

Fight Against Disease
About the best thing that has come out of this fall's meeting of the U.N. General Assembly is a resolution calling for "a public health and medical research year, during which the biological scientists of the world would plan a concerted drive against the ills of man."

The idea was first proposed by the delegation from Communist Ukraine. Not to be outdone, a number of non-Communist delegations brought forward certain amendments, which do not, however, make any important changes in the original proposal.

The resolution calls on the World Health Organization "to arrange for suitable forms of international exchanges and talks to encourage further practical steps to combat widely prevalent diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis, smallpox, cholera, cancer, cardio-vascular ailments, leprosy and poliomyelitis and to solve other health problems which still represent a serious threat to the health of the people."

It also asks for the spreading of knowledge about these diseases, organized research on their prevention and cure, exchange of information on the use of atomic energy in medicine, broad-scale public health education and help for underdeveloped countries with equipment, drugs, literature and specialists.

What nobler program could there be? If the nations could only bring themselves to spend on medical research and the eradication of scourges only a reasonable fraction of what they now spend on armaments and the development of new weapons, the value to the world would be beyond computation. It would be a great contribution to peace, too.

Time's Revenges
The following incident, taken from a biographical sketch in the Milwaukee Journal, provides an interesting footnote to political history in the neighboring Republic.

Almost exactly half a century ago, a few days before the 1908 presidential election, one of the most hated men in America announced that he would vote for the Republican candidate, William Howard Taft. The statement was greeted with a roar of delight from the Democrats and a cry of rage from the Republicans. William Jennings Bryan, the Democratic candidate, gleefully pointed out the sort of man Taft must be to gain such wicked support. Taft retorted that he hadn't asked for the man's aid and wouldn't accept it. Teddy Roosevelt angrily pronounced the whole thing a "perfectly palpable and obvious trick" to undercut Taft's chances.

Why all the uproar? Because the man who made the announcement was John D. Rockefeller, founder of the huge Standard Oil trust and one of the richest men—if not the richest—in America. To millions of citizens he was considered the essence of greed, robbery and economic oppression. Editorial cartoonists portrayed him as a bloated spider, a repulsive octopus, an icy-eyed villain with gold running through his veins.

And yet—a few days ago—John D.'s multimillionaire grandson, Nelson A. Rockefeller, was elected governor of New York by a whopping margin of more than half a million votes over Governor Averell Harriman, and automatically became a top candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1960. A Rockefeller in the White House! "Your grandfather," says the Journal writer, "would have laughed himself hoarse if he'd heard that prediction 50 years ago." For that was the golden age of the muckrakers—the Ida Tarbells and Lincoln Steffens and Upton Sinclairs who exposed the ugly machinations of big business and the evils of the monopolies to the horrified gaze of the public. Of all the "malefactors of great wealth," as Teddy Roosevelt called them, Rockefeller received the greatest abuse.

Old Bob La Follette pulled out all the stops in a tirade in 1905: "I read yesterday," he said, "that Rockefeller has been to prayer meeting again. Tomorrow he will be giving to some

college or university. He gives with two hands, but he robs with many. If he should live to a thousand years, he could not expiate the crimes he has committed. There is only one way—eternity the time; and as to the place, you can guess that! He is the greatest criminal of the age."

Actually, according to his biographer, Rockefeller's business practices were no worse—and often much more ethical—that those of the other tycoons in that free wheeling age. And as time passed, there was a mellowing of public opinion about the frail, wizened man with the parchment skin. He died at 98, having distributed 550 million dollars in benefactions in his lifetime. His estate, the country was surprised to learn, amounted to a mere \$26,410,000, most of it in U.S. treasury notes. He had retained only the slimmest ties to the company that had made him an incredible fortune and fantastic reputation. At death he owned just one share of Standard Oil common stock.

If the old man could have lived to see his grandson's triumph at the polls, one wonders how he would react. Never one to waste words on the vagaries of public opinion, he probably would dismiss the matter with a grim smile.

