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dividuals and the economy, a Government that has descended to haggling with its workers, and a Civil Service Commission that has been discredited as a wage settler.

A Vital Appeal

This week the Red Cross in Prince Edward Island must collect at least 1,080 bottles of blood to meet the needs of patients in hospital in both this Province and Nova Scotia.

Why is so much blood required these days? Why have the quotas been upped over the years? What happened 30 years ago, say, when very few donations were needed?

In the period between 1940 and 1945, great advances were made in the knowledge of the properties of blood and the technical methods of handling it.

Maternity departments need steady supplies of blood, because in childbirth there is a constant risk of hemorrhage.

Thirty years ago, people died because blood could not be used freely as a medicine. Today, doctors are able to save hundreds of thousands of lives because they have ample supplies of blood to help them.

Yes, the appeal is for more and more of this life-giving fluid. Those who respond are giving the most worthwhile thing they have, and who knows whom the beneficiaries will be of their humane action?

New Detection System

It is said that at any given time New York State, has 37,000 license numbers listed for vehicles stolen, used in commission of crimes or wanted for some other reason.

Television's eye and the computer's brain are being requisitioned for this purpose. The system will use closed circuit television cameras at strategic street and highway locations to scan automobile license plates automatically.

Successful operation of the system in New York could lead to its adoption elsewhere, and states—and why not eventually provinces in Canada?—could exchange wanted number lists for storage in their computer's memory cells.

EDITORIAL NOTE

To try to prove that God exists is just as absurd as to assert that He does not exist.



CATCHING THE HARBOR BREEZE

JOHNSON'S HARD CHOICE

The Bay Of Pigs And Viet Nam

Tom Wicker In The New York Times

There is a grim, cautionary note in President Johnson's unfolding of his personal accounts of the Bay of Pigs disaster. All of these memoirs agree on one thing—President Kennedy mistrusted the whole invasion plan he inherited but was unable to halt it for longer study or cancel it altogether.

He was unable to do so because the project was a sort of Frankenstein's monster that, once created, went out of control. Richard Bissell, who planned the operation for the Central Intelligence Agency, now discloses that it was even feared that the invasion brigade, trained in Central America, well armed and "highly motivated," could not be stopped from a rampage against Guatemala or Nicaragua if it was restrained from attacking Cuba.

But Kennedy was unable to cancel a project he feared in his heart was wrong primarily because he could not accept the psychological and political consequences at home and abroad.

AT PHILADELPHIA On Oct. 29, 1960, he had said at Philadelphia: "If the people of the world ever begin to get the idea that our high noon was in the past, that the balance of power and the flow of history is moving in the direction of our adversaries, we have lost then a decisive battle. We depend upon the free support of free people, but they also depend upon a leadership which is certain, which has power, which has strength."

This view, we can assume, must have influenced him as he contemplated the consequences of calling off the invasion—an act which it would have been no more possible to keep secret than was the final catastrophe that flowed with very nearly tragic inevitability from his own weakness.

But it was a wiser president, who, after the failure was clear, told Arthur Schlesinger Jr. and James Reston that he would resist the pressure to commit American forces, overthrow Castro and recover the prestige lost at the Bay of Pigs.

WOULD BE CRITICISED No doubt Johnson would be assailed now if he stopped short of committing the nation to a full-scale ground war in Southeast Asia—just as Kennedy would have been attacked had he cancelled the Cuban invasion.

No doubt anything less than a war would be considered in some quarters of the world as weakness—just as disbanding the exile brigade would have been in 1961.

And perhaps Johnson is unconsciously influenced by his own hortatory remarks about the national honor—just as John Kennedy may have been influenced by his own rhetoric four years ago.

Arthritis Therapy

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Indomethacin is a potent remedy for arthritis. We wrote about the drug three years ago when it was reported in British medical journals. Last month it was given the green light by the Food and Drug Administration for use in this country.

Arthritis and gout are chronic diseases, and any remedy that can be used safely over a long period is welcome. Indomethacin has passed this test. Unpleasant side effects occur, as with many drugs, but these are not serious and disappear when treatment is stopped.

Indomethacin does not belong to the cortisone group. It is a nonsteroid anti-inflammatory agent, and also reduces fever due to inflammation. The product is most useful in a variety of rheumatic conditions, including gout and fibrositis.

COATED TONGUE A. D. writes: What conditions would cause a person's tongue to have a brown coating? These attacks are not frequent. When this happens the person spends two days in bed and has no appetite. She has had allergy tests and a checkup for the possibility of a stomach disorder.

REPLY The coating on the tongue usually is an outward manifestation of an inward disorder. Causes include fever, respiratory infections, liver disorders, errors in diet, septic teeth, or over-indulgence in alcohol or tobacco.

