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a down-to-earth idea of what this astronomical figure means in terms of other achievements.

Dr. Weaver is not opposed to putting a man on the moon. Indeed, he thinks it will provide a lot of answers to some basic scientific problems. But he charges that too much money and scarce scientific talent is being squandered on too hurried a race when both money and talent should be used to meet acute needs here on earth.

"Give every teacher in the U.S. a 10 per cent raise a year for 10 years; endow 200 small colleges with \$10 million each; finance the education through graduate school of 50,000 scientists at \$4,000 a year; built 10 new medical schools at \$200 million each; build and endow complete universities for more than 50 developing countries; create three new Rockefeller Foundations worth \$500 million each."

An impressive program indeed! But the moon race, as we said, goes on apace, to the amazement of the neighboring planets, and these other things will just have to wait.

British Farm Bill

One of the pledges of the British Labor government was to produce improved farm legislation, which it is now endeavoring to do. An important part of the bill now before Parliament is the provision for allocating £80 million toward grants for further farm improvements such as new and modern buildings, fencing and drainage.

The hub of the problem, in Britain as in virtually all Western industrialized countries, is that farmers' incomes trail behind those obtainable in industry. People buy more and more washing machines, cars, television sets and industrialized goods, but do not want increasing amounts of food.

In Britain about £300 million (\$840 million) per year is spent on subsidies and price support policies. This averages out to about £1,000 (\$2,800) per farmer per year. It is about as high as any government is prepared to go, even though it is recognized that this agricultural investment helps Britain save millions of pounds sterling in food imports.

Still Going Strong

Canada's life insurance companies have a fine record of achievement. That they are still going strong is evidenced from the fact that they paid out almost 7 per cent more in total benefits in the first nine months of this year than in the same period of 1964.

The Canadian Life Insurance Association reports that funds paid to living policy-holders were higher than death benefits, more than 65 per cent of total benefits, or \$994.3 million, up almost 7 per cent over last year's figures. Death benefits totalled about \$209 million, an increase of 6.8 per cent over 1964.

During the January-September period, about \$117.7 million was distributed in dividends to policy holders. This amounts to almost 30 per cent of all living policy benefits. Annuity payments amounted to \$101 million.



"ME, TARZAN -- YOU, WRONG"

NATO CROSSROADS

Restlessness Over Nuclear Proliferation

The announcement by U.S. Secretary of Defence Robert McNamara that NATO's nuclear arsenal in Europe will be increased by 20 per cent in the next six months strikes an odd note in view of the alliance's shaky condition. The attendance roll at the Paris meeting of NATO members' defence ministers was only one symptom of the divided opinions and general unease that afflict the alliance.

Wages War On Fat

The battle of the bulge intensified this summer when new orders on physical fitness went out to all three services requiring biannual physical efficiency tests for everyone who hasn't a good excuse.

Deeds Without Words

A short while ago Robert H. McGregor who had been the Conservative member for York East in the House of Commons, died. His service of 36 years was considered the longest parliamentary career in the history of the Commons and this fact was recited when he was sworn in as a member of the Queen's Privy Council.

In The Lungs, Too

It is good to learn that the National Research Council has found a way to keep the red in Canada's flag from turning orange. But from the viewpoint of Montreal, the most significant change that takes place in the flag after it has been flown for a short time is not that the red turns orange, but that the entire flag gets gray.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to enter into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

THE THOMSON CLAN

Sir, - In a November issue of your paper "Across the Island" by Mr. Neil Matheson contained an item regarding a linen table cloth presented by James Thomson of Tryon to Government House, Charlottetown, date of presentation being the year 1840. This item is correct except that the gentleman was James Thomson, a Scot and former British Army officer who settled in this province and later married a daughter of the founder of the Leard Clan (P.E.I. Branch). Later he was joined here by his brother, David J., who brought his wife and family with him. He too was a British Army officer.

Indiscretion And Gout

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Most attacks of gout begin in the wee hours of morning. When the great toe is involved, the pain comes suddenly and produces maximum disability within minutes or hours. The digit it feels hot and is so tender to the touch the sufferer protects it carefully. Standing hurts, and wearing a shoe is unbearable.

This maneuver is a sign of gout, because it implies that distress appeared suddenly and the individual was forced to do something as an emergency measure. Involvement of the fingers, wrists, ankles, spine, and other toes can be just as uncomfortable.

