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Rejoicing Amid Tears

Do miracles still happen? Well, the people of Springhill can answer that question, and their fellow citizens across Canada will rejoice with them in the news received yesterday from that stricken mining town.

The agony of suspense is still great; greater than ever, indeed, in many stricken homes until the identity and physical condition of all the survivors have been definitely checked and no further, faintest hope remains of reaching other victims of the disaster.

A Practical Measure
The Federal Government's offer to assist Provinces and Municipalities in financing winter projects up to a maximum 50 per cent of the cost is the best proposal that any Federal Government has put forward in an attempt to alleviate seasonal unemployment.

There is one flaw in the proposal, as we understand it. This is that it must await parliamentary sanction. At least, that is what we gather from the Prime Minister's statement.

There are a number of projects which can be undertaken by Provincial and Municipal authorities in the winter season, provided the money is available. Of course, in this instance local Governments will still have to provide a share of the necessary money.

Brewing More Trouble

The Arab league, led by President Nasser of the United Arab Republic, is bent on keeping trouble going in Algeria. Its new budget calls for assessing its members \$34,400,000 this next year to aid the Algerian rebels in their rebellion against France.

This action, notes the Milwaukee Journal, may prove more of a propaganda move than a means of putting more arms in rebel hands. The budget for Algerian aid is six times the amount agreed to last year.

assent agreement is that money is so badly needed in most of the Arab states for their own internal development. They can't afford financial sorties even for the cause of Arab nationalism that they hold so dear.

There are signs that the rebels themselves will participate in the election. The insurgent National Liberation Front (FLN) and the Algerian National Movement (MNA) are barred from political activity in the open and won't have states under their own labels.

The de Gaulle government is even encouraging this dodge in an effort to force an election showdown. The army has been ordered to release as many Algerian rebel internees as possible to allow them to vote.

The Financial Picture

An Ottawa report shows the Federal Treasury to be in a somewhat straitened condition. In its budget operations for September a \$98,400,000 deficit was recorded.

Revenues in September dropped to about \$350 from nearly \$376 million last year. Expenditures in the month rose to about \$447 million from \$370 million.

The old age pension fund is getting thinner all the time. In September it registered a deficit of more than \$20 million, double that in the corresponding month last year.

It is recognized, of course, that much of the deficit is due to increased public works expenditures in an effort to stimulate the economy. The disturbing thing about this is that unemployment figures are higher—a good deal higher—than they were this time last year.

Meanwhile, Federal officials continue to paint a rosy picture of the country's economic status. One wonders, in view of the above figures, to what extent this optimism is justified at the present time.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It was discovered some time ago that the masts of the Royal yacht "Britannia" are too tall to allow the ship to go under the bridges of the St. Lawrence on the occasion of next summer's royal visit.

The first Postmaster-General in Newfoundland, reports the St. John's Daily News, was Simon Solomon, a jeweller, who was appointed in 1805. At his death in 1839 he was succeeded by his son William who died in 1860.



LOOKING FOR WAY TO SAVE FACE

OTTAWA REPORT

Vice-Regal Selection

Nearly as long as the list of candidates recommended to Prime Minister Diefenbaker by themselves, by their friends or by the pundits as being suitable for appointment as Canada's top-paying government job.

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.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS

Each year fires take a tremendous toll of lives, according to a recent newspaper item there were 640 deaths by fire, last year, throughout Canada.

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Among the many names suggested to Mr. Diefenbaker as possible successors, the following ten are the most frequently mentioned, arranged in alphabetical order.

ON THIS OLIVE TIDE

This is a day for reading and long thoughts. Having laid the book aside: Rains marches at a slant across the hills.

Formosa Strait Diplomacy

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Some Hazards Of Radiation

By Herman N. Bunesen, M. D. JUST about everybody is radiation-conscious these days. One group of scientists says this and another group says that. It's becoming difficult for the average person on the street to keep up with these new discoveries.

