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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest link."

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The New U.N. Members

A Reuters dispatch says that the 16 nations admitted to the U.N. last Thursday are "jubilant" over their good fortune.

From now on it will be different. They will have no more protection than they had before, while their own responsibility for resisting aggression will have been transferred from the moral sphere to the legal one.

Mr. Pearson's Book

"Democracy in World Politics" is the title of a book by Canada's External Affairs Minister, the Hon. Lester B. Pearson.

Mr. Pearson, in common with all other responsible statesmen, is, of course, doing his very best to help create an international atmosphere in which war will be out of the question.

An Urgent Need

It is becoming increasingly clear that the situation in the Middle East, which evidently is going from bad to worse, is not due solely to the aggressive policy of either side in the dispute.

Despite protestations of peaceful intentions from both sides, it almost looks as if all-out war is in the offing. In recent weeks, American public opinion, which always has been more pro-Israel than pro-Arab, has forced the State Department to consider supplying Israel with arms to offset the military aid Egypt and her allies have been receiving from Communist countries.

All this, of course, works up to a grave situation, and it could easily develop into an uncontrollable one. At the moment, the chances of effective control by normal United Nations machinery are not too bright, because, if for no other reason, it would be almost impossible for the organization to name the aggressor in any conflict that might ensue from the long series of incidents.

EDITORIAL NOTES

According to a UNESCO report, the chances of being born one of a twin are about one in ninety. Triple births are much less likely—the ratio being one in 8800.

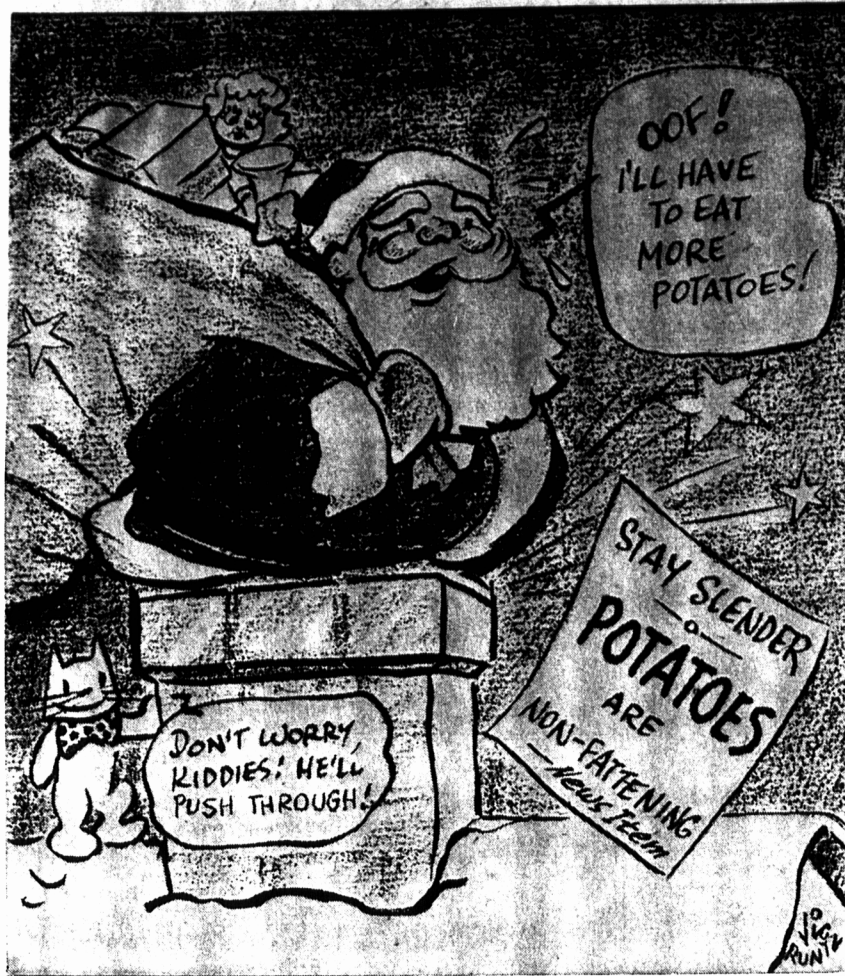
President Eisenhower has urged the new labour organization that will be formed from the merger of A.F.L. and C.I.O. "to protect the political and other rights of minorities within their ranks and make sure the views of such groups are accurately reflected."

