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Of course, such incidents could happen anywhere; but they are the exception rather than the rule in the Western world, especially in big cities where the visitor does well to keep a sharp eye on his own interests. No doubt one can get "gypped" in Tokyo, too, if he tries hard enough; but in general the inhabitants seem to be doing their best to prevent it.

Snow's New Job

One of England's best known novelists, C. P. Snow, has come in for recognition by labor Prime Minister Harold Wilson, who has appointed him parliamentary secretary to the newly formed Minister of Technology.

In English literary circles, says a London correspondent, there is inevitably some recalling of that statesman-novelist of the past, Benjamin Disraeli, one of Britain's greatest Prime Ministers. There is no serious suggestion that Sir Charles Snow himself is on the way up the ladder to the premiership, but the impact of this literary man on the political scene of the 1960's is awaited with interest.

As writers, both Disraeli and Sir Charles have been interested in the techniques by which men acquire power—Disraeli in the internal organization of the Conservative Party of his day, Sir Charles in the ways and methods of that larger complex now known as the Establishment.

Further, it is seen that both men have been much concerned with the idea of unity. Disraeli called his most famous novel "Sybil" or the "Two Nations," deploring that England in the middle of the last century was a country divided into rich and poor. Snow is celebrated over the world for his plea for a union of what he has called "the two cultures"—a synthesis between the arts and sciences.

Sir Charles is an oldtime civil servant, as well as a writer and a educatorist. He and his wife, the novelist Pamela Hansford Johnson, are also familiar with the methods of education in colleges and universities of the United States, which they have often visited and taught.

As Others See Us

"The most harassed political body of the year," says the Milwaukee Journal, "must be the 15-man special parliamentary committee set up recently to pick a Canadian flag. At last count, it had 4,200 different design proposals to consider, everything from maple leaves (all colors) to beer tankards, beavers, stripes and circles. Experts in heraldry, history, protocol and political economics are offering advice. Scores of irate politicians are waiting in the wings, ready to pounce on any selection, and the entire country seems sick of the whole business."

This pretty well expresses the opinion of the outside world on a problem Mr. Pearson set going when he decided that we need a new status symbol on our flag poles. The attitude is one of astonishment that our parliamentarians should have worked themselves into such a lather over such an issue. With all our other problems of urgent concern, why did they pick on this one?

And it's a safe bet that whatever the flag committee decides upon, there will still be a lot of disgruntled flag-waggers who will feel that they've been let down by a pack of rascals at Ottawa.

A Good Example

Reports are coming back from Japan about the red carpet treatment accorded visitors and competitors at the Olympic games, which provides an object lesson for every country in the arts of hospitality and good public relations. What is significant about the Japanese welcome is that it doesn't seem to be staged for the occasion, but to be a spontaneous gesture on the part of the people themselves. One thing everybody seems to be concerned about is to treat visitors with scrupulous honesty as well as courtesy—virtues which don't always go together.

Consider these cases, for example, which have been reported in recent days: One of the athletes bought an expensive pearl necklace for his girlfriend back home—and left it in a taxcab. When he returned to the Olympic village, the taxi driver was waiting with the necklace. And he wouldn't take a reward.

A lady spectator paid 50 cents instead of 25 cents for a minor blouse-mending job. The seamstress set in the lobby all day waiting to return the quarter.

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Grouchiness And Hunger

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Mrs. R. writes: "Several months ago my husband started skipping breakfast and lunch. He eats a large dinner at night (meat, raw root vegetables and fruits, yogurt, and cheddar and cottage cheese. No fats, oils, program starches) and evening meal and later snacks frequently are as much as three meals a day.

"He frequently is irritable in the evening—almost like a personality change. Could it be that his body is not getting the needed elements or that his blood sugar is low all day? I keep telling him breakfast is necessary, as blood sugar is at its lowest level in the morning. He won't listen to me.

This is a good example of how poor eating habits develop. They start early in life but in this man probably began to skip breakfast and lunch to lose weight. Now he is in trouble and his wife is upset as well.

Many people do not appreciate the maintenance and repair of body tissues. Many don't like certain foods but this need not be a reason for skipping breakfast and lunch. There are many good eating habits. Proper nutrition is essential to growth, function, and to the maintenance and repair of body tissues. Many don't like certain foods but this need not be a reason for skipping breakfast and lunch. There are many good eating habits.

