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of the weapons actually are mounted on the delivery systems of foreign forces. Each of the nine countries, for example, has fighter-bombers or interceptors, armed with the nuclear weapons supplied by the United States.

The warheads remain under American control, the planes can be used without the permission of the United States. But even with this control, the allies are directly sharing in the use of warheads whose power is measured in many, many megatons.

Now this sharing arrangement has gotten involved in a diplomatic squabble over creating some form of allied nuclear force to give greater nuclear voice to NATO allies. West Germany wants to "participate" in some weapons systems which are capable of hitting the medium-range ballistic missiles in the Soviet Union which presently are beyond the range of the German tactical weapons assigned American warheads.

No need to ask how Russia would react to this threat, or why the prospect of giving West Germany more nuclear capability than it now has is causing concern to other nations as well. The move will require to be studied very seriously—and not necessarily on the basis of catering to Germany's ambitions, "understandable" or otherwise.

Sukarno's Lesson

Only a year ago, Indonesia's President Sukarno felt cocky and strong enough to insult the United States, reject its aid, proclaim his brotherhood with Red China and announce his plans to destroy Malaysia. Now he is fighting for his very political existence. He is forced to listen to army leaders who still profess allegiance but who are running the show, and to dance to whatever tune they choose to play.

In Jakarta the other day, he told Indonesia's legislators in a plaintive speech that they could sack him if they did not think he was doing his job properly. And what of his old pals the Communists? He described them as "rats which have eaten a part of a big cake and tried to eat the pillar of our house." They had tried to overthrow his regime, they had! "Now let's catch these rats," he pleaded. "Yes, catch them and I will punish them."

Exactly what has been happening in Indonesia is not clear, except that Sukarno has been cut down to pigmy size. There was a Communist attempt at a coup, supported in part by some air force generals. Six top army generals were murdered as the coup got under way. Air Vice-Marshal Dhanu apparently had had a hand in the plot. The President escaped capture, as did a number of army leaders who were able to rally their forces and regain control of the country.

In the ensuing days, Sukarno tried to excuse the Communists and give them a role in government. The army resisted. Under army pressure Sukarno demoted Dhanu and removed him from the air force. While the Communist party was still legal nationally, local army commanders suppressed it or suspended it. Several top Communist leaders disappeared; and it is these "rats," presumably, for whose capture Sukarno has now called.

The incident, of course, has severely strained relations between Indonesia and Communist China. It has also removed the immediate threat that Indonesia posed against the new nation of Malaysia and the possible threat of a Communist Indonesia to the American position in Viet Nam. Red China has stopped arms aid to the country, all but halted trade and undertaken a propaganda war against Indonesia.

There is a gain here for the free world in several ways. And for Sukarno, one should hope, a monumental lesson on the danger of getting too big for his breeches.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Toronto is going to slap a fine of \$25 on motorists who abandon their cars on snow-blocked streets, and make the owner pay for towing charges. That is one way to discourage driving during a snow storm.

A Washington high school student spent 10 hours flipping pennies in the interest of science and made a startling discovery. In 17,950 flips he found that he got 464 more heads than tails. Even more disturbing, when it was pointed out to the United States mint that it was making tail-heavy pennies, the bureaucrats couldn't have cared less. Pennies, they said, are meant for exchange, not flipping.



GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL
OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Concealed Taxes And Concealing Words

A lot of gobbledegook and sheer hypocrisy surrounds what is in effect the major welfare provision of the day, the Old Age Security Pension. Many politicians of many political parties have made many promises about the Old Age Pension - especially during the election campaign. They have always disguised their words so that they appear to be promising a free gift from their personal bounty to assist poor and needy Canadians everywhere. But let us not be kidded, nor allow politicians to think that they can kid us. Nothing is free when it comes in the form of paper dollars, least of all from a government.

The Old Age Security Pension today, amounting to \$75 per month, costs every Canadian the equivalent of a 30 per cent increase in his personal income tax, on the average. HIDDEN TAXES Of course the fact is concealed behind words, such as the official phrase: "The Old Age Se-

curity pension is financed on the pay-as-you-go method." And the cost is levied on you in various complicated methods selected for their ability to conceal and deceive. It is collected in part as a 3 per cent sales tax, levied on the manufacturer's price on all goods manufactured in Canada or imported into Canada, except for foodstuffs, electricity, fuel and certain articles used in hospitals.

