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

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A Shocking Thing

How successful have Communist governments been in their efforts to stamp out religion which the major prophet, the late Karl Marx, called "the opium of the people"? There is, of course, no way of telling, since no independent survey of the long term results has been possible; and Church leaders of Communist-dominated countries who make occasional visits to the West naturally are hesitant about giving the facts. But in Poland atheism is finding it difficult to establish supremacy over the minds of the people. At least, that is what one gathers from an article in the Warsaw newspaper Po Prostu, which is in close touch with the ruling party.

Outwardly, Po Prostu reveals, atheism is flourishing. Teachers, health officers, policemen, military officers, and all other persons in the employ of the Government call themselves atheists and register as such. They have to, in order to secure and keep their jobs. It's the law. The trouble is that many of them, in Po Prostu's words, are "atheists by appointment and Christians by conviction". It is amazing what these "renegades" will do to retain some relationship with organized religion without risking their jobs in the process. For example, when they want their children baptised in church, "they don't false whiskers so as to enter the church without being recognized". (Church officials are evidently not as watchful as they are in this part of the world.) Sometimes they send the youngsters to relatives in a remote country place where the ceremony can be performed without attracting too much attention. Some of the more devout souls say their prayers "behind closed shutters and under the bedclothes". This is a part of the story that Po Prostu tells; from the viewpoint of Communist leaders it is a sad one.

Regarding the status of the Roman Catholic Church in Poland, the paper admits that "it is not a meek Church but one that struggles with an energy no less than centuries ago". Indeed, the paper seems to feel the Church is profiting from the official atheism. In its own words, "It bolsters the Church's mission to defend the Polish people against the designs of materialism and Bolshevism". It would be difficult for the best trained apologist to put it any better. Certainly it is not the first time that the Church has made official persecution an instrument for the propagation of religion.

Isn't it a shocking thing that political authorities in a civilized country should be bemoaning the misfortunes of an atheistic philosophy?

Ocean Research

An ocean research expedition off the west coast of Africa will try this month for the deepest photographs ever made in the sea. The attempt will be made with a special electronic-flash camera built for the National Geographic Society. Late in July the French oceanographic vessel Calypso will lower the instrument by nylon cable into an 18,500-foot deep, 350 miles from the Liberian coast. If all goes well, the expedition under Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau will then sail 500 miles westward along the Equator to repeat the experiment in the 25,000-foot Romanche Trench, one of the deepest holes in the Atlantic.

For four years the Society has co-sponsored the work of Captain Cousteau and the Calypso, a diving-research ship that already has made scientific history. The project reflects the Society's pioneer interest in the seas as the earth's last frontier of major geographical secrets. As far back as 1927, the National Geographic Magazine published the world's first undersea photographs in color. Inventor of the new camera for use at great depths is Dr. Harold E. Edgerton of the Massa-

chusetts Institute of Technology. In tests his instrument has withstood pressures greater than that at the deepest known point in the oceans. The camera will be lowered by the longest nylon line ever woven in one length — 28,000 feet, five and a half miles long, yet only a quarter of an inch in diameter. Another cable the same length but half an inch thick will be used to anchor the Calypso over the great deeps. In addition to electronic lights, the camera carries a position indicator that operates by bouncing sound waves from the sea floor beneath. At depth, it makes exposures timed to the split-second flash of high-voltage lights. Large numbers of photographs can be made in one lowering.

The deepest undersea photo yet made was taken by David Owen of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in 1950 at 18,000 feet. Thus if the Edgerton camera catches a glimpse of the bottom at 18,500 feet, in the unnamed depth at 10 degrees west longitude, it will have set a new record. The Romanche Trench, if plumbed, will exceed that by nearly a mile and a half.

Aid To Science

Ever since the cockroach appeared on the world scene — and that wasn't yesterday — it has been the object of human wrath. Housewives, who occasionally find it in their kitchens, use every word of castigation, short of downright profanity, against the insect's annoying and slovenly habits. Cooks at sea, being less inhibited in their habits of speech, call the pestly little things by unprintable names. It is considered fair game by almost everybody; probably, only its small stature saves it from being shot at by trigger-happy hunters who apparently are of the opinion that everything that flies should be killed at sight.

