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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink." PAGE 4 TUESDAY, JAN. 22, 1957

Test For Mr. Nehru

The world will soon know whether Prime Minister Nehru's insistence on the working out of problems by the United Nations is a genuine contribution to the building of international goodwill or merely a pretense to hide his ambition to be considered the dominant leader of the Afro-Asian bloc.

Ever since India and Pakistan became sovereign states, the two countries have been feuding over the State of Kashmir, which each claims as its own. On at least two occasions the U.N. called on both parties to the dispute to withdraw their armed forces from the area and to allow a free plebiscite to decide the political status of the territory.

This week the U.N. is scheduled to discuss the dispute anew. Pakistan is again asking that free elections be held and that a U.N. police force be sent into the territory to keep the peace pending the withdrawal of military forces and a settlement in accordance with the wishes of the people.

Old Age Pensions

The fact that the Liberals are joining other members of the Commons in pressing for an increase in old age pensions lends credence to the report that Federal authorities are thinking along the same lines. It is unusual for Government supporters in Parliament to recommend measures which are frowned upon in the inner councils.

Although no official statement of Government policy has been made as yet, it is generally believed that the increase, if and when it comes, will be attached to the payments made under a Federal-Provincial agreement to needy persons in the 65-69 age group rather than to the Federal pension which goes to all persons of 70 and over regardless of their economic status.

It is reported that the case of Christian George Hanna, the unwanted man, will be referred to the United Nations. It is to be hoped that world opinion will work in his favor. It is preposterous that a man must spend his lifetime as a vagabond on the sea simply because, through no fault of his own, he cannot claim citizenship in any country.

ing a pension that is regarded as a handout and accepting one that comes as a right. The fact that everybody at a certain age is eligible for it, whether it is actually needed for the sustaining of life or not, has removed any trace of social stigma that was attached to the old "means test" system.

It would seem, therefore, that if pensions are to be increased—and they certainly should be in view of rising costs—the present system of treating everybody alike should be continued. In any event, the cost involved in separating the needy from their more fortunate neighbors would be so great that even from an administrative standpoint it is doubtful whether it would be a sound principle on which to proceed.

The Vocational School

The graduating of one 1956-57 class in welding at the Vocational School and the beginning of another term are reminders of the tangible benefits which the school under the administration of Principal McPhail and his staff of competent instructors is bringing to the Province.

Here, young people who show aptitude for the mechanical and manual arts are given sound practical training in the field of their choice. Some, on completion of their training, obtain employment in workshops of various kinds, while others return to farms and put their new skills to good use in agriculture and other phases of community life.

EDITORIAL NOTES

President Nasser of Egypt wants the United States Government to clarify some of the "vague parts" of the Eisenhower Doctrine. He isn't the only one who finds it a little difficult to follow.

The President of the U.N. General Assembly says that as things look now the Emergency Force will have to remain in the Middle East for some "considerable" time. That's an understatement.

British Labour Leader Gaitskill has returned home after a brief sojourn in the United States. Whether or not he learned anything on his trip is for him to say. But it is certain that he contributed nothing to British-American unity.

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Transport Minister Marler has announced that a revision of the Maritime Freight Rate Act is under consideration following recommendation by the Gordon Economic Commission. Not only should it be considered; a revision downwards should be put into effect without delay.



LATE ARRIVAL

L. M. M.'s Literary Trials

Wilfred Eggleston in the Winnipeg Free Press

Possibly L. M. Montgomery thought that once she had placed a novel with a publisher she would grow a little easier. When L. C. Page and Co. of Boston accepted "Anne of Green Gables" in the spring of 1906 it was the culmination of fifteen years of free-lance offerings, and a hard-won niche in the world of magazine writers.

The sales of "Anne of Green Gables" were such as to require six editions in six months, and its reception by the press is almost without parallel in early Canadian writing. But there was another side to the story, as seen in Cavendish, P.E.I. "Every rose has its thorns," remarked Lucy Maud sally. Heavy costs of one sort or another took off some of the early bloom.

Three months after the first publication, L. M. M. confessed to an Alberta friend that she was in a state near nervous collapse. "I know," she wrote, "my correspondents all think I'm dead. I'm not—but I'm so tired and worn out, after a summer of steady grind, that I might almost as well be, as far as real living is concerned. I tell the truth, I feel horribly played out."

"Anne of Green Gables" was selling so well that the publisher had insisted on a sequel at once. The consequence was that L. M. Montgomery had to write "like mad" through the hottest summer in the memory of Prince Edward Islanders.

"Thank you," she wrote in September, "for your kind remarks on Anne. I suppose she's all right, but I'm so horribly tired of her."

The Eisenhower Doctrine

By William L. Ryan, Associated Press Foreign News Analyst

It will take more than a declaration against armed aggression to overcome ignorance, fear, corruption and poverty in the Middle East. Even a generation of patience, planning and co-operation might not be enough.

At best, the Eisenhower doctrine or some substitute will be a modest beginning toward a continuing policy. It indicates the downing of an American realization that the last chance in the Middle East is at hand.

