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an unreasonable request in view of the base's importance not only to the United States but to the whole defence system of the hemisphere.

The big naval base at Argentia, Newfoundland, was included in the "bases for destroyers" deal. The fear there is not that the Americans will retain possession but that they might decide drastically to reduce expenditures and so add to the unemployment problems of the region.

After the first flush of pride in their new independence has passed off, it is probable that the West Indians will replace "nationalistic" emotions with a more reasonable approach, based on their own economic needs and, above all, a desire to share in the common defence of the region.

New APEC President

Congratulations are due to Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Principal of Prince of Wales College, whose election as president of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, in succession to Mr. R. J. Rankin, was announced last night.

This vigorous new organization has opened up vistas of economic and industrial expansion for these Provinces which were heretofore undreamed of. There is no question but that it will fill an increasingly important role in the future.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Kentville Experimental Farm has demonstrated that tobacco leaf of good quality can be produced in Nova Scotia. If in Nova Scotia, why not in Prince Edward Island?

The death of Dr. W. R. Graham in Toronto at the age of 82 removes from Canadian agriculture one of its foremost specialists.

At all events, it is cheering to note the likelihood of the two party system retaining its strength in this country for a long time to come.

A man in Michigan gave his ten year old son a ten-ton steam engine for a Christmas present.

According to the "Wheat Review", world supplies of wheat in the four major exporting countries—The United States, Canada, Argentina and Australia—in November last were 10 per cent less than a year earlier.

The West Indies Federation, newly created State in the Caribbean, is already in dispute with the United States.

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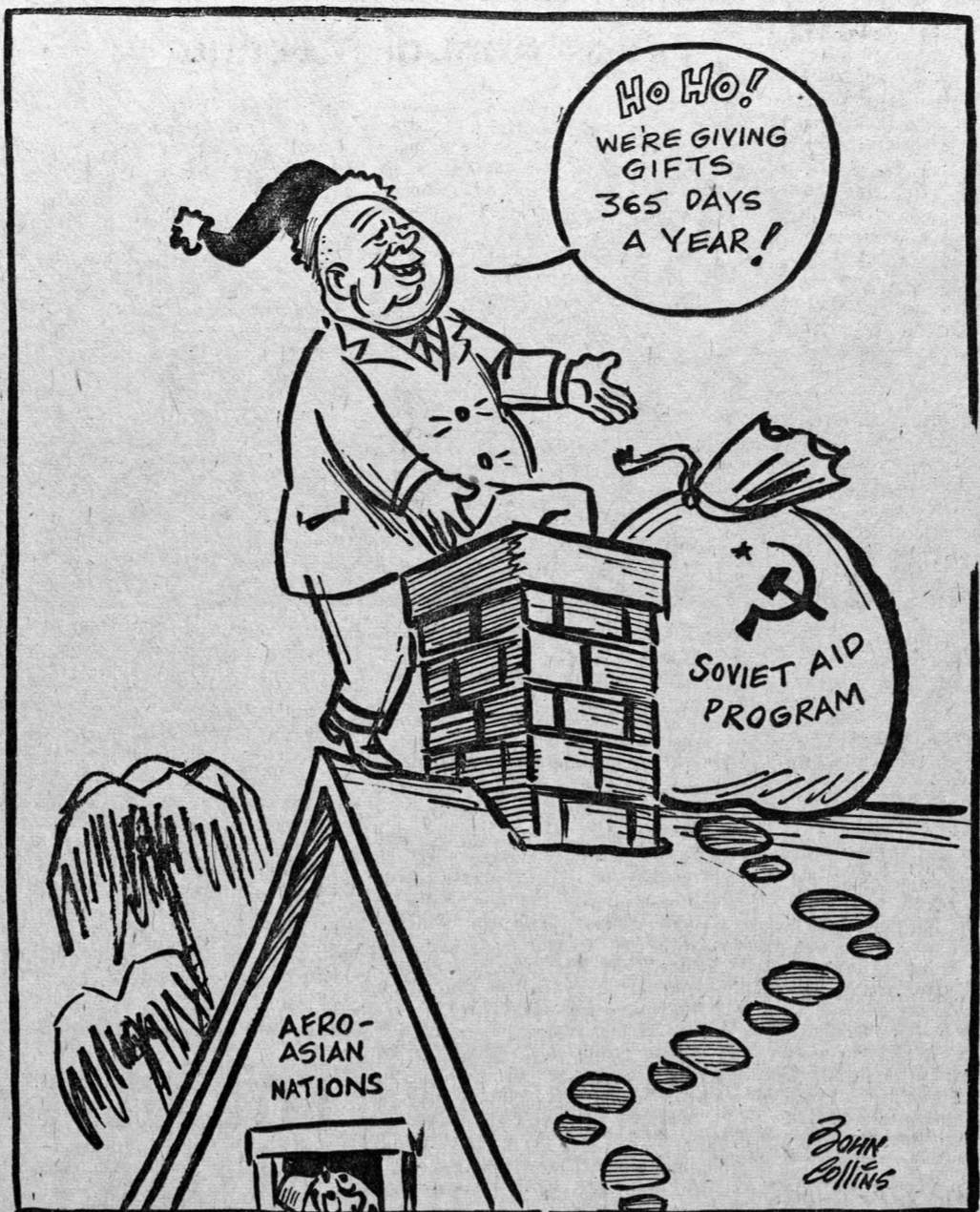
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ASIAN FLUE