A dispatch from Ottawa says that Mrs. Ann Shipley, M.P., for Temiskaming, who is slated to move the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of the next session of parliament will become the first woman in history to launch a throne speech debate.

The monarch butterfly is the first true migrant to be discovered in the insect world. Dr. Fred Urquhart, director of zoology, Royal Ontario Museum, helped by 250 observers in North America, has put gummed labels on the wings of 33,000 monarchs.

The snow which greeted the arrival of Premier Bulganin and Communist Party Head Khrushchev in Kabul, Afghanistan, probably came as no surprise and little inconvenience to the travelers; they are used to plenty of that in their native habitats.

Reconstruction of the Stoa of Attalos, a two-storey colonnaded shopping centre built in Athens about 2,000 years ago, is half-way to completion, according to an announcement by the American School of Classical Studies in Athens.



HOW TO DO IT

Bethlehem Today

By Wilton Wynn Associated Press, Bethlehem, Jordan

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.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Sir.—Do you know what happened to the Hurricane Assistance we heard about last summer? What better time for it than now when the poor farmers are faced with their overdue bank notes due to that disaster of Sept. 1951?

I am, Sir, etc., LOSER Bradalbane P.O.

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS

Sir.—Allow me space in your paper to say a few words in regard to our rural mailmen, who are going through one of our severest winters regardless of heavy Christmas mails, without adequate salary.

Remember some of those men do this work for years, handling the Queen's mail, good and bad tidings. So please give them some consideration. Clear your boxes or put out temporary ones.

I am, Sir, etc., BOX HOLDER Hunter River

"THE MANGER IN BETHLEHEM"

Sir.—Among the best gifts—if it is not the best—that we can bring to the crib on Christmas is the sincere offer of all our faculties. It is to give ourselves to the Christ-Child with the same total absence of self-seeking that marked his life from the crib to the cross.

As an example of how might a force that message is to those who truly open their heart and mind to it. I am glad to have at hand the inspiring story of William Wilberforce. This is the Englishman who, at the sacrifice of a promising political career, and at the endurance of much abuse from those who profited by the slave trade, fought successfully for the abolition of slavery.

Where did Wilberforce get his inspiration? At the age of 25, after four years of experience as a member of Parliament, Wilberforce was an unbeliever. But, on a trip to the continent, he happened to be riding in a carriage with a clergyman.

BETHLEHEM, Jordan (AP)—On the plain of Boaz to the east, little Bedouin girls follow the wheat harvesters to glean bits of grain. Men in flowing headdress trudge along rocky trails from the south beside sturdy donkeys carrying women, children and baggage.

At the time of Christ's birth, Bethlehem was a market town for rural people, especially for Bedouins to the east and south in this respect, the town has not changed.

MOSTLY CHRISTIAN

The settled inhabitants of Bethlehem's population, numbering normally around 10,000, live in a city which still bears the mark of the Crusaders. The overwhelming majority of the population is Christian; only one Moslem minaret competes with innumerable church spires and domes on Bethlehem's skyline.

These people live in stone houses, many of them with low domes as protection against summer heat and winter rain.

I am, Sir, etc.,

ARABIC, CHINESE AND SANSKRIT may be difficult.

When it comes to confusions and inconsistencies, it's doubtful whether any language in the world can touch the one we use.

We had a Belgian at college who had learned English in his native land. One day the Belgian volunteered that when he was learning English, the one word that caused him more trouble than any other was "fast".

This was a surprise. Had any of us been asked to write a list of the 100 most confusing words in the language I doubt that the word "fast" would have appeared.

Chinese is supposed to be extremely difficult because the same word uttered in two different tones may mean two entirely different things.

Big don't think that Chinese is the only tongue in which tonal values change the meaning of the word. We have them in colloquial American too.

Consider the slang word "yeah" for example.

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stretching across the streets recall the medieval Europe of the Crusades. When Christ was born, the people of Bethlehem lived largely from sheep-raising and olive growing.