As it stands, the Eisenhower doctrine falls to answer basic questions from either Arab or Israeli. It does not commit the United States to much more than was understood already.

This of course, was written out of the death of physical and mental exhaustion. "We had a household of guests all summer, the weather was frightfully hot and I was very much worried one way or another almost constantly," she wrote. To cap the climax, the kitchen roof caught fire.

"I've been feeling rather worse since a shock I got three days ago. One very hot windy day our kitchen roof took fire. There was nobody here but grandma and myself. I dragged a ladder from the barn, hoisted it against the roof (at an ordinary time I couldn't have lifted it from the ground) went up with a pail of water and succeeded in putting the fire out. Then I collapsed and had to go to bed. My nerves have been in rags ever since and I can't hear a dog bark without jumping and screaming."

L. M. Montgomery found out that sometimes had its seamy side, too. Sometimes, she added, she felt sick at heart. But there were true friends who rejoiced at her success, and she made literary admirers all over the world.

Mussel Farming In Britain

National Geographic Society

The British are farming the sea with mussels, much as the land is farmed with more common crops.

This is a practice of long standing in France and Holland, the National Geographic Society says. In the United States, however, bays of the shellfish go ungathered because few Americans like to eat them.

The edible mussel (Mytilus edulis) is a bivalve mollusk, having two shells hinged together like the oyster or clam. It abounds on the Atlantic coasts of both Europe and the United States.

A food item for ages among Europeans, mussels probably were first "cultivated" by Patrick Walton, an Irish ship captain wrecked in the Bay of Biscay in 1235. Walton set poles in shallow water to hold bird nets. Later he found that young mussels clustered on the poles and grew better than those in the mud.

Captain Walton set out many stakes for the shellfish. Not one to miss a chance, he placed them so they became fish traps as well. Miles of stakes now produce mussels along the French shore. Similar "bouchots" have been placed as an experiment in the Wash of England, an inlet of the North Sea.

Planted on the bouchots as young, the mussels thrive on the teeming microscopic life of the shallow water. When of marketable size, they are harvested.

Like oysters or clams, mussels may be eaten raw, steamed, fried, roasted in fritters or in chowder. Nutritionists of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service say the shellfish are rich in roboflavin and vitamin A. They contain iron, copper, iodine, magnesium, phosphorus and calcium.

PROMOTION FAILS An effort to get Americans to eat mussels during the postwar short days of World War II had little effect. New England shellfishermen, finding mussels more available than anything else, canned and shipped them over the country. The mollusks were eaten sparingly.

Those who would dine on mussels are faced with the problem of getting open the hard black shells. Man generally steams the living mollusks until they relax and open the shells.

Sea gulls, which thrive on mussels, carry them high in the air and drop them on rocks to break the shell.

The starfish, a gluttonous inhabitant of mussel beds, simply puts its arms around the shell and pulls the two halves apart. Then the starfish projects its stomach into the shell to engulf the meat.

The oyster drill, a small snail-like mollusk, cuts a little round hole through the mussel shell with its rasping tongue. Presently the mussel is no more.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

OVERSLEEPING IS AS BAD FOR YOU AS OVERTAKING. Whether you're a night owl or an early bird, you need your sleep. And if you're in good health, mental and physical you don't have to take sleeping pills to get it.

How much sleep you need and when you should get it, of course, is an individual problem. There are some goodpods, however, for you can get too much sleep just as easily as you can get too little.

COMFORTABLE POSITION It doesn't matter whether you sleep on your back, abdomen or sides. You'll sleep just as soundly in any position, although you may find one more comfortable than others.

Generally, your sleep isn't quite as sound as you think. You'll be oblivious to it, but you'll probably be partially awake for about half a minute each hour.

Most likely you'll toss about, shifting your position anywhere from 20 to 40 times a night. The more you shift, you can readily see, the less sound will be your sleep.

FOR HEALTHY LIFE Inability to sleep soundly, no matter how irritable and cross it may make you, will not cause any organic disease. A few restless nights, however, might easily reduce your efficiency, both mentally and physically. You need your sleep to live a normal, healthy life.

Oversleeping, on the other hand, might be just as bad as overtaking. It may even have about the same effect as too little sleep. You'll feel sluggish and foggy and both your mental and physical reactions probably will be slow.

MENTAL EXHAUSTION Mental exhaustion, however, is another matter. I'll discuss this in a later article. If you want an unusually amount of sleep, I think your trouble probably may be sluggish digestion and lack of exercise.

You suburban commuters might do well to walk to and from the railroad station each day instead of having your wife drive up those few blocks. You'll probably sleep better if you do—and your wife probably can't sleep a little later.

U.P.: Will you please tell me the best remedy for pinworms? Answer: Treatment of pinworms consists in removing the worm by frequent washings of the infected region. The use of various drugs, given by mouth, under the direction of a physician, is also beneficial.

The person infected with pinworms should have his fingernails cut short, wear underpants at night, and wash his hands before eating and after going to the toilet.

