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

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A Grave Predicament

One does not need to have any experience in the specialized field of diplomacy to realize the grave predicament facing Western statesmen as they consider their relationship to Israel at this time of danger in the Middle East.

Whatever decision is reached by any one of the Governments concerned could very well lead to a worsening of the situation as it now stands. If the arms are forwarded, Israel's leaders might look upon the action as Western support of their quarrel with Egypt.

To confuse the situation still more, and to make a joint decision on the part of the Western powers even more difficult to reach, the sulk of American public opinion seems to be on Israel's side, while the British Government appears to believe that there is little to choose between the two camps.

A Welcome Change

The announcement by the United States Secretary of Commerce that his department—with Presidential approval, of course—is considering expanding the list of "non-strategic" goods that may be sent to the Soviet Union and other Communist countries marks a real change in American foreign policy in the field of trade; and one cannot but think the change will be for the better.

A dispatch from Ottawa quotes a Trade Department official as saying "we welcome the American move and will match it". As Trade Minister Howe pointed out when External Affairs Minister Pearson was discussing with Soviet leaders the possibility of increased trade between the two countries, even with the utmost good will on both sides the quantity of goods Canada can expect to export to the Soviet Union is necessarily limited, inasmuch as—in Mr. Howe's words—"the Russians produce the same things we do".

The change, once it becomes the fashion, probably will not have any

great effect on Soviet leaders who know, even if they are not prepared to acknowledge it, that Western hesitancy to do business with them on normal commercial terms was brought about in the first instance by their own steadfast refusal to cooperate in the working out of world problems. It may, however, have a profound effect on the Russian people who have been led to believe for ten years or more that non-Communist countries were bent on isolating them from the rest of the world economically as well as politically.

Indian Affairs

According to an official of the Indian Affairs Branch of the Federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration, the Indian population of this country, numbering at the moment about 150,000, is growing at a faster rate than any other single racial group. This is a reversal of the situation that existed a couple of decades ago when the rate of mortality among Indians was so high it was feared that the race was on the way to extinction.

While Reserves continue to function under Federal Government support, they appear to be losing their traditional hold on Indian loyalty. Only a few years ago the occasional young man or woman who expressed a wish to leave the Reserve for a wider field was looked upon as a traitor to the race. Now, there is scarcely any parental opposition at all. Consequently, many Indians of both sexes are entering into normal Canadian society and taking their places in the various trades and professions just like other Canadians.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Buy a Poppy.

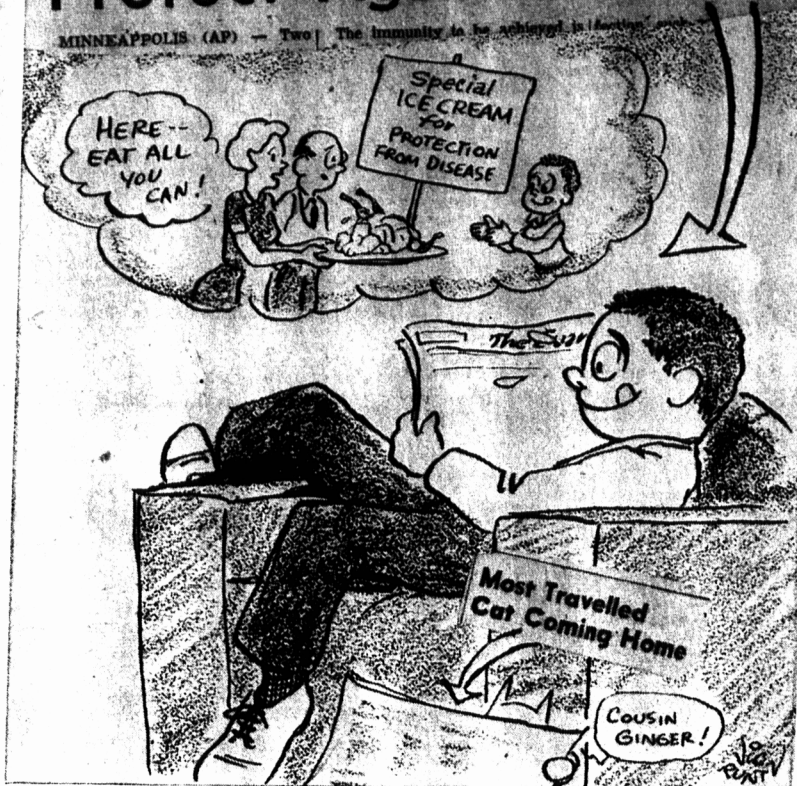
An American college has adopted the practice of sending members of its faculty, in turn, out into the world of business for a year's practical experience in some phases of industry. Looks like the old Ivory Tower is about to be dismantled!