A little of this and that will go a long way, provided we include the daily basic four: (1) dairy products (2) meat and meat substitutes (fish, poultry, eggs, cheese, nuts, dried greens and peas) (3) level breads and (4) vegetables and fruits.

It is unwise to skip breakfast and lunch, if for no other reason than to maintain a good disposition. An empty stomach creates hunger pangs and Mr. R. probably has this complaint after fasting all day. A small breakfast and lunch would improve the situation. His main meal provides the basic four foods.

Parents set the example. How can the children in this family acquire good eating habits? EXERCISE FOR EMPHYSEMA Mrs. M.P. writes: I understand there are exercises a person can do to help emphysema. I would appreciate any information you could give me regarding this condition.

REPLY Exercises improve respiration and physical fitness. GOUTY SPOUSE C. W. A. writes: Can a husband or wife transmit gout to the mate? REPLY No, gout is not contagious.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Teacher to teacher: "not only is he the worst-behaved child in my class, but he has perfect attendance." — Hamilton Spectator.

When the speaker is confused and his audience doesn't know what he is talking about, the speech is often labelled "profound." — Wall Street Journal.

May Open Up New Fissures

The possibility that Nikita S. Khrushchev's ouster may open up new fissures in world Communism emerges from the diverse reactions of different Communist parties and their leaders to the upheaval in the Kremlin. The Chinese and Albanians, as was inevitable, are gleeful at what they consider their victory over a hated enemy.

But the settlement is very different elsewhere. Public praise for Khrushchev has been voiced in Poland, Hungary and Austria since his downfall. Indeed, the Austrian Communist party has bluntly asked for a fuller explanation—including a statement by the ousted Premier himself.

The shock among Communists in countries like France, Italy and Yugoslavia is also apparent. Failure to give a satisfactory explanation—doubtless representative of general bewilderment among faithful pro-Soviet Communist world over.

At the least, the new Moscow ruling will have to give the world a full account of why it was necessary to purge the former Premier. Failure to do so will cause the breaking off of a new pro-Khrushchev fraction of deviant Communists, a fraction that could even conceivably capture some Communist parties and further complicate the schisms dividing Marxist-Leninists.

"Conscience Fund"

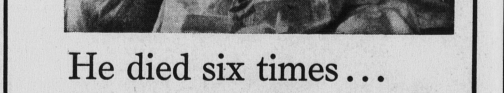
Unique in history is the "conscience fund" which West Germany says is to be set up for the victims of Adolf Hitler and his Nazi regime. In the 19 years since World War II almost \$5 billion has been paid to individuals a d governments and agencies that aided the Nazi victims. Before the books are closed, says US News and World Report in a dispatch from Bonn, West Germany will have paid out \$10 billion.

Israel so far received \$750 million in Germany, five power stations, modernization of Israel's railroad system, the pair of the port of Haifa, irrigation pipes laid in the Negev desert and \$50 million worth of oil.

Individual Jews or their heirs receive damage payments and often pensions. A rabbi who was forced to flee from Berlin and now lives in Brazil received a pension of \$50 a month. An Israeli immigrant receives \$187 a month, the amount of the pension to which he would have been eligible had he not been barred from a German civil service job because he was a Jew. A Jewish businesswoman living in the United States, who was tortured by the Nazis, has been paid \$23,254 in damages and gets \$219.24 in monthly compensation benefits.

Just to administer the "conscience fund" and process some four million claims occupies 10,000 West German government employees. Nothing can really compensate the Jews for what they suffered. When Hitler set out to exterminate them, there were 2.5 million persons classified as Jews in Germany, and at the war's end there were only 5,000. Nevertheless, the repayments reflect the moral obligation present day West Germans feel toward the Jews.

It is significant that only West Germany has undertaken a "conscience" program. Communist East Germany has made no comparable move.



He died six times...

On the ninth floor of the Toronto General Hospital last July, a man was operated on for a heart condition. He died six times within a four-day period—and each time he was revived. Each time, this man had gone into a state of complete cardiac arrest, a condition in which the heart and pulse stop beating entirely. When this condition occurs, the patient is considered clinically dead. The case was a spectacular one, one in which a miracle occurred. This week, Weekend Magazine Staff Writer Bill Trent and Weekend Magazine Photo Editor Louis Jaques, who recently watched a dedicated team of the hospital at work, describes and pictures what happens when a heart fails.

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