

that's only just. But it wasn't what he had in mind last winter."

It is no small tribute to Mr. Macmillan to say that this statement makes sense, that it is in keeping with his record and is quite likely to be accepted by a large proportion of the electorate. The Labor leaders, of course, are denouncing it as hypocritical nonsense. He is being accused of extracting "the maximum political advantage" from his television appearance with President Eisenhower, and even of taking credit for the granting of independence to India and other Asian countries. Meanwhile, the Prime Minister goes unobtrusively on his way. His "bland, plum-in-the-mouth manner" is a source of extreme annoyance to his opponents, especially when they look at the unofficial forecasts. The last one published gave the Government 42 per cent of the total vote, the Laborites 37 per cent and the Liberals 7 per cent, with 14 per cent undecided.

### Laos And The U.N.

As anticipated, the Russian delegate at the U.N. Security Council has voted against setting up a special fact-finding committee to study the situation in Laos. There appears to be some dispute whether this negative vote amounted to a formal veto, which would kill the proposal submitted by the United States, Britain and France, with the support of Canada. 10 members of the Council, including the president, took the position that it was not a subject on which the veto could be exercised, since it fell short of the Laotian request that a U.N. emergency force be sent to the country.

Apart from the Soviet veto threat in the Security Council, it is difficult to see what concrete action the United Nations can take in the matter. Under Article I of the Charter, its members are committed to take "effective collective measures" for the suppression of acts of aggression. But the U.N. has no standing army. The only time it has dispatched troops in defence against aggression was in Korea in 1950, after the United States had already engaged the fight. The only U.N. military unit in existence is the Emergency Force patrolling the Israeli-United Arab Republic border; and this is a police unit, not a fighting force.

In the meantime, the fate of a little kingdom of 89,000 square miles in the heart of Southeast Asia is causing world concern. Communist border aggression is building up to a point where it threatens the most serious armed conflict on the Asian mainland since the Indo-China war ended in a truce five years ago. In proclaiming a state of emergency and appealing to the United Nations to intervene, Laos has really put that organization on the spot, raising the spectre of another Korea with similar international implications.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

The stage and screen have lost a great actor in the passing of Mr. Edmund Gwenn, who at eighty-four could still outclass most of the rising stars of today. We would go a long way to see him in one of his favorite roles again.

Mr. Heath Macquarrie, M.P., has again been appointed on the Canadian delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations which opens in New York on September 15. No better choice could be made, for Mr. Macquarrie is one of the best informed men in Parliament on international affairs.

The fire which gutted a large section of the Driving Park grandstand is a setback to the Association, since it will have to close for the balance of the season. But new and better facilities will doubtless be provided, perhaps in the form of a concrete and steel structure.

A reportedly revolutionary mathematics program is to be tested in 20 grade nine Ontario schools this year. The changes proposed are not yet known in detail, but their effect will be to introduce more advanced work into the upper years of high school, while shifting some material back to grades nine and ten. Compression and integration will be employed to reduce the amount of work in the courses at present taught. A special course for older students who plan to study mathematics and the sciences at university will be provided. The subject, it is believed, will be made more stimulating and challenging.



THE GIRLS HE LEFT BEHIND HIM

### LONDON REPORT

#### Pearson Missed In NATO

By M. McIntyre Hood  
Special Correspondent, London, England

In a recent article in this newspaper, Patrick Nicholson, its Ottawa correspondent, wrote of a suggestion that Hon. Lester B. Pearson should resign from the leadership of the Liberal party and allow himself to become a one-man international rallying point and leader for the forces of anti-Communism. This suggestion has intrigued me, because of a conversation I had while in Paris recently with the foreign editor of probably the most influential of the French newspapers. The subject of that conversation, in which he expressed not only his own views but those of others close to NATO and the United Nations, was Lester B. Pearson, and Canada's decline in the field of international affairs since he became leader of the opposition. WAS STRONG MAN The gist of what he said, without giving any direct quotes, was this: Lester Pearson was recognized as one of the world's strongest men in the free world camp, and a man whose wisdom and experience counted for much in the affairs of NATO and the United Nations. It was inevitable that his leadership and counsel, his flair for finding solutions for grave problems, should be greatly missed in these two bodies. This foreign editor, personally, and as a matter of consideration, the welfare of NATO and the United Nations, deplored the fact that Mr. Pearson had departed from the international scene. No one, he felt, had appeared to replace him and the leadership he gave. And, as a result, Canada's part in NATO and the influence in world affairs had sadly declined. He was quite frank in his statement that Canada's voice was no longer heard with the authority it carried when Mr. Pearson was its spokesman. EXPERIENCE WILL COME My friend recognized, of course, that Mr. Pearson had years of experience in international affairs behind him, and that Prime Minister Diefenbaker and his minister of external affairs had to begin as apprentices and learn the technicalities of international dealings. In time, he felt, they might gain experience and be able to make their presence felt as Mr. Pearson had done. One quote from him "I tell you that Mike Pearson is very badly missed in NATO and the UNITED NATIONS, and Canada does not seem, as yet, to have provided any adequate successor to him."