American textile firms are complaining about the increased volume of Japanese goods coming into the country. And, certainly, the figures quoted by the Japanese themselves are impressive: 100 million yards of cotton goods this year as against 49 million last year and 33 million in 1953; 3 million shirts compared with 200,000 in 1954.

From long experience the Dutch know as much about both the profits and hazards of salvage operations as any maritime people in the world. This winter they are planning to go at it systematically. Four "watch-dog" tugs will be stationed at strategic points in the North and South Atlantic with the sole responsibility of ascertaining the whereabouts of wrecked ships and rushing to the spot with all possible speed. Reports say there has been a flood of applications for berths on the salvage ships.

It is reported that if and when racial segregation in American public schools is ended in accordance with the Supreme Court ruling a great many Negro teachers will find themselves out of employment. That fact, however, is not worrying the teachers just now. "Although we may suffer some economic loss in initial phases of the desegregation process," said a representative of their association, "the ultimate gains that will come from elimination of second-class citizenship should be our primary concern."

Find Milk Can Be Made To Protect Against Disease



When The Time Comes

PUBLIC FORUM

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Sir,—To-morrow is a day of Remembrance not only of our heroic dead but also of the ideals for which they fought. This day will always be a day of memory, of grief, of pride and of new consecration to duty. The recollections that crowd upon us on this memorial day, the pictures that so vividly arise to us from the prints of our remembrance cannot be classified and cannot be adequately expressed or described in words.

The world as a rule forgets many things. It is often a world of forgetfulness rather than a world of remembrance. But the world, thank God, has never forgotten courageous youth and unflinching valour and unwavering self sacrifice. Armistice Day keeps us in perpetual remembrance of these things. It is a day when we put out to sea the net of things of life, the trivial, the controversial, and when we think with reverence and pride of the nobility of our valiant dead.

The men and women and boys who went out from our peaceful homes to die on the battlefields, or on the seas, or in the air for the principles of their ancestors on which our country is based thought not of self. One by one they were challenged by death, but they met the challenge with a smile and refused to be dismayed and, when at last they laid their lives with Him who had died for His principles, they had no regrets and no regrets. Each comes, not changed by the years, but as we knew him in the war days of his youth and strength.

Therefore, the wearing of the poppy and the laying of wreaths at cenotaphs across the nation on Remembrance Day recalls their spirit and gives new inspiration for service to their country they served so heroically and it is most surely of comfort and encouragement to those presently serving to know that devotion and sacrifice are not lightly forgotten by the citizens of this Dominion.

If Remembrance is to be sacred at all then it must be personal and on Remembrance Day as the last on strokes peal away from the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill on this November 11th, I am most happy to place a wreath at the base of the National War Memorial here in Ottawa in remembrance of the young men from my native Province, Prince Edward Island, who so gallantly and bravely made the supreme sacrifice and who brought honour and glory to their Province and Country.

I am, Sir, etc. GERALD P. MURTAGH, Ottawa.

The Age Old Story

John answered them, saying, I baptize with water; but these standeth one among you, whom ye know not: he it is, who is coming after me: he is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

WOMAN SENATOR CANBERRA (CP)—Mrs. Nancy Butfield, a South Australian housewife, became the fifth woman senator in the Australian upper chamber of 50 members. She was elected by the South Australian state government to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator George McLeay, running until next June.

Canada's Northland

By R. J. Anderson, Canadian Press Staff, Edmonton

The economy of Western Canada's Northland is almost completely dependent upon the cumbersome barges that each summer ply the Mackenzie river system. Aircraft cannot carry the heavy freight upon which northern expansion depends.

Northerners say the river transportation system, strained to the limit by having in the 1955 season of supplies in the 1955 shipping season is not meeting the needs of an expanding economy. They ask: How can the system handle the 150,000 tons of freight on order for 1956?

