very one that doesn't come up during the dinner-table conversation.—Winnipeg Tribune

It's timely to remind bicyclists, taking it to the city streets now in a burst of speed and enthusiasm, that the traffic laws apply to them as they apply to motor vehicles.

Why should there hang any longer over the conscription issue the ghastly spectre of a divided Canada? Twice in living memory has this country been caught unprepared. It is not as though compulsory military service were a demand for sacrifice from one section for the benefit of the other.

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