The fact that it is levied at the manufacturing level has two effects: first, the government hopes you won't notice it; and second, it is subjected to the middleman's and the retailer's mark-up so although the government gets out of it only 3 per cent of the manufacturer's price, you the consumer pay in extra price nearer 6 per cent of the manufacturer's price, with the sellers reaping the difference.

Then, 3 per cent is added to the income tax payable by corporations, which of course is passed on to the consumer indirectly. And finally, you pay an extra 4 per cent on the first \$3,000 of your taxable income. That's another gobbledegook phrase; to the average Canadian taxpayer, that means frankly an extra 4 per cent income tax.

All that adds up, in concealed taxes and concealing words, to the inescapable fact that the Old Age Pension costs each of us slightly more than an extra one-half of our income tax liability on average. Look at it this way: the personal income tax in expected to yield the federal government \$2,005 million this year, and I estimate the tax yield to the pension fund at least \$1,200 million.

It would be wonderful if somehow all old people who live alone could be told that they should beware of strangers who come calling. Much unnecessary financial suffering and heart-break would be prevented. As matters stand in our money-hungry society of 1965, lonely old people are fair game for confidence men. Every hour of every day some elderly pensioner is being swindled by some slick con artist.

Men posing as bank inspectors have taken the life savings of many old people. Other men have pretended to be repair men and have somehow managed to ingratiate themselves with old people who live alone. They borrow money or charge outrageous prices for work half done or only promised.

In Niagara Falls the other day a man posing as a policeman defrauded an 82-year-old pensioner of \$330. As of us should suspect all strangers who phone or who call directly at our homes with specious propositions. We should demand their credentials, if they attempt to sell us anything or if they claim to be an official of some sort, and if we suspect their credentials, we should have nothing to do with them.

Old people, especially, should be on guard, for they are the natural prey of the smooth-talker who knows how awfully easy it is to smile a path into a lonely person's wallet.

DENTISTS AND CAVITIES

Sir,—It was most gracious of the City Health Officer to take time out from his busy daily schedule to reply to my query. I knew in anticipation that the writer would say: "The answer is quite simple." He has all the answers to mine and any other queries right on his fingertips. He believes that fluoridation makes a Utopia out of the area where it is used. There are 65 and perhaps 70 per cent less dental cavities to be filled and 1 per cent more dentists. The people have so much money to spare that they pay the dentists for hanging around just in case of cavities. The dental profession becomes a genuine sinecure. Everybody is happy, men, women and children wear perennial smiles just to show their flawless teeth.

I am not advocating an open season on dentists. I have too many friends among them for that. They are real nice people to have around, socially or professionally. But I cannot see why they multiply so rapidly in areas where the panacea for dental diseases is functioning.

I am, Sir, etc., REV. W.J. ENRIGHT

TOOTH DECAY PREVENTION

Sir,—We are fortunate in living in a country where easy medium is available where we elders can express our ideas, suggestions, and sometimes even advice.

In my early practice of dentistry, I adopted the motto "A clean tooth seldom decays." But with more practice I decided the tooth paste people were right: "A clean tooth never decays."

We all know a tooth has four sides, two easily available to the tooth brush, but the other two not so. These call for a smooth tooth pick, followed by dental floss or tape. Care should be taken not to injure the gums in this operation. The brushing should be done with favorite tooth brush, using powder or paste from a reputable firm, and in up and down or circular movement, morning and evening and often if time and place permit. Any normal healthy person using proper food and the above care should find our motto to be correct.

I am, Sir, etc., J.B. BROWN D.M.D. Retired.

Better Than Isolation

One of the most pertinent comments during United Nations debate on Communist China's admission came from Chief S. O. Adebo of Nigeria: "I am as distressed as anyone by China's present language; but while it is kept out its language will not improve."

This is the point many Americans are still unable to understand. Many moderate governments voted for Peking's admission not because they condoned its behavior but because they believe the long-run chances for improvement of that behavior will be better with Communist China—inside the U.N. than outside it.

Most of the countries directly in the path of truculent China—Burma, Cambodia, India, Nepal, Pakistan—voted to admit Peking. In Africa, which Premier Chou En-lai, calls "ripe for revolution," twice as many of the new nations voted for Peking as against it.

