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

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Need For A Statement

Is this country about to extend recognition to the Communist Government of China? No official word has come from Ottawa on the subject...

It would seem reasonable to expect the Canadian Government to declare its intentions with regard to the controversial matter at the earliest possible date.

Nor would diplomatic recognition of Peiping on the part of Canada necessarily mean Canadian support for its application for membership in the United Nations.

More Vigorous Opposition

Undoubtedly, one of the reasons why Hugh Gaitskill was chosen leader of the British Labour Party in succession to Clement Attlee, now Earl Attlee, was his reputation for moderation in his socialistic approach to political and economic problems.

It is becoming increasingly evident, however, that under the new leadership the Labour opposition in Parliament will take on a more aggressive tone.

war; but perhaps he is inclined to go a bit further in trying to meet it half-way. This is not surprising, since every change in leadership, whether in politics or anything else, makes some alterations in methods and tactics.

Foreign Aid Appropriations

A conflict is shaping up in United States political circles over the President's announced intention of asking for greatly increased appropriations for foreign aid, both military and economic.

It seems that this position is being supported by some Congressional leaders of both parties. It is being stoutly opposed, however, by a number of influential congressmen who, understandably if not praise-worthily, are complaining that to double foreign aid appropriations on the eve of a presidential election would be an act of suicide for the Republican Party which is going to find the going hard enough in any event.

EDITORIAL NOTES

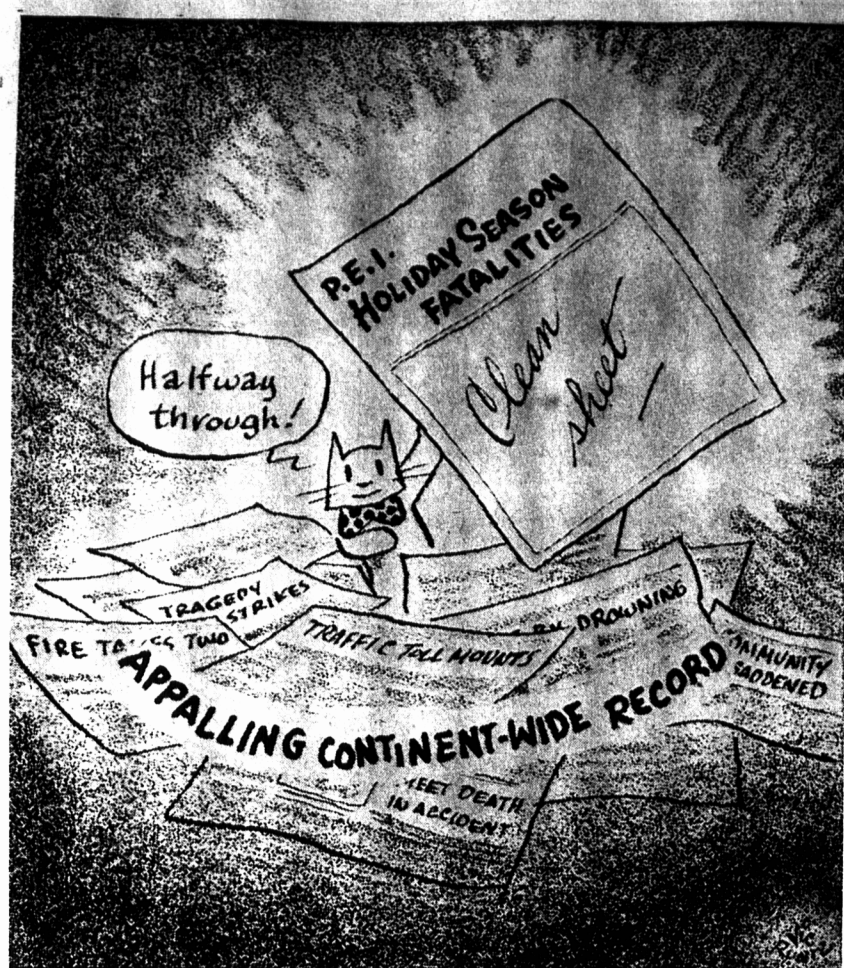
House of Commons rules are being revised to try to reduce the lengthy sessions of recent years. This is a reform which might well be introduced in our Legislatures as well.

Canadians generally, irrespective of political affiliations, will be glad to hear that Mr. Solon Low, national leader of the Social Credit Party, is on the road to recovery following his serious illness of a month ago.

The Progressive Conservatives of Vancouver are to be congratulated on inviting a citizen of Chinese extraction, Douglas Jung, to represent the party in the Jan. 9 by-election.

For the third consecutive year, Canadians have "distinguished themselves" as the world's greatest telephone talkers, according to a telephone statistics publication issued by the Bell Telephone Company of Canada.

