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Screening Of Refugees

The squabble at a Toronto refugee-receiving station when one Hungarian accused another of being a secret police agent points up a problem which seems to have received little attention heretofore...

The Communist Party in Hungary was a strong, well-organized, ruthless force for ten years or more. And, although it has fallen on evil days in recent months, it is still a force to be reckoned with...

In the United States, according to a late report, the screening of refugees is even more thorough than that used for ordinary immigrants. That is probably unnecessary.

Another Vaccine Report

A medical report which should be of considerable value in the field of pediatrics comes from Vanderbilt University in New Orleans. It says that a ten month study by a research team has revealed that Salk polio vaccine can be given successfully to infants in combination with protective measures against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.

The new method is still undergoing clinical tests, but the results so far achieved are said to be highly satisfactory. It will not, the report indicates, do away with the need for second and third shots which are necessary for complete protection against polio.

So, year by year the pressure against human ills takes on new strength and new successes. It is such a short time since an effective polio vaccine first appeared in medical records. But already vast numbers of children have been freed from the danger of having their lives wrecked by that old and formidable scourge.

Unthinkable?

A U.N. official has described as "unthinkable" an Israeli charge that Egyptian troops are following hard on the heels of Yugoslav soldiers who are taking up positions in the Sinai desert.

In all these things the U.N. has taken dictation from Colonel Nasser, and there is every indication that it will continue to do so. And now that Prime Minister Nehru has worked his charm on President Eisenhower and "demanded" that nothing be done about the canal without Egypt's approval, it is quite possible that the waterway will revert unconditionally to Egyptian control.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The "Magnificent" is getting ready to sail for the Middle East on Dec. 28. Let us hope that this time the plan will be carried out. This unloading one kind of equipment and loading another can run into money, if it has to be repeated every few weeks.

An official of the United States Brewery Foundation has complained to Congress that owing to high taxes "less beer is being sold today than nine years ago" and that therefore the industry is not sharing in the nation's prosperity.

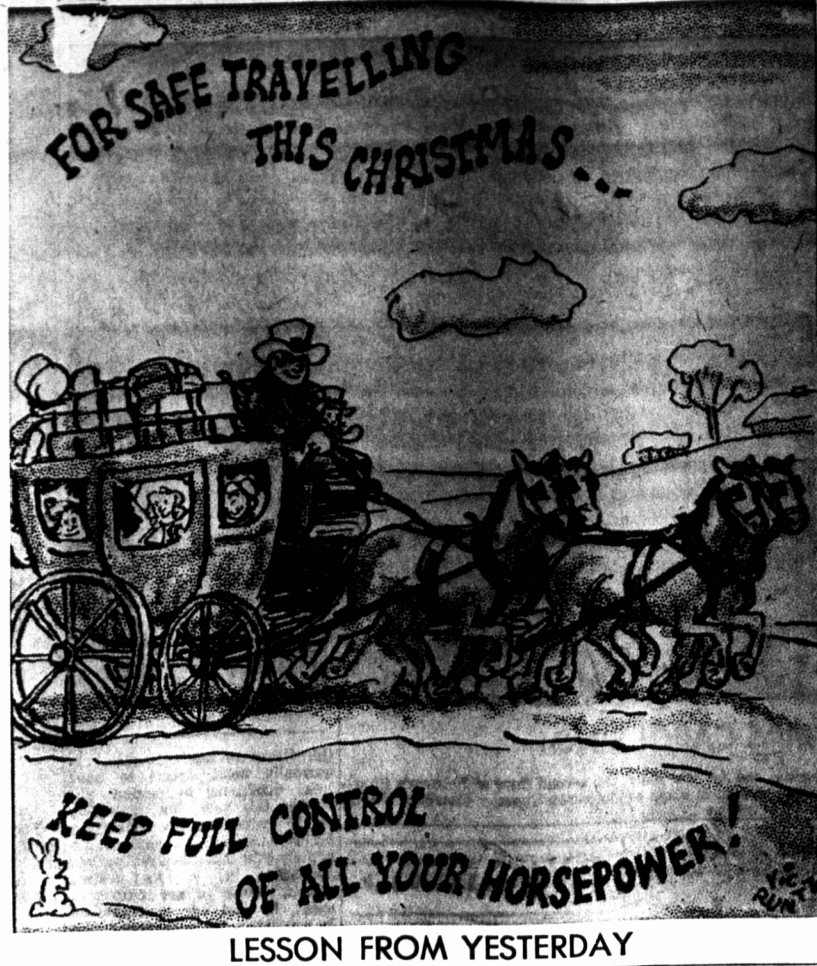
What's the difference between work and recreation? An English judge while hearing an income tax case put it this way: Everybody who has a hobby that is losing money calls it work, and everybody who has a hobby that is making money calls it recreation.