Experts tell it. Don't get me wrong, I'm no expert on radiation. But the doctors and scientists who have compiled this information are experts.

Actually, we don't know the exact dose levels at which hematologic damage, leukemia induction, shortening of life span, genetic and other adverse effects occur.

Atomic testing, x-rays and numerous other sources of radiation have come under considerable discussion and a certain amount of criticism. Because of all this, you might think that we have just discovered that radiation can have some unfortunate effects on human beings.

But it was back in 1902 that the first radiation-induced malignant lesion was first described, according to a recent issue of "The Cancer Bulletin."

Experts say the single total lethal dose of radiation has been set at between 800 and 600 reentgens.

According to Dr. W. J. Schull of the University of Michigan Medical School, the average individual, during a 30-year period receives an estimated radiation dose of 4.3 reentgens from natural sources, 3 reentgens from medical x-rays and 0.1 reentgens from weapons-testing.

It is a fact that genetic damage from radiation has been observed experimentally in non-human forms of life. Therefore, it would be sort of foolish to assume that we are immune to it.

However, fortunately it is extremely unlikely that we will be able to determine the amount of damage upon humans in the first generation. If the genetic effects upon humans are comparable to those upon other forms of life they probably may become apparent only in succeeding generations.

What these still births aren't sure. Schull and his associates made a study in Japan of children of survivors of the atomic bombing which showed an increased frequency of stillbirths, but no apparent increase in malformation.

Yet, studies by other researchers show a slightly higher percentage of abnormality in children of radiologists, but no appreciable difference in still births.

So it would appear, we will just have to wait and see. QUESTION AND ANSWER

H.M.: My children have been exposed to whooping cough. Can I now have them immunized? A. Since your children have already been exposed to whooping cough, there is not sufficient time to build up immunization.

The Poet's Corner

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Fashion note: "Well-dressed hunters have bullet-proof vests." —Ottawa Journal
You get tired of people who always are trying to be interesting instead of interested. —London Free Press.

After her showing in the yacht races, some Britons may think it all for the best that the Sceptre should have suffered damage on her way home. Luck helps yachts as well as men and the Sceptre appears to have been built with no installed four-leaf clovers. —Ottawa Journal

Ten thousand General Motors workers at Oshawa are being laid off because strike-bound industries in the United States have held up vital parts for Canadian-made cars. So Canada is still a long way off from economic independence. —Fort William Times Journal

The penalty imposed upon two men in California, convicted of littering the highway, appeals to us. The pair was given the choice of five days in jail and \$50 fines or cleaning five miles of highway, under supervision of the highway patrol. The two men chose the cleanup job in preference to jail and fines. —Wausau Record-Herald

Calgary the Stampede City, may soon be known as Calgary, the Horseless City. That seems to be what the town planners have in mind. The horse, which has certainly been Calgary's best friend from a publicity point of view, is no longer held in favor as everything is geared to horsepower under the hood. —Calgary Herald

When our Far Eastern policy took a welcome turn of 180 degrees, our state department solemnly assured Generalissimo Chiang that nothing had happened. But it is a safe bet that neither the generalissimo nor the American public was fooled. Both are learning the hard way not to take at its face value any statement by Secretary Dulles, but rather to try to calibrate its meaning by sighting over what has been said in the past and adding what the existing situation demands shall be said today and subtracting what may need to be said tomorrow to explain the contradictory things we have done overnight. —Christian Century

The Age Old Story

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Oct. 30, 1933)

Last fall the campaign to raise funds for a hospital in Kings County was subscribed to about half what was deemed necessary for a moderately equipped building. The trustees considered it advisable to purchase a private residence, and that of Mrs. Ada Green, Montague, formerly the Royal Hotel, was bought together with the lands and buildings. Some changes will be immediately made in the building and it is hoped to have it opened this fall.

A street building program, as an unemployment relief measure, involving the expenditure of \$32,000 was approved by the City Council at a special meeting last evening. In accordance with an agreement with the provincial Government the cost will bear a third of the cost of the material and labour.

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