This Marvellous Age

News arrives frequently of new British achievements in the field of electronic computers. But one thing they have not been able to do faultlessly yet is language translation.

Experts met in London to discuss this problem—and the oddities produced by the electronic brain's efforts at translation. The phase "out of sight, out of mind" became "invisible idiot," "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" came out "the drink is tolerable but the meat is uncooked," "give the imagination rein, the possibilities are endless," turned up as "let the imagination get wet, it has no tail . . ."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The U.N. General Assembly's political committee is tackling the question of demilitarizing outer space. Considering the little success they have had in dealing with matters terrestrial, there is little likelihood of their achieving much in the far, unfamiliar reaches.

General W.H.S. Macklin, former Adjutant-General of the Canadian Army, says that the R.C.A.F. "will soon wield no more power than a flock of common barnyard hens." The situation can hardly be as bad as that. Nevertheless, when high ranking and experienced military men consistently find fault with the country's defence system, surely there is need for a careful re-examination of the whole structure.

What strange force is it that compels a young man with a good position and a promising future make off with large sums of money belonging to his firm, just for the satisfaction of spending a few days in luxurious revelry? The say nothing of the moral aspect of the case, he must know that there is no possibility of his getting away with it for long.

The C.N.R. ferry "William Carson" was obliged to spend last week-end at anchor outside Port Aux Basques. The reason given was "high seas and heavy rains." The "high seas" part of it can be understood; but this must be the first time that "heavy rains" had anything to do with keeping a ship from making port.

Congratulations to Archie MacAulay, of St. Peter's Bay, who maintained the reputation of P.E.I. seed potatoes by winning the reserve championship at the Royal Winter Fair. The international award went to an Ontario grower. Canadians also took world championships in wheat, oats, barley, soybeans and forage crop seeds—proving, if proof were needed that this is, par excellence, an agricultural country.

A town councillor in Amherst complains that nothing is being done to restore the burned-out Winter Fair Building. He blames the Maritime Stock Breeders Association for the delay. Whoever is properly to blame, it is unfortunate that the Winter Fair is not to be held this year. If all concerned had cooperated in making temporary arrangements, the event would not have been cancelled. A number of towns and cities offered the use of their facilities, but Fair officials did not appear to be interested.



THE CRUSADERS

Disagreement At Geneva

By Lloyd MacDonald, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Western diplomats at the United Nations are wondering whether the Russians are interested more in words than deeds at the separate big three disarmament conferences in Geneva.

The Geneva talks now have been under way for almost two weeks in the field of nuclear test suspension, and since Nov. 10 a separate discussion has dealt with technical means of preventing surprise attacks on any world power.

One factor that has caused not only doubt but possibly confusion over the Geneva discussions has been the separation of these issues, which fall generally into an over-all disarmament picture. The Western position clung to solidly by Britain and the United States with the backing of most other Allied powers—with the notable exception of France—has been that any agreement on disarmament issues under scrutiny at Geneva should be treated as an approach to an over-all solution of the long-standing problem of reducing the world's war-making capacity.

Russia, on the other hand, wants certain phases of agreement dealt with as separate issues—and from this position has resulted the often-puzzling meeting lineup at Geneva. PROPAGANDA MEDIUM Why, ask the Western-minded groups, should two sets of meetings be necessary when the principle of defence against surprise attack is obviously only one facet of the whole nuclear testing issue? Nuclear tests themselves, in this view, could be construed by either side as a preliminary to a surprise invasion by the other.

But for purposes of their own

PUBLIC FORUM

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LIBERAL MEMBERS PRAISED

Sir,—I was at the Liberal meeting in O'Leary last week, and a fine big meeting it was. When you read what is going on in other Provinces, and in the United States, and in Ottawa, it makes one feel well satisfied with P.E.I. Liberal Members. We have a smart leader, you see that, and we should tell the people about it. It is the men that make the Government. The two men we have in the West end here, are a team that are hard to beat, and they pull good together. So Liberals do not break this team. Let them keep up the good work they are doing. No two men in the Province could do better for us. They are both quiet, sober, hard-working Members. They fly no flags to say "here we come," but they are on the job all the time day and night. I see them. They will not fool us with promises they will not carry out.

