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latest issue of "Foreign Trade".

Between 1953 and 1957, British eating standards improved substantially. Consumption of butter went up by 51 per cent, canned fruit 44 per cent, sugar 30 per cent, carcass meat 19 per cent, cheese 16 per cent and eggs 11 per cent. Britons also consumed 6 per cent more tea, 3 per cent more cakes and biscuits and 1 per cent more milk, though use of bacon and ham dropped 1 per cent, vegetables 2 per cent, fresh fruit 3 per cent, and margarine and fish 6 per cent.

A third group of foods showed an outright decline in consumption between 1953 and 1957. Preserves dropped by 30 per cent, bread 17 per cent, flour 11 per cent, and potatoes 9 per cent. A decline in the use of bread and potatoes normally occurs, observes Mr. Marshall, when living standards rise, but in Britain, this did not become apparent until rationing disappeared in 1953.

"John Of The Lilacs"

A valued contributor to this newspaper for many years was the late Mr. John Robert Lamont Campbell, whose poems, under the pen name of "John of the Lilacs", won wide popularity and appreciation. Mr. Campbell had the art of giving new meaning to familiar themes, and his lines flowed smoothly and naturally, the result of much study and keen observation. A veteran of the First World War, he wrote many fine tributes to fallen comrades on such occasions as Remembrance Day and other war anniversaries. A number of his poems were published in book form, and no doubt many of our readers possess this memorial of a highly gifted Islander, whose long years abroad only endeared him the more to his native Province.

Those who were privileged to know Mr. Campbell personally valued him for other sterling qualities, the hallmark of a man of broad human sympathies, firm convictions, and ripe philosophy. His genial smile, warm handshake and hearty laughter are with us yet in memory, as they must be with all his friends. It is hard to realize that one so full of the joy of life has passed away, and our deep sympathy goes to his wife and family to whom this realization must come hardest of all.

An Old Friend Gone

As an understudy to an earlier Guardian sports and news editor, Mr. William (Pat) Powers, who died in Boston on Monday, wrote in an era of color and glamor of the local sports scene. As an athlete in his own right, he was prominent in baseball and on the Abegweit hockey team, as well as being an ardent competitor in track and field sports. This experience served him well as sports commentator; but indeed he grew up in the newspaper business and was at home in all its departments.

From Guardian-list boy he served his apprenticeship in the mail-room before graduating to the composing room. He could take his turn at the city wire and news desks as well as at general reporting. Modest in his achievements, he was quick to give credit and encouragement to others, and he could always be depended upon in an emergency.

