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

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Atlantic Parliament

"NATO is something new and exciting and revolutionary, the most challenging and constructive experiment in international relations ever attempted."

Security and progress are the great aims of NATO. When the time comes that we know that we can resist any and every attack, the great driving force of unity can be directed to raise standards of living by social, economic and technical co-operation.

That the time has come to pay more attention to the economic fruits of unity is the theme of a declaration signed by 200 prominent citizens of eight of the 14 NATO countries and presented to the Council by Roy Thomson, a Canadian who has publishing interests in Canada, Britain and the United States.

First things must come first, however. As long as the threat of aggression hangs over the world the first duty of NATO is to make it distinctly unprofitable for any nation or nations to turn greedy eyes upon the territory of members of the Atlantic Community.

Oldest Methodist Church

As a rule there is nothing especially newsworthy in a church's appeal for funds with which to effect necessary repairs. It happens quite often and, usually, as is right and proper, meets with at least reasonable success; money spent on keeping church property in good repair is money well invested in the overall welfare of the community.

It was at old St. George's that the first Methodist bishops were commissioned; it was from there that the first circuit preachers set out on courageous and dangerous adventures as they followed the Westward trek of pioneer settlers.

A Rare Distinction

Some time ago a meteorite was reported to have shot through the roof of an Alabama home and struck a housewife, giving her a distinction held by no other known human being. Most meteorites fall unseen, and the chunky imports from outer space rarely strike man-made objects.

The risk of being hit by a meteorite appears to be negligible. But these projectiles of iron and stone have been scaring people out of their wits since the dawn of the human mind. Ancient man had a tendency to preserve meteorites out of fear or reverence. The sacred stone built into the Kaaba at Mecca supposedly came from the sky.

little more than a month after Columbus discovered America. The first verified fall of a meteorite in the United States was witnessed by two Yale professors at Weston, Connecticut, in 1807.

Oddly enough, scientists paid little attention to meteorites for many years. Scientific collections of meteorites did not begin in earnest until after 1803 when a large shower at Laigle, France, convinced men of learning that the bodies were extra-terrestrial. Even now, meteoritics is a new science.

The origin of meteorites is still controversial. Generally, they are believed to be lumps from an exploded planet or perhaps two that collided. A meteorite is simply a meteor that hits the earth. Both are objects from space that hurtle into the earth's atmosphere, often leaving a luminous trail. The meteorite survives its spectacular journey without being consumed. Astronomers estimate that hundreds of millions of meteors pepper the earth's atmosphere each day, and several millions are big enough to form visible displays. Most are heated to incandescence by friction with the air and consumed. Relatively few reach this planet. Although countless numbers must have hit the earth since it was formed, not more than 1,700 have been found. Of these, only 683 falls were seen. The largest now on public display was found in Greenland in 1895 by Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer who discovered the North Pole. The 36 1/2-ton specimen is preserved in New York's Hayden Planetarium.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 4th Sunday in Advent.

Birthday of Prince William of Gloucester, 1941.

Toronto, apparently, will stand for just about anything in their city fathers, except hospitality.

Princess Margaret will use the royal yacht "Britannia" for her tour of the British islands of the Caribbean. The last duty of the yacht in this connection will be to take the Princess from Jamaica on February 24th to the Bahamas, where she will arrive on February 26th.

Between Christmas and the New Year young farmers will be preparing to carry out the resolution to become better and more efficient in their calling. During that week they will be attending a short course to help them become better farmers and citizens.

The Kremlin note to France threatening to cancel the mutual aid pact is all one with the immediate objective of all aspects of foreign policy at the moment. To prevent the ratification of the pacts leading to Western European Union is the all-important aim of Soviet foreign policy.

Heneage Finch, first Earl of Nottingham, Lord Chancellor of England, died this date 1682. He held aloof from politics until the Restoration, concentrating on the practice of law. Thereafter he rose rapidly and is sometimes referred to as the "father of equity." It was he who contributed the "Statute of Frauds" to the statute-book. He presided at the trial of Stafford, the victim of Titus Oates.

The Canadian Bar may be making important contributions in future in the fields of legal doctrine and jurisprudence. At any rate a legal research committee has been formed by the Canadian Bar Association. It has the advantage of working on two systems of law existing side by side and mutually influencing one another in a federal state unlike that in which each originated.

It is not always necessary to understand a process in order to make use of it. Iowa State College has found a method of concentrating and freezing milk which can be converted to a whole milk product tasting exactly the same as the original. In the process the milk is pasteurized for 16 seconds at 180 degrees, homogenized, vacuum evaporated and pasteurized a second time in the same way before being placed in containers and frozen. The professors do not understand why, but believe the two pasteurizations are the reason for retaining the milk flavour.

The Canso Causeway has been completed, but according to a spokesman for the board on geographic names in Ottawa, Cape Breton is still an island. It will continue to enjoy this official status under the precise definition of what constitutes an island, by reason of the Navigation Canal on the Cape Breton side of the causeway. An island is a body of land completely surrounded by water. The water will continue to be there in a man-made ditch so that ships may continue to use the shortcut the strait originally afforded between the Atlantic and the Gulf of St. Lawrence.



A Little Job For The Week-end

An Impractical Suggestion

By Heath Macquarrie
Mayor Allan Rush of London, Ontario, is credited with a suggestion for improving Canada's election machinery. Mr. Rush apparently believes that greater voter interest would be aroused if municipal, provincial and federal elections were all held at the one time.

Problems In Heckling

(Cleveland Plain Dealer)
Until quite recently the heckling of political speakers frequently enlivened campaigns for public office. It was an institution both on this continent and in Britain, signifying free speech, even though it was generally of a discourteous variety.

NOTES BY THE WAY

As result of an accident near the baseball stadium, in which a pedestrian was fatally injured, a motorist has been charged with dangerous driving. Aged seventy, he has told police he had been operating a motor vehicle for forty-one years and never possessed a driver's license — thought his car owner's permit entitled him to drive.

Old Charlottetown

"GOING OUT"
*Excessive drinking at Christmas is going out. Perhaps one reason is, that the stuff which is now sold doesn't give joy or pleasure either in the drinking, or in the drunkenness, or after the drunkenness is past.

The Age Old Story

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee; and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

Dr. Julian Huxley is perhaps the most distinguished member of a class which has been extraordinarily eminent in the world of science as a biologist and physicist.

Another thing — important, one would suppose — that Dr. Huxley leaves out of his plans, or at any rate out of his plans, is that the historical religions, especially the Christian religion, have endured and survived every conceivable "revolution" and philosophical change, without being weakened in any serious manner. In fact, the record shows that religion has always flourished in adversity. Its chief weakness has come from comfort and ease.

When, therefore, Dr. Huxley comes out with what he calls the outlines of a new religion, as he did in a recent speech, he will have many attentive listeners the world over. Incidentally, in looking over that speech one does not get the impression that Dr. Huxley is an anti-traditionalist in the common sense of that name; on the contrary, one gathers that he has an intelligent and, in some respects, a profound reverence for the old religion, especially Christianity.

The Poets Corner

FROM ADONAMS
The splendour of the firmament of time May be eclipsed, but are extinguished not; Like stars to their appointed height they climb, And death is a low mist which cannot blot The brightness it may veil. When lofty thought Lifts a young heart above the mortal lair, And love and life contend in it, for what Shall be its earthly doom, the dead live there And move like winds of night on dark and stormy air.

FIVE SPARED DEATH

CAIRO (Reuters)—The Egyptian revolution command council Monday commuted to life imprisonment with hard labor the death sentences passed on five members of the Moslem Brotherhood Sunday by the People's Tribunal.

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