OTTAWA REPORT

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What To Do In Emergency

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. POISONS cause more than 6,000 deaths in the United States each year. One of the biggest reasons, as for as children are concerned, is a very common and very useful drug found in almost every home—Aspirin.

In a recent year, the last one for which I have statistics, salicylates caused 89 American deaths. Of this number 72 of the victims were less than five years old. Thirty-one of these fatalities were traced to overdoses of aspirin.

Thirty-one deaths represent an alarming figure, especially when you realize that aspirin probably is available in your home right now.

The first thing to do when your youngster swallows an overdose of aspirin—the candy-coated variety is the most enticing to youngsters—is to call your doctor.

Then, give the child two table-spoons of powdered burnt toast, one spoonful of milk of magnesia and four spoons of strong tea. EASIEST METHOD

The next step is to induce vomiting. The easiest method is simply to place your child over your lap in "spanking position" and place the blunt end of a spoon, or your finger, at the back of his throat.

Or give him two tablespoons of salt in warm water, or soap and warm water, or a tablespoon of mustard.

After he has vomited, give him a tablespoon of sodium bicarb in a quart of warm water. Make him drink as much as he can.

Then give him more strong tea or coffee. Of course, if your doctor advises against such antidotes and orders you to bring the lad to his office or the hospital at once, follow his advice. EMERGENCIES ONLY

The measure I have listed here are for emergencies only. Once you consult your doctor—and this is the best thing you can do—he is in charge of the situation.

As with any illness or accident, it is far easier to prevent poisoning than to cure it. Simply by keeping aspirin and all drugs and poisons safely out of reach of your youngster, you can save yourself and your child a lot of worry, heartache and sickness.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

M. B.: How contagious is leprosy?

Answer: Leprosy is the least contagious of the contagious diseases. The change of picking up the infection by direct contact is very slight.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(Jan. 17, 1933)

This week will be a noted one in the theatrical history of Charlottetown when Miss Agnes Ayres, distinguished movie actress, will make a three-day personal appearance at the Prince Edward Theatre. Miss Ayres, who has starred opposite Rudolph Valentino, is a brilliant character actress, and has attained a high degree of popularity.

The D. G. S. Montclair, which had been in port at Souris for over a week, sailed for the Magdalen Islands on Sunday morning with the latest freight and mails. It is also noteworthy that Souris Harbour is presently completely free of ice.

TEN YEARS AGO

(Jan. 17, 1948)

Successful efforts in combatting diseases which could ruin the seed potato industry of P.E.I. were cited by Mr. R. R. Hurst, Officer in Charge of Science Service, Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology, Charlottetown, in addressing the conference this week of senior agricultural officials at the Experimental Farm. Mr. Hurst's review of the many scientific developments in potato growing was one of the highlights of the conference.

An exchange of 11 acres of Dominion Experimental Farm land on the North River Road for 62 acres of the Beach Grove property, owned by the Provincial Government, has been decided upon, it was learned yesterday. The seeming disparity is made up by the higher valuation of the property on the North River Road.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

ROAD CONDITIONS

Sir,—Politicians endeavor from time to time to try and lead farmers to believe they are working in the interest of Agriculture. How much of this is true? On the north side of P.E.I. from Kensington to Burlington, Long River, French River, Park Corner, Irishtown, Seaview, Baltic and Spring Valley, saying nothing of a fine section of country on the main road to Brynton's Corner, more live stock is raised and fed for market than any other section of its size on P.E.I.