Two stories rich in human interest top the list of world news events for 1955. Princess Margaret's decision not to marry Group Capt. Peter Townsend was picked by telegraph editors of Canadian daily newspapers as story of the year.



LET'S FINISH THIS WAY

PUBLIC FORUM This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

BRIDGE BUILDERS

Sir—In a magazine recently issued I saw pictures of two men who have given of their time and strength to others. One, the late Canon Quintin Warner, whom I first read about as being called to a penitentiary in London, Ont., to visit with a life convict and treacherous murderer.

Other portrait I saw was of one who is yet going strong. He makes alcoholics his speciality. Retired and living in Ottawa, he made a name for himself as a friend of the airman during the second World War.

I am, Sir, etc. ARCH MacKENZIE, Kensington.

OTTAWA REPORT

An Unexpected Billion

By Patrick Nicholson

Canada's biggest and surprising Christmas gift this year was the unexpected billion dollars of extra productivity laid on a silver platter before the Minister of Finance.

Closing a year of record growth and record achievement, our booming national economy yielded the Minister a windfall of unexpected revenue, and this has pulled his national accounts into something very near balance.

It couldn't happen to a better man. For, come Budget Day three months hence, he will then be able to repay our kindness by reducing our taxes.

Standing amid the economic shambles of a country just pulling out of a winter of very severe unemployment after a year of mild business recession, he boldly decided to gamble on our national capacity to recover and even to boom.

Rather than forecast static mediocrity and cautiously budget for balanced accounts on that basis, he cut our income taxes by about twelve per cent. Thus he deliberately budgeted for a deficit should we fail to recover.

OUR RECORD YEAR

At the then current level, the gross national product of our goods and services would this year amount to a total of \$25,250,000,000, he estimated. The tax cuts would result in a budget deficit of \$1,000,000,000. But, he hinted, if his shot in the arm should prove effective, our gross national product might increase to \$26,000,000,000. At that level, tax revenue would be \$148,000,000 higher. Then the deficit would be negligible, he told Parliament.

In fact, our productivity almost all along that time has soared through the summer. Our G.N.P.

Happy Easter

Whatever method Mr. Harris may choose to lighten our tax burden, we will feel welcome relief in our pockets. The prospect is assured by our determined economic spurt.

There are only two small clouds on the horizon of our sunny economic outlook. The first is that Mr. Harris may decide not to reduce taxes in 1956 to match the rising revenue, but to save up that plum for 1957 as election bait.

The second cloud could become serious by late summer next year, though not sooner. This is that our galloping economic advance may lead to price inflation, and thus wipe out our gains.

BURIED SONGS

Buried in the snow are the songs of spring. In silent drifts on a silent field. Waiting, waiting for cues to bring Breath of life and the spirit's yield. The moon in a cold and casual way Paints the sweep of the frozen scene.

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—Bliss Lieberman in the New York Times.

London's Bow Bells

By Sydney Taylor Reuters Service, London

The old London church linked with Dick Whittington, St. Mary-le-Bow, is appealing for £150,000 so that its bells may ring again.

Its peals, silenced by Nazi bombs dropped during an air raid in May, 1941, date back to the Middle Ages.

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REAL WHITTINGTON There was a real Richard Whittington. He did marry Alice, the daughter of Sir Ivo Fitzwarren (not Sir Hugh Fitzwarren, as in the pantomime) and he was three times lord mayor of London. He was also the most famous lord mayor of the Middle Ages, but he was never a scullion.

Stow, the historian, says nothing about the legend of the ill-treated truant apprentice achieving fortune with the help of his cat, which, incidentally, is common to the medieval folklore of several European countries.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

IMPROVED HEARING AIDS ATTRACT LITTLE NOTICE

Don't be an ostrich as far as a hearing aid is concerned. If you're hard of hearing and refuse to wear an aid, you're about as wise as that old bird who sticks his head in the sand at the approach of danger.

One out of every ten persons has some hearing difficulty. Those really deaf, the ones who can't hear anything, are in the minority. But for those who have faulty hearing, some of the numerous hearing devices now available will be very helpful.

Now, don't just go out and buy any hearing aid which strikes your fancy. Consult your physician. Let him determine the cause of your deafness and prevent, if possible, the condition from getting any worse.

CHECK WITH DOCTOR

Then, take his advice on the type of device suitable for your degree of deafness. Before you buy one, better check with him again to see if it is the right kind.

Once you have a hearing aid, wear it. About 40 years ago, when the ear trumpet was first introduced, it caused some amusement among thoughtless persons. But today hearing devices are so small, so compact, they are hardly noticeable and their wearing attracts no more attention than the wearing of glasses.

If you suffer from severe deafness, you can't hear the sounds about you. Because you can't take an active part in either work or play, you tend to remain by yourself.