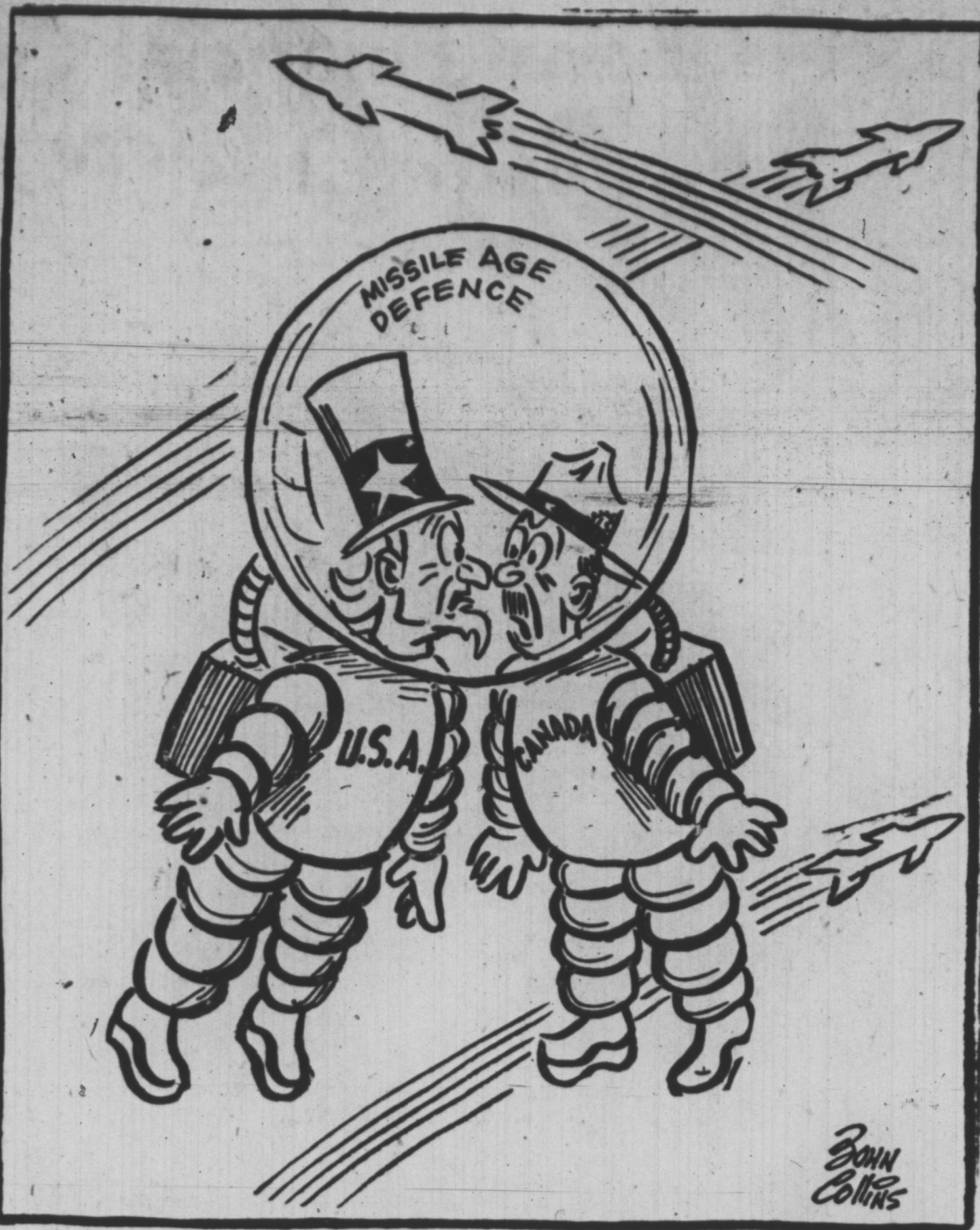
The Guardian extends sympathy to his wife and family, and regrets sincerely the loss of an old and faithful friend.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Easter Seals campaign is worthy of support. Nothing can be more commendable than the rehabilitation of crippled children.

President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan will hold their discussions at Camp David, an isolated wooded retreat in the mountains of Maryland. It will not be the first important conference to be held at that spot. It was there that Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt fixed the date for the Normandy invasion in 1945.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Benson has announced that Federal dairy price supports will be kept at present levels during the marketing year beginning April 1. Under existing law, a reduction of 3 per cent could have been made. Present prices are \$3.06 a hundred pounds for milk used for manufacturing purposes and 56.6 cents a pound for butter fat.



TOGETHER—WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT

Eisenhower's Defence Budget

By Joseph MacSweeney
Canadian Press Staff Writer

President Eisenhower's renewed vigor in domestic politics was reflected in his television address on the Berlin crisis and defence in general.

A large part of the speech Monday night was a direct appeal by Eisenhower to the people for confidence in his controversial programs for defence and foreign aid.

In announcing conditional agreement for a summit conference, Eisenhower devoted considerable space to more mundane issues which he apparently feels have been blurred by the sensational aspects of the Berlin debate.

Along these lines, reporters have commented on a more vigorous hearing by the 69-year-old president since State Secretary John Foster Dulles was put out of action because of illness.

Eisenhower has stressed that he considers the United States defence budget and its program of mutual aid with other countries as part of the same thing. In this contest he has expressed determination to hold the line on his \$40,000,000,000 defence budget and his plans to cut U.S. Army strength to 870,000 from 900,000 and the Marines to 175,000 from 200,000.

Presidential critics have declared vehemently that a cut during the Berlin ruckus would be bad from a military standpoint and also psychologically. On the other hand, Congress is traditionally unfriendly to foreign aid. When Eisenhower asked for \$3,500,000,000 for the purpose last year, the legislators cut it to \$3,200,000,000.

