

and did he then descend ordinary rocket range in an effort to restart the engine of his strange craft? What was he doing at 68,000 feet when his normal flight pattern called for cruising at a higher altitude? Why was he unable to destroy the plane before he landed by parachute? Why, to put it bluntly, didn't he commit suicide rather than allow himself to be captured at all?

These are the kind of questions the Central Intelligence Agency and other United States Intelligence groups are anxious to put before Mr. Powers. They will also want to know how he was treated after the crash, how he was prepared for the Moscow trial, whether he was "brainwashed" at all or received any Soviet indoctrination. Eventually a news conference will be arranged for the airman, after the government has carefully questioned him and perhaps put certain answers off-limits to the press.

When the fliers from the RB-17 plane returned to the United States in January, 1961, after their aircraft was downed in the White Sea, they received something of a hero's welcome. There seems no disposition to treat Mr. Powers in this manner, and the question has even been raised whether he will receive the \$50,000 or \$60,000 due him in back pay.

Whatever value Washington derives from the Powers investigation, the Soviets will likely get more from having their arch-spy, Col. Rudolf Abel, returned to them in exchange. But we're not likely to hear any details of that inquiry; it will go into the Soviet secret files, for use in other espionage activities. As for Powers, they had long since got their utmost sensational publicity out of him. They used his capture to break up the Paris summit meetings and to damage President Eisenhower's image in the world. No post-mortem is needed to establish the fact that, from their point of view, the whole incident has been a propaganda triumph.

Consumer Credit

Perhaps because it was loaded with too many political implications, a bill which would have made it a crime for sellers or lenders to fail to reveal true interest charges on credit purchases or loans was "talked out" in the House of Commons recently.

The bill, brought in by Edward Nassenen, Conservative MP for Rosthern, Saskatchewan, contained penalties for failure to disclose in writing to the debtor the cost of credit, calculated as a total dollar amount and also as a yearly percentage of the credit amount to be granted. The arguments against the bill by two of Mr. Nassenen's party colleagues were that its terms were too vague and that it was the responsibility of the provinces to pass laws forcing disclosure of interest charges.

However, the matter is not dead yet. Senator David Cross—who twice in recent years has introduced legislation requiring businesses which extend credit to reveal their interest charges—now has on the Senate order paper another bill with the same objective, but in simpler terms. Where the senator's previous bills would have required all extenders of consumer credit, loan companies and mortgage holders, etc., to reveal interest charges, the present bill covers only credit offered on the purchase of consumer goods.

This bill, if passed, would compel every person who carries on the business of extending consumer credit to disclose in writing to the consumer the cost of the credit, expressed both in dollars and cents and in terms of simple annual interest. It is argued that such legislation would impose no penalty on honest merchants. The consumer would know what he was being charged and would be free to act accordingly. There is no suggestion that interest rates be controlled.

EDITORIAL NOTES

As farm communities become more mechanized, the accident toll among the rural population also grows. This was made evident at the Ontario Farm Safety Council meeting in the Ontario Agricultural College last week, when the 250 delegates and visitors from across the province were told that the rate of fatal accidents on Ontario farms is about three times that of traffic fatalities in Metropolitan Toronto.



"JUST A LITTLE OFF THE TOP"

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

More About That Economic Survey

We will hear a great deal about the "Hidden Report" in the near future. This is the famous economic survey, prepared by senior civil servants, which secretly warned the former Liberal government early in March 1957 that Canada was about to plunge into the worst post-war recession.

That Liberal government was terrified to let Canadians, on the eve of a General Election, that its policies and leadership had brought the country to this deplorable crisis. So the St. Laurent ministry swept that unwelcome forecast underneath the rug, and hoped that it would remain "hidden."

The Liberals took no step to avert that pending slump; they failed to warn Canadians that it was coming. Three months after receiving that warning they were beaten at the polls, yet they even failed to tell the incoming Conservative government that this detailed study was in existence.

So too, and this raises the whole question of the duty, loyalty and responsibility of every senior civil servant, did those servants of the state fail to warn their new masters. DIEFENBAKER ACTED Nevertheless, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker soon got hold of that warning, which the Liberals had so carefully hidden. And his government promptly took steps to stimulate Canada's largest job-creating industry—home-building—and to foster employment by other emergency means. Then, when the year covered by that report had expired, he related to Canadians in January 1958 how the previous Liberal government had jeopardized Canada's economy and Canadians' jobs by hiding that warning of imminent record unemployment, and the other features of recession.