### Ice Breakers & Air Bubbles

Canadian Press, Montreal

Icebreakers and air bubbles can be used to keep channels open as the St. Lawrence Seaway such to ship traffic during winter, but the cost could be too high to make the system profitable. Scientists at the International Hydraulics Congress Thursday, discussed winter shipping problems and concluded it is possible to keep waterways navigable and free from thick ice under severe winter conditions. Russian and Japanese scientists said they have stuck to icebreakers as their main tool for keeping water channels free. But a Swedish scientist said his country has made important experiments using warm air bubbles to keep a wide ice-free passage in winter in Swedish canals.

### PERFORATED PIPES

Professor O. Gustafsson of the Royal Institute of Technology, Lidingo, Sweden, said perforated plastic pipes were placed in the water and warm compressed air forced through the holes. This causes the water to warm and later Premier Khrushchev, when the Russian leader visits Washington. If this is so, President Eisenhower may have to convert President de Gaulle, whose plan for testing a French nuclear bomb could break the present truce, and later Premier Khrushchev, when the Russian leader visits Washington.

### Toward Nuclear Test Control

Ottawa Citizen

A possible compromise formula on key points holding up the Geneva conference on banning nuclear arms tests is believed to have been agreed upon by Prime Minister Macmillan and President Eisenhower. If this is so, President Eisenhower may have to convert President de Gaulle, whose plan for testing a French nuclear bomb could break the present truce, and later Premier Khrushchev, when the Russian leader visits Washington.

### WORLD OPINION

Each of the two great atomic powers is believed to have enough nuclear weapons to destroy the other. Further testing has therefore much less point than formerly. Moreover, world opinion—as reflected by the World Council of Churches a few days ago—is strongly against it. Even most timid scientists concede that fall-out is already doing some harm to the human race. But if France conducts tests, the Russians will consider themselves free to do so again, and other countries, among them Communist China, may wish to join "the nuclear club." In Britain, a great many people are willing to resign from the club if other countries keep out, and the Labor Party has expressed this inclination.

### GENEVA CONFERENCE

The Geneva conference of representatives of the United States, Britain and Russia adjourned on August 26, pending consideration by government leaders of the points still unsettled. It had made progress which, all things considered, is remarkable. Of a 24-article draft treaty, 17 articles have been approved since last October 31—a slow process, but apparently fruitful. Britain and the U.S. have extended their suspensions to the end of the year. The staffing of 180 control posts throughout the world is one problem yet to be resolved. Russia started by contending that posts would have to be manned by nationals of the country in which they were set up. It has conceded

### PUBLIC FORUM

#### GREETINGS FROM OHIO

Sir:—My husband and I have returned from our delightful vacation and once more are back in the usual routine. Our trip took us through New York State up to Ottawa, then Montreal, Quebec, N.B., and on to P.E.I., returning by way of Boston. How we enjoyed meeting our many friends and did so regret the lack of time that would not allow us to visit them all. But the ones we did not see were also in our thoughts. Sadness too was mingled with joy because some had gone to their eternal home. We wish to thank so very much the people for their wonderful hospitality. It would take many pages to enumerate what we saw and did. Not the least of our experiences were attending church in Margate, our former home church, and the privilege of meeting with friends in the Lot 8 Presbyterian church. It was a thrill to stand with my mother before the altar where I was christened (just... years ago). The island is prospering and its people have sent many noted people forth into the world bearing testimony to the character and firmness of the pioneers who persevered until now the island has become a tourists' Paradise. We are, Sir, etc. MR. AND MRS. CHAS. DENNIS (nee Jean McPherson) Warren, Ohio, U.S.A.

