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

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No Repudiation

Whatever else British Prime Minister Macmillan may have had in mind making appointments to his cabinet, it is clear that he was not thinking of repudiating the policies of his predecessor.

In the second place, it reflects the new Prime Minister's view that the British people in general were behind Eden's policies, despite the frantic efforts of Labour Party leaders to make him appear as a bully and aggressor.

New Cattle Feed

Is ordinary lumberyard sawdust less costly than grain? If so, it promises to take top place among the cattle feeds of the future.

There are two little difficulties in the way, however, before sawdust can begin to take the place of oats, barley and such tasty items.

Locks

The National Geographic Society which from time to time looks into the historical background of some gadget of man's devising recently turned its expert attention to locks.

shelter to holding imitation china eggs to hens' nests.

Who invented the lock? No, not the Russians, although they have probably laid claim to the distinction.

In the Middle Ages, English locksmiths were very important people and they resorted to ingenious devices. For instance, one type of lock shot a pistol at anyone who tried to tamper with it.

A Matter Of Manners

What a great difference there is to be sure in the away-from-home manners of Mr. Hugh Gaitskill, present leader of the British Labour Party, and those of his distinguished predecessor, the Rt. Hon. Earl Attlee.

At the same time Earl Attlee suggested that if the United States last summer had taken the responsibility which is now partly recognized in the so-called "Eisenhower doctrine" the Suez crisis would not have become the serious international problem it now is.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Nothing is so bad that it could not be worse. Chilly as it has been here in recent days, it's mild compared with temperatures even in neighboring N.B., and almost Spring-like when one considers the 40 and 50 below in Western areas.

Prime Minister St. Laurent has told Parliament that when he talked with President Eisenhower some weeks ago the latter was "amazed" to hear that Canada's purchases from the United States last year were a billion dollars more than American purchases from this country.

One easy way to improve the economic status of Canada's fishermen would be to persuade Canadians to eat more fish.



SENTIMENTS OF THE SEASON

U. S. Foreign Policy Antics

A. N. Spaenel, Chairman, International Latex Company in the Washington Post and Times-Herald

Our fantastic foreign policy antics, reminiscent only of the upside-down world of Alice in Wonderland, have once more produced a tangled ball of contradictions.

The Eisenhower administration has announced a decision, subject to concurrence by Congress, to use American military force if necessary to defend the nations of the Middle East against Soviet aggression.

This move to block Kremlin ambitions in a supremely strategic area by interposing American power unquestionably makes sense. It reaffirms the Truman Doctrine. It may help dispel the unhappy and almost suicidal impression that peace-at-any-price delusions in Washington give Moscow unlimited scope for mischief.

Had such a move been made a year earlier, when Soviet intrusion in the region first became clear, the Near East problem would not have been aggravated to its present dimensions and, no less important, the Western alliance would today have been in a healthier condition.

But even in launching the new policy, in itself necessary, Washington has managed to involve itself in amazing ambiguities. The character of the decision, its timing and the manner of its projection must necessarily be viewed in the light of American conduct and pronouncements in the preceding months.

That the danger is great enough to justify the commitment should be self-evident. As one Washington Kremlin could conquer Europe by conquering the Middle East. The economic havoc wrought by cutting off Mid-Eastern oil for just a few months shows clearly enough how a permanent Soviet stranglehold on the area could force Western Europe to dance to Moscow's tune.

Only in relation to the magnitude to this threat can the newly proposed American policy — and by the same token the Anglo-French action in Egypt — be understood and judged.

What in the eyes of our government, was the "crime" of our two most important allies? Not merely that they resorted to force to counter a threat of such overwhelming proportions but that they did so unilaterally, without consulting the United States and outside the bounds of the United Nations.

To leave no doubts in this connection, we loudly renounced the use of force, condemned unilateral action regardless of the enormity of the danger that provokes it and promised to implement American policy only through the United Nations.

While the world is still worrying over the implications of this strange stance, comes the latest decision — welcome in itself but utterly at variance with American behavior vis-a-vis the Anglo-French action. We now threaten the use of force in the same place and for the same reasons that Britain and France invoked it. And we do so unilaterally!

