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all, ninety years represent but a brief period in the life and development of a great idea.

The Unfulfilled Mission

Much has been said about Sir Winston Churchill's failure in his attempts to arrange a top level conference between Russia and the Western powers before the day of his retirement.

It must be remembered that Sir Winston was interested in going to Moscow, or to some other place of rendezvous, in company with President Eisenhower and the French Premier, not for the purpose of dramatizing the last days of his Prime Ministership.

Some day his successor, who for years has been under his wise counsel, will carry out the mission to which he had set his heart and mind.

EDITORIAL NOTES

One of the first attempts to mount a determined assault on the vast problem of Asia's disabled millions has been taken under the Colombo Plan with other international agencies co-operating.

Two Anniversaries

Two days in this week are days of solemn remembrance for Americans and, indeed, for all free men everywhere; for they mark the anniversaries of the passing of two illustrious statesmen who devoted their great gifts of mind and spirit to the cause of human freedom.

On April 12, just ten years ago, President Franklin D. Roosevelt passed away at Warm Springs, Georgia. For almost four years he had led his country through global war and had created with Prime Minister Churchill and other free world leaders the strategy which was to bring about the unconditional surrender of the Axis Powers.

Whatever spiritual grandeur the United States Republic possesses—and who will say there is not a great deal of it?—it owes in large measure to these two patriots. It was Lincoln who kept alive, even in the darkest days of civil strife, the idea that only in agreement respecting the fundamental rights of all its citizens can a nation remain free and strong.

A British judge, notes an exchange, refused a divorce to a London husband who complained that his wife put glass chips in his sandwiches. Other complaints were that his wife shone a flashlight in his eyes when he was asleep, hit him with a poker, a garden trowel and a shoe—just about everything except the kitchen sink.



Going To School When School Is Out

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.

PICTO-GEORGETOWN ROUTE

Sir,—In the matter of transportation we are rapidly approaching the time where a critical transition will be taking place, when many of the railway facilities in Kings County and Queens will have been suspended in whole or in part.

The development of this impasse is fairly obvious to anyone the dominant contributing factors are (1) the almost universal preference of the people for bus and automobile transportation and (2) the constant and excessive wage demands of the railway authority.

In the immediate future the people of Kings County and part of Queens will be forced to rely entirely on the face of the transportation system that has outlived its usefulness in many localities, and which has become practically obsolete in this area.

This situation faces us up with a series of circumstances, if we may use the term, which we must pay attention to and then co-ordinate. Newfoundland is designed to become highly industrialized and even Nova Scotia seems to be taking on a new look.

The motor parade, the doom of the railway, is here to stay. It must be adequately accommodated. The capacity of Wood Islands is extremely limited and has reached its peak.

There is one and only one solution. An exit and entrance of the province is to be found here at Georgetown. Divine Providence has provided this end of the Province with a harbour that cannot be duplicated.

The latest trade trouble to develop between the United States and South America had its origin in a very humble commodity: bubblegum. A merchant in Colombia was chagrined to discover that a shipment he had ordered was not up to specifications.

BLUEJAY

There is the bully among the trees, Black-footed and masked and barred with white. And rude his call and quarrelsome!

French Canada's Contribution

By Douglas Amaron Canadian Press Staff Writer

Bonds forged in wartime have brought closer to realization the greater Canadianism for which Sir Wilfrid Laurier stood.

A new French Canada faced the world after the Second World War "through many of its characteristics had survived the changes brought by that conflict."

"National unity remained a probably unattainable ideal," for French and English will never be wholly one in Canada.

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Mr. Wade's tolerant and imperious records make history one of the most significant studies about French Canadians ever to appear.

This 1,136-page book by a New Englander of Roman Catholic faith will do much to make French Canadians more understandable to others and may help to rectify what Mr. Wade says has been the tradition in Canada, until very recently, "to write history from a certain partisan position: French or English, Catholic or Protestant."

Mr. Wade writes in his preface, "Such a situation, when members of the two chief Canadian ethnic groups are largely educated in separate school systems and different cultures, and are rarely thrown together until their minds are formed, can have and has had tragic consequences."

Critics, in their views of "The French Canadians," generally agree that Mr. Wade has avoided the partisan approach and one of them, Marcel Valois of Montreal La Presse, commented that the author "has succeeded in writing the history of a conquered minority but a people determined to survive and last—without falling victim to either the English or French point of view as has happened to so many of his predecessors."

Almost half of Mr. Wade's book is devoted to the period from Confederation in 1867 to 1945 and this emphasis on an age within the immediate memory of his readers adds to its interest.

He deals at considerable length with the conscription crises of the First and Second World Wars and expresses the view that "it is probable that the issue of conscription will never again split the peoples of Canada, who have twice learned the cost of trying to ride rough-

Medically Speaking

Herman N. Sundesen, M.D.

LET THE BABY SLEEP THE WAY HE LIKES BEST

Should a baby sleep on his back or on his stomach? This is a controversy which I'm sure rages in most homes blessed with a new baby.

Makes No Difference

Some doctors advise one position, others recommend the other. My solution to this problem is relatively simple:

It doesn't make any difference! Let your baby sleep in the position he prefers. Most young tots just naturally go to sleep on their backs.

Now don't be afraid that your youngster might smother if he spends the night on his stomach. Babies seldom—if ever—smother in their sleep.

One argument in favor of stomach sleeping is that if your baby has to vomit, he won't breathe the material into his lungs.

And don't worry about your baby's head becoming flat because he sleeps in the same position each night.

It's true that his head might be flattened slightly because of this. However, this condition almost always disappears by itself by the time your youngster is two years old.

Your baby should have his own bed. He should sleep alone. While your home should be reasonably quiet while he is sleeping, you don't have to talk in whispers or play with the radio.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

B. L.: Could you give me some information about shingles and would you recommend a special diet?

Answer: Shingles or herpes zoster is an inflammation of the skin in which there are groups of blisters distributed along the course of one or more of the nerves in the skin.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A noted Canadian was delivering a lecture on the danger of rat infestation. The sixth grade class listened with apparent attention and after the lecture, one of the pupils wrote the lecturer a note of thanks.

Seven United States Marines, armed with flame-throwers, suffered an ignominious defeat when they attempted to destroy 60 acres of weeds in the Bronx recently.

Along about July and August, we heard the valiant legions of gardeners and lawn tenders among them will remember the Marines' Battle of the Weeds.

Men should not be forever comparing themselves with each other. This leads only to jealousy and "cheating."

Perhaps the greatest criticism levelled at the school graduates today is inaccuracy. The importance of accuracy whether in simple arithmetic or choice of words, in spelling, does not seem to have been a bedrock requirement during the years of schooling.

This criticism is so frequently heard, and from so many levels of employment that educators cannot reasonably ignore it.

Norway's Labor government, beset by trade problems and hard up for money, has decided to toss overboard some of its cherished socialist principles in favor of easing the country's economic burden.

Stipulations and customs. "Almost all French Canadians are extreme nationalists in their youth, as English-speaking youth inclines to liberalism or socialism; almost all grow out of this frame of mind and adopt a more moderate position as they grow older; but some never do."

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