Now, however, according to a report from the University of Toronto, the lowly cockroach is being used by science in its fight against disease. It may even show researchers how to prevent hardening of the arteries in humans. Physicians already know that fatty substances in the body cause the disease; but they do not know how the fat does its work. This, they are hoping to learn from the cockroach which, strange though it seems, uses up more fat than do mice, rats, guinea pigs, and other animals which have been helping out in laboratories for years.

The cockroach must have the substance known as cholesterol or it will not grow. Humans, on the other hand, do not need it in their regular diets; the body manufactures its own. Many scientists are of the opinion that it is cholesterol that hardens the arteries; and it is in this particular experiment that the cockroach is working side by side with the best of them.

EDITORIAL NOTES

His Excellency the Governor-General has paid this Province a great compliment in referring to its beauty as "itself a bond of union".

The young public relations executive who has taken over the property where the late George Bernard Shaw lived and worked so long had better walk warily on the acres. If the famed dramatist's spirit is within reach, the new owner can expect an unsolicited visit almost any time, unless he exhibit due respect for the great man's habits.

Canada's five dental schools have been "accredited" by the American Dental Association. This will not add anything to the high standards of Canadian dentistry; but it will permit Canadian trained students to practice anywhere in the United States. This, in turn, will probably aggravate the present shortage of dentists in this country.

Pakistan's appeal to the United States for a food-bank is being favourably received by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which has passed a resolution calling on President Eisenhower to confer with other nations on the possibility of setting up such an organization under the auspices of the United Nations. It is to be hoped that the Canadian Government will show interest in the proposal.



SEASONAL INSPIRATION

The Spoor Of The Dumper

Bruce Hutchison in the Winnipeg Free Press

The pedestrian can hardly walk down any lonely road in Canada without encountering the spoor of a criminal peculiarly repulsive. Everywhere, before the dawn of each day, the dumper has left his pile of household trash where it will do the most harm.

All cities have their garbage collecting facilities and public dumps but these arrangements do not serve the purpose of the dumper. At heavy cost of time and trouble he must take his rubbish into the country and dump it by the roadside, before the landscape and erect his little monuments to a private god of ugliness.

After long research I am persuaded that the dumper is not merely a careless householder in general; he is a criminal, a psychiatric case, a type of criminal too long neglected by the penologists. He is not interested in getting rid of rubbish; he is driven by an inward passion and secret vice to disfigure the surface of the planet. If he were a man of courage he would become a Hitler or a Stalin. Being a coward, he remains a dumper.

ANIMAL CUNNING  
The investigator following his trail and studying his habits in a scientific spirit finds that the experienced dumper, though of low mentality, possesses a curious animal cunning, an unerring instinct of public mischief. An untrained, apprentice dumper may deposit his litter in some obscure spot where no man will see it. The graduate dumper, the master of mischief, must find a flowered hillside, a mossy ravine or a clean brook and taint it with an obscene gesture of contempt for the universe.

Having pondered their methods on many a woodland lane, I conclude that the dumpers are organized in a widespread and powerful conspiracy.

Dumping is not only organized but hereditary. Your dumper is born, not made. He is bred by generations of confirmed dumpers, none of them married, and educated by a priestcraft which worships loathsome deities and has sworn a curse on humanity.

This form of crime is beyond the control of the most vigilant

Maxims

The great art of learning is to understand but little at a time.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 24, 1931)

The patients in the Provincial Sanatorium will have, after tonight, radio entertainment brought to their bedsides through the generosity of the Charlottetown Gyrco Club, which is presenting that institution one of the most modern sound systems found in the Maritimes.

Peter B. MacInnis, son of Mr. and Mrs. MacInnis, Milton School District, though only nineteen years old is the high line lobster fisherman of the Eastern North Shore fisheries with a total landing catch of 19,000 pounds.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 24, 1946)  
Tenders are being called today, returnable August 8 by the Construction and Hire Enterprises of Canada Ltd. for 13 apartment houses situated between Oriabar, Gerald and Birchwood streets in Charlottetown.

