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\$3,000 a year; but pointed out that this purely mathematical formula didn't explain its full effects.

"To be poor," said the brief, "is to be old and obsolete at 55 years of age, with little hope and no prospect of correcting the poverty that has become endemic. To be poor is to fear the future of the children because there is little hope and no prospect of finding resources to give them education and adequate training. To be poor is to be unable, because of illiteracy, isolation, language barriers or fear of ridicule to communicate or deal with government... To be poor is to be of an age or location or suffer mental or physical limitations that make acquisition of a new and marketable skill improbable or impossible."

By these standards, one-fifth of the nation's city dwellers is poor and two-fifths of some 480,000 farmers. The same applies to two-fifths of people living in villages and towns of less than 10,000.

Another report—brought in by the council on rural poverty—said some Canadians subsist on incomes as low as \$11.71 per person per month. Another said there was a need for 300,000 units for low-income families now, and that many of the 250,000 Canadian homes in need of repair cannot be brought up to proper living standards. Still another report said 1,300,000 Canadians with a permanent physical disability must be poverty-stricken before qualifying for government aid.

How long will it take to remedy these conditions? Bulletins from the conference didn't say, but it looks like we're in for a long, hard war on this front. So many other things requiring priorities, and all that! But we'll come to grips with it yet, let us hope. We've already started paying Tom Kent his \$25,000 salary as generalissimo, haven't we? No one can say that that isn't something!

The Kariba Dam

Back in May, 1960, Queen Mother Elizabeth, standing on a control building high above the south bank of the Kariba Gorge in Central Africa, formally opened a \$220 million power project which was seen as a symbol, in Her Majesty's words, of "a new and wider understanding throughout this mighty continent." As she flicked a switch, waters of the Zambezi, the fourth longest river in Africa, began turning the blades of a turbogenerator 600 feet below, and power began coursing through transmission lines to the copper belt, in what was then Northern Rhodesia, and to the cities of the south.

Thus the Kariba Dam became a reality. Built by an Italian construction company, it has a wall of concrete rising 420 feet from the river bed, with six floodgates to control the river, allowing over two million gallons of water a second to thunder into the Zambezi and continue to the Indian Ocean. It cost, during its construction, the lives of 87 of the 2,000 European workers and 125 of 8,000 African workers.

It threatens now to cost more. For this is the dam which is jointly administered by Zambia and Rhodesia to provide vital electric power to the Zambian copper production. At present all of its turbines, which have a capacity of 600 megawatts, are on the Rhodesian side. In a second stage of development, engineers were to be studying this phase when Rhodesia declared its independence from Britain. It threatens now to destroy the dam installations if invaded.