SENSITIVE TO STINGS P. D. writes: I would like to know how a bee or hornet could poison a person with its sting so that the victim had to be taken to the hospital and nearly died.

REPLY This person must be overly sensitive to the venom of these insects. There is an outside possibility that the bee or hornet had been in contact with a flower or plant to which the individual is allergic and injected the allergen with the sting.

ROUND-SHOULDERED Mrs. J. writes: My 12 year old daughter is round-shouldered. Would the use of shoulder straps help her?

REPLY Straps may hold her temporarily but for more permanent results, she must be impressed with the advantages of good posture and do exercises to strengthen her back.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Toddlers can get lost in seconds on a crowded beach. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 9, 1940) Yesterday Britain's sky defenders hurled back 800 Nazi bombers and fighter planes in a great battle over the English Channel during eight hours of almost constant fighting in which at least 53 German raiders were downed by the Royal Air Force.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor landed at Hamilton, Bermuda, yesterday on their way to Nassau, the Bahamas, to the acclaim of cheering thousands who had thronged the streets of this colonial capital most of the day to welcome them.

TEN YEARS AGO (August 9, 1955) Detective Sgt. Sterns Webster was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police of Charlottetown. Sgt. Augustus Dowling was raised to the rank of Staff Sergeant, and Constables Lloyd Wakelin and Neil MacNeven were raised to Sergeants.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Baker and two daughters are remaining in Georgetown on vacation as the guests of Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. Mabel Lavers.

TREE YIELDS MUCH A car's back seats, steering wheel and anti-freeze, as well as the wooden dashboard panel, are tree products.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The best thing those two-seater sports cars do is eliminate the backseat driver.—Kitchener Waterloo Records. Blessed are the poor. They can view the ups and downs of the stock market with equanimity and imperturbability.—Cornwall Standard-Freeholders.

Geneva And Hiroshima

By Carl Molling Canadian Press Staff Writer The 20th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki coincides with a bleak outlook at Geneva, where representatives of 17 countries are making yet another attempt to safeguard the world from nuclear war.

Even as Canada's Gen. E. L. M. Burns was vainly pressing the urgency of a treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear arms, a report from Jakarta hinted at the possibility of Indonesia joining the nuclear club with China's help.

Indonesian military leaders and President Sukarno himself have talked of an "imminent" atomic test. Western observers believe a Chinese atomic device might be exploded on one of the small Indonesian islands with the help of Indonesian technicians.

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Creates Major Misery

National Geographic Society Ragweed is not to be sniffed at. Every year, from mid-August to the end of September, the pestiferous plant unleashes billions of microscopic grains of pollen upon hay fever sufferers.

With construction of the Interstate Highway System in full swing, millions of tons of earth are being exposed—a boon for ragweed. In fact, some botanists believe the ragweed originally traveled westward across the United States on the soft shoulders of new highways.

The building boom also provides a welcome home for ragweed seed when land is cleared for housing projects. A major source of ragweed pollen is cereal grain fields. The seeds are planted inadvertently along with the grain, and ragweed plants shoot up after the crop is harvested.

Ragweed is a formidable foe. Seeds may lie dormant for 20 years, then sprout. Once established, ragweed is indifferent to environment. It flourishes on beaches, prairies, pinelands, roadsides, and vacant city lots. Ragweed, ironically, bears a delectable scientific name. Its genus is Ambrosia, a Greek word meaning food of the egrets.

RE-OPENING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS Schools with no fall vacation will open on Tuesday, September 7. Schools with a fall vacation of two weeks will open on Monday, August 23.

Registers and other supplies for teachers in rural schools will be forwarded to the school secretaries. Many teachers have not forwarded their Notices of Engagement for 1965-66 to the Department of Education. It is necessary that these forms reach the department before August 12 so that there will be adequate time to prepare pay lists for September.

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No One Needs One

London Free Press Motorists who see no harm in having "one more for the road" will be jolted to learn that they probably have already had one too many to drive safely.

Ontario's most respected authority on this subject, Prof. Joslyn Rogers, has testified that only 2.15 ounces of whiskey—one, generous drink—or one and a quarter bottles of beer are sufficient to impair a man weighing 150 pounds.

Found By Children Montreal Gazette A bomb that had been placed on railway bridge to He Jesus at Bordeaux was discovered by two children. They saw the box. When they had looked into it, they ran for the police.

But what if they had found the bomb at the time when it was to explode? It is hard to understand the mentality of those who would risk the lives of others, and cause sorrow and bereavement to families they cannot even know.

A Better One Windsor Star A news item from Miami says an electronics firm has invented a noisemaker that is the latest weapon against rats, and mice. It drives them crazy.

Where Was Parliament? Toronto Globe and Mail The dollars were flying faster than words at the Dominion-provincial conference last week. And they were all flying in one direction: away from Ottawa.

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