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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew" "The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink".

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Art Must Be Free

A bill has been introduced in the United States Congress which, if approved, would mean increased government aid to all recognized cultural institutions; in some cases it might even authorize the payment of subsidies to promising students in various fields of art.

Mr. Sherwood's assumption that government control would inevitably accompany government aid may be unwarranted, at least so far as democratic governments are concerned.

The artist himself, whether he be called a poet, a painter, a dramatist, or by any other name, must be free to think his own thoughts, to dream his own dreams, to do his own work, to make his own mistakes, to wander in his own wildernesses.

The function of art is not to reproduce in word or paint or music the opinions of today or yesterday, but rather to keep alive, as best it may, the highest dignity of that which is called life.

Mr. St. Laurent speaks plainly. Commenting on Prime Minister St. Laurent's recent press conference at New Delhi, the Winnipeg Free Press says the incident has broken new ground in the history of Canadian salesmanship.

Mr. St. Laurent Speaks Plainly

Canadian statesmen have long been accustomed to play a mediatory role between Britain and the United States, a role enforced upon them by Canada's history, geography and close friendship with the two greatest segments of the English-speaking world.

There has been much misunderstanding of late in relations between Washington and New Delhi. Pakistan had sought military aid from the United States and the United States was prepared to supply it, regarding Pakistan as a potential bastion against the penetration of Communism into the Moslem world.

Probably few Canadians expected Mr. St. Laurent to discuss this delicate and explosive matter publicly, says the Free Press. Nevertheless, he decided to do so. According to the cabled dispatches of the Canadian Press correspondent accompanying him on his tour, Mr. St. Laurent in his news conference rejected the suggestion that United States' military aid to Pakistan would be a mistake.

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his Indian hosts, the Prime Minister has felt it necessary to tell the Asiatic peoples what he believes to be the truth about the United States. Our Winnipeg contemporary adds:

"No one is so well equipped as a Canadian Prime Minister to warn Mr. Nehru and his Government against its present attitude of suspicion towards the Government of President Eisenhower. No other foreigner's advice is likely to be accepted as so innocent of any ulterior motive, first because Mr. St. Laurent himself is an old and intimate friend of Mr. Nehru, second because Canada, a relatively small power tully preoccupied with its own affairs, can never be suspected of any designs upon Asia.

Archdeacon Harris

The late Venerable Archdeacon Harris, whose death in Parrsboro, N. S., is recorded elsewhere in today's issue, was devoted to his high calling and was revered by all who came in contact with him. A native of this Province and a brother of Mr. James E. Harris, Charlottetown, he had many personal friends here as well as in Nova Scotia and throughout the Dominion.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is a long time to look ahead but the Civil Service Commission has ruled that Federal civil servants may be granted holidays on the Fridays preceding Christmas and New Year's Day which this year fall on Saturday.

New regulations governing plumbing in Saskatchewan based on the National Building Code reflect the changing modern scene. For the first time trailer parks and camps are covered in the plumbing regulations.

Two false alarms in Halifax took equipment out on a fool's errand just before a blaze started which caused \$50,000 damage. The ordinary penalties for such conduct are manifestly inadequate.

The State of Andhra in India has found that prohibition is a failure. One of the cardinal reform policies of the Congress party, it has been found to have broken down in administration and bootlegging has developed on a large scale.

Education has been the subject of much discussion in The Guardian columns of late. In today's issue The Educational Horizon, sponsored by the Teachers' Federation, is devoted to a comprehensive review of the situation by Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Principal of Prince of Wales College, to which we call special attention and which we believe will repay careful study by all concerned.

The change of name of the Charlottetown Junior Board of Trade from that of Junior Chamber of Commerce ends the anomaly of having a Junior Chamber of Commerce when there is no senior Chamber of Commerce. The name Junior Board of Trade, too, is distinctively Canadian.

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Almost Everyone Is Interested



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.

RUSSIA & CHINA

Sir—Will the time come when China will pull away from Russia? There is no clear sign of that yet, but we have some things to think about. The Chinese are very ancient people with a civilization all their own which is utterly different from the Russian.

Russia is doing her utmost to strengthen her hands with China. Now railroads are being built into China, and trains twice a week run between Moscow and Peking.

The Russian Government is afraid of the Chinese peasantry. They cannot forget what happened in East Berlin on June 16th and 17th when the common people there rose in rebellion against the cruelties and hardships of the Russian Government and tanks and soldiers had to be called in to quell the uprising, which shook the whole Communist world.

We must wait and see. China needs Russia today. But the day may come when China may wish to go her own way, independent of all other nations.

THE TRUTH

Since I have seen a bird one day, His head pecked more titan half away; That hopped about, with but one eye, Ready to fight again, and die— Ofttimes since then their private lives Have spoilt that joy their music gives.

Indialogue

By Gerald Steele 4th Year S.D.U. Student

THE PROBLEM OF MALNUTRITION

In addition to the many people who picture India as a land of sparkling minarets, temples and maharajahs, there are others who look beyond the tinsel to the misery of the hungry masses. As one economist put it, they look to a disturbing picture of a "hungry people and empty hands".

Whether or not this prejudice affects the use of milk, per capita consumption is only 3 ounces. This is not due to any shortage of cows however, as the country is virtually teeming with them to the extent that they are a nuisance. The difficulty arises from the fact that only about half give milk and of the remainder, both the quantity and quality given are pitifully poor.

Another factor is the unfortunate practice of polishing rice. Like the people of our continent, Indians throw away valuable portions of their food. Where we remove the wheat germ, they polish off the outer layer of the rice grain which contains vitamin B complex.

As another contributing factor, it can be safely said that although Britain did a great deal for India, she is guilty of considerable neglect in developing her economy, both industrial and agricultural.

In addition to this, the British are responsible in some measure for shifting ownership of land from the village to the state for purposes of taxation. From the state, landlords held the land for a certain tax and then sublet it to tenants who generally were at the mercy of the landlord.

Various other factors aggravate the situation. Most of the people of India are Hindus and subscribe to varying strengths to the traditional practices of this religion. For all animal life, social man has brought about a condition where almost all are vegetarians. Beef, because it is the flesh of the sacred cow, is taboo for all, but the more orthodox refuse meat of any kind.

Notes By The Way

Real wealth is a state of mind, says a doctor. Yeah—mind your dollars and cents.—(Kitchener-Waterloo Record).

News comes from Australia that that country has finally beaten its rabbit problem. By a hare's breadth?—(Peterborough Examiner).

An old Indian proverb says "For the friendship of two, the patience of one is necessary." And that seems to apply to a successful marriage.—(Toronto Star).

Farmers in Douglas, Isle of Man, have been feeding eggs to their pigs because customers wouldn't pay the 77-cents-per-dozen price. That sounds like ham and eggs on the hoof.—(Stratford Beacon-Herald).

If you live in Colorado and like mountains, you may want to worry about this for a spell. A geologist says there will be no mountains in Colorado 5,000,000 years from now.—(Kingston Whig-Standard).

The moa, a flightless bird that lives in crossword puzzles, has a depressing biography. The breed became extinct in the 14th century after a history devoted entirely to the pursuit of stupidity. By the time the last moa died, the species was almost exactly 10 times as stupid as a chicken.

lialized and efficient farming impossible and outlaws the introduction of farm machinery as it would be uneconomical on such small holdings.

Very briefly, this is a picture of the food situation. According to recent reports India is expecting increased food production this year which must be very encouraging, not only to her own government and people, but also to other governments and nations who look upon a solution of the food problem of India as the first step in thwarting Communism.

The Age Old Story

Look unto me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

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