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Common Justice

There is no doubt whatever that Israeli forces were withdrawn from the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba on the strength of American assurances that the U.N. force would administer both areas pending a peace settlement which would put an end to Egyptian raids and blocking of Israeli shipping.

Now that Nasser has taken over administration of the Strip and reiterated his determination to keep Israeli shipping from using the Gulf, American State Department officials are trying to make out that the assurances which were given were not actual commitments but merely "promises" to use American "influence" in Israel's favour.

Meanwhile, there is nothing in the recent statement made in the Commons by External Affairs Minister Pearson to give the Israelis reason to expect fair treatment. All he said was that if Egypt insists on taking over complete control of the Gaza Strip the U.N. force will not be in a position to carry out its responsibilities, in which case Canada might be obliged to withdraw its units.

Strangely, the Canadian Parliament is apparently indifferent to the whole sorry business. Liberal members seem to put childish trust in the few platitudinous statements, most of them negative in character, which have come from the External Affairs Minister; and even from the Opposition benches criticism has been of a more or less lukewarm character.

Memory Of Belsen

A sad little news item, but one which has in it hope for the future, comes from Belsen, Germany. It tells about a pilgrimage of a thousand young Germans to the graves of the victims of what was the most savage act of barbarity of modern times — and perhaps of history, all things considered.

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tribute to her memory that the present pilgrimage was undertaken. One of the speakers at the ceremony was a former member of the Hitler Youth Organization who, after the war when he realized the enormity of the crime in which he had been forced to engage, went to Israel and became a citizen of that country.

It seems incredible at a distance of twelve years that a nation which had advanced so far in the arts and sciences, in all educational and cultural fields, could have allowed a madman to bring them to such a state of moral degradation and insensibility to ordinary social decencies. But Belsen symbolized more than the immorality of Nazi doctrine which had corrupted a highly civilized people.

Tomorrow — who can say? Perhaps it is true that there is a potential Belsen not far from the surface of every civilized society. No greater task confronts free men than that of thwarting its eruption into new sorrows and new cruelties by emphasizing and striving mightily to maintain the supremacy of moral development over material progress.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There's going to be more trouble between Britain and the United States. This time it will be more cultural than political. A well known British actor, returning home after an American tour, stated that all American theatres are "ghastly" and some are downright "horrible."

A horse which the owner claims to be the oldest in the world lives on a farm in Australia. He is 39. Not being able to give reasons for his longevity, his owner has listed them for him. The chief one is "regular beer-drinking" at the rate of a bucketful every week or so.

It has been revealed that 56% of last year's tourists said our roads were good, 37% called them fair and 7% thought they were very bad. There is no mystery about these divergent views. They merely reflect the travelling habits of the visitors.

Premier Matheson told the Legislature that "there is no reason to believe that oil will not be found in the Province". That is not quite the same thing as saying "there is reason to believe that it will be found in the Province" but it is better than an outright denial of the possibility.

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Protocol was observed scrupulously even in the living arrangements at the Bermuda Conference. Both the President and the Prime Minister were provided with large suites, while Secretary Dulles and Foreign Secretary Lloyd had to be content with two rooms each, one to sleep in and the other to lounge in.

The late Rev. W. I. Green, who died at Elmsdale last week in his eighty-second year, was for many years a valued contributor to the Public Forum columns of this newspaper. He held strong convictions on moral and social questions, which he did not hesitate to express; but his letters revealed also his warm human sympathies and his particular interest in the underprivileged and in the welfare of the younger generation.



POSSIBLE UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS

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.

LIQUOR AND HIGHWAYS

Sir, I look forward each morning to the arrival of your valuable paper. One of the first items I stop to read is the Public Forum, and often admire the people who take the time to write on matters which concern themselves, and yet are related to the people as a whole.

We note with concern, the "feeling out" of the people, as it were, on the matter of the sale of beer on the highways. Surely Mr. and Mrs. Alexander MacIsaac must realize the importance of safe driving on our highways, especially during the busy summer season.

Mr. O'Brien brought up a point in a recent issue of this column, that the tourists or our own people, through their advertising, don't want to advertise themselves, or whatever term you wish to use, walking down the street with a case of beer or wine under his or her arm.

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UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Mediterranean Problem

By William McStay of the London, England Bureau of Thomson Newspapers

With the Suez Canal, thanks mostly to the diplomacy and busyness of U.N. Force Command General Burns, at least on the way to the British Government stays in the Mediterranean — but it switches a few hundred miles northward from the waterway.