You could see at the meeting how well they get along together when Mr. Ramsay thanked the Premier for giving his partner a place in the Government. He said it would hold the district, and give the French people a man to represent them. I ask the Liberals to leave Mr. Ramsay's man with him to time anyway. The young fellows can come later on. We will need them then, and we will help them then. They can learn the work by working with the men we have. Mr. Arsenault may not want to stay many years, and we will need a man to follow him.

Look, Liberals, at the roads they got built, at the electric lights, and the hospital grants. By the papers they are getting more than any part of the Island. The only thing that could be said about the 2nd and 1st districts, is they did not get a good pavement for some time.

I am, Sir, etc. LIBERAL Tignish, P.E.I.

It May Mean Sinus Trouble

A stuffy nose might be a symptom of any number of things. It might mean cold or you have a common cold or it might mean sinus trouble. Only your doctor, of course, can tell if you really do have sinusitis. But there are many other symptoms in addition to a stuffed nose which can give even the uneducated layman a pretty good idea whether the trouble lies in the sinuses.

MORNING PAIN

Usually you will have a head ache or pain over the infected sinuses in the morning. Late in the afternoon the pain will ease up considerably.

You may also notice pain in the upper teeth, the cheek and elsewhere in the head. Maybe your forehead will pain you upon pressure.

You may have fever, you may cough, your eyelids, cheeks or forehead may swell and you probably will feel pretty tired and generally ache all over.

DRY NASAL PASSAGES

As for your nose, that often will give you plenty of trouble. The nasal passages probably will be dry. Because of the lack of drainage and the swollen membrane they will be clogged.

Perhaps there will be a dripping from the back of the nose into your throat. Some sinus victims even partially lose their sense of smell.

The sinuses, you must understand, are the air spaces in the bones of the head and face and are connected by small openings with the nose. It's easy to see how any infection in the nose can spread rapidly to the sinuses.

HEAT MAY HELP

Sometimes the pain can be relieved by applying a hot water bag or hot compresses over the inflammation. Or an electric heating pad could be used instead. But these methods won't cure the infection.

Your doctor has a number of drugs to relieve the pain, shrink the swollen membranes and clear up the infection. Let me try to dash cold water on Dr. Castruccio's hopes, or to wish him anything but good success in his attempts to break the bonds of space and time. But one need not be a spoilsport to point out that the world he tunes in when he picks up his receiver, if he does succeed, will be a world that, for some of us at any rate, will take some getting used to.

Work began today cleaning out

NOTES BY THE WAY

Nothing is lost by politeness except your place in the line.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

Nothing keeps a married man young like a husband with a big salary.—Brandon Sun

A sign which a fleet of Cincinnati trash trucks carries, handsomely lettered, says: "Complete Satisfaction or Double Your Trash Back."—NEA Service

Government Pond, and it was stated that an attempt would be made to clean out eighteen inches in depth of the muck from Belknap Road to Fitzroy Street. One of H.J. Phillips and Sons mechanical claims is being used to do the job, and although some difficulty was anticipated with the weight on the bottom, it was expected that they would be overcome.

THE WOOD LOT From northeast a sudden cold set the wood lot flaming gold. I wonder if my neighbor sees Fires of splendor in my trees.

By this fall sign one may know Another hint of early snow. Yet those wood-lot trees alone Have for it another name:

Autumn glory, come to shine About this little farm of mine. There, in gold, my wooded land Burns away—and here I stand.

John Travers Moore, In the Christian Science Monitor.

Mr. W.E. MacDonald was elected president of the Summerside Golf Club at the annual meeting held at the Town Hall Tuesday night. Other officers include vice-president, G.M. Muirart; secretary-treasurer, R.E. Ellis; Executive committee, H.E. Gaudet, W.A. Allen, E.P. Foley and E.N. MacQuarrie.

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