For the past few years the farmers in the above mentioned sections have at times found it impossible to market hogs when ready, due to the condition of this highway. Of course, they are promised better roads, especially before election, but afterwards some district where the people like to attend hockey or some other sport, must receive their attention.

How long is this going to continue? Some of the representatives of these districts have held or now hold important positions in the local House. Let us remind them that we have been fooled long enough. The road we have referred to has been impassable for the greater part of this winter and unless some action is taken by our representatives they had better keep out of our district if nominated for the next local election.

I am, Sir, etc.

J. V. NASSON.

NOTES BY THE WAY

For two consecutive years in Manitoba name has appeared on the list of traffic deaths over the Christmas holidays. That is something to be proud of.—Winnipeg Free Press

The day when the farmer "homeward plods his weary way" is drawing to a close. If science does what it says it can do, the farmer won't have to go home at all. He can spend his Summers in Maine and His Winters in Bermuda and let the farm run itself.—Milwaukee Journal

Cuban housewives are banding to form a union. Their first project will be "Housewives Day" Friday, and each Friday they they will take things easy. The only flaw we can see is that on Saturday morning Friday's dishes will still be in the sink.—Windsor Star

In spite of the theorists, is it not time that persons put in place of correction because of offenses they have committed were brought to realize that they are paying a penalty for their misdeeds and are not non-paying guests at a plush hotel?—Brantford Expositor

Two army generals have been fined in Maryland after failing to contest charges of illegally hunting wild geese in a baited area. They were hunting as guests of the Glenn L. Martin Co. While they're explaining to higher authority about how they happened to violate game laws—and surely an explanation will be demanded—the generals might also explain how come they were on a pleasure jaunt as "guests" of a defence contractor.—Milwaukee Journal

There are 20,000 engineers and scientists idle in the United States, through choice or illness or inability, but simply because outmoded, "out-of-date-sixty-five" pension policies. The National Committee on the Aging says that most of these men would be glad to help in the U.S. defense effort. Our own losses in the field of science and skills must be proportionate, since our retirement policies are similar. And those losses are growing year by year because the retirement age group is growing in number.—Toronto Globe and Mail

Some men keep dogs so as to be sure of a welcome at home.—Brandon Sun

A pedestrian can start and stop faster than a vehicle. Try it and live.—St. Catharines Standard

If the Canadian armed services ever unite we wonder how the airman will like bell-bottom trousers.—Ottawa Journal

Except for one thing, the driver might forget that the stresses and dangers exist and might think he is truly safe. That one thing is the list of highway fatalities.—Saskatoon Star-Phoenix

Regina has retained its ban on lady wrestlers. But there may be some unofficial bouts over the family pay envelope.—London Free Press

When a West Virginia police sergeant asked the woman who came in to report an accident whether she got the other car's licence number, she replied, "you're darn right I did!" and tossed a battered licence plate on the sergeant's desk.—AMA Jour-

Even though it invoked no warmer sentiment among us northerners, the great African small invasion of Southeast Asia will at least remind us that the vernacular is vulnerable. Small's pace over there means a voracious speed which has overrun several countries and is threatening southern Japan.—Globe and Mail

An English lady visitor to an Irish village had the misfortune to put a question about possible accommodation to an old gentleman, who gave her a lecture on Irish history instead. Of course, with her English accent she was God's gift to an oppressed Gael. "But what I really wanted to know is whether we can get lodgings for the night," she persisted. "No lady," he said firmly. "There is no hotel accommodation in Clonmacnois since the English burned the Abbey guest house in 1552."—Frank O'Connor—The Picture Book

FREE JAILED CYPRIOTS NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters)—Eighteen Greek Cypriots were released Wednesday after having been held without trial under emergency regulations. A total of 657 Greek Cypriot males still are being held without trial.



HILL AND MOUNTAIN

This hill is but a great step down from where the mountain with a name

Rises to survey the town. The unnamed hill with wood and meadow Daily feels the mountain's shadow. Yet all dawns and sunsets flame Homage on them both the same. Few travelers may stop to scan The view afforded by this site, But with less-honored height and span

It holds upon a longer light When tides of flowers ebb and flow In fields that now are waves of snow. All seasons make their visits fair And spend enough of beauty here. —William Vincent Stieler in the Christian Science Monitor.

MAXIMS

It is a paradox that every dictator has climbed to power on the ladder of free speech. Immediately on attaining power each dictator has suppressed all free speech except his own.

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