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

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At Sulphur Springs

Canadians in general will wish Prime Minister St. Laurent a pleasant sojourn in the palatial and luxurious hostelry at Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, where, in company with President Ruiz Cortines of Mexico, he is to spend the better part of two days as guest of the President of the United States.

For some reason, the importance of the meeting is being minimized in American official circles. Mr. James Hagerty, the President's press secretary, is quoted as saying "no particular problem prompted the meeting".

The meeting at Sulphur Springs is, in its own way, another summit meeting. However it may be with the United States and Mexico, it is no secret that there are many problems of defence and trade between this country and the United States which need high level consideration.

Dr. Zwicky's Plan

It is generally agreed that overpopulation is one of the world's vexing problems and likely to become even more so as times goes on. However, at least one scientist is not worried about the prospect, provided he can persuade governments to accept his prescription for economic relief.

Dr. Zwicky is of the opinion that it would be an easy matter to break up the major planets, such as Jupiter and Neptune, which are now serving no useful purpose, and out of the separated portions make a hundred new planets to which the surplus population of the earth might emigrate.

It is an intriguing possibility, certainly. But then again it raises new problems almost as serious as the one it is intended to solve. Lacking a system of world government, which not even Dr. Zwicky would be optimistic enough to envision in the next millennium, what nation or group of nations would have sovereignty over the new world? And if some system of initial sharing could be worked out, what assurance would there be that a United Planets Organization would function any

better than the U. N. is functioning now? A cold war on the earth is serious enough; what would happen if it were extended to the Zwicky world? The effects would be beyond mortal imagination. As for sending minority races thither, who would take the responsibility for that? Certainly not the United States Supreme Court nor yet the World Court at the Hague, both of which tribunals are on record as opposing segregation in any form.

An Important Study

No question facing the human race in these days is more in need of an authoritative answer than this one: What are the effects of atomic radiation on human, animal, and plant life? The question has been knocked about ever since the beginning of the atomic age, and it is given special urgency every time one of the great powers conduct atomic and hydrogen tests.

At last, however, a beginning has been made towards finding an answer which will either confirm or allay the fears which are abroad. At the present time, scientists from 15 countries, including Canada, and representing both Great Power blocs as well as the "neutralist" states, are meeting at U. N. headquarters in New York to start a two-year study of the subject.

Meanwhile, it is being suggested in some quarters that, pending the outcome of this important study, all nuclear tests should be halted. This, no doubt, is easier said than done; but since all nations, East and West, large and small, and regardless of their political and economic systems, stand to lose by persisting in practices which are harmful to life—assuming, lacking evidence to the contrary, that they are—it would seem that nothing but madness would prevent an understanding, at least temporarily.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The pastor of a church in Houston, Texas, is distressed over a newspaper error. He sent the press an announcement that there would be no collects during Lenten services. Somewhere along the line the story got mixed up. It said there would be no collections during Lent.

The passing of Mr. Thomas F. Renton leaves the Town of Georgetown with one less outstanding citizen. Mr. Renton rendered distinguished service in several important phases of community life over a period of many years.

Mr. Harvey Moore's deep and abiding interest in wild fowl conservation is beyond controversy. His bird sanctuary at Milltown Cross is a really great adventure in public service, which should receive official recognition in some tangible way. While Mr. Moore finds much personal satisfaction in feeding the birds that come his way, it is a pleasure that costs a good deal of money.

There is really no reason for controversy over the tourist business in this province. Anyone who can read figures can see that the business is important to our economy and should be encouraged. At the same time, it is foolish to exaggerate its importance and to infer—as some members of the local legislature seem to have done—in the current session—that it is the mainstay of the province. It is no such thing, and it will be a bad day for us all when agriculture and other primary phases of our economy are slighted in favour of a two-months in the year tourist traffic



SHELTER AT THE LOWER LEVEL

PUBLIC FORUM

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

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

Sir,—Referring to a letter in your issue of March 13th. Mr. C. C. Pratt of St. Peters stated, in this letter, that the St. Lawrence Seaway project will cost around \$730,000,000 or around \$50 per capita, or around \$5,000,000 for P. E. I. I think incorrect statements should be corrected, and I wish to state that the costs of the St. Lawrence Seaway are as follows: The estimated total cost of the Seaway and Power project is \$900,000,000 to be divided as follows: to the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, \$200,000,000; and to the Power Authority of the State of New York \$300,000,000; making a total of \$600,000,000, for the development of power in the International section; to the navigation entities, that is, the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority and the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, \$300,000,000 of which \$85,000,000 will be spent by the American Corporation for works in the International section in American territory, and \$215,000,000 by the Canadian Authority, for works in Canada.

In so far as the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority is concerned, its part of the project is financed by loans from the Federal Treasury upon which interest is being paid, all of which is being amortized and will be recaptured by the imposition of tolls against shipping companies. While the project is being financed by the Federal Treasury, it will not cost the taxpayer anything, because the method of finance agreed upon by the two Governments is that the amount spent will be amortized over a period of years.

