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for Aram, (now Syria) rarely made any conquests. Traders made it the 'lingua franca' and diplomatic tongue of the Near East. Gradually it supplanted Phoenician, Hebrew, and other Semitic tongues of the region. Its characters and inscriptions have been discovered from Asia Minor to the Great Wall of China.

In the seventh century after Christ, Islam's armies swept out of the Arabian desert, eventually conquering the world from Spain to India. Along with their swords, they brought their language, Arabic, which overwhelmed Aramaic. Very few people speak it today, although Assyrian Christians continue to use it in their church services and immigrants have brought their liturgies to this continent. It can also be heard in remote villages of its Syrian birthplace, and in isolated hamlets in northern Iraq, south-western India and western Turkey. Villagers of Ma'routa, near Damascus, speak an Aramaic dialect, though it is somewhat degenerated and mixed with Arabic words. Philologists say, however, that the people could easily have conversed with the people of Jesus' time.

Biblical students everywhere will be interested in the efforts to revive the teaching of this hallowed tongue at McGill. It bridges the centuries in a very human manner, and will certainly add impetus to scholarly research into Christian origins.

Sir Winston Home The grand old man returned home from Middlesex Hospital in London on Tuesday, "flashing a big grin and waving a big cigar." We all stood in spirit at the curbside as he went by, joining in the salutations: "God bless you!" "Good old Winnie!" What more needed to be said?

The greatest man of our time, the most admired, the most beloved, the most deserving of the gratitude of free men everywhere, had survived another blow, but he came through again with flying colors. Once again the crowds saw the blue-spotted bow tie and the flower in the buttonhole, the beaming smile and the fingers raised in the famous V-for-Victory sign. Then he had pined for his own people, and they dispersed, happy in having glimpsed him, in knowing that he was going home, safe and sound, fresh as a daisy.

We all feel that way. The trouble about writing about Sir Winston is that we can't do it without a lump in our throats. We owe him too much; we love him too much. Like the London crowds, we'll just say "God bless you!" on this occasion, and let it go at that. We realize that in the nature of things we cannot have him with us much longer, but we'll follow his own advice and let the future's bad news take care of itself. Today he's well again, back home where he belongs. It's an occasion for joy and thanksgiving.

EDITORIAL NOTES Radio and television stations still finds newspapers a fine medium through which to build an audience. They spent nearly \$21 million on newspaper advertising in 1961, according to latest Media Records figures. In addition millions more were spent for newspaper advertising featuring television and radio sets.

Aramaic At McGill Some students at McGill University, Montreal, will soon be speaking the original tongue of the Sermon on the Mount, which is now being added to the curriculum. The news is of sufficient importance to be taken note of by the National Geographic Society, which devotes an article to this revival of Aramaic, the ancient Semitic speech related to Hebrew and Arabic which flourished throughout the Near East from about 700 B.C. to A.D. 700.

In Jesus' time, Aramaic was the popular tongue of Palestine. A devout Jew of the first century prayed and read the Scriptures in Hebrew, the scholars' medium; but he conversed with his friends and conducted business in Aramaic. The Old Testament books of Daniel and Ezra were originally written in this language, as was the New Testament Gospel of St. Matthew. Unlike Latin and Greek, which invading armies carried to other lands, Aramaic spread peacefully,



AS ONE CABINET-MAKER TO ANOTHER

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

For two or three years there has been talk around Parliament Hill about the creation of a National Development Fund, which would attract investments from thrifty Canadians and thereby provide capital to assist the future development of our rural areas. Like the vision of Northern Development and our new comprehensive national farm policy this imaginative concept was a trigger or foreshadowed by the surprise successes of the Diefenbaker Government, Saskatchewan's Hon. Alvin Hamilton. When he was Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Alvin Hamilton became quite excited to note how the venture capital seeking to develop our resources came predominantly from overseas. During the exciting early stages of oil rights on our Arctic islands, the first to talk with the idea of encouraging you and me to become financiers instead of savings-account misers.

