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

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Unusual Claim

International concentration on the problems arising out of the untimely passing of the "Geneva Spirit" has diverted attention from the situation in Korea.

There is little doubt that the Polish and Czechoslovakian members of the United Nations Supervisory Commission are using their official positions to spread Communist propaganda among the South Koreans.

The fact is that South Korea's relations with the Western powers, and especially with the United States, are less harmonious than they have been at any other time since the beginning of the Korean war.

First Weapons

A little news item, tucked away among reports concerning bigger matters, conveys the information that the first American weapons promised to West Germany have been delivered to a training camp near Bonn.

Such an event is of considerable importance. That it was not flashed across the newspapers of the world in big bold headlines is due, probably, to the mixed reception it was bound to receive in world opinion.

Jan. 10, 1956—the day the arms were delivered—may take its place among the great days of history. It may, on the other hand, prove to have been the beginning of new sorrows for a civilization which, twice in a generation, was nearly extinguished by German militarism.

There would be no sense in saying that this latter course is not possible; anything is possible in the chequered struggle of power politics. There are indications, however, that it is not likely.

New Deputy-Whip

A reference book we consult from time to time describes a parliamentary whip thusly: official appointed to maintain discipline among, secure attendance of, and give necessary information to, members of his party in House of Parliament.

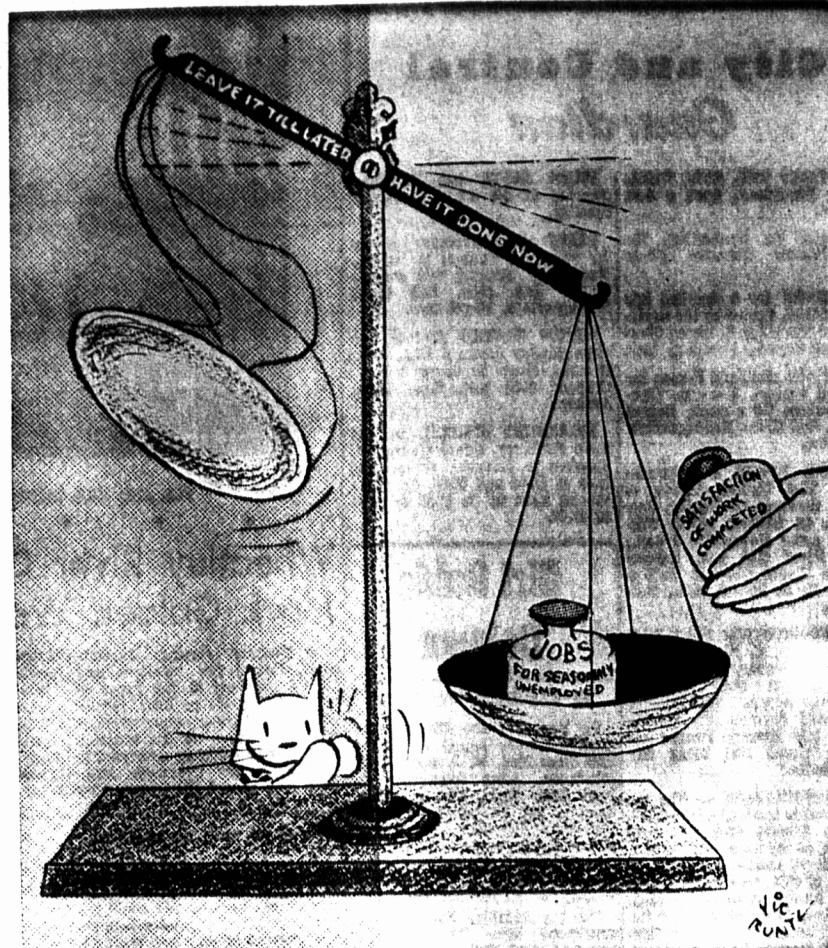
Prince Edward Islanders generally, irrespective of party affiliations, have long since noted Mr. McLean's special gifts and his willingness to use them at all times for the good of his constituency and Province.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Those who have listened to the speeches of Senator Inman will not be surprised to hear that she was "letter-perfect" in taking the oath at the beginning of her parliamentary career.

President Eisenhower is not committing himself on the burning question as to whether he will run for another term. "My mind," he says, "is not fixed to such an extent that it can't be changed."

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NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT

Australian Tightrope

Reuters Service, Canberra

PUBLIC FORUM

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TEACHERS' QUALIFICATIONS

Sir,—It has been brought to our attention that a recent statement coming from our Provincial Home and School Executive meeting may have been misleading.

I am Sir, etc., HELEN MACDONALD, Chairman Public Relations, P.E.I. Federation of Home and School

INDIA'S NEUTRALITY

Sir,—The friendly relation now existing between India and the Soviet Union is misconstrued by the majority of people in the United States and Canada as acceptance of the Communist ideology.

Of course, it is not possible to predict the future in the uncertain sea of international power-politics where forces of good and evil are at work. But one thing is certain. If anything will drive India into the opposite camp, it will be lack of understanding on the part of the West.

Let us examine the case for this so-called "neutrality." Let us first examine which is better— to take sides or to remain free to decide each issue on its own merit as it arises.

At last, the two parties to the labor dispute in Oshawa have agreed on one point, namely: the city's ministerial association should keep out of it.