The clue to the diagnosis of gout also comes from a number of precipitating factors. The production of uric acid is increased by overeating, especially of meat, fish, or alcohol, or by playing too much golf or moving the lawn. The same can be said of the man who indulges in excessive sight-seeing. I often wonder how many attacks of gout were triggered by the New York World's air.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

German planes, resuming their air battering of London after more than a fortnight of comparative peace, dropped tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs during a nine-hour attack that stretched to dawn.

GRAVEL FORMER

V. F. writes: My husband has been suffering off and on for five years with gravel; when it passes he is in severe pain. Is there any way to prevent its formation?

REPLY

Have the gravel analyzed and when the causative chemicals are determined, he should omit foods containing these substances. Meanwhile encourage him to drink large amounts of water to keep the chemicals in solution.

BUCK FEVER

Mrs. O. writes: All my life (I'm now 60) I've had a phobia about deer and moose. Pictures of these animals scare me and stuffed heads terrify me. Is there any way to overcome this fear?

REPLY

It is easier to avoid the animals except when the Elks or Moose hold a convention in your city.

INFLAMED VEIN

A. D. writes: Can phlebitis develop in an arm?

REPLY

Yes. Vein inflammation is more common in the legs, but I have seen phlebitis in almost every surface vein of the body.

HARDENED ARTERIES

H. R. writes: Can a man of 40 have hardening of the brain cells?

REPLY

Yes, but it's the arteries and not the cells that become hardened.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT

Nonprotein diets are dangerous.

Continues To Stand Tall

By Boris Miskew Canadian Press Staff Writer

French voters deflated the image of President de Gaulle but he continues to stand tall among his rivals on the French political scene. De Gaulle had expected—so confidently he hardly campaigned at all—to be returned to office by a substantial majority for a second seven-year term in Sunday's presidential election.

The surprising setback brought smiles to opponents of his policy of seeking to establish France as a force independent of the United States and the Soviet Union. The French president lost favor among his European allies as well as the United States for pursuing an independent foreign policy which ran against their policies as members of the North Atlantic Alliance and the European Economic Community.

Opponents of de Gaulle appeared happy that the president was lowered by the voters from his lofty pedestal and placed on the political plane of mortals. Mitterrand emerged as the candidate of the left and a man who has become France's second-most popular political personality.

Mitterrand, with the support of the strong French Communist party, the Socialists and the Radicals, won about 33 per cent of the vote and now challenges de Gaulle in a two-man contest.

But while de Gaulle resigned himself to stand aloof and rely solely on his record of the last seven years, his five presidential opponents campaigned with all their energy. And the French people proved even de Gaulle cannot expect to have undisputed claim on the presidency.

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DETERMINED EFFORT

The determined effort of the Communist-Socialist Bloc to stand solidly behind Mitterrand, and Lécaneux's unexpected rise on the French political scene were largely responsible for de Gaulle's reduced support.

Anything less than 50-per-cent majority would have to be considered by de Gaulle as a sign of his declining popularity. But de Gaulle is considered a heavy favorite in a two-way fight with Mitterrand Dec. 10, and only if he should decide to pull out of the race, a remote possibility, would Mitterrand stand a chance of winning against a relatively weak Lécaneux.

FORESEES CAR-FREE CITY

TORONTO (CP) - Soaring parking costs and tighter pollution controls will keep cars out of downtown Toronto by 1966, a private consulting economist has predicted.

TEN YEARS AGO

Leading Cadet Francis Mahar, 82 Green Street, Charlottetown, returned home after completing a three-month cruise to Europe in the HMCS Magnificent. During the cruise the ship visited Trondheim, Plymouth, Rotterdam, Valencia, Marseille, Genoa and Gibraltar.

RE-OPENING OF ST. MARY'S

The re-opening of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Souris, took place, with His Excellency Malcolm A. MacEachern, Bishop of Charlottetown, presiding. The church had just been redecorated.

PURITY DAIRY

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Winter Accommodation

Winter Rates at the Charlottetown Hotel now in effect. Single Rooms with private bath, radio and television \$3.00 and up. Minimum stay—three months. For a worry-free winter in warmth and comfort move to The Charlottetown Hotel.

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