The common carrier for the system is the Northern Transportation Co. Ltd., a crown company. It operates from end of steel at Waterways, Alta., on the Athabasca river about 300 miles northeast of Edmonton, to the Arctic and on Lakes Athabasca, Great Slave and Great Bear. The system covers 217 miles.

IN ARCTIC OCEAN TOO The company had 75 barges and 22 tugboats in operation in 1955 and for the first time operated in the Arctic ocean with shallow-draft barges and tugs. Bushell on Lake Athabasca, the port for the uranium mining center of Uranium City, Sask.; Yellowknife, Fort Simpson, Fort Wrangle, Fort Good Hope, Arctic Red river, Kittigazuit, Tuktoyaktuk—all the romantic names of the north are on the company's port-call map.

This fleet normally would be adequate to handle all the heavy freight into the north. But new mines are opening up, the population is increasing and, say veteran northerners, the waterway is unable fully to meet the crying need of the North—good transportation.

The main difficulty is the river system. The Athabasca river snakes a tortuous course through the barren lands and is shallow. Towards the end of the summer shipping season barges out of waterways draw only three feet of water and still get stuck on sand bars when silt blocks the channel. Barges that normally carry 350-575 tons of freight can take only 175-200 tons.

What's the answer? It takes a year from the time an order is placed to get a barge built in Vancouver and shipped to waterways for assembly. A short age of steel further delays production.



FROM 'ESSAY ON DEITY'

Narrow brain, how thought Your thinking to have shut out The dimensional mind? And you, most narrow sight, You glass set in the skull, Reflecting the least leaf, The littlest flake to fall, How thought you to lie blind To the absolute light?

Yet since he everywhere, In water, land and air, Moves at everything— The gull on stony wing, The sliding rock, the fish, In the sea's dim mesh, Then, minute breast of bone, Behold how all unknown You drew him home as breath In crystal lapse and flood.

—Elder Olson.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

CHECK FLOOR CAREFULLY IF BABY LIKES TO CRAWL You'll never realize how many trinkets and gadgets you have around the house until you baby begins to crawl. Then, oh brother! He'll probably find things you never even knew you owned. And, of course, he'll always come up with some dust from under the bed, or somewhere else, just when those fussy neighbors drop in.

DANGER IN HOME

But more important than an embarrassing moment or two, or a broken trinket, is the danger a crawling baby might encounter right in his own home. While you naturally aren't going to leave any scissors, knives or the like lying on the floor where he might find them, there are other less obvious precautions you should also take. For instance, you should lace adhesive tape or plastic plugs over the electric outlets he can reach.

Turn handles of cooking utensils toward the back of the stove so the pots can't be knocked to the floor.

Don't let tablecloths hang over the edge of the table. A slight tug on the cloth might bring a heavy plate or a pot of hot coffee down on your tot's head.

Make sure screens are securely fastened, especially in the baby's room. It's probably a good idea to open the windows at least in his room, from the top only.

Inspect the floor carefully each day, before permitting him to crawl around. Someone might have dropped a pin, a paper clip or button the evening before.

I know you'll dislike me for this suggestion, but it might be a good idea if you vacuumed each morning. In that way you'd be sure to dispose of anything dangerous which the baby might find.

One more piece of advice: never leave your creeping baby alone in a room. If you have to leave, place him in his play pen. He'll be safe there, and you won't have to worry.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

M. L. M.: I am fifty-six years old and find myself quite forgetful, and my disposition not as good as it once was. Is this an indication that I am losing my mind?

Answer: The symptoms that you describe do not indicate that a mental disorder is developing. However, the exact cause for your emotional disturbance cannot be stated without a careful study. A specialist in nervous disorders might well be consulted concerning this matter.

For Fifty Years

(News of Norway) A monument commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the peaceful dissolution of the Swedish-Norwegian union was recently unveiled in the Swedish town of Karistad where the two-nation peace pact was signed in 1905.

The ceremony was attended by some 30,000 people from both sides of the border. In a symbolic gesture Swedish and Norwegian children formed a human ring around Ivar Johansson's inspiring sculpture.