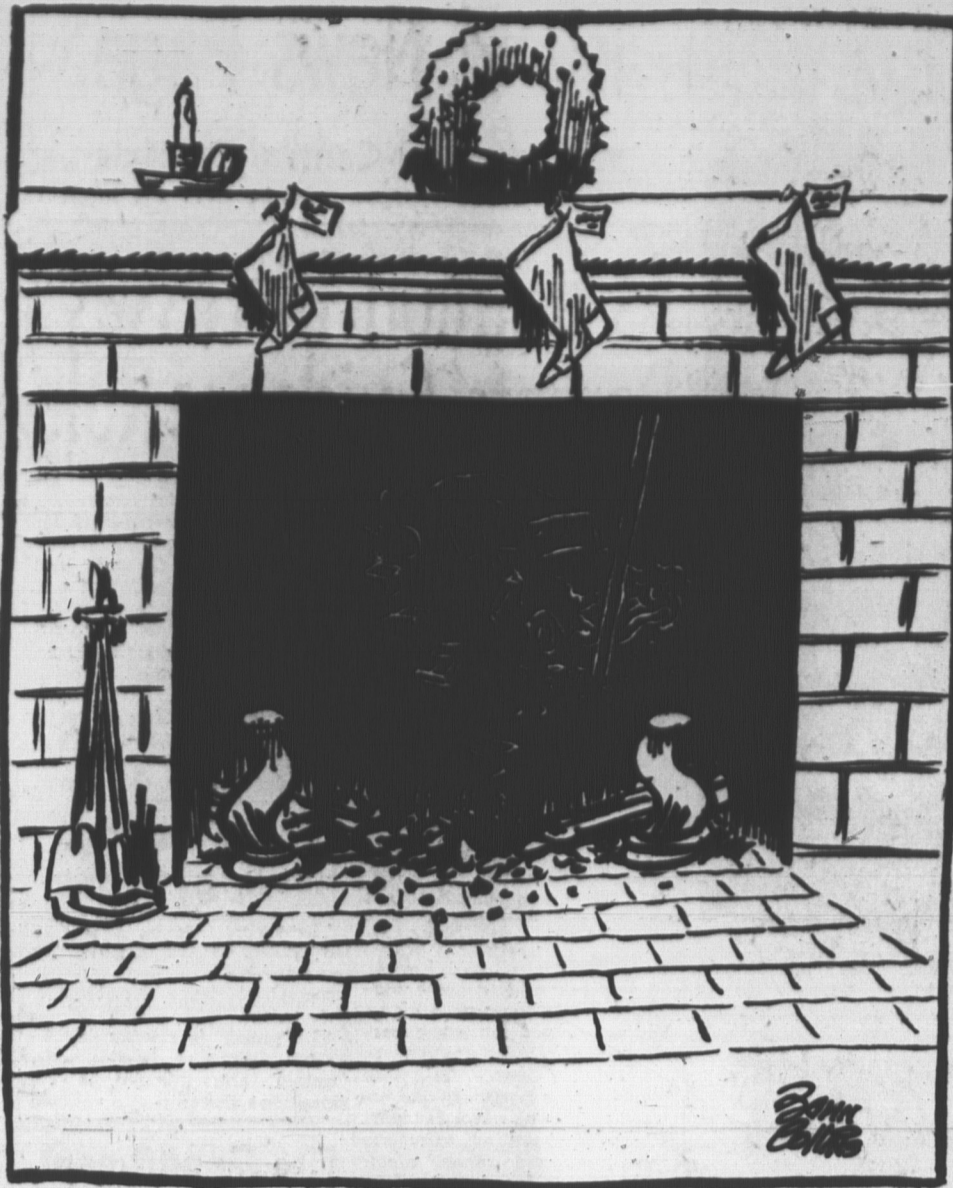
Britain is not ready to invade; not yet. But she has dispatched forces to Zambia where they will constitute an advanced base from which she can move, if circumstances compel her to do so in the gathering struggle over Rhodesia's racial policies.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson has acted wisely in turning down the ultimatum from the Organization of African States, demanding that Britain crush the Smith government by Dec. 15. But he has now bluntly accused Premier Smith of "lies and fraud," has declared that Britain cannot negotiate with men of that type, and that oil sanctions on a worldwide scale against Rhodesia are being considered.

The Kariba Dam remains a factor in the dispute. No longer a focus of African unity, it could indeed become a symbol of the most bitter struggle the African continent has yet experienced.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The cost of living index reached another high mark in November—another evidence of the "spiral of inflation," and of the need for firm government action to slow it down.



SOMEBODY'S SANTA

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Choice Of Senate Speaker Is Important

There is wealth of carved woodwork, panelling, painting, and stone carvings to decorate the Parliament Buildings. Much of this can be seen by the visiting tourist. But some is in private offices, such as the official Prime Minister's office on the fourth floor—now occupied by John Diefenbaker—and the Speaker's Chambers in the Senate.

This latter is perhaps the most elegant suite of offices in the Parliament Buildings. It consists of a reception room, where Mr. Speaker's male steward and female secretary work, and leading off that is his office. Leading off that in turn is a bathroom and changing room, where he can take off his street clothes and put on his uniform for presiding over the sittings of our Upper Chamber.