Now being studied is the "truce offer" put forward by EOKA, the terrorist organization in Cyprus, for a cease fire if Archbishop Makarios, the Cypriot leader arrested and deported the British over a year ago, is released.

This offer, it is safe to say, is getting the lowest scrutiny right now, and a way is being sought by the British to clear up the explosive state of affairs in Cyprus without loss face.

that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night till wine inflame them. 2:15. "Was unto them that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth his bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also that thou mayest look on their nakedness."

First of all, I wish to make myself clear on two points, namely that I am not a spokesman for the P.E.I. Pharmaceutical Association of which I am a member, and secondly as my friends and close associates well know I am not a user of alcoholic beverages of any kind.

The liquor question in this Province has been a political football for as long as I can remember. Yet the Government has dared in this date to take the bull by the horns and set up a law as is practised in most other parts of North America chiefly because they feel that they might lose a few votes, yet last year our present Government took it upon themselves to raise their salaries by \$450,000 right across the board with the exception of the Premier and his Cabinet who are, in my estimation, being well remunerated.

Thanking you for your valuable space, and once again congratulations Mr. MacIsaac. I am, Sir, etc., HENRY H. LARTER, Ph.C. Souris, P.E.I.

BIBLICAL WARNINGS

Sir, — The past few days I have been reading with interest the letters in your column regarding the sale of liquor in hotels.

As a Registered Pharmacist in this Province and operating a business of my own, I know well of what I speak when I say that the sale of rubbing alcohol, shaving lotions, canned beer as a beverage for consumption as a beverage are far too numerous to be scolded; and the statement is made "Oh, well there will always be that type of citizen no matter where you are."

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

ANNUAL CHECK UP-VITAL FOR WOMEN PAST FORTY

Are you a woman over 40? Then this column is especially for you. I've always urged annual medical checkups for everyone. After the age of 40 however, this becomes particularly important.

There are many diseases which are likely to have their beginning in the middle years, although they generally are thought of as developing late in life. Some of them are diabetes, cancer and diseases of the kidney, heart and blood vessels.

When I say physical examination for a woman past 40 this should include: An examination of your entire body, a blood and laboratory test and a test for diabetes and particular attention to the pelvis are in order.

So make an appointment right now before you forget about it. Get that annual check-up soon. QUESTION AND ANSWER

COMPLETE REPORT

Your doctor also will want a complete and honest report on your personal history, including the state of your health, any recent medical attention and information on marital, sexual and family matters.

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TEN YEARS AGO

The conversion of the Prince Edward Island division, Canadian National Railways, from coal burning locomotives to those powered by Diesel-electric engines is expected to take place in early summer, it was learned last night.

An opposition amendment to the Dominion-Provincial tax agreement bill introduced last week in the Legislature had for its purpose to add safeguarding clauses in the preamble of the agreement under which the province agrees to suspend the imposition of certain taxes in return for a minimum annual subsidy.

The Age Old Story

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger; but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Canadians drank something like 13 billion cups of tea during 1956 and there wasn't a headache in the lot.—Niagara Falls Review

A girl who can talk volumes—and usually does—is liable to wind up on the shelf.—Oshawa Times-Gazette

The old skills die out; there are families today which don't have a single uncle who can get the peeling off an apple all in one piece.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

Pills these days come in so many gay color combinations that it seems almost a shame to be healthy.—Winnipeg Tribune

Israel stands firm, Egypt stands firm, the United States stands firm, the Soviet Union stands firm. But where do the rest of us stand?—Brantford Expositor

And then, there are the deep thinkers, whose flesh creeps just as much at a peace threat as at a war threat.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

The relatively gay plumage that has set apart most of the males of the animal kingdom has been a matter of envy to mere men. There are those, however, who are not content with defeatist—who sense that a potential for gay adornment rivaling the peacock or the kingly lion, or even the "Little woman." So now we are offered cocktail suits—in purple, plum and copper colors, with matching room plated skirts and lace trim.—Washington Star

Astonomers agree that living in such planets as Venus and Mars would be unbearable. We may just have to face it—this is the best world we're likely to have.—Winnipeg Tribune

In Texas, where anything can happen and usually does, a motorist unwrapped his 1957 license plates, found a note between them which read: "Help, I'm being held a prisoner." The license plates are made by prisoners of the Texas State Penitentiary.—Cape Breton Post



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