A new element has been added to Bethlehem's population since 1948 - Arab refugees from Israel. Driven from their homes by the Arab-Israeli war, these people live on the outskirts of the town in tents, hovels and caves.

I am, Sir, etc.,

THE MELLOW END

This is the season of softness. The mellow end of the year. When the heart draws near to the kind things.

We ran in the golden sunlight. Adventuring into spring. And now we are gathered homeward. Rich with journeying.

The mist drifts up the meadows And softens the harsh and sear. So a brother will be for a covering. In the harvest time of his year.

—Rosemary Cobham in The Christian Science Monitor.

Saying It In English

Providence (R.I.) Journal

In a straight answer to a straight question, it may mean simply "yes" as in reply to the question: "Are you going down town?"

With a rising intonation and a question mark at the end, "yeah?" may mean "Do you really mean it?" as in reply to: "Sue bought a \$100 dress for the dance."

Parents of teen agers may recognize another value for "yeah". This is the one delivered with a long, dismal sigh in response to such a question as: "Are you going to do your homework tonight?"

This "yeah" really means: "I suppose I'll have to but I'd much rather stay here and watch television."

There are plenty of other confusions: We'll begin with a box and the plural is boxes. But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.

One fowl is called goose but two are called geese. Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.

If the plural of man is always called men, why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

I speak of a foot and you show me your feet. And I give you a boot would a pair be called beeft? We speak of a brother and also of brethren, But though we say mother

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundersen, M. D.

DON'T LET THE TREE BE A FIRE HAZARD

Of course, the children want a Christmas tree this year and so do you. But there's a lot more to preparing a tree properly and safely than you may think.

Although most of us did away with Christmas tree candles years ago, holiday fires still take a cumber. Many of these deaths—probably most of them—are due to Christmas tree fires.

SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS

By taking a few simple precautions you can do a lot to insure a safe and joyous Yule season for your family.

Try to buy a tree which has been cut as recently as possible. A tree with brittle stems is dried out and will burn easily. Don't buy it.

When you get the tree home, cut the bottom of the trunk diagonally about an inch above the old cut. Then stand it in a pan of water. Keep the tree outside until you are ready for it.

In the house, place it in the coolest spot in the room. The tree stand should hold water. Keep the tree away from fireplaces, radiators, hot air registers and stairs.

Use only artificial snow and other decorations which are flameproof or noncombustible.

Check all lights and wiring for loose sockets and other defects. Use wires and lights approved by the Underwriters' Laboratories Inc.

Distribute the electrical load among several outlets. And never leave the lights burning when everyone leaves the room for any length of time.

Anchor the top of the tree to the wall with a wire to prevent it from toppling over.

Never leave small children alone with a decorated tree.

Keep a fire extinguisher or pail of sand handy, just in case.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

M.B.: Would Burger's disease cause swelling of the legs?

Answer: Burger's disease is a rule would not cause swelling of the legs. However, it is possible that you have some additional circulatory disorder which has affected the joints and is responsible for the swelling.

MANY OWN FLOCKS

Many Bethlehem inhabitants own flocks of sheep or goats in addition to the land they till. Caring for these sheep dictates a way of life unchanged since the night shepherds on nearby slopes heard the angels sing of the new-born King.

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The Age Old Story

Sing unto the Lord with the harp; and the voice of a psalm.

we never say methren. Then the masculine pronouns are he, him and his. But imagine the feminine she, shim and shis.

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German salesmen have succeeded in doing the next best thing to selling a refrigerator to an Eskimo. During this year's international fair at Frankfurt, they sold many thousands of dollars' worth of German made rugs to Persian exhibitors.

From the number of dogs that are running at large in the city it would seem that many people are unaware that the city's new dog bylaw requires the canines to be under restraint for 12 months of the year.

It can be dangerous though this business of exposing the likeness of defense minister to the troops. During World War II a toast was drunk at a mess dinner, which was to end with the smashing of the glasses in the fireplace.

After a lifetime of study and experiment a U.S. doctor has come up with an opinion any five-year old boy could have predicted: too much sugar, especially before the ears, is dangerous to health.

In an effort to head off compulsory or state auto insurance, more than 150 insurance companies doing business in New York State have made a dramatic move.

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