We pilloried our major allies for taking military measures to halt Moscow's domination of Egypt and through Egypt of the whole Middle East. We prevented the downfall

of Nasser, which so obviously would have been a boon to peace. We helped cancel out the military advantage gained by Anglo-French initiative, undermined the prestige and authority of these two nations and lent our weight in the crippling of their economic vitality.

Yet now we concede in effect that the prospect of Soviet hegemony over the Middle East is terrifying enough to justify unilateral employment of Western power. Having deepened the vacuum into which Soviet influence now flows more alarmingly than before, we add insult to injury by claiming for ourselves alone the right to act that we denied in England and France. How paradoxical can one government become without losing the respect of foes along with the confidence of friends?

In affirming an intention to act unilaterally, Washington comes close to notifying the whole world that it has and needs no allies. This of course is ineptitude rather than planned purpose, yet it looks as if America were determined to push its most valuable free-world associates to the brink of political and military oblivion. Having almost mortally wounded our best friends, we seem to be preparing to bury them.

True, there is a face-saving gimmick. It is asserted that the United States, unlike Britain and France, will use force only with the "consent" of the nations endangered by Soviet aggression. But this is palpably diplomatic double-talk. Soviet aggression is most likely to take the form of overt military attack. The Kremlin has found infiltration and subversion — of the order now on display in Syria — more to its taste and its talents.

By the time a country is ready for the kill, it is far too entangled in the communist web to consent to being saved. It is by then so close to being a puppet that it condemns would-be saviours as imperialist meddlers. Both Syria and Egypt, in point of fact, have already branded the Eisenhower extension of the Truman Doctrine as "American colonialism."

PUBLIC FORUM

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

HIGHWAY CLEARANCE

Sir,—I would like space in your paper to ask the question: "Is the Trans-Canada Highway via Cross Roads and Hazelbrook not to be considered a main road?"

On the road report by radio at noon, it was stated that the main roads would all be open at noon. When the Hazelbrook road was not opened all the way, through a road block should have been set up to prevent approximately one hundred cars from coming up to Hazelbrook and having to turn around in the snowbanks to go back down to Pownall and thence to town by the Forty-Nine Road.

If the cuttings were too narrow and deep for the small plows, the Department of Highways should have seen to it that a larger plow that could handle the snow would have been sent out on the Trans Canada Highway.

I am, Sir, etc. FAIR TREATMENT Cross Roads, P.E.I.

MAXIMS

Seize fish plenty mitchell for busy hands to do, especially in getting money.

equations the gimmick is therefore political eyewash. The warning given to Moscow is that the United States will not countenance and the free world, whether by open aggression or by non-violent methods, if it doesn't mean that, it means nothing.

SLAPPED DOWN ALLIES It was to forestall the covert, non-violent and more deadly sort of aggression that London and Paris acted in November, only to be slapped down and deeply weakened for their daring. Now the United States, which led the condemnation proceedings while Nasser cheered and Moscow jeered, declares that it will do what England and France did, if and when necessary.

The logic of the historic struggle between the communists and the free worlds, it thus appears, is inexorable. It has compelled Washington to acknowledge the grim nature of the menace in the Middle East which two other nations — because for them the danger was more direct and more terrible — recognized somewhat sooner.

The same logic, one hopes, will drive American statesmanship, now that it has reappraised its new pacifism, to face up to the fallacies of its new isolationism. More than ever before America needs strong and dedicated allies. It must not continue to cut off its nose to spite its face by downgrading the power and authority of those allies and in the process diminish the aggregate strength of the free world.

The Age Old Story

I will say of the Lord, His is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

FRACTURE FOR TALLULAH

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tullulah Bankhead underwent an operation for a broken hand early Tuesday following her appearance Monday night in the play Eugenia. She suffered the injury Saturday night during a scene in the play when she waved her hands in the air and struck a wall.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

GUARD AGAINST POISON FROM CARBON MONOXIDE

With the doors and windows closed tightly against the outside cold this time of year, your home might be inviting an unwelcome caller—carbon monoxide.

Probably the most widespread poisonous gas connected with everyday living, carbon monoxide is invisible, tasteless and odorless. Even in small amounts it can be deadly.