COINCIDENTAL WITH his transfer from that portfolio, his idea of a National Development Fund broadened from our natural resources to all our industries. This perhaps was prompted by the series of take-over bids which are trying to buy up our industries and recently especially to grab most of the new Canadian oilfields which are still owned by Canadians. The Bureau of Statistics recently publishes the figures as warning signals for us all. In those high-living years from 1949, when take-over money was available to pay our present bills, we all preferred to see the financial markets at the battle of Copenhagen, you will remember, he put the telescope to his blind eye so that he could not see a signal which he thought would be disastrous. But we were told that, in 1959, foreigners controlled 97 per cent of our automobile industry, 78 per cent of our oil wells, 81 per cent of our mining and 80 per cent of our manufacturing.

At Checkpoint Charlie by Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer The ambulance the Western press spokesman at Checkpoint Charlie on the Berlin border may ease but not eliminate the Berlin emotional storm that spewed anger not only on the Communists but on Americans as well. Providing medical aid for escaping refugees wounded by the East Berlin police may save some lives but it may complicate the crisis without solving the heart of the problem for West Berliners. The diplomatic wall that has become a bloodstain of German division. The U.S. has made clear, for example, that the medal aid to be provided would not encourage the wounded refugee to escape in the case of another.

Facing Extinction

National Geographic Society The rat-a-tat of the ivory billed woodpecker and the soft, mellowed whistle of the Eskimo curlew may soon fade into silence. The two birds are among the 120 species under extinction. At least a dozen are native to the United States. The slaughter of pelicans, a profit by former generations of Americans eliminated the passenger pigeon, the Carolina parakeet, great auk, and Labrador duck. Today the main threats to the wildbird are civilization's highways and homes, mechanized farming, and the use of pesticides. LARGEST WOODPECKER Only two ivory-billed woodpeckers have been sighted in the United States in ten years. The largest member of the woodpecker family once populated the dense cypress swamps of the South, dining on wood borers beneath the bark. Lumbermen felled the age-old forests, destroying the bird's privacy and pantry. Eskimo curlews, plump shorebirds that are too fat for their own good, bred numerously in the marshes of western Canada. The flocks migrated eastward to Labrador and down the Laurentian coast to wintering grounds in Argentina. Curlewers were shot and marketed by the carload until they all but vanished in 1945. Fortunately, the curlew's numbers are appearing in small numbers in Texas.

THE EVERGLADES KILL, a one-time common sight skimming over southern marshlands, now numbers less than 15 a year. The bald eagle and other birds prey die from eating small birds and mammals which have themselves fed on grain, leeches or insects contaminated by highly poisonous insecticides. SPECIAL SANCTUARY Less than 70 California condors cling grimly to a rocky crag in California's Los Padres National Forest. The single member of the vulture family soaring on lifelines, wings over most of the Southwest at one time. The hairy woodpecker is so scarce that it is still considered a pest. It has virtually vanished in the food supply. Ranchers have destroyed cattle carcasses instead of leaving them on the ground. Rare condors die from poison-meat put out by farmers to kill cougars and coyotes. Other rare birds include the trumpeter swan, eastern turkey buzzard, and the great blue heron. The everglades kill, a one-time common sight skimming over southern marshlands, now numbers less than 15 a year.

Admittance Cause

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen "The cause of rheumatoid arthritis," writes C.R. "My doctor tells me this disease is due to infection. I don't understand just what type. Can we get it from a cold? Is it the germs and whether it is safe for me to visit my grandchildren and grandchildren-in-law? I don't not for this I r.g. It is expensive but I'm glad to spend my money on it and without suffering things. The cause of rheumatoid arthritis is not known. At one time, infections were blamed but now theories center about heredity and hypersensitivity to certain immune bodies in the blood.