At the other end of his suite is an attractively furnished sitting room, leading into a large and very elegant dining room which will comfortably seat 32.

A feature of this suite are the Latin quotations carved round the top of the walls. These aphorisms, written by Romans nearly twenty centuries before the foundation of our Senate, accurately describe its approach to its duties. For example, Cicero said: "Let reason prevail with more than popular opinion;" and Seneca said: "Nothing is well ordered that is hasty and precipitate."

The occupant of these chambers, the Speaker, enjoys a status which is better described by his French title, "Le President." In the Canadian official precedence he ranks after the Governor-General, the Chief Justice, the Cabinet and the Lieutenant-Governors. His wife is therefore recognized as Parliament Hill's "hostess with the mostes."

When Canada's 27th Parliament is formally opened on 18th January, next, the Senate—like the House of Commons—will have a new speaker. Traditionally this post alternates between a French-speaking and an English-speaking senator. In practice this means that it is filled alternately by a senator from Quebec or from one of the nine provinces. The past Parliament saw Prime Minister Pearson snub and antagonize senior and well-qualified senators from Quebec; he appointed a Liberal Party organizer to the Senate, and then gave this Johnny-come-lately the plum job as Speaker.

To which several of his more experienced colleagues expressed their disapproval. He is unlikely to repeat that error, so we may expect next month to see a senator from outside Quebec installed as Speaker. HONOUR FOR KAMLOOPS Very likely the appointment will be given to the Senator from Kamloops, Hon. Sydney Smith. He has been a member of the Red Chamber for over eight years, and in that time has proved himself a worthy and hard-working senator. He is admired for his constructive contribution to the important committee work, as he is respected for his sound and original speeches in debate. He is popular with his Liberal colleagues and his Conservative opponents alike, because he is frank and friendly with all, and he observes the us-

AUTO FUEL SALES UP

OTTAWA (CP)—The provinces collected a record \$606,522,100 in taxes from the sale of gasoline and other motor fuels in 1964, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported Thursday. The figure was up 14.4 per cent from 1963 collections of \$530,335,500. Another \$225,152,200 came into provincial treasuries from vehicle licences, drivers' licences and related items. That was 6.6 per cent higher than the \$211,160,500 realized from these sources in 1963.

written law that partisan politics should not rear their sordid head on the floor of the Senate. Mrs. Smith has the traditional charm and warmth of her native USA. One senses that she would enjoy the arduous role as Mr. Speaker's hostess as much as her distinguished Canadian and foreign guests have in the past enjoyed her company equally at important conferences and at casual gatherings.

Denmark's Runic Stones

National Geographic Society

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The large "Rok" stone found in Sweden is covered on all four sides with inscriptions written by a grieving father in memory of his son. An early Dane mourned his seafaring nephew "Rof" raised this stone, priest and chieftain of the Helnaes dwellers, in memory of his brother's son Gudmund. The men were drowned at sea.

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The conquest of England in 1017 by the Danish king Canute the Great inspired scores of runic stones in Scandinavia. As mund, a famous runic author of the 11th century, was moved to inscribe, "Ragnfrid had this stone erected in memory of Bjorn, her and Katilmund's son God and God's mother help his soul! He fell in England."

Lucky survivors of the hard-fought English campaign returned home with booty. The payoff to a certain Ulv became public knowledge with this inscription: "But Ulv has received gold three times in Estland. The first was paid by Justin, then Thorikid paid gold and the last by Canute."

Norse explorers carried the runic mystique with them on their colonizing expeditions. Three Vikings who reached Greenland's remote western island of Kingitsorsuaq at the turn of the 14th century boasted their accomplishment by erecting cairns etched with runic and magic signs.