Warnings contained in that "Hidden Report" covered every phase of our economic life: "Some of the symptoms that typically are found in the downturn of the business cycle have begun to appear, and they have tended to become more apparent since the turn of the year." Of industry: "The competitive position of Canadian manufacturing has deteriorated markedly since 1950." Of building: "The decline in construction in the current winter will be much more than seasonal and fairly sharp declines can be expected in housing construction."

Of agriculture: "Lower levels of exports, especially in grain where a 20 per cent decline in... PUBLIC FORUM This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to enter into any correspondence regarding letters submitted. SENATE REFORM Sir,—The birthplace of Confederation might also become the birthplace of Senate Reform if the modern trend prevalent at the time of Confederation were allowed to prevail now. If a seat in the Senate no longer constituted a political "plum", but rather a call to higher service in the development of Canada, men of distinction, other than politically, would receive their just due and an opportunity to use their talents to the fullest. The significance of "The Islander of the Year", and those who approach that distinction, indicates clearly who rate highest in the thinking of the public, divorced from political affiliation or expediency. I am, Sir, etc. DO IT NOW

wheat sales is predicted, are likely to result in a decline in cash income in the Prairies again. A net decline of \$150 million, or ten per cent, is predicted. On unemployment, the Hidden Report was especially gloomy: "Since October, the numbers of persons without jobs and seeking work have undergone increases that are clearly greater than seasonal." "In summary, a definite easing in demand for goods, services and labour is indicated for 1957." Although he had already received that warning, along with his Cabinet colleagues, Finance Minister Walter Harris declared in his Budget Speech on 14 March 1957: "On the present

evidence we can expect a continuation of the current high level of economic activity throughout the coming year."

In the face of the warning from its bureaucratic brains trust, Mr. Harris' optimistic assertion was even more cynically brutal to the Canadian people than the hiding of that report. But I believe that we will hear much more of that "Hidden Report" in the near future. This is because the Conservative government will assuredly quote that Hidden Report back at the Liberals, who are now again trying to rewrite history by asserting that - despite this evidence to the contrary - the Conservatives brought on a recession as soon as they assumed governmental power.

Snow Avalanches

The snow avalanche, a phenomenon that recently engulfed nine Peruvian villages, is one of nature's most destructive forces. Snowslides approach the energy of tornadoes, earthquakes, and floods. They are not so widely feared, because most occur in remote mountain fastness where no one lives. But an avalanche that strikes a settled area is awesome. Millions of tons of wet snow roar down a mountainside, sweeping up earth, boulders, and trees, smashing houses like matchboxes, erasing railroads and highways, blocking rivers, crushing concrete- and steel bridges.

OUR YESTERDAYS From the Guardian Files (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 15, 1937) An unusual entertainment is being prepared by the Chamaine Chorus, directed by Mrs. Hugh Miller, who last year presented the French Canadian songs and stories, which proved so popular. This year they have attempted something a little more difficult in their "Southern Night" depicting as it does the characteristic music of many of the southern people.

A Valentine party was held at the Cundall Home by the nurses of the Prince Edward Island Hospital. Guests of honor at this most enjoyable function were Miss Austina Mutch and Miss Louise Cox, nurses in training, who will shortly complete their course of study at the hospital.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 15, 1952) Last night Trinity Young People's Union held their annual Valentine Social. The recreation was under the direction of Anna Matheson, Margaret Caruthers and Donald Shaw. The games and contests included "Lover's Vocabulary", "Bring Out The Washcloth" and "Stand on the Heart". Rev. M.D. Dunbar, pastor of Central Christian Church here, was elected a vice-president of the Dominion Board of the Lord's Day Alliance, at the annual meeting held in Toronto yesterday. Rev. Ernest M. House, Toronto, was re-elected president and Most Rev. W. F. Barfoot, Edmonton, Alberta was elected honorary president.

The Age Old Story Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. ON KENYA VISIT LONDON (AP)—The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester left by plane Tuesday for a three-week visit to Kenya. The duke is the Queen's uncle. After a stop at Malta the duke and duchess will arrive in Nairobi this afternoon.

Aspirin Doses Cause Bleeding In Some Cases

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen SALICYLATES such as aspirin are wonderful remedies for headache and rheumatism. Most people can take large doses without ill effects, whereas others develop nausea, vomiting, heartburn, or abdominal distress. Bleeding from the stomach also occurs, which may be so severe hospitalization is required. Numerous reports of massive gastrointestinal hemorrhage have appeared in medical journals. Careful questioning often reveals that approximately 40 per cent took aspirin prior to bleeding from the stomach. Some of these men and women have peptic ulcer and it is reasonable to assume that the medicine activated the lesion through irritation or by increasing stomach acidity. This should be a warning to all ulcer victims not to use aspirin or other salicylates without neutralizing the product with an alkali.