But this reader need not be concerned, even if we were to go back to the time when infections were considered the culprits in rheumatoid arthritis. In such instances, the disease organisms initiated the disease but were not the cause of the disease. Careful studies failed to find such micro-organisms in the blood. As a result, rheumatoid arthritis cannot be passed along during a contact with other members of the family. The cause of rheumatoid arthritis is a painful condition and the painful, swollen joints represent a reaction to the disease. No one knows why the smaller joints usually are involved, especially the hands, wrists, and feet. Other joints and internal organs are affected but not to the same extent. The relief of pain following the use of analgesics such as cortisone is dramatic. It is unfortunate that these products do not cure the disease. (Dr. Van Dellen will send literature on rheumatoid arthritis if stamped, self-addressed envelope with return postage request.)

FOR DOOR J.F.W. writes: For some time I have wondered whether the cause of rheumatoid arthritis is due to the use of antibiotics. I am in the S.H. decade, foods don't taste the way my mother used to cook. There are psychological reasons why older folks don't enjoy eating as much as they used to. Many live alone or the cook is depressed and lacks imagination. In addition, the sense of taste is not so keen, chewing is more difficult, the amount of saliva is reduced, and in many elderly men and women have dental problems.

IRRITABLE COLON M.B. writes: Is X-ray needed to diagnose irritable bowel? No, particularly when the individual is tense and abdominal distress follows a few periods of diarrhea. The use of enemas or sets. In addition, pain is located over the areas corresponding to the large bowel. It is advised when the condition persists or other symptoms develop that the patient be associated usually with ordinary spasms of the colon.

BORN WITH ASTHMA M.B. writes: My 6 month old baby was born with bronchial asthma. I have seen other people suffer from this condition and am worried about what kind of life my child will lead. The asthma is mild but will outgrow it? Time will tell but bronchial asthma at this age requires a thorough check-up with a breathing apparatus as well as allergy studies.

ENLARGED EAR L.S.B. writes: Can anything be done about a cauliflower ear? REPLY: This is a common cause but there is no reason why a plastic surgeon can't be consulted. If the condition is advanced, wide choice of fashion colours, all washable. Sizes 11-13. \$9.98

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO August 23, 1937 Heavy rainfalls caused minor damage to craft participating in a snipe-boost race staged on the grounds of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The winner, first place, followed 30 seconds later by the second place. The winner, first place, followed 30 seconds later by the second place. The winner, first place, followed 30 seconds later by the second place.

CONSIDERED FORCE When the Communists first created the wall, the question debated in the U.S. government was whether or not should be challenged by using tanks and guns to knock it down. The decision was made by the U.S. alone, despite the concern of West Berliners. And it is this concern that still runs deep in the minds of the West Berliners. While the riding row on the Day of the German youth last Friday, the cries that could be heard from the other side of the wall were "The wall must go!"

CARE MEET ENDS ST. ADELE, Que. (CP) -Field workers for CARE, the international relief organization, ended a three-day conference here Saturday, the first ever held in Canada. About 30 delegates from Canada and the United States attended. The international relief organization with CARE's last year of feeding a record 26,000,000 people a year.

NOTES BY THE WAY

What some of us need to realize is that there are two sides to everything, including highways. - Windsor Star. The elephant never forgots, but I don't. - Windsor Star. To keep a paper napkin from sliding out of your lap, wad it in a tight ball and toss it to the farthest corner of the room. - Wexford Tribune. Even in the good old days there were reckless drivers - but the automobiles they drove fortunately had more sense than the drivers. - Chatham News. Happiness can be defined as reaching the point where you like more things than you don't like. - Wexford Tribune. The more friends you pick the happier you are, unless you pick them to pieces. - Shakespeare Record. A gym instructor advises some business men patrons to pull their punches instead of their punches. - Gall Reporter. An extravagance is anything a husband spends money on without his wife's permission. - Wexford Tribune.

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