

Mental Health Week
 Next week is being observed as National Mental Health Week throughout Canada, and this fact is indicative of a great change that has come about, not only in the treatment of mental illness in recent years; but in the attitude of the public towards this problem. Sparking this movement has been the Canadian Mental Health Association, of which it is hoped shortly to establish a branch organization in this Province.

"Food For Peace" Plan
 It must have given Prime Minister Diefenbaker pleasure to announce in Parliament the other day that Canada is actively participating in the "Food for Peace" conference called by President Eisenhower at Washington. In his address to Congress the President proposed that a new approach should be made to the problem of making better use of the free world's agricultural abundance. The object is to obtain a better distribution of food throughout the world and in the process to help "have-not" countries without injuring farmers in countries where surpluses are produced.

One of the most encouraging signs noted by the Association is the improved standard of care given to mental patients, the wider understanding of psychiatric treatment and the recognition of mental illness as a medical problem. Yet there is a great deal of work to be done in combating this age-old scourge of mankind. Most mental hospitals are still too large and too overcrowded, and there is particular need for an organized and well directed research program. In this connection the Association is providing a fund designed to provide careers in mental health research to talented Canadians, which has received the warm approval of the Federal Health Minister. As the Minister says, every citizen has a stake in this important work, for mental illness plays no favorites.

In stating that the Canadian Government is "wholeheartedly in support of the objectives outlined in the President's address", Mr. Diefenbaker recalled his own suggestion, made on other occasions, for the establishment of a food bank, directed to very much the same objectives as those outlined at Washington. The Washington meetings, he said, will provide an opportunity to examine these suggestions as well as others that may be put forward.

The meetings will take place in two stages. Officials will meet from April 27 to April 29 to prepare material for consideration at a ministerial meeting on May 5. The composition of the Canadian delegation to the two meetings will be announced shortly, and Parliament will be given full information as to the results of these meetings.

It is to be hoped that this time the scheme will really get off the ground. It has been debated for years, ever since Sir John Boyd Orr, first director-general of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, sketched his tentative concept of a world food board in 1945. A few months later he developed his proposal, suggesting an international organization with power to buy, hold and sell important farm commodities entering world trade, and to set maximum and minimum prices, with a revolving fund sufficient to take care of storage costs.

EDITORIAL NOTES
 U.S. Vice President Nixon is to visit the Soviet Union in July. He will be the highest American official to visit that country since President Roosevelt went to the Yalta Conference in 1945.

Speaking of conditions in the Middle East, Lieut. General E.L.M. Burns of Canada, Commander of the U.N. Emergency Force, said the other day that "we sometimes find that those with whom we have to deal think that the U.N. should be kept in the dark, as if it were an enemy." It is not an easy task that the force has on its hands.

