

It is to be hoped the Government will heed this admonition from our national farmers' organization. It should serve to strengthen its hand in resisting the pressure from tariff interests that is constantly being exerted at Ottawa to our farmers' detriment, and too often successfully. Nor is it enough that this protest should be made. Vigilant watch should be kept by the Federation executive on an almost day-to-day basis to see that no more bricks are added surreptitiously to our tariff walls.

A Further Safeguard
 Radioactive fission products in the Canadian atmosphere have never even nearly approached maximum limits set by the most cautious authorities as safe for human life. Nevertheless, the disclosure that radioactivity (strontium-90) was showing up in milk alerted scientists and nuclear fission experts to a danger that had not previously been suspected. When nuclear tests started the public was assured that the pollution was so high above earth it could not be dangerous to humans. The presence of fallout at the ground level revised that thinking. Then when it became known that grazing animals were picking it up the public also became aware of possible danger. As above noted, this danger, in the opinion of health authorities, has not reached proportions that should cause serious concern.

There is ground for further reassurance in a report from the Associated Press that two University of Minnesota scientists have developed a simple and inexpensive method of removing strontium-90 from milk altogether. This consists of using powdered animal bones as a chemical filter to remove the radioactive element. Strontium is chemically similar to calcium, which exchanges itself between bones and body fluids. When cows eat crops grown in soil contaminated by strontium-90, they pass on the strontium to their milk in the same manner that calcium goes into the milk.

The Minnesota scientists poured milk through a tube packed with pulverized bone. The strontium ions in the milk were exchanged for harmless calcium ions in the bone, without affecting perceptibly the milk flavor. The method is so simple that it is surprising it was not hit upon before; but this is not unusual in the history of scientific research. If the results are as represented in the news report, no time should be lost in adopting this safety measure on a wide scale.

Small Christmas trees are less hazardous than larger ones. Candles are the most dangerous adornments of all. They should never be placed on a tree or near one. The authorities are unanimous in stressing this warning in the strongest terms.

Now read the rules over again, clip them out and keep them handy. Better still, get some bright member of the family to turn them into rhymed verse and sing them lustily with the Christmas carols. Their inspirational value, we confess, will be nil, but as insurance against tragedy they warrant every attention that can be given them at this time.

C.F.A.'s Protest
 We note with interest that formal protest against the growing number of restrictions on imports of Japanese goods into Canada has been made to Finance Minister Fleming by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Speaking for Canada's farmers, the statement said in part:

"It is a matter of great concern to the farmers of Canada, and especially to the agriculture of Western Canada, that there has been a growing development of restrictions on Canada's imports into Canada from Japan. In a period of lagging agricultural trade in the world—and with few signs on the horizon that in general, overseas markets for farm products are going to expand greatly, we find that Japan is one of the few bright spots. Not only has Japan become our second best customer for wheat, and an important customer for other agricultural products, but it is an expanding market."

The C.F.A. did not in principle oppose the use of a quota system on imports from time to time. It did point to the danger that quotas might go too far in protecting particular segments of industry. Japan, it was emphasized, should not be asked to establish quotas except in cases where it is clear that severe damage threatens particular groups of employees and particular businesses. It should be made clear to Canadian industries that the purpose is not to guarantee permanent markets, but to ease a process of adjustment if this is necessary. Also, it should be made clear to Japan that we appreciate the action they have already taken in regard to quotas, and that we firmly intend to permit and encourage a regular and substantial expansion of Japanese trade with this country.



ALL AROUND THE SUMMIT

AT THE U.N.

General Assembly Finale

By Heath Macquarrie, M.P.
 In looking back over the fourteenth General Assembly one finds some difficulty in pointing out any overwhelmingly significant item. This session has not been marked by great and outstanding developments as was the case with some of its predecessors. Rather has the fourteenth session been one of unpretentious accomplishment with a fair measure of agreement and moderate achievement on a number of matters of universal interest.

Often in the past the delegates of the eighty-two nations have commenced their session under the threat and tension of great disturbing events. The twelfth session met when the Syrian crisis was at an alarming stage. Last year's session followed close on the bombardment of Quemoy and Matsu across the Formosa straits.

This year the Assembly's commencement coincided with the Khrushchev peace offensive and the Russian premier paid a personal visit here early in the session. It is generally agreed that the Camp David spirit has been helpful in bringing about an atmosphere more conducive to negotiation and compromise. This was quite noticeable in the Assembly's unanimous decision with respect to the disarmament commission and on the agreement to set up an outer space committee in which the Russians will this time participate.

The old issues were once again to the fore but with less bitterness and denunciation than in the past. France was criticized for her planned atomic bomb test in the Sahara, the Union of South Africa was once again denounced for its racist policies within its own territory and in Southwest

Western Alliance Problems

By Dave Oancia
 Canadian Press Staff Writer
 The Western alliance appears to have one big task during the next year: Keeping in shape for a fight while trying to work for a relaxation of tension to make the fight unnecessary.

Reports from Paris on the eve of next week's North Atlantic Treaty Organization conference indicate the West is not meeting the first of these twin requirements.

NATO's leading defence planners, who would up their secret military assessment Thursday, are reported worried that the present trend of military policies will lead to dangerous weakness unless checked immediately.

BLAME FRANCE
 The reports said air force Gen. Nathan Twining, the United States military chief, singled out France as the major offender and by implication charged that President de Gaulle is the man responsible.

This is the first forthright expression by a high-ranking Western military leader of a view that was gaining increasing prominence in NATO circles.

De Gaulle is determined to push through his program to explode his own nuclear weapon and to develop independence nuclear striking forces for France. He is convinced France must join the H-bomb club because of her "world responsibilities."