The cause of hemorrhage after the use of a salicylate is not known. Many arthritics use large amounts to relieve pain but only a few become bleeders. Other studies have shown that some types of aspirin are soluble whereas others are quite insoluble. The latter are most likely to produce oozing of blood. Some physicians have looked into the stomach of bleeders after they used aspirin, and in many there was no redness or other evidence of irritation of the lining membrane. These studies demonstrate that aspirin must do its dirty work after being absorbed. In all probability, the drug alters the clotting time of the blood. The salicylates also make capillaries more fragile, which could explain why bleeding from areas other than the stomach occurs also after using aspirin.

Who are the greatest aspirin users? Individuals who are emotionally and physically under stress. They have more headaches, pain, and nervousness and many have peptic ulcer. Perhaps these factors are responsible for bleeding. Who knows? (Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.) THE WINDOW ARGUMENT Mrs. H.B. writes: My husband claims he chokes up from having the bedroom window open at night, and that his attack of pneumonia last spring was from the open window. Is all this possible?

REPLY In some people, ideas along this line are so deeply rooted that nothing you or I can say will change their mind. Colds and pneumonia are caused by viruses and bacteria, not by fresh air. On the other hand, your husband should know whether he chokes up when the window is open. SUGAR AND ENERGY T.M. writes: I'm 82 and I'm good health but I tire easily. An 86 year old friend advises me to do what he does to pep up. He eats four lumps of sugar a day. Do you think this advice is good? REPLY It will do no harm, provided you are not a diabetic or overweight. The stamina of older people varies considerably and your more energetic friend may be giving the sugar more credit than it deserves.

NOTES BY THE WAY We don't object to the modern drama when it delivers a message, but we'd like to have some hint as to what the message says. — Calgary Herald. The office girl is all washed up with her boy friend. He tried to pull the wool over her eyes, but he used the wrong yarn. — Calgary Herald. It happened in an Ottawa nursery school that a teacher, reading a story to her little flock, gestured upwards at the word "sky" and was interrupted by the voice of a four-year-old: "That's not sky up there; it's outer space!" — Ottawa Citizen. "Even horses are not what they used to be," says a Scottish writer. Of course not. They are part of the affluent society and suffer from idleness. — Hamilton Spectator. A lot of married couples these days are discovering that raising a large family costs almost as much as it's worth. — Chatham News. Dr. Heinz Dombrowski, a German bacteriologist, says salt 320,000,000 years old has been found in Saskatchewan. Is it any less prone to cake in the shaker? — Edmonton Journal.

CUDMORE'S WEEK-END SPECIALS Salt Herring or Corned Mackerel 2 for 25c Rustico Smelts 2 lbs. 49c East Pak Cod Fillets 1 lb. 28c Sunkist Oranges 2 doz. 89c Washed Carrots 4 lbs. 29c Washed Parsnips 3 lbs. 29c HEINZ SOUP DEAL 3 Tomato and 2 Vegetable All 5 tins only 59c King Size Ivory Snow 1.39 Peter Pan Peaches 15 oz. tin 2 for 35c Canada Packers Kilk 43c York Yummy Peanut Butter 16 oz. jar 35c Bath Size Ivory Soap 2 bars 23c Perfection Milk 6 tins 87c Giant Size Bakers Chisets Free Pkg. of Dream Whio Rea. 90c — On Sale 49c Bath Size Soap 2 bars 29c Sugar 5 lbs. 47c Pickles 24 oz. bottle 33c Heinz New Piccalilli Pickles 12 oz. jar Only 29c DIAL 4-3-13 FREE DELIVERY C.O.D. ORDERS ACCEPTED 1 AVE.

constant quality + easy measuring + refrigerator-shape = Perfection Perfection BUTTER FROSTING 1/4 cup soft Perfection Butter 2 cups sugar, packed 1/4 tsp. salt Cream Perfection Butter until shiny; add sugar gradually, creaming thoroughly. Stir in salt and vanilla. Gradually beat in Perfection Evaporated Milk, medially, and corn syrup, using just enough to produce a smooth-spreading consistency. Spread on cake. Covers two 8-inch layers or 20 cup cakes. Try Perfection Evaporated Milk for extra flavor when you bake. Saves you money, too! finest creamery butter in the new TAILORED-TO-MEASURE block What total satisfaction! Butter that measures up to your standards of quality and convenience... and especially fittin' for your refrigerator! PERFECTION PRODUCTS ARE MADE BY CENTRAL CREAMERIES LIMITED, CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.