FAULTY EQUIPMENT

Faulty equipment accounts for about one-fourth of our yearly toll of deaths from carbon monoxide. It may be a dirty or badly adjusted furnace, boiler, fuel burning stove or space heater. Even a faulty refrigerator can be blamed.

A clogged vent, chimney or flue pipe might prevent gases from being properly released, and carbon monoxide might flood the home.

This gas can poison you by combining with the hemoglobin in your blood. It prevents blood from carrying oxygen to the body tissues.

Development of certain symptoms should lead you to suspect that carbon monoxide fumes are present. These include headaches, dizziness, drowsiness and nausea. You may become irritable, perspire suddenly, become mentally dull and absent-minded. Your legs may ache and you may have hallucinations.

Sometimes you can recognize asphyxiation by carbon monoxide by the cherry-red color of the victim's skin, eyelids, lips and ears.

A person suffering from poisoning by this gas must have fresh air immediately. If the room can't be ventilated quickly, take him outside.

KEEP HIM WARM

Apply artificial respiration if he is breathing weakly or not at all. Use plenty of blankets and hot water bags to keep him warm and let him rest as long as he wants.

Even though only one part of carbon monoxide in 700 parts of air can be fatal, exposure to this gas doesn't always mean death. In fact, only about one out of 200 persons exposed to carbon monoxide fumes is a fatality.

Paris physicians recently reported they have been able to revive victims of carbon monoxide poisoning more rapidly with an intravenous drug, cytochrome C, than with the usual procedures. In 20 cases of coma, they said, the drug was effective within 8 to 30 minutes.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 16, 1932)

The ferry steamer Hillsboro is still on the job making her regular trips to Rocky Point. Today the steamer will equal last year's record when trips were made until this date, and it looks as if the record will be broken this year if the present mild weather conditions continue.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 16, 1947)

Belief that the chief problem of Charlottetown is to increase its revenue "so that it may not only reduce its debt burden faster, but also increase and improve its services to the taxpayers without going further into debt," is expressed in a report on civic finances submitted at the annual meeting of the Board of Trade last evening.

Fire broke out in the grocery store and meat market of Crosby and Wotton at Crapaud early last

NOTES BY THE WAY

The man who enjoys puffing on a big fat cigar merely is indulging in an adult version of thumb-sucking.—Dr. Maury Massler, University of Illinois, Chicago.

If teenagers actually read all the columns and pages of advice written for them, how would they find the time to get any homework done?—Hamilton Spectator

A transport truck in Seligman, Ariz., had this sign lettered on its rear: "Crime Doesn't Pay—Neither Does Trucking."—Wall Street Journal

"The non-musical participant" in the (Ed Sullivan) television program included Senor Wences, a gifted ventriloquist, and Elvis Presley, a powerful argument in favor of compulsory service"—New York Times

Rock 'n' roll music has been banned in Naples, and we can only hope that Venice will follow suit. The stuff would be murder in a gondola.—Hamilton Spectator

And now we are told that jurors fail to convict people of manslaughter charges in traffic deaths because the jurors look at the prisoner and think, "There but for the grace of God go I." But shouldn't the evidence count?—St. Catherine's Standard

A youth drew 30 days in jail for stealing from the cash register of a store where he had just landed a job. No sooner on his feet than he lost his head.—London Free Press.

Everything is designed to speed up the cooking of foods, but at least one bride wishes they would think of ways to slow it so that everything wouldn't burn during a little old forty-five minute telephone conversation.—Hamilton Spectator

If all farmers everywhere farmed as well as they knew how and weather was always favorable the surplus of agricultural products would amount to disastrous proportion.—Farmers Advocate.

American warships in the Pacific are being regularly shadowed by Russian and Red Chinese submarines, our sailors say. If so, this represents a long technological advance in snooping. Twenty years ago, when the Japanese were the snoopers, they used flying trawlers.—Detroit Free Press

night but was extinguished before serious damage was caused. The blaze was discovered about 7:15 and was located in a wall and in the ceiling of the ground floor. The fire is believed to have been caused by an overheated stove.

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