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A Good Start

Whatever may be their political fortunes in the future, the members of the Federal Cabinet, it is gratifying to note, have started on their duties in the right way by applying their energies to the tasks at hand.

It may be assumed that most of the ministers—perhaps all of them—are men of ability in their private pursuits and businesses.

It is reassuring, too, to hear that the ministers have declined invitations to make speeches in various parts of the country.

It is enough that cabinet ministers apply themselves diligently to the responsibilities to which they have been appointed and for the discharge of which they are well paid, without being expected to hold forth gravely on matters which do not come within their competence.

A Happy Development

Perhaps the best development that came out of the International Scientific Conference at the "Thinkers' Retreat" in Pugwash was one which was only indirectly related to the discussions.

It must be said, however, that there was nothing new or original about either the discussions or the declarations. What was said at Pugwash has been said time and time again in a thousand other places.

There can scarcely be a living person anywhere who does not know by now that "unrestricted nuclear war would be a disaster of unprecedented magnitude".

One suggests that the most important and the happiest thing about the conference was that scientists from both cold war camps were able to pool their intellectual resources and find agreement on the most serious problem confronting civilization.

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It may be that in course of time this sense of urgency and this desire to make common cause will filter down from the high places of science and philosophy to the work-a-day places where political policies of the nations are devised and executed.

The Vaccine's Good Work

Scientists attending the Fourth International Poliomyelitis Conference last week in Geneva were told that Salk vaccine has been proved safe and effective beyond doubt.

Similar results were reported from other countries using the vaccine. There is general agreement that the danger in the preparation is no greater than in vaccines which have been used for many years for other diseases.

Incidentally, the only areas reporting high incidence of the disease this year were in South America, the Near and Middle East and some parts of Central Europe where large scale vaccination programs have not yet been undertaken.

Meanwhile, it is good to hear that Canada is among the countries which have come to the aid of Hungary where polio has been unusually prevalent this year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"The milk of porpoises," says a scientific report, "contains 12 times as much butter fat as cow's milk."

Indication that the tide is still with the Conservatives was seen in the election on Monday of the party candidate, Mr. Hales, in the Liberal stronghold of Wellington South.

In the opinion of experts the Middle East will remain the world's main source of oil. The indications are that it will also remain a principal source of trouble, at least for many years to come.

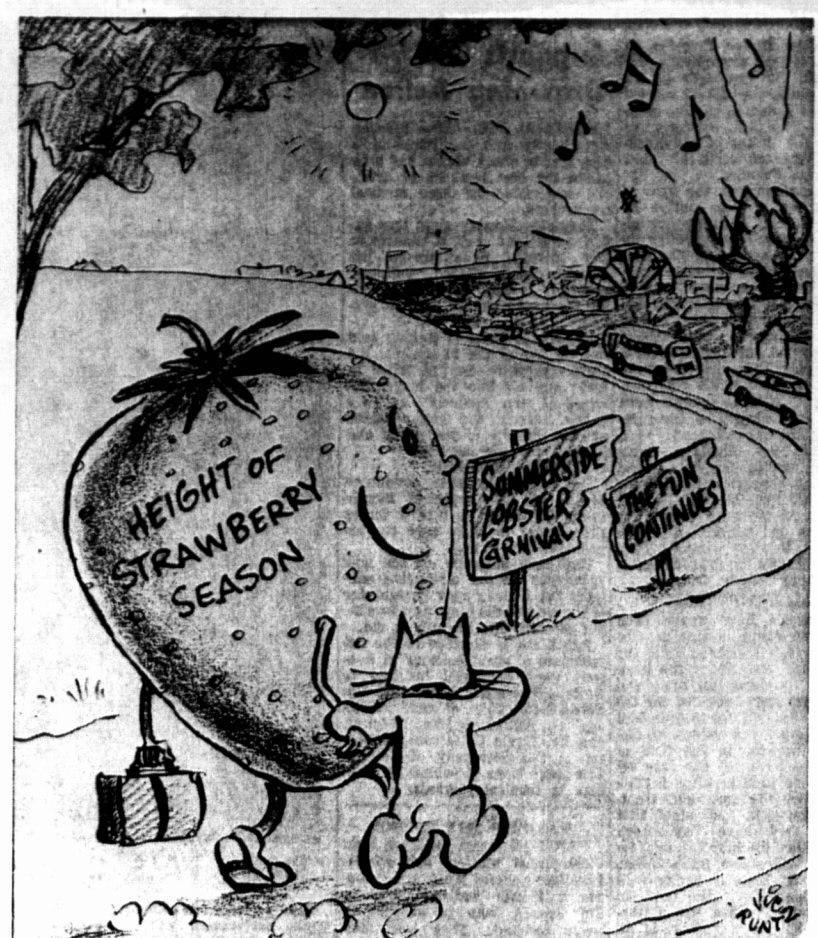
We knew it would have to come soon. A Massachusetts man who saw a weather balloon high in the air reported that he had seen a "satellite which got off its course."

Prime Minister Suhrawardy is reported to have told President Eisenhower that whatever aid goes from the United States to India should be topped by that which goes to Pakistan.

It isn't often that Maritime fishermen see their pictures in the movies. That was the case, however, with a number of fishermen and their families from North West Cove in Lunenburg county who recently went to Halifax to see the premiere of the British film "High Tide At Noon".

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A person can wipe out a beautiful friendship by sponging upon it. —St. Thomas Times-Journal

Modern man rarely knows the right use of leisure. Perhaps this knowledge will come to him in later life but, at the present, he seeks the tinsel and tawdry things of life. The disillusion which is his leads to the frustration so common to this age of pressure. —Cobourg Sentinel-Star

A teacher in a Buffalo nursery school has encountered a strange problem. The modern trend in homebuilding towards ranch-style houses has made young children entirely unaware that there were once such things as stairs in the home. When they arrived at school and saw the stairs leading from the ground floor of the school building, the teacher has had to explain what the stairs are for and how they help in reaching upper floors. —Port Arthur News-Chronicle

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who wanted to visit Red China and write about it for a New York newspaper, has been refused a visa by the State Department of the United States. It is a government policy hard to understand. Mrs. Roosevelt is shrewd and wise, most unlikely to be taken into camp by Communist propaganda, and surely it is desirable that we should know more about what goes on behind the bamboo curtain. —Ottawa Journal

It is several years now since the mayor of a city, the name of which escapes us for the moment, instructed the municipal staff to sit for 10 minutes in the morning when they arrived for work and just think. He told them to take the telephone off the hook, lock the doors and indulge in pure thinking. The result of the mayor's injunction, as far as we know has never been recorded. Nevertheless, the results of the neglecting to think, or of doing the thinking while doing something else are all too plain—and records of this are thick and fast about us. —Peterborough Examiner

TROMSOE, Norway (AP)—Up beyond the Arctic Circle where Soviet Russia and Norway meet, Laplanders are sweltering in six-day summer heat. At the fishing village of Alta, the mercury mounted to 80 degrees, the highest reading in Norway Monday. The temperature was reported to have hit 100 every day for a week in Vorkuta, a Russian mining town.

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