Netherlands butter makers solved a butter surplus problem by freezing the cream and making butter from it as the market required it, instead of making the butter and putting it into cold storage.

There's more than one way to get a trip abroad, especially if you happen to be a harbor pilot. When a Searsport, Me., pilot had taken a French freighter out of Penobscot Bay heavy seas prevented his leaving the ship.

A move is under way in the United States Congress to put a ban on filibustering. Almost certainly it is doomed to failure. There are congressmen who look forward to non-stop speechmaking as the only thing likely to give them publicity.

According to a Democratic bigwig, Mr. Adlai E. Stevenson will remain as leader of the party until a "younger man" is chosen. Mr. Stevenson is not going to like that reference to a younger man. In any case, political parties in the United States don't have leaders.



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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

BEWARE OLD "CURES" IF YOU HAVE CRAMPS It's just amazing what some people will believe.

Wear an eel's skin on the naked leg and you will never have a cramp. Go to bed with the skin of a mole around your left thigh.

Place cork between the bed and the mattress and between the sheets. USELESS METHODS These suggestions, apparently passed along from one well-meaning person to another, aren't silly—they're tragic.

Valuable time is wasted on these acts of worthless quack "remedies" when it should be spent consulting with your doctor. It's true, of course, that many cramps are of minor concern.

Then the boy on the deck threw his hands in the air and said, "Ah, out — p'DING!" Out, I said, pudding. Non, he said, no more.

I thanked them for Mrs. Marquis and moved along. At St. Marc's they sent me to Miss McCormier, whose store was rich with cheeses, tarred rope, gingham and sweeties, who ignored my French and told in precisely clipped English that sea moss had lapsed. It was good, she said, but alas, no more.

I came home then, and called Mrs. Marquis to report failure. She laughed and laughed, and when she got through laughing she said, "Why, I was telling Arthur Lawrence how I asked you to get me some sea moss, and Arthur said he carries it in the store. Says he sometimes puts it in prescriptions, has it all the time. I bought some, and we've been having pudding every day since you left."

the evening — we've changed over from the Stalter to the Mayflower which charges you a dollar more a night for having TV and radio in your room — we reflected for a while on what we had seen.

OUR YESTERDAYS From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 22, 1931)

A very pleasing ceremony took place at the Sanatorium yesterday afternoon when a complete library was presented for the use of the patients by the Study Lover's Club of the City.

Mr. F. F. Baird, district sheep and swine promoter, has been transferred to Ottawa and will leave in a few days to take up his new duties.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 22, 1946) Fire of unknown origin yesterday morning destroyed the barn, five horses, and a quantity of grain, the property of Joseph Power of Greenfield.

One of the Province's oldest and most widely-known Protestant clergymen in the person of the Rev. Dr. Morgan E. Genge, Ph. D., passed away yesterday morning in the Prince Edward Island Hospital. He was 84 years of age.

MAXIMS The height of wisdom is to take things as they are, and to look upon the rest with confidence.

stand for sweetness, reason, and light, for decency, dignity, humanity, and honour, and for sanity, in a world which is sadly in need of Jeffersons and Lincolns.

ROYAL NAME The Strait of Georgia between Vancouver Island and the B.C. mainland was named for George III, who died in 1820. ASK WILFRID TAYLOR TORONTO (CP)—The executive board of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (Canada), expelled from the Canadian Congress of Labor in 1948 for alleged Communist domination, Thursday called for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Hungary and of Anglo-French forces from Egypt.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Warning sign posted near a railroad crossing: "Takes fourteen seconds for a train to pass this crossing—whether your car is on it or not." — Edmonton Journal

Perhaps we'll never have complete economic happiness until everybody gets what he thinks he is entitled to—twice as much as anybody else.— Hamilton Spectator.

The attitude of parents whose children have been mixed up in acts of destruction and damage, when confronted with the losses has been to tell the complainants to "try to collect."

Contrast the speed with which the United Nations acted for a cease-fire in Egypt with its ineffectiveness in the case of Hungary. The blunt truth is that the United Nations know that they can influence Government and people in Britain and France.

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