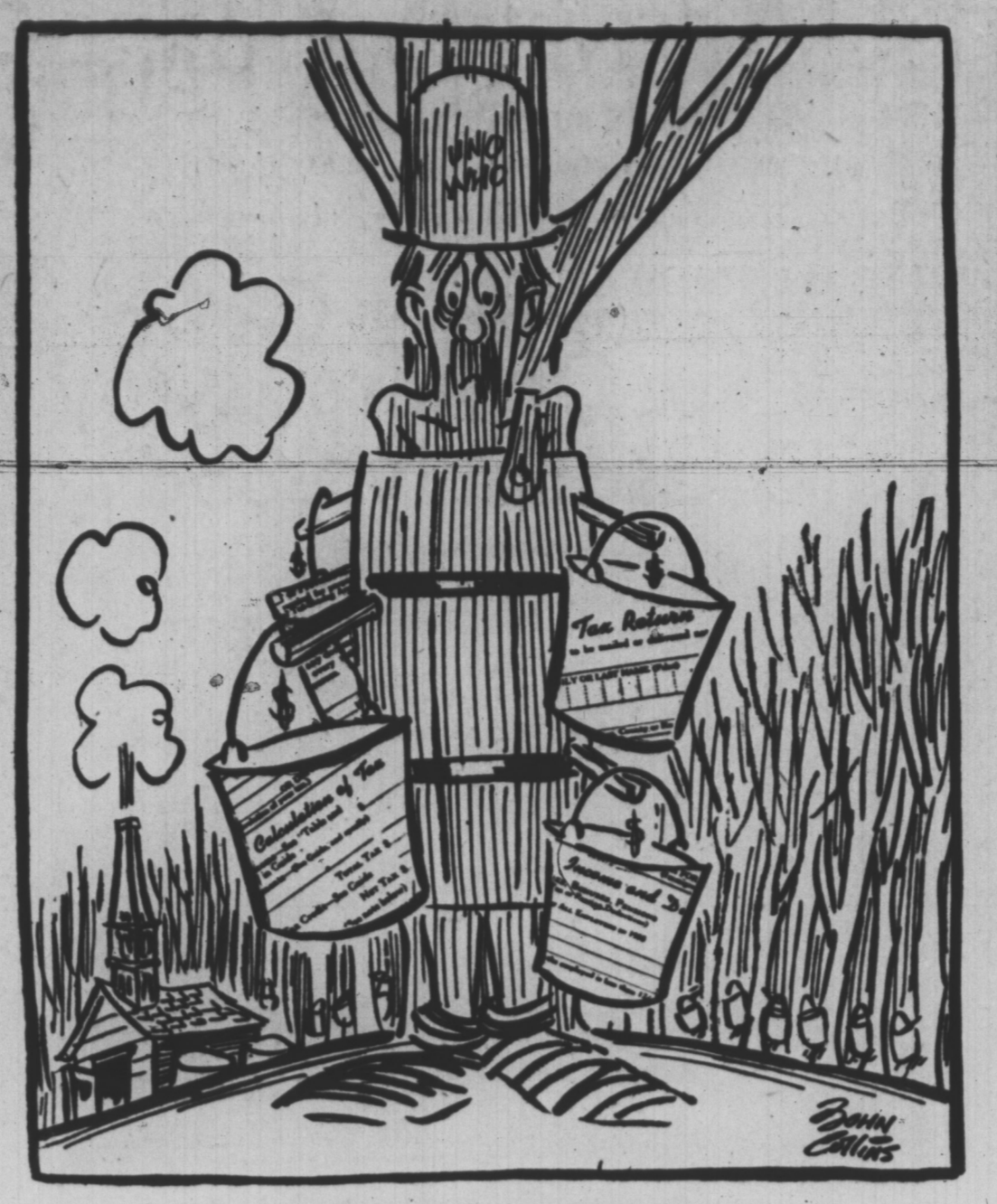
Copies of an unusual little book have been sent out from Britain to fifty mayors of cities and towns on the route of Royal tour of Canada. The book, entitled "Proud Heritage," is a series of thumbnail sketches and portraits in color of forty famous Britons, many of whom have left an indelible mark on Canadian history.

The Maritimes are to get the lowest share of the Federal subsidy to reduce freight rates. Of the \$20 million to be allocated, the Western Provinces will receive \$11,300,000, Ontario \$5,300,000 and the Atlantic Provinces \$3,400,000. This was the estimate recently made by a member of the Board of Transport Commissioners.

The first memorial to a member of Congress on the capitol lawns in Washington has now been dedicated. It honors the late Robert A. Taft, senator from Ohio beloved by admirers as "Mr. Republican." It consists of a bell tower and statue. Permission to locate it on the capitol grounds was voted by Congress in 1955. President Eisenhower and former President Hoover presided at the dedication ceremonies.

The Moncton Transcript, in an editorial republished on this page, strongly supports the drive which the people of this Province are making for immediate attention to our Borden-Tormentine car ferry requirements. This support is most welcome, for it points up one phase of the problem that is too often ignored. That is the fact that our ferry service is not just for Prince Edward Island only—it is an inter-provincial highway, linking us with the mainland and servicing the public generally.

Canada's first national survey of farm and farm home safety will be conducted over the next two months. In making the announcement, Mr. Jack Whyte, chairman of the agriculture committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, said that the 73,000 enrolled in 4-H Clubs across Canada will be playing a key role through reporting the accidents on their home farms. The survey itself has been co-operatively organized and is being carried out by the Canadian Council of 4-H Clubs, the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the Federal Department of Agriculture and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.



THE SAP IS RUNNING

Shown Out Of Context

By Patrick Nicholson
 Was it really a "regrettable error", as the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation claims, when its television news broadcast dubbed in a picture of Liberal Leader Lester Pearson applauding Newfoundland Premier Joey Smallwood's assertion that he would not tolerate "union gangsterism" nor "threats by Canadian Labour Congress president Claude Jodoin"?