Prime Minister Robert Menzies, who went to the country in December in a bid to obtain a firm platform for his economic rehabilitation program, has emerged balanced on a political tightrope.

Menzies obtained a majority of 28 in the House of Representatives but this is offset by his failure to get a majority in the Senate, the body charged with approving all legislation.

When Parliament resumes Jan. 15 Menzies will have less than five months to push through legislation promised in the government's election platform.

On July 1 when new senators take office he will find himself with a deadlocked senate instead of his present majority of two. The state of the Senate parties will then be: The government Liberal-Country party coalition, 30; Labor-party, 28; anti-Communist Labor

home affairs; (2) America leaves us alone as she is doing now; (3) Russia interferes in our home affairs; (4) America leaves us alone; (5) America may dominate India (as in the case of Japan) or she may not (as in Italy); (6) Russia dominates India.

These are precisely the same situations facing our neutrality. But neutrality has this extra merit: it may save us enormous cost of life and property. May. For neutrality may not ward off Russian attack. Supposing Russia attacks neutral India, the probability of Russian attack will be all the greater if India sides with America.

Now let us examine the moral grounds. In what exactly does the superiority of Democracy over Communism lie? It is in the refusal to apply force when there is a difference of opinion. The Communist makes use of force as well as peaceful means. That is why Democracy is moral and Communism immoral. This is the most important difference for which we are anxious to defend Democracy. But we defend Democracy by organized physical force, we cease to be democrats. If to be true democrats, we can't thus defend democracy, we will all be tortured or killed by Communists. Thus, it is a choice between probable-life-saving-by-immoral-act (war) and probable-life-saving-by-moral-act (peace).

Thus we see on closer examination that India would serve the cause of true Democracy better by not aligning herself with any power bloc. There is no need to take sides. Indeed the spiritual teachings of all the great teachers of humanity are against taking sides.

I am, Sir, etc., G. RAJA GOPAL, South Granville, P. E. I.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

DRIVING CAN BE RISKY IF YOU ARE VERY UPSET

Human failure rather than mechanical failure is the prime cause of auto accidents. No matter how well you may be able to handle a car, you are not a good driver unless you are always alert to what you are doing while at the wheel.

Most important, you've got to realize what tremendous force you have at your disposal. Even at the normal driving speed of 25 miles an hour, it will take a car, under ordinary conditions, 46.9 feet to stop after the brakes have been applied.

LAPSE OF TIME

If you're tired, listening intently to the car radio, carrying on a conversation, or if you have been drinking liquor, the lapse of time and distance will be even greater. An auto frequently becomes a symbol or an extension of the driver's ego.

Feelings of resentment also may capture the driving manners of a henpecked husband or a too-obedient child. For these persons, especially, a gas pedal may be an accelerator. A speeding auto gives them a sense of importance and power they do not otherwise possess.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

G. U.: What causes gallstones? Answer: The exact cause is not known, but infection of the gallbladder, overweight and lack of exercise are factors which may lead to this condition.

The Poet's Corner

MAN AND HIS LANDSCAPE

Tall on the hills of a rich tomorrow High above plowed and tilled land Man with his gun-barrel crooked in his elbow Pauses to gaze on bluest distance Cupping his dreams to his shading hand.

NEEDS ONE-SIXTH

To be elected a candidate must gain one-sixth or 16.67 per cent of votes cast in his particular state. For a party to secure three of the five seats contested in a state, it has to gain 50.01 per cent of the votes cast.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Advertisement for professional services including Barristers, Solicitors, Optometrists, Chiropractors, and Chartered Accountants. Lists names and addresses for various professionals in Charlottetown and Moncton.

This is one of those Winters which produce a healthy respect for the Weather Man, even though it has most certainly not added to his popularity.—Lethbridge Herald.

"The only consolation I can find in looking back over my life," says the fellow at the next desk, "is that I've failed at more things than most men ever try."—Winnipeg Tribune.

The charge of atheism is often made against Communists as though it explained everything that was reprehensible in their thought, but we would say rather that it is not the lack of a belief in God, but an inordinate and slavish belief in a false god—the State—which makes communism the danger to civilization which it unquestionably is.

The schoolboy compelled to memorize a few lines from "MacBeth" or the play-goer enjoying "As You Like It" may not care what William Shakespeare or Christopher Marlowe wrote the plays. But scholars who have committed themselves beyond recall to the opinion that Shakespeare wrote them care very much; and what will happen to Stratford-on-Avon if it is discovered that Marlowe was the author shouldn't happen to a dog.—Ottawa Citizen.

The six week campaign conducted by Dr. Billy Graham, the American evangelist, in the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, during March and April last year, produced a surplus of 26,722 pounds from a total of 71,518 pounds. This is disclosed in the accounts, just published, by the executive committee of the All-Scotland Crusade.

It appears that when Sidi Ben Youseff, the Sultan of Morocco, was exiled by the French government in 1953 to Matanzas, Cuba, he did not go with him. The French approved of this action by the palace concubines and promised freedom to all those who wished it.

A hundred years ago there were national animals in Canada—the buffalo and the passenger pigeon, was on the road to extinction. What with the fashion in men's hats and the clearing of the forest, the busy beaver was getting squeezed into a proverbial corner.

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