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Sydney Smith not only made a North American union at the altar; he is in his own right almost a Confederation Senator, for he was born in Ottawa, educated in Ontario and Saskatchewan, has lived in Kamloops and sat in the BC Legislature. While his appointment would be universally welcomed, his performance would certainly live up to that honour.

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Organic Failures

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Decompenation is a popular medical term that physicians apply to any malfunctioning organ. Cardiac decompenation is the best example and exists when the old ticker cannot maintain adequate circulation.

The victims are short of breath and develop a dry, hacky cough along with swelling of the legs and congestion in the lungs. Many will recognize the condition as dropsy or heart failure. Rest, digitalis, a salt-free diet, and diuretics usually bring relief.

A technical term for a certain type of flat feet is decompenation of the arches. An overweight patient of mine was convalescing from pneumonia and wore moccasins for slippers. Pain developed when the weakened arches could not support the weight of the body as he walked about on the hard hospital floors. Shoes with arch supports were obtained and he was given instructions on how to strengthen the arches through exercise. In this case, a prolonged illness led to weakness of his muscles, tendons, and other supportive tissues.

Uremia is a household word that we associate with "poor kidneys." Many physicians prefer the term decompenation of the kidneys or renal decompenation. It implies that these important organs are unable to function properly and to toxic waste products are accumulating in the blood. Uremia sound so final, whereas decompenation could be temporary and improvement takes place when the organs compensate.

This change in nomenclature was made to order when the scientific kidney was invented. This device filters the toxic waste products from the blood; the victim is not uremic for several days thereafter even though the decompenating kidney remains the same.

EXPLORATORY AGE

Mrs. D. writes: When my child was one year old we were able to put most of our knickknacks out of reach. Now that he is two, it is almost impossible to keep him away from things, no matter what we place them. Have you any suggestions?

REPLY As a father of three children and grandfather of seven, I know what you mean. There's an old saying, "Nothing is out of reach of a two year old." Time will solve your problem.

GULLET SPASM

Mrs. D. writes: I nearly choked to death from spasms of the esophagus. Is there any cure for this condition?

REPLY There is no need to worry about choking to death because the windpipe, rather than the esophagus, controls breathing. It goes to the stomach and when spasm occurs, pain and difficulty in swallowing are the usual manifestations. Cure is possible.

SKEPTICAL PATIENT

D. E. writes: Why are physicians so ignorant about brucellosis? I believe I have this disease, but when I ask doctors about it, they act as if I were talking Greek.

REPLY Some persons pay for a physician's advice but refuse to believe what he tells them. I hope this does not apply to you. Have the usual brucellosis laboratory tests been made?

POLAR BEAR LIVERS

E. J. P. writes: I understand that the ingestion of polar bear livers can result in illness because of excessive quantities of vitamin A. What do you say about this?

REPLY There have been reports of this nature in medical journals. Polar bear liver contains so much vitamin A that poisoning has occurred after ingesting large amounts of this meat.

Today's Health Hint

Rabies - infected animals do not always foam at the mouth. (Note: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(December 13, 1940) The full striking power of Britain's imperial forces of the Middle East—troops, navy and air force—was driving the last Fascist out of Egypt, and to the fleeing and much-reduced Italian army the British command applied the flat word "beaten."

Mr. Walter S. Grant was appointed representative for P.E.I. on the National War Charities Funds Advisory Board.

TEN YEARS AGO

(December 13, 1955) The Earl of Clarendon, Lord Chamberlain at Buckingham Palace from 1938 to 1952 and confidant of the royal family, died in London. He was 78.

Neil R. MacLeod, 26, of Summerside, will be admitted to the P.E.I. Bar at a brief ceremony in the Court House, Summerside, on December 16th.