To show a picture of Mr. Pearson out of context like that was the pictorial equivalent of asserting in words that Mr. Pearson gave his endorsement of Mr. Smallwood's condemnation of a recognized C.L.C. union. The C.B.C. claims that this was an error. But whatever the explanation, there can be no denial that the C.B.C. news broadcast in fact told a lie to its trans-Canada audience.

It is hard to see how a film can be "accidentally" cut in such a manner that an event is put so far out of context in point of time. The picture of Mr. Pearson applauding was actually photographed during the general applause at the end of Mr. Smallwood's speech; yet on the TV reproduction, that picture was inserted many minutes earlier, at that very damaging juncture in the middle of Mr. Smallwood's speech.

But still, let us accept the C.B.C.'s assertion that this was, on that occasion, a regrettable error. LEANS TO BIAS.
 If this assertion had not been made, would have suspected that this was yet another example of the unforgivable and undesirable slanting of news which we hear continuously over the C.B.C.

I quote two other recent comments:
 Mr. Andrew Glen, of Locust Hill, Ontario, points out that, in reporting a 90-minute speech by the British politician Sir Oswald Mosley, the C.B.C. picked out two sentences dealing with the racial problem. This was done, asserted Mr. Glen, "no doubt with the intention to arouse prejudice."
 Is it the purpose of our publicly-owned broadcasting system, which is costing the taxpayers many tens of millions of dollars this year, to inform public opinion fairly and impartially?

Cross-Strait Transportation

Macquarrie, speaking in the House of Commons criticized the cross-strait transportation facilities. He declared that a third car ferry was required immediately on the Cape Tormentine-Borden route.
 And he urged the Government to go ahead quickly with the construction of the projected causeway to link Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, if the study by engineering and other experts presently going on should prove such an undertaking feasible.

VITAL IMPORTANCE
 The need for greatly improved, more adequate and more modern transportation service between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island has been stressed time and again over a lengthy period. And it must be said that the lack of remedial action is deplorable. Inasmuch as it is vital in the interests of these two provinces and of their people that an up-to-date cross-strait service be operated at all times, surely Ottawa authorities responsible will realize the necessity of this by providing for the addition of another car ferry or equally serviceable ship without further delay.

MAXIMS
 There is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy.

Reveals Facts About Paternity

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.
 PROBABLY few diabetics realize this, but the fact is that the disease does appear to hamper the reproductive capacities of both men and women. Diabetic women, we know, have more stillbirths, oversized fetuses and neonatal deaths than do non-diabetic women.

Less is known about the diabetic father. However, recent studies of 198 diabetic men attending outpatient clinics at the Philadelphia General Hospital and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania give us a pretty good indication of the influence of the disease on fatherhood.

STUDY INDICATIONS
 This study plainly indicates that impotence occurs at an earlier age and to a much wider extent among diabetic men than among those not afflicted with the disease.

In fact, most of these 198 men who had diabetes less than one year, were reported to be impotent. This does not, of course, mean they remained that way.

The impotency probably can often be blamed on the poor control of the disease. Once the disease is stabilized, potency often returns.

ANXIETY PLAYS ROLE
 Besides, we believe that the anxiety a new diabetic suffers over the disease probably plays an important role in the matter of impotency.

In this particular study, which was reported in the "Physician's Bulletin," the incidence of impotence, as a rule, gradually increased with age from about 25 per cent in the 30 to 34-year-old group to almost 75 per cent in the 60 to 65-year-old bracket.

A rather puzzling factor is that, in general, the severity, complications and duration of diabetes does not appear to be related to the incidence of impotency.

INCOMPLETE PREGNANCIES
 Among the wives of diabetic men in the study, 16.6 per cent of the pregnancies ended in the non-diabetic control group.

However, no difference was noted between the wives of the diabetic male and the non-diabetic male with respect to premature births, stillbirths, malformations, sex or birth weight of the children.

The principal result of this study, it seems to me, is that we still have a lot to learn about diabetes and its effect on our bodies.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
 J. P.: I am an elderly man and am troubled with excess mucus in my throat, and am also told that I have catarrh. Is there any cure for this or is there anything which would alleviate the condition?
 Answer: There are various medications which would relieve the described complaints. It would be best to see your physician for advice.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

WHO'S MISLEADING WHOM?

Sir,—I have been accused by the Minister of Health, according to the press report, of attempting to create a false impression in the minds of the public. This is a serious charge and one to which I plead not guilty.