Thanking you for your valuable space. I am, Sir, etc., T. J. KICKHAM, M.P., Ottawa

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 26, 1931)

Even with the snowdrifts like miniature mountains, residents of Cascumpec are cheered by the signs of spring. One of these is the reappearance of the egg wagon on rather sleigh. Mr. Herbert Profit our genial representative of the Elmisdale Egg Circle is again on the route.

The following wires were received yesterday by Mr. G.J. Tweedy in answer to the message sent to Ottawa re the traffic-tie up in the Straits.

"Interviewed Manion who immediately took problem up with Montreux Management." (sgd.) W. Chester S. McLure. "Your wire received. Will take matter up immediately with railway management, and endeavour to give any assistance I can." (sgd.) R. J. Manion.

The most coveted honor in Dalhousie Law School was awarded at the sitting of the Dalhousie Supreme Court, when Justices Carroll and Ross of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia and F. F. Mathers, Deputy Attorney General decided this year's award should go to Gordon MacMillan of Vernon River, P.E.I., a graduate in arts from Dalh.

TEN YEARS AGO

W. Chester McLure, M. P. for Queen's made a vigorous plea in the House of Commons today, for the construction of a super-highway "om Charlottetown to Borden by the shortest route, which would necessitate the building of the Brighton Bridge. The highway was started by the Bennett Government in 1934 and only a little over two miles was actually built.

Senator J. P. McIntyre of Mount Stewart, president of the Prince Edward Island Fisheries Federation, speaking after today's meeting of the Fisheries Council of Canada in Ottawa said, "He was convinced the newly formed Council will bring

Harbingers Of Spring

National Geographic Society

As a harbinger of spring, the ground hog, robin and first crocus each has its advocates. But to many people there's no more enticing promise of spring than simple garden seed.

Since dreary January, gardeners have been thumbing through their seed catalogues where, as one helplessly addicted reader admits, "all melons are monster, all asters are giant, all petunias double-fringed." The magic of the dreambooks dissolves all memory of past failures. And hope for this year's gardens rises like sap in the trees.

For their 1956 gardens, an estimated 30,000,000 Americans will buy flower seeds and about half as many vegetable seeds. Seed sales have never been better. One large mail order company alone puts out as many as 1,500 varieties.

Another company, which sells through racks in stores, offers 1,100. One of its most loyal customers, an elderly lady who trades at a Philadelphia department store, arrives with her chauffeur each spring and buys one packet of every single variety.

VEGETABLES, BEWARE!

Not all buyers are so easily persuaded. Most are especially wary of new vegetables. One catalogue of a newly developed vegetable called tampala. A Chinese import, it resembled spinach but withstood heat better and didn't collect sand. Now, a decade later, tampala is relegated to a back-page mention and good old sandy spinach holds down its traditional place in the book.

Even yellow sweet corn had to be given away at first. People wouldn't buy anything that looked a hard time catching on. Since 1940, however, its sales have tripled. Such success augurs well for purple cauliflower, an old vegetable now being revived. It turns green when cooked and tastes like broccoli.

Nationwide, the best seller continues to be the radish, followed in order by lettuce, beets and cucumbers. Gardeners' tastes vary enough according to tradition and geography, however, that one company sends its seeds to stores in special assortments. Northern states get such quick-growers a carrots, beets, lettuce and radishes. The S. (South) assortment features white radishes, collards, okra, turnips and mustard greens.

Call for the S assortment have recently been increasing in the north. In fact, the only assortment for which demand remains solidly unshakable is the E.-New England. Except in Boston, where the I.V. (Italian) special cuts across geographic lines, New Englanders can still be counted on to want their pole beans, early corn and winter squash.

ZINNIAS ARE NO. 1

In flowers, tastes are more universal. Zinnias are the favorites: petunias, nasturtiums and sweet peas, the runners-up.

The Age Old Story

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

REW RD FOR TERRORIST

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters)—British officials offered a \$5,000 reward Saturday for information leading to the arrest of a Greek-Cypriot servant following a time bomb attempt on the life of Governor Sir John Harding. The reward was posted for Neophytos Sophocleous who did not appear for work last Wednesday, the day a time bomb was found concealed in Harding's bed.

benefit to the Atlantic Fisheries.

Agricultural Minister Gardiner announced today in the Commons the terms of contracts to be signed with Britain for the purchase of Canadian foodstuffs, with the main feature being a net increase of two dollars a head in hog prices for Canadian producers.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

HOW TO STOP HICCUPS

Is there anyone who at one time or another hasn't wished he had a good remedy for stopping hiccups.

Well, let me give you a few that usually work.

Hiccup or hiccough is a spasmodic contraction of the diaphragm. It may be caused by anything which irritates the afferent or efferent nerve pathways or the centres which control the respiratory muscles.