KILL WOMEN, CHILDREN

NAIROBI (Reuters)—Police in Kenya and neighboring Ethiopia searched Thursday for raiders believed to have killed 62 persons in a tribal clash and stolen about 1,000 head of cattle. Police reports said 33 young girls, 10 boys, 10 women and one man were killed when a joint force of Merille, Donyiro and Opotha tribesmen attacked a Turkana encampment in the Lokichogio area of Kenya's northern frontier district.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"Yes, my husband's laid up, a victim of hockey." "But I didn't know he even played the game." "H doesn't. He sprained his larynx at the game last Saturday.—Galt Reporter

Father—"This is the sunset my daughter painted. She studied painting abroad, you know. Friend—"Ah, that accounts for it! I never saw a sunset like that in this country.—Vancouver Sun.

Weeping tears of female outrage, the lady driver insisted she had given a signal just before her car was struck by one driven by a male. "Lady," said the man patiently, "I saw your car go then down, then straight out, then into circles. You tell me that's a signal!" "For Heaven's sake!" screamed the woman. "The first three signals were wrong; didn't you see me cross them?"—Montreal Star.

A news item reminds us that golf was made illegal in Scotland in 1457 because it interfered with the clansman's archery practice. If it was banned now, the North American business system would collapse entirely.—Peterborough Examiner.

A Massachusetts youth has defied his long hair before the state Supreme Court on the grounds that General Custer also wore his locks long. Yes, but look what happened to him.—Calgary Herald.

Russia Takes Harder Line

By Arch MacKinnon Canadian Press Staff, Washington

The latest Soviet acts appear to confirm the paralysis which the war in Viet Nam has caused in East-West relations, analysts suggest.

The impact of the growing war also has cast a shadow over Western relations with China. Russia has announced a five-per cent increase in defence spending and taken a harder line toward the U.S. on the specific questions of Viet Nam and West Germany.

These are being interpreted as Soviet realization that it can do nothing to end the war now, without drawing more criticism from China.

WANT TO CONTINUE

The evidence from the battlefield and elsewhere shows North Vietnamese determination to fight on for a long time and that it intends to match in its own way the steady increase of American military might in South Viet Nam, drawing from its own manpower resources and using Soviet and Chinese aid.

Thus, the long war which has become a fact, diplomats say gloomily, with no hope anywhere that anybody can do anything about it.

Militarily, it means that U.S. forces will continue to swell. The present level of around 170,000 will grow perhaps as high as 350,000 or even 400,000 men, reliable quarters predict.

Pressure will increase on President Johnson as the 1966 congressional elections next November draw closer for more bombing in the north and perhaps even in Laos and Cambodia to cut North Vietnamese supplies of troops and men and thereby save the lives of American troops.

It affects the nuclear role to be given to West Germany within NATO. As the Soviet line hardens, West German arguments could gain strength toward obtaining a larger share in the making of decisions despite considerable reluctance among the Western allies.

A Worthwhile Reform

Ottawa Citizen

A reform worth investigating is the substitution for yellow forms, containing an accused man's prison record, of other forms that cannot be distinguished at a glance from ordinary documents. The reason is that yellow forms may hamper the proper administration of justice.

A Toronto lawyer, Audrey E. Golden, has noted that yellow forms on a Crown attorney's desk during a court proceeding constitute a signal to a magistrate that the accused man has a criminal record.

Yet it is a basic principle of justice that nothing be said or hinted about an accused person's previous record until a conviction is recorded. Otherwise, his cause might be prejudiced.

Another lawyer, David Humph-

rey, has said he is aware of at least one case declared a mistrial within the past year because of the yellow form. "When our trial started a detective opened up a file," he says, "and the jury saw the yellow paper prominently on top. I made a motion for a mistrial and Judge W.D. Lyon dismissed the jury and ordered a retrial."

It should be a comparatively simple matter, in using forms that set forth an accused man's record, to employ documents that are indistinguishable in appearance from other forms that a Crown attorney crams into his brief case.

If the cause of justice is thereby to be advanced, it becomes a necessary as well as a simple matter.

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