The Age Old Story

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

The Poets Corner

NEW CALENDAR This sheaf of days, a diary unread, Not even written, in the truer sense, Holds numerals by which a year is led Through months and weeks and days of new events.

Above a lesson in arithmetic Where numbers march in columns on the page, A snowy village glisters by a creek To rhyme with January, keep its pledge.

Each month ahead is pictured with a scene Appropriate to every changing mood That seasons bring in colors white To roof a town or leaf a summer wood.

Past snow and blossoms, past next autumn's haze, December lies beneath a drift of days. —William Vincent Stieler.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 22, 1932)

The Maritime delegation to England to urge the removal of the British embargo against Canadian potatoes will not be accompanied by a Dominion representative. Mr. J. W. Boulter, P.E.I. Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Mr. Lewis Smith, N.B. Minister of Agriculture, leave today for Halifax to sail for England on Saturday.

The annual meeting of the City Council will be held next Monday night, at which the civic reports, including the report of the finance committee, will be presented. Since acknowledging receipt of last Friday's petition for a public meeting to discuss civic affairs, Mayor Frowse has received no further communication, but has offered to make the Market Hall available for any public meeting of this nature.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 22, 1947)

Plans for the complete Diesel-electricification of the railway locomotive service in P.E.I., rumored to be under way for some time, are now reportedly reaching maturity and a start is to be made within the next few weeks on the Charlottetown—Murray Harbour line.

The possibility of marketing over two million bushels of Prince Edward Island potatoes in Great Britain this spring is being canvassed, with the prospect that an agreement will be concluded within the next few weeks.

MINER STEALS WIFE

LONDON (Reuters) — Charles Evelyn North, third son of the eighth Earl of Guildford, was granted a divorce here Friday on the ground of adultery by his 35-year-old wife with a coalminer. The miner, 25, was ordered to pay the costs of the suit.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Russia is reported to have stopped building jails because of a "decrease in crime." And also because the Siberian salt mines are much more commodious.—Oshawa Times-Gazette

In an East London juvenile court a mother said that her fourteen-year-old son has figured out how many hours, minutes and seconds he had to do before he can legally quit school. That boy may have a future as an efficiency expert.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Junior gets his best grades in lunch hour, but as he explains, what with all these farm surplus-es, we are going to need good eaters just as much as doctors, lawyers and engineers.—Winnipeg Tribune

Not long ago a new legislator in Missouri sat by while his colleagues rushed through without debate a \$50,000,000 appropriation. Then they spent long, heated hours arguing over what damages to pay a man whose truck had run over a state bridge. He asked why? And an old-timer explained it this way: "We can all understand about a \$150 mule breaking through a bridge."—Milwaukee Journal

The attitude of parents whose children have been mixed up in what with all these farm surplus-es, we are going to need good eaters just as much as doctors, lawyers and engineers.—Winnipeg Tribune

It may be interesting to recall that when the old-age pension was first introduced thirty-five or forty years ago, the then minister of labor, Peter Heenan, declared that the \$18 per month, which was the then proposed pension, was not intended to provide a living for recipients but rather to supplement whatever sources of income a person seventy years of age and up might have. That concept seems to have gone by the board and now the state is expected to provide all.—The Printed Word

The lengths a man will go in order to clear his name, when convinced he has been wrongly accused, is demonstrated again in the case of a Torontonain. Facing a speeding fine of \$15, he spent \$50 gathering proof that he could not be guilty of the offence. His defence was simple enough. He was somewhere else, in another car, when alleged to have been caught exceeding the speed limit. His victory was more costly than defeat, but evidently it left him with one asset he prizes more than money—his pride.—Windsor Star

in the next few days. The proposed price will give Island farmers the floor price for tablestock at 68 cents a bushel.

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Scientists in Australia are studying an 11-foot earthworm. The problem is to find a fish big enough to swallow it.—Oshawa Citizen

There are those who believe that freedom is worth defending at all costs, but most of us go ahead and get married.—Brandon Sun

Pastel-colored long underwear is now available for skiers. The next layer down, however, will continue to be black and blue.—Edmonton Journal

A horse trainer revealed that just before a big race he gives his nag a big slug of whiskey. "Does that help him win?" asked a friend. "Nope," replied the trainer. "but he's always the happiest horse in the race."—Galt Reporter

Britain's cheapest, cheeriest and newest fox hunt met on a Saturday afternoon at Hartland, North Devon. The bricklayers, carpenters and laborers who formed it call it "The Working Man's Hunt." The subscription: 2s. 6d. a year. The pack: Mixed heagles and harriers—followed on horse back, on foot, or by car.—London Express

Hollywood Success

Loaded with talent and ambition. That's how Warner Brothers describe Carroll Baker, who literally starved for two years awaiting a script to her liking. She leaped to immediate stardom in her first role and now she's a big name with a big future. Latest success, her second role, is in the much-discussed Baby Doll, Story in The Standard this week. Get The Standard—on sale now, complete with magazine, 12-page novel and 20 pages of comics. Only ten cents.

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