Eisenhower now is again asking for \$3,900,000,000, of which \$2,435,000,000 would go for military aid and defence support. The president apparently was trying to kill any ideas that foreign aid is a one-way street when he explained in his speech: "Our own security requires the supplemental aid and reinforcing strength provided by the free world frontiers."

"In Europe, the efforts of 15 nations are united to support freedom. In global totals, our friends are contributing over 200 ground divisions, 30,000 aircraft and 2,500 combatant naval vessels to the task of defending the free world. For every soldier we have under arms, our free world allies have five."

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.

THE SAWDUST PROBLEM

Sir.—Although the debate on "sawdust" inclusion in the Fish and Game Act took up considerable time in the Legislature, this provision was carried with a substantial majority, with most of the Government members, including top cabinet ministers voting in favor.

From an industrial standpoint, this matter is of more than passing importance. The successful operation of saw mills provides not only employment for the mill owner but for many other families who are dependent on this operation for their subsistence. In addition, there is the important service the sawmill renders to a large farmer clientele who process their lumber and thus substantially lower their costs of building construction.

Because of original building plans made to release sawdust into the streams, any change would necessitate an almost complete reconstruction or re-modelling at great cost, as well as the additional problem of sawdust removal. Such an additional cost would in all probability mean the discontinuance of this service, or an increase in service charges which would immediately add to higher costs for our farm people.

There is no doubt our fishing interests are worthy of protection. But there does not seem to be very definite information that sawdust is particularly injurious to trout development. Since the days of the pioneer our streams have been used to carry away sawdust from scores of sawmills, and there has been apparently no deleterious effect on the fishing industry.

Stream owners and farmers have been very cooperative with fishermen and tourists in both fishing and hunting, but I would look with some concern on future relations if sawdust removal becomes mandatory, and as a result mill owners may have to go out of business, or be forced to undergo an extra expense, both in remodelling their mill sites or in providing for constant removal of sawdust from the premises.

they want their brief passed? Was it because they wanted to squeeze out the little operator? And why were the men so concerned? They can't grow hair that has long since disappeared.

If the Government would take a look at their wage schedule, they would realize how wrong they were when they said there were only two classes of people on P.E.I. Maybe they would realize that more time should be spent in trying to improve the standard of living, not only for a lot of their own employees, but also of the employees of other business establishments throughout the Province.

We are, Sir, etc.,
TWO TRADESMEN
Charlottetown

POLITICAL CATS

Sir,—I have been amazed with the reaction of the people of this Province to the recent "pussy cat" legislation. Although an about face on the whole situation was taken by the Provincial Legislative Assembly, the "pussy cat" legislation served a good purpose while it lasted. It revealed that the people of this Province think more about "political cats" than they do about more important Provincial matters.

First, I must say that I believe that the Provincial Government and the people of the Province were deceived by a minority pressure group. In our democratic system, the majority rules the people. If this is to remain true, why should a minority group such as the Provincial Fish and Game Association come forth with a demand to have all predatory cats shot on sight? I am sure that if a poll were taken the people of this Province would find that only a very small portion of the population do any hunting or fishing and are members of the above-mentioned group. By bringing such demands before the Government, the Provincial Fish and Game Association were playing upon the emotions of the majority. It is they who are to be criticised and not the Government. The Provincial Government are to be commended for changing their minds on the issue and returning the democratic rights of the majority to the people of this Province.

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Mouth Hygiene Very Important

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.B.
A TOOTH is lost for each child born.
That story has been going around for a long, long time. But don't you believe it!
I think this legend probably can be traced back to the days when it was erroneously believed that it was harmful for an expectant mother to have any dental work done.

PERIOD OF NEGLECT
Naturally, this meant that the teeth of a mother-to-be were neglected for nine months or so. Quite often this was long enough to permit at least one tooth to become decayed and lost.

In reality, not only is it safe to go to a dentist during pregnancy but also definitely advisable to do so.

Unfortunately, many uninformed persons still believe that an expectant mother's saliva contains an unusually high amount of acid. They still think that pregnancy drains calcium from the teeth.

ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE
Let me make this as definite as I can—neither of these beliefs is true.

Extensive clinical studies—reliable studies—clearly indicate that the average rate of dental decay during pregnancy is no different than at any other time of life.

However, in some cases, dental decay does increase during pregnancy. When this occurs, don't blame the expected baby. Blame the increased consumption of sweets, poor mouth hygiene and failure to have regular dental examinations.

Expectant mothers, especially, should follow the advice I have been passing along for years—brush your teeth after each meal. Twice a day is not enough protection!

Moreover, mothers - to - be should see their dentist every three or four months.

INFECTED TOOTH
Any tooth that is badly infected can be carefully removed during the period of pregnancy. It might be advisable, however, to check with your doctor about it first. And by all means let your dentist know that you are pregnant before he pulls the tooth.

It is just common sense to remove a bad tooth as soon as possible and get rid of the infection. And don't worry—pulling a tooth won't harm the baby.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
Mrs. E.: What causes neuralgia of the head and could you suggest a remedy for it?

Answer: Neuralgia of the head may be due to a nerve condition or sinus, dental or throat trouble. An examination by a physician is necessary to determine the cause, before treatment can be prescribed.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Medical science decries that athletes are liable to enlarged heart. That leaves used car dealers with a monopoly on bigheartedness.—Peterborough Examiner

A grand jury in Philadelphia formally complained the other day they the city's house of correction isn't tough enough. As examples of facilities provided there, the jury noted piped-in music, a beauty shop, excellent food, and a good auditorium. In the women's division, dolls and other "feminine" decorations were found. Kitchener - Waterloo Record

Fish that has lost its fishiness and smells and tastes like beef-ta is the latest product to emerge by chance from fundamental research at the laboratories of the South African Fishing Industry Research Institute. Dr. G. M. Drost, the director, has said in Cape Town that the discovery was made during experiments to determine which of the many chemical components of fish were responsible for its fishy flavor. Sardines were used for the test.—South African Press Service

there are two species of the common cat. There is the common, every day, house cat. This is the "poor pussy" which everyone though was going to be destroyed. By my interpretation of the now-deleted clause, these cats would not have been affected even although they might have strayed from the realm of the owner. The second species is known as the wild cat. It is the cat without a home who lives on whatever nature provides. This species could easily be changed into the house cat variety if some of the cat lovers of the Province would adopt them instead of condemning legislation to exterminate them.

I would like to tell the people of this Province that the so-called wild cats save the farmers' time and efforts. Some time ago the Fish and Game Association brought a large number of game birds to the Province and released them in many areas. At present, I am told, the farmers are feeding them because they cannot find food for themselves. Why not let the wild cats feed on these birds and save the efforts of our farmers who may be needing the crumbs for the birds for themselves? If the potato prices don't get better? By having the cats eat upon the birds, the farmer can be taken out of the picture entirely. As far as I am concerned, the cats will also be reducing the numbers of something that did not belong here in the first place. The birds were brought here for the benefit of the minority, not the majority.

I must say that the "political cats" did not invoke absurd legislation, as one person wrote about recently, but it brought an issue before the people of the Province which proved that they take more interest in "political cats" than they do in current topics of greater interest.

I am, Sir, etc.,
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Charlottetown.

Defence Minister George Peakes has promised Parliament a White Paper on Canadian defence policy. The impression we get is that it is more likely to be blue than white.—Vancouver Sun

The Eskimos of far northern Quebec province, on the east coast of Ungava Bay, are praiseworthy in emulation of the famous Antigonish movement. They are organizing Canada's first Eskimo co-operatives.—Cape Breton Post

If they (the Russians) get to Venus they will find it boiling hot. If they get to Mars they will find it freezing cold. On neither planet will they be able to breathe. The best of luck to them.—The Astronomer Royal, London

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Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power unto all patience.

OUR YESTERDAYS
(From The Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(March 19, 1934)
At a special meeting of the City Council last evening a request was received from a delegation representing the Sanatorium Commission for assistance in giving accommodation to tuberculosis patients from the City. The matter of providing work for the unemployed was also discussed. The question of assistance for accommodation at the San was outlined by Col. G. E. Full.