Messrs. F.W. Hyndman, president of the Charlottetown Board of Trade and past president K.S. Rogers left yesterday by plane for Sackville to attend a conference of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce which opened yesterday.

The Charles A. Dunning is expected back on the Wood Islands-Caribou route this morning, officials of the most modern sound systems found in the Maritimes.



THE LOST HILL

There is a lost hill  
Where ruin lies...  
Gentians grew there  
Blue as children's eyes.

Deep was the quiet  
In that high place,  
Deep the repose  
On forest face.

Thrushes left a silver  
Echo of song  
Echo of an echo  
Long and long...

Oh, that I could hear  
That music still  
With one I loved  
On the lost hill.

—Florence Ripley Mastin.  
in New York Times.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

HOW TO HELP CHILD WHEN IN HOSPITAL  
No one likes to go to a hospital. But for a youngster, a stay at the hospital might be a frightening experience, in the beginning at least.

It's up to you parents to allay these natural fears of your young child and make his stay as pleasant as possible.  
The first thing to do is to try to give him some ideas of what it's all about. Tell him in simple terms why he is going to the hospital and about how long he will have to stay.

Emphasize the fact that the doctors and nurses are his friends and that they help him.  
If the patient is a small child, I think it's probably a good idea for his mother to share the hospital room with him. She can sleep there overnight, if the hospital has enough beds available, and even spend a good part of the day with him.

TWO PURPOSES  
This serves two purposes. First, it doesn't separate the youngster from his mother at a time when he needs her most. Also, it gives the mother the feeling that she is helping the youngster by taking an active part in his recovery.

If it's impossible for her to remain with him overnight, the next best thing is to visit him each day. If she doesn't, the youngster might feel that he has been deserted or punished.

Such impressions might prematurely break the mother-child relationship, the strongest tie a youngster has. During these daily visits, take a few minutes to chat with the doctors and nurses attending your youngster. It will help them a great deal in understanding the child.

Ask the doctors and nurses if

Far away lawns may look green and lush until you get up close and spy-the weeds.—Sarina Canadian Observer.

Nothing ruins a neighborhood for the average husband like having an enthusiastic gardener move in.—Detroit News

The Russians are the latest to indicate that perhaps they acted hastily in cutting off the heads of the Romanoffs. No visiting statesman has been received with more pomp than the Shah of Persia, now in Moscow. An escort of the newest Soviet jets accompanied his plane and at the Bolshoi Theatre he sat in the royal box, the first monarch to do since the revolution of 1917.—Peterborough Examiner

It's all right to bring your youngster some toys.  
EDUCATIONAL TOYS  
If they approve—and generally it's advisable to keep a child occupied during a hospital stay—take him some educational toys. Not only will they keep him busy for longer periods, but he will enjoy them much more than simple mechanical toys.

Before your child is discharged from the hospital, have another talk with the doctor. Learn what the youngster can and cannot do during his convalescence.  
One more word of advice: Don't pamper the returned patient any more than the doctor has advised. After all, you don't want a spoiled child on your hands.

QUESTION AND ANSWER  
P.C.: Do electric shock treatments for mental illness injure the memory?  
Answer: The memory is sometimes slightly altered by shock treatments. However, if they are needed, this should be no bar against taking them.

The oldest resident of St. Ferdinand, Que., is a maiden lady, 109 years of age, who weighed only three pounds when born and had to be kept for weeks in the oven of a stove because there were no incubators. She hopes to live to be 120. Quite often a poor start may result in a strong finish.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

Just when we thought the youngsters would be getting back to their marbles, hoops and sling shots after the con skin cap craze, word comes that promoters are creating a Canadian counterpart of the U.S. Davy Crockett legend. They have been delving into the history books and are coming up with a 17th Century character by the name of Pierre Radisson. Born in France, Radisson came to Canada in 1651, was captured by the Indians, escaped, fought both against and for the English, and brought, sold and swapped furs for a living.—Windsor Star



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