Usually, in the case of mild, passing attacks the cause is never determined. Alcoholic drinks, as we all know, at times produce hiccups. Indigestion sometimes is the cause.

VARIOUS ILLNESSES

Swallowing hot foods or other irritating substances can set you hiccupping as can various illnesses such as pneumonia. Bladder irritation may be the source of your trouble. And attacks may occur during pregnancy.

Severe cases of hiccupping call for the services of a physician.

VARIOUS DRUGS

There are various drugs he may employ such as amphetamine or benzyl benzoate to halt an attack. Maybe a local anesthetic such as cocaine may be administered by mouth.

But for mild cases at home, you can try these simple measures.

If one doesn't work, maybe another will.

Hold your breath as long as you can. If this doesn't work, try taking a series of regular deep breaths.

Rapidly drink a glassful of cold water without stopping. Mixing a little baking soda in the water might help.

Swallowing dry bread or crushed ice may do the trick.

PRESSURE TO EYEBALLS

Pulling your tongue out as far as possible might bring relief. Applying pressure to your eyeballs sometimes works, too.

The old remedy of breathing into a paper bag placed tightly over your face sometimes helps by increasing the amount of carbon dioxide in your body.

If these methods do not work, or your hiccups return frequently you'd better see your doctor.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. A.A.: I have always thought that coronary heart disease occurs only in older persons. Is it true that young persons can have it also.

Answer: Yes, coronary heart attacks have been reported in persons in their teens and they are not too infrequent in persons under 30 years of age.

It is believed that the tensions of fast living may be a factor producing these attacks in young persons.

SCHOLAR DIES

EDINBURGH (AP)—Sir Edmund Taylor Whittaker, British mathematician, astronomer and philosopher, died at his Edinburgh home Saturday. He was 82.

NAMED PRESIDENT

MONTEBELLO, Que. (CP)—Louis Coderre, deputy trade minister of Quebec, Friday was re-elected to a second term as president of the Industrial Commissioners Association of Quebec province.



Don't be fooled by the "chi-chi" hat!

Today's woman, like women in ages past, likes to wear things that are frilly and feminine. But don't let that mislead you. For she has taken on responsibilities that her sister of yesterday never dreamed of!

And — married or single — she owns more life insurance. In modern times, too, life insurance companies have conducted research which has led to the progressive removal of restrictions on insuring women's lives. As a result, women are now better able to make the future more secure for themselves and those who depend upon them.

Here again is proof that the life insurance business has progressed to meet the changing needs of Canadians in all walks of life!

THE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN CANADA

NOTES BY THE WAY

A Toronto man has been jailed for stealing almost a mile of telegraph wire, which he sold as scrap copper after melting off the rubber insulation. There's a job that's harder than working.—Windsor Star.

The speed at which father drives the family car is usually an unhappy compromise—too fast to suit mother and too slow for the youngster.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

According to Hungarian newspapers, that country is increasing its production of horse buggies. In the East-West struggle known as competitive co-existence the West will probably, in this particular field, concede victory to Hungary by default.—Ottawa Citizen.

Don't worry, gentlemen, if your 10-year-old daughter is collecting spiders, frogs, lizards and such. This phase is merely a preliminary to collecting boys.—Kiwans Magazine.

A man who had done rather well in life was asked to what he owed his success. He said he had had good teachers in school, and he had had good parents who used a strap on him when he needed it. He said the teachers made him smart at the top and the strap made him smart at the bottom. Being smart at both ends, he was on his way.—Windsor Star.

Don't appear like a hick and stare, but the next time you're walking along the street, notice the increasing number of caps which are becoming a part of the masculine wardrobe. Yes, "shades of the roaring '20's", caps are coming back.—Watertown, N.Y. Times.

American business, we proudly note, hasn't lost its daring. A bold manufacturer of breakfast cereals is flying full in the face of the moppel set by dropping from its cartons all the coupons to cut out for space planes, magic rings and junior sheriff badges. Not only that, it is plugging the innovation with a message on the side of the box headed: "Look, Ma. No Premiums!"—Milwaukee Journal.

We remember Mr. J.M. MacDonnell twitting the then Minister of Defence when the number of teapots ordered one year for the Canadian Army. Just recently we read in the Wall Street Journal that the Pentagon had ordered 7,000 left-handed baseball gloves. And the British War Office has offered for disposal 12 million horseshoe nails. These have been declared surplus.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

The One Sure Way You Can Reduce

Nearly all of us, studies show, are back up to our previous ponderance a year or two after reducing — because we try to combat weight almost exclusively by diet.

Scientific evidence, in April Reader's Digest, shows that if you exercise regularly you can have your cake and your figure, too. Here's a sure way to reduce — and stay reduced! Get your April Reader's Digest today: 32 articles of lasting interest, including the best from current books, leading magazines, condensed to save your time.

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