The O'Leary Hospital, to which he sees fit to make exemplary reference, has accounts owing by the public after eighteen months operation of \$25,000.00. Like all other hospitals on the Island it accepts all emergency and acute cases irrespective of the patients' ability to pay. This tradition of charity and mercy the public hospitals of this Province must continue to maintain come Hospital Insurance—adequate or inadequate—if they are to receive public support.

As the Minister has apparently little regard for the bowels of compassion, let us consider his position in this matter from the legal and legislative angle. If his memory is not very short he will remember that at the 1959 session of the Legislature, he promoted a bill called the Hospitals Act, and asked the Assembly to pass it, where in part 1, section 12, it is stated:

"Except as may be otherwise provided in this Act, and providing that accommodation is available, admission to any public hospital other than a hospital for the chronically ill, shall not be denied to any person who from sickness, disease, injury or otherwise is certified to be in need of hospital services by a qualified medical practitioner."

I shall leave the public to decide who is trying to mislead whom, and who is trying to scuttle what.

I am, Sir, etc.
 L.G. DEWAR, M.P.
 O'Leary.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
 (April 25, 1934)
 Members of the Warren Paving Company of Toronto arrived in Summerside yesterday and leave today for Portage where they have their gravel pits. They will begin immediately to put the plant in order for the summer's work.

The roads connecting Charlottetown with outlying centres are drying up rapidly. Several cars have come through from Summerside during the last two days, and the road is now open to Morrell. Several muddy areas on the road prevent traffic opening beyond.

Castro Makes Impression

By Joseph MacSweeney
 Canadian Press Staff Writer
 Fidel Castro's English is something baffling, but he's managing nevertheless to get across some plain talk in his visit to the United States.

Canadians will find him a vividly colorful personality when he visits Montreal Sunday. The bearded Cuban revolutionary premier is not the type to inspire neutrality.

He demonstrated his particular charm and wit Thursday when he appeared before a meeting of the Overseas Press Club in New York. Club president Thomas P. Whitney said the audience of more than 1,800 in the Hotel Astor on Times Square was the biggest in the club's 20-year history.

While Castro spoke, newspapers were sold on the streets with banner headlines proclaiming that hired killers planned to slay the Cuban leader. He joked about the reports, appearing genuinely amused and confident.

MINGLED WITH CROWD
 At the luncheon head table he carried on an animated conversation with a boy scout who was led forward to be presented. It wasn't a chat between premier and youngster but a man-to-man affair—or perhaps boy to boy.

Castro caused consternation among a small army of escorting police by insisting on mingling with the crowds that watched for his movements. One of the more unfortunate incidents of the visit occurred earlier when New York's finest arrested in their zeal the chief of the premier's Cuban guard.

Despite his beard and shaggy hair, Castro, 32, has a distinctly youthful mien and bearing, responding to verbal sallies with a boyish, mischievous smile. But he has developed a paunch since coming out of the Cuban hills to juggle the dictatorship of Fulgenzio Batista.

"My English depends on me,"

NOTES BY THE WAY

Referees at hockey playoff games in Canada have their troubles but they're simple compared to soccer referees in the Argentine who can be tossed into jail for seven days if found guilty of "partiality or negligence."—Ottawa Journal

Every now and then, Mme Tussaud's waxworks in London takes stock and reshuffles famous personalities. And this is the season when some heads are melted down to be replaced by others. Since there is room for only about 500 models, the fading stars must bow to the rising ones. Thus athlete Banister goes out to make room for Australian Herb Elliott, Chiang Kai-shek, "no longer constantly in the news," is consigned to the ovens. Ah fame, thy name is but wax!—Toronto Telegram

When he was twenty, A.H. Reed failed in his first effort to climb 9,175-foot Mount Ruapehu, second-highest summit in New Zealand. It was only last week that he finally succeeded after many efforts. Mr. Reed recently celebrated his 83rd birthday.—Melbourne Herald

The Poets Corner

OZYMANDIAS
 I met a traveler from an antique land,
 Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
 Stand in the desert. Near them,
 on the sand,
 Half sunk, a shattered visage lies,
 whose frown,
 And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
 Tell that its sculptor well those passions read:
 Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
 The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed:
 And on the pedestal these words appear:
 "My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings;
 Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!"
 Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
 Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare
 The lone and level sands stretch far away.

Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822)

The Age Old Story

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