He is doing this at a price that may run as high as the West's co-operative military program at a time when Communist might is rapidly increasing.

First Aid For Everyday Cuts

By Herman N. Buesden M. D.
 NO MATTER how often you bathe or wash your hands, your skin is never entirely free of germs. Thus, even the smallest cut or scratch—anything that breaks the skin—should be treated.

But let's be practical. You can't go running to a doctor with every little scratch you or the kids get. A serious wound, naturally, needs prompt and expert attention. Minor ones generally can be treated at home.

EASILY CONTAMINATED
 Everyone, I'm sure, realizes that you shouldn't touch a wound unless that is the only way to halt bleeding. But few of you I dare say, realize that coughing, sneezing, even breathing into a wound might contaminate it.

Droplets sprayed from your mouth while talking might do the same thing.

SOME TIPS
 Even a tiny wound can be infected in such a manner. So let me give you a few practical tips about treating everyday cuts and scratches.

Obviously, an antiseptic such as mercurchrome or iodine should be applied to the wound. If you use iodine, make sure it is a relatively new bottle or mild two per cent solution. Stronger tincture of iodine might be a little too harsh for general first aid use.

Don't use iodine which has been on the shelf of your medicine cabinet for a long time. The alcohol the solution contains evaporates and thus iodine tends to become stronger with age.

Once you have painted the wound, cover it with a sterile gauze compress. You can purchase individual compresses, safely sealed in little packages, at any drug store. Every home should have some of them on hand for emergencies.

SUBSTITUTE BANDAGE
 If you don't have a sterile bandage available, you can scorch a piece of cloth with a hot iron. The cloth should be clean and unstarched.

Remember that a dressing is sterile only as long as you don't touch the portion that is to cover the injury.

DEEP WOUNDS
 It doesn't do much good to apply antiseptic to a deep wound such as is caused by a nail, ice pick or scissors. The germs in this type of wound are lodged deeply and can't be destroyed by an antiseptic painted across the surface.

These injuries should be treated by a doctor.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
 Mrs. S.: What causes palpitation of the heart?
 Answer: Palpitations of the heart may be due to many causes and are not always attributable to an impaired or damaged heart. Occasionally, palpitation may be caused by nervousness.

The Age Old Story

And this they did, not as we hoped, but first they got their own selves to the Lord, and to us by the will of God.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
 (Dec. 18, 1934)
 From the results of the competition between the infantry battalions in M.D. No. 6, as announced by militia headquarters, Halifax, the P.E.I. Highlanders have won second place in the general efficiency competition. Lt. Col. E.H. Strong and other ranks were highly commended on their splendid showing.

While at work at the Summerside Electric Light Plant, Mr. Ted Poole was burned about the face and Mr. Roy Durant also received burns when the large engine back-fired, while they were cleaning out the exhaust pipe. Lighted rags had been pushed through the pipe and caused a gas explosion.

TEN YEARS AGO
 (Dec. 18, 1949)
 Orders have been issued by the Canadian Labour Relations Board Ottawa, certifying the Labourers' Protective Union, Charlottetown, to be the bargaining agent for the unit of employees of H. B. Willis, Inc.; Buntain, Bell and Co., and the Island Fertilizer Company, comprising all stevedores employed by these companies at Charlottetown in the loading of ships, excepting gang foremen.

Many friends of Calvin Bowness, formerly of Summerside, will be pleased to learn that he has been admitted to the Bar in Vancouver, B.C. Fifteen young men were admitted to the Bar in the ceremony at which the young men were introduced by G. Roy Long, K.C., formerly of Tyne Valley.

The Poet's Corner

DRIFTING THEY SEEK YOU
 If I should suddenly call to you, whoever you are,
 That is waiting for me somewhere in the world;
 If I should cry out in my heart, in my mind,
 Calling to you my need, would you hear, would you come?
 Amber sunlight squares the floor of this room:
 You would know comfort here, whoever you are
 That is lost without me, that is seeking me now:
 We could listen this morning birdsong together.
 I have sent my heart into the world to find you:
 Rejoicing or weeping, it has embarked on the many leaves of my being:
 Drifting, they seek you; singing of my poems seek you,
 Whoever you are that is meant to meet with my heart.

MAXIMS

There is as much greatness of mind in acknowledging a good turn as in doing it.

CARLOADINGS UP

OTTAWA (CP)—Railway cars of revenue freight loaded in Canada during the first seven days of December totaled 71,294 compared with 66,354 in the same period of last year, the bureau of statistics reported. For this year up to Dec. 7, loadings were up to 3,645,026 from 3,557,250 during the same time in 1958.

—Willis Eberman
 in the New York Herald Tribune

NOTES BY THE WAY

Before marriage a man yearns for a woman. After that the "Y" is silent.—Brandon Sun

It is also a little hard to believe in the imminence of national bankruptcy, when you note that the combined family fortunes of two of the current presidential aspirants amount to about half of the unpledged gold and dollar reserve of the British empire.—Washington Post

There may be some doubts about the sanity of Governor Earl K. Long of Louisiana, but the voters of that state have given related but unmistakable evidence of being in a healthier mental state. They have ended the Long regime by defeating "Ole Earl's" attempt to return as lieutenant-governor, with a stooge as governor. It will be remembered that Long was recently certified as insane, but used his power as governor to have the verdict reversed. But evidently the electors were not convinced.—London Free Press

Dr. Harvey Flack, London, England, has undertaken the greatest anti-snore experiment in history. All major countries have supplied snoring information except Russia and its satellites. This is contrary to the spirit of Camp David. If East and West would co-operate effectively in the scientific effort to eliminate the off-key snorers supplied by snoring husbands, it might serve as a basis for other co-operative contributions to peace and tranquility.—Toronto Telegram

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