#### SCHOOL BOARD'S DUTY

Sir:—As a taxpayer in the city of ours I understand that the School Board has so much power over the City Council that they can just build a new school and send the bill to the Council. As proof of this we have two very new and very fine High Schools in this city. The price for these schools has been high and we pay for them by not having decent streets, decent sidewalks and so on. Most of us are not too complaining about this but we realize our children must come first. Why can't we take this a little further and say "all children must come first." If we did this we would also consider the children in the primary schools who live in dirty, dusty conditions in buildings that are surrounded by dirt and dust in areas of grass and pavement. As an example take West Kent School. The front yard is hollowed out by the feet of generations of youngsters such as the Provincial Building entry is. The latter represents the travelling of many statesmen, and scoundrels, while the former represents a "couldn't care less" attitude on the part of too many people. Why can't this space and other similar spaces around other schools be turned into protected grass or pavement? The days of dirt and dust should be gone. Do this and cover the floors with linoleum and the improvement will be 100 per cent and I venture to say that no one will

#### REJOICE EVERMORE

Pray with our ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

### Cancer Figures Still Staggering

By Herman N. Sundeen, M.D.

LET'S face the facts. Approximately half of the nation's more than 100,000,000 adults will be touched by the cancer problem sometime during their lifetime. A relative, they be a close one, maybe not, will be stricken with some form of the disease. Among these some 100,000,000, about 25,000 can be expected to develop cancer during their lifetime.

### STAGGERING FIGURES

These are pretty staggering figures, but cancer is a pretty staggering problem. Eventually, we will find a cure. I'm sure of that. It may, however, take quite a while yet. And until we do come up with a cure, each year between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 of you will be confronted with cancer in your family. Approximately 450,000 new cases of cancer are diagnosed annually. Of this number, we can expect about 150,000 to be saved. CAN'T BE SAVED Of the remaining 300,000, we know that about 225,000 are going to die within a few years. Because of our limited knowledge of the disease, we just do not as yet have the means to save them. That leaves 75,000 persons. What about them?

Well, our experience shows that these persons, too, will die of cancer. However, they will die unnecessarily. We do know enough about the disease to save many of them. That is, we can save them if they go to their doctors in time to permit an early diagnosis and prompt and adequate treatment. Which brings me to the point I am trying to make. One of the chief problems confronting doctors today in the quest to save cancer victims is the apathetic attitude of the general public. KNOW DANGER SIGNALS For one thing, all of you should know the seven danger signals of cancer. All of you should have an annual or semi-annual physical check-up. Since about half of you will be touched in one way or another by the cancer problem, you must be prepared for the prospect. You must learn to trust your doctor and to avoid quacks and their "miraculous" remedies. QUESTION AND ANSWER A reader: For some time I have successfully used hormone cream but now am told that it can cause cancer. Is this true? Answer: As a rule, hormone creams have no more effect, either beneficial or harmful, than the same creams would have without hormones.

### DESERTED MANSION

Here, in this cemetery of the past All grief is faded to familiar ache. Nostalgic sweetness warms the shadows cast By long untended roses as they shake Their noiseless petals on the flag-stone walk. Where only moss is green and no birds move, Stirred by the whispered murmurs of soft talk, Sweet meaningless accompaniment of love. Here death is dead, and ancient wrongs now lie Like dust of lavender, crushed leaves of rue. Revealed as harmless as a passing sigh From some wayfarer that you never knew. Passion subdued, scattered like brittle bones, Lies crushed by ghosts who haunt these ageworn stones. —Alice M. Swain in the New York Times

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### NOTES BY THE WAY

The old philosopher says, "The only thing more exasperating than a wife who can't cook and won't is a wife who can't cook and will."—Vancouver Sun  
When Australian officials invited the armed forces to donate to a national blood bank, the best response came from a warship, named HMS Vampire. — Melbourne Herald  
One of these "wild type" youngsters was driving everybody crazy on an airliner in flight, by running up and down the aisle. Finally, one man looked up from his newspaper and rasped: "Son, why don't you go outside and play?"—Wittenberg Enterprise  
One night recently a thief broke into the jewelry store at Market and stole a diamond bracelet from the window. He left behind several bills to pay for the bracelet. The jeweler felt guilty because the diamonds in the bracelet were false, but the police examined the bills and told him that they were false, too.—La Montagne, Clermont-Ferrand, France  
Twenty-two months ago, only 16 United States high schools offered courses in Russian. This year, however, more than 400 will do so. The U.S. Office of Education reports. Sputniks have dramatized the fact that Russian has become one of the most important languages in the world, especially for people interested in the sciences and politics. Soviet studies are being given more attention in Canada, too.—Ottawa Citizen  
Imagine the astonishment of the employees in a shop in Holz-minder, a small town in Lower Saxony, when a young lady turned up and bought a DM 100 wedding dress—all in single plennigs. Her fiancé had, in accordance with an old German custom, saved them up over a period of five years as a proof of his steadfastness and perseverance. The father of the bride hauled the 44-pound treasure chest into the shop and three employees spent several hours counting out the money.—West German Bulletin

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