In his unveiling address King Gustav Adolf of Sweden said that the fact that the union was peacefully dissolved was the key factor in developing such friendly and close relations between the two brother peoples.

And Crown Prince Olav of Norway declared the Norwegian people would always be conscious of the sacrifice that the Karistad pact meant for Sweden. Among those present at the ceremony were the prime ministers of Sweden and Norway.

the fast twisting rope. A little four-year-old girl leaning on a crutch and turning a skipping rope, knowing that she will never skip, seems to our way of thinking, to be better safety education than a picture of a wrecked car.

Safety Education

(The Sudbury Star)

The first newspaper picture of a wrecked automobile probably shocked the readers. They saw photographic evidence of what could happen when steel met steel, or when a car collided with a tree along the side of the narrow dirt road.

But newspaper pictures of wrecked cars don't carry much impact these days. The average motorist has seen wrecked cars being towed along the highways or piled up in the auto wreacking yards. It doesn't bother him much that one or even three people died in the wreckage.

The Associated Press circulated an accident picture of a different type the other day. It showed a four-year-old girl, with a wheelchair and nurse in the back ground, leaning on a crutch and turning a skipping rope with the other hand while a small friend skipped over the rope.

The explanation under the picture told how the City of Chicago had made a personal injury settlement of \$200,000 to the little girl who lost a leg when she was run over by a city garbage truck.

Have you ever seen a little four-year-old leaning to skip? Occasionally she slips and falls. But she never gives up trying. And finally she becomes a fine skipper. She learns all the rhymes and verses that accompany different kinds of skipping techniques. She calls for "pep chair" and "pop chair" and "a quick tempo in harmony with

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NOTES BY THE WAY

There may not be such a term as "jay-bikers" to apply to bicyclists—but we're going to coin it here and now. Pedestrians are often abused as "jay-walkers," but on the whole pedestrians don't bicyclists do. There is no test which a cyclist has to pass, as motorists do, but the Highway Traffic Act and municipal bylaws lay down a number of rules for cycling. Too often they are broken, and the consequences can be tragic. —St. Catharines Standard.

Autumn is what one makes of it. A sad season, say some—who see in it the end of summer's warmth and fun, the return to school, the jump upward of the fuel. One cannot say, apitarily, that it is a dreary time for youth, or a sad season for the old; or that it is a happy season for either. Autumn is all things to all men, as the golden light of autumn sifts down through the thinning leaves and plays through the grasses, dusty with a summer's winds and sun. —New York Times.

In the National Revenue Department's publication "Taxation Statistics 1955" the average incomes of various occupations is given. Thus the 1,900 Canadian entertainers have an average income of \$4,254. In the tabulation, between entertainers and farmers, comes the surprising occupation of "Deceased." The 7,360 dead, we are informed, had an average income of \$4,183 and thus were better off than the farmers who averaged only \$3,869. And of course it would be far better (financially) to be dead than to be a nurse, for at the bottom of the list it is reported that the 3,720 nurses averaged only \$1,885. —Ottawa Journal.

The London correspondent of the New York Times says professional students of international affairs. Great Britain make this reading of the barometer of east-west relations: "Whereas the needle of courtesy may have risen notably, the gauge of practical agreement has so far not budged at all." —Minneapolis Tribune.

It is no longer considered fantastic to talk of the day when most people in Canada and elsewhere in industrialized lands will live to be 90, retire at 80 and spend the last 40 years sitting around, possibly in abysmal boredom. When that time arrives say the economists, the factory work-week will be down to 24 hours. What are people going to do with all that leisure? —Brantford Expositor.

Dean William V. Lambert, of the college of agriculture, chairman of the delegation of American farm experts who visited Russia, told the National Press Club recently that the Americans found Russian hospitality somewhat overwhelming "I hope," he said, "that as long as I live I never again will see a glass of champagne staring at me at the breakfast table. I hope never to have to eat as much food as the Russians set before you at dinner—and expect you to eat. And I hope no one will offer me a drink of vodka for a long, long time." Herbert W. Pike, of Whiting, Iowa, another member of the American delegation, confirmed Lambert's report on the omnipresence of vodka. "There were times," he said, "when I would have given my farm for a drink of ice water—a beverage that apparently is unknown in Russia." —Philadelphia Inquirer.

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