Some undoubtedly voted this way in fear of Peking, coupled with the belief that membership in the U.N. might make it less menacing than continued exclusion and isolation.

Communist China at present is not a "peace-loving" state as the Charter would require. Neither were Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania, all admitted to the U.N. in a 1955 "package" deal with American acquiescence.

Peking's agents might behave very badly at the U.N. So have representatives of many of her governments in the 20 years since the signing of the Charter. Peking hardly could paralyze the Security Council more completely than the soviet Union did for many years.

Participation in the U.N. would work no miracles, but it surely would be more likely than isolation to bring that eventual tampering of Communist China's policies imperative for the peace of the world.

Oral Polio Vaccines

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen E. R. writes: "Could you tell me if oral polio vaccine is given during the polio season?" No, because some persons may develop polio and cause the oral polio vaccine (OPV). In addition wild enteroviruses are rife in the summer and an infection of this type interferes with the immunizing power of OPV.

This general rule is not followed when a polio epidemic strikes a community. An emergency immunization program is begun using the virus type (I, II, or III) that is responsible. The goal of the United States public health service is the immunization of 100 per cent of pre-schoolers as soon as possible. The youngsters of this age are the most susceptible and also effective spreaders of polio viruses that might enter the area.

The monovalent OPV contains only one type of virus, the trivalent contains all three. These are given a 6- to 8-week intervals. But regardless of whether the monovalent or trivalent form is used, a fourth dose of the trivalent is recommended a year later. A single dose of trivalent vaccine also is recommended on entrance to school for all children who received OPV previously.

Older children partly immunized with OPV or Salk vaccine should receive a complete series of OPV. Any person fully immunized can undergo tonsillotomy at any time of the year provided there is no polio epidemic in the area.

LOW METABOLISM AND COLDS T. T. writes: My metabolism is minus 20. Could this low reading cause me to have several colds a year?

REPLY This is possible but unlikely because many have several colds a year even though the thyroid is normal and they are otherwise healthy, and colds are caused by viruses and not a low metabolism.

French Communist Threat

The world's reaction to Charles de Gaulle's failure to win re-election on the first ballot is in effect an indictment of a policy that shrouded a basic weakness of French politics. Seven years of de Gaulle's rule produced no body blow that could destroy the hard core of communism in France.

Seeking an acceptable reason and a scapegoat for the voting shock, de Gaulle's cabinet condemned the middle-road candidate, Jean Lecanuet, for taking sufficient votes from de Gaulle to force the 76-year-old leader into a Dec. 19 runoff against left-wing candidate Francois Mitterrand.

Almost dismissed is the significance of Mitterrand's own showing of almost 32 per cent of the votes cast against 45 per cent for de Gaulle. Mitterrand had the full support of the Communists, Socialists and Radical Socialists. The 1962 parliamentary elections showed that the Communists had the support of about 23 per cent of the voters.

NO DECLINE SEEN There is nothing in the 1965 presidential battle to demonstrate a decline in the Communist vote.

Our Yesterdays (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 16, 1940) Britain hanged two German spies from the gallows, in gloomy century-old Pentonville prison in his first espionage executions of the war. The two Nazis, 25-year-old Josef Waldberg, and 24-year-old Karl Meier, were convicted under the Treachery Act in a civil trial at the Central Court on Nov. 22.

Mr. Frank Curtis of the Warren paying Company left for Moncton; from there he will motor to Boston and New York and then to Toronto where he will spend the winter. He is accompanied by his wife, formerly Miss Ruth Rattenbury.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 16, 1955) President Eisenhower's physician called Eisen in Washington to lighten his work burden and "slow down" while recovering from his heart attack.

Four new Canadians were granted citizenship on December 10th by Judge St. C. Trainor at a special meeting of Queen's County Court at Charlottetown. They were: Mrs. Juliette Wolvers, Union Road, P.E.I. (formerly Holland); Mr. Said Tweel, Miss Sue Tweel and Solo mon Tweel, all of Charlottetown (formerly Lebanon).

Seaway Scanning
Weekend Magazine Writer James Quig and Photographer Bert Beaver travelled the length of the St. Lawrence Seaway, from Seven Islands to Fort William, being elevated 602 feet in all by man-made lifts. Quig quotes statistics of cost and maintenance, profit and loss, as relate to the over-all economic success of the Seaway. This article, with color photos, is in this week's issue of your Weekend Magazine.

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