And don't think that by avoiding the use of a hearing aid, you are hiding your deafness. If you don't hear well you will probably develop a sort of a blank mask or facial expression. This can be avoided in most cases simply by using a hearing aid.

So, treat yourself to a belated Christmas. If you need a hearing aid, see your doctor about one right now. Then the new year will bring you an entirely different outlook on life.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

G.U.: Is there any value in eye exercises of the muscles of the eye in cases of nearsightedness? Answer: Although certain eye exercises can train a person who is nearsighted to see a little better, the actual deformity in focusing is not corrected.

The Poets Corner

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Somehow, one always breathes easier when the new calendars start coming in with their reassuring assurance that there is going to be a next year. —Orilla Pocket

For pithy condensations the palm leaf goes to A. C. Ashforth, president of the Toronto-Dominion Bank, who said in his annual address, "Canadians in 1955 have produced more, imported more, exported more, earned more, consumed more, borrowed more, saved more and invested more than in any previous year."

It is somewhat disturbing to learn that almost a third of Albertans taking driving tests this year were unsuccessful. Between January 1 and November 26, 11,720 applicants out of a total of 35,544 failed to pass the examinations. The tests were required only of new applicants, and of those seeking reinstatement of their licenses after being convicted of driving infractions. —Edmonton Journal.

Frost, like justice, spares no one and is much more obvious. Every wind or waiting breeze, corner for a bus feels at one with the stranger similarly suffering. Each man is no longer an island isolated from his fellows, but like a snow crystal which, though separate, is part of the others. When seeing a nipped neighbor or a frozen car, one asks for whom the bell tolls. One knows too well and knowing, helps the neighbor so that one may be helped in turn when the time comes. —Ottawa Citizen.

The Colchester County Hospital in Truro finally has got rid of more than two tons of canned fish that the institution's dietitians and patients alike found unpalatable. This seems to be stating the situation mildly. The fish, 4,700 pounds of a surplus bought by the Canadian Government, arrived at the hospital without advance notice, six years ago. A hospital commission offer to sell drew no bidders. The problem of disposal was solved the other day when the commissioner presented the whole lot to their chairman, a milk rancher at Stewiacke. The response of the milk to this offering has gone unrecorded. —Sydney Post-Record.

One experience has convinced Canadians that this country must never again face paralysis of a national economy by reason of a rail strike. Nor is it desirable that labor disputes in the railway industry be settled by government intervention. Compulsory settlement is a substitute for agreement in a democracy. Logically, therefore, when railways and rail union leaders are unable to reach agreement by collective bargaining, it would seem but ordinary commonsense in the interests of the public, to agree to arbitration, rather than to have arbitration imposed on them at some later date. —Sydney Post-Record.

When civic improvements are being discussed opponents always cite the costs. All too often no one bothers to estimate the costs of not making them. The costs of inaction frequently are much greater than those of action. The same is true on an individual basis. Money spent on education pays good returns. It costs an individual much more to remain uneducated than it does to become educated. Likewise with industry or business. An industry can get far behind competitors unless it spends money on improving its products and methods of production. A business can go bankrupt if it fails to spend the money needed to keep modern. —Windsor Daily Star.

Canada's efforts to bring its Indians to full citizenship will be centered largely on education. While the process cannot be rushed, steady progress is being made to that end and opportunities to integrate native children into public schools are being made and will be seized where they present themselves. While advances are made toward the ultimate objective, the Indians need more direct help. For most of them are below standard. Opportunities in labor and agriculture are not as wide as they are for other Canadians. —Victoria Times.

HAPPY - NEW - YEAR SPECIALS

- CAPON CHICKENS, GEESSE, DUCKS, TURKEYS—AT LOWEST MARKET PRICES
ROASTING PORK, lb. 39c
ROAST BEEF SHOULDER, lb. 47c
ROLLED HAM, lb. 59c
PEAMEAL BACK BACON, lb. 59c
SIDE BACON, lb. 49c
Sweet Pickled PORK HOCKS, lb. 15c

Quality Groceries

- BROKEN PEKOE TEA, lb. 79c
York PEANUT BUTTER, 4 lb. pails \$1.49
Raggedy Ann PEACHES, 2 tins 39c
Purify ROLLED OATS, 5 lb. bag 45c
STRAWBERRY JAM, 24 oz. 49c
Victory YELLOW-EYED BEANS, 20 oz., 2 tins 35c
JELL-O, 3 pkgs. 31c
PERFECTION MILK, 6 tins 83c
Chocolate MALLOW COOKIES, lb. 39c
RACKWANA TEA BAGS, 125's ... \$1.39
Robin Hood FRUIT CAKE MIX 69c

Fruit & Vegetable Dept.

- Florida ORANGES, Large size, doz. 29c
GRAPEFRUIT, large, 3 for 25c
DELICIOUS APPLES, 1 ga., doz. 49c
TOMATOES, pkg. 25c
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