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THE STRONGEST MEMORY IS WEAKER THAN THE WEAKEST TALK.

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War, Fear And Pills

Ever since the hydrogen bomb made its dramatic appearance on the world's stage it has been regarded more or less convincingly as a possible, and perhaps the only, deterrent of war. The theory is that no nation would dare put such a fearful device to use for fear of the terrible repercussions it would set in motion, not only in quick destruction but in slow death from radiation. This is not very complimentary to man's moral development, but at least it has an appeal to common sense. Under this theory, it would seem that the bigger and more powerful the bombs become, the safer the world will be.

The arithmetical formula is simple: Bombs equivalent to 10 million tons of T.N.T. plus the resulting radiation equal the destruction of a large part of the world and the death of perhaps half of the world's population; bombs equivalent to, say, 50 million tons of T.N.T. plus the resulting radiation equal absolute destruction of all life. Therefore, the theory goes, war may yet be avoided. Fear may bring peace.

It seems, however, that the world is to be denied even this modicum of comfort. In the present series of tests in the Pacific, so it is reported, British technicians have demonstrated a bomb which carries relatively little fall-out. At the same time, British scientists have developed a pill which they have reason to hope will make the human body immune to the effects of radiation. Now, we have a new formula: bombs which give out little radiation plus a handy pill which can be taken three times a day before or after meals equal comparative safety from hydrogen danger. And, of course, it goes without saying that what Britain has today, Russia and the United States will have tomorrow—if indeed they did not have it yesterday, without wishing to make it known. Therefore, the new theory will probably go, war is still a possibility.

If wars must be—and there are philosophers who take that view—it will be good to know that a partial shield from total annihilation will be found in the world's bathroom cabinets. But, ironically, every alleviative may—and probably will, unless moral influence can somehow get into a position of favour in the meantime—take away some of the fear and thus reduce the absurdity of war.

Small Industries

A great boost for Newfoundland's small-industry program comes from a leading French authority in the field of clothes designing. Ted Bedin, an internationally known designer of sweaters, who fitted the American team in the 1956 Olympics, says that the sweaters made by a knitting mill in Brigus, a small town in Conception Bay, are "works of art, the best in the world." Mr. Bedin, who now lives and carries on his profession in New York, thinks he might purchase the concern if it is for sale and make it the largest mill of its kind in North America.

All this is very high praise, and will, without doubt, increase the demand for Newfoundland-made sweaters. At the same time it will give encouragement to the Provincial Government which has helped to establish a large number of small industries, many of them, including the knitting mill, in their initial stages under the direction of European artisans. Most of them employ only a small number of workers; but, taken together, they mean a good deal to the provincial economy.

Before union with Canada and the subsequent emphasis on industrial development, Newfoundlanders were obliged to import practically everything they used in manufactured products. Now, the Province is self-sustaining in a variety of small goods and has a great many items to export. In a few instances the ventures have not come up to ex-

pectations. But on the whole they have been well administered; and the employment they have provided has more than compensated for the financial risks borne by the Provincial treasury.

There would seem to be reasons for assuming that something of the sort might be profitable on this Island. Small, diversified industries in towns which now depend for their trade almost altogether on farming and fishing activities would exercise a helpful stimulus on the general economy. Some will say that it isn't feasible here. Perhaps it isn't. There would be little risk, however, in making the experiment on a small scale to begin with, and it might turn out well. Certainly, our geographical position with respect to markets is as favourable as that of Newfoundland.

Quiet Meetings

Reports from across the nation indicate that the current election campaign has been perhaps the quietest on record. Department of candidates is at an all time high. Audiences are so well behaved that even the most fastidious expert on etiquette could have no cause to complain. Few angry words have been spoken. Heckling, what there has been of it, was lowspirited and dull. Only in a few instances has there been anything approaching the war cries of other—and, presumably, less enlightened—times. That, at any rate, is the gist of reports from St. John's to Vancouver. Whether or not it is a good state of affairs depends, of course, on its implications.

If it means that present day Canadians are wiser and more cultured than their forbears and that political maturity is fast replacing political adventuring—well, that is a position hard to gainsay or resist. But if it means simply that most persons don't care about political arguments any more, as well it might—then, it may be nothing more edifying than a crack in our democratic structure.

It is one thing for voters to listen to all political speeches with grace and studied courtesy because of the pressure of the Golden Rule on their consciences. It is quite another for them to do so out of sang froid engendered by indifference. No doubt, the old fashioned hustings with its good-natured—and sometimes ill-natured—quarreling had its faults and cultural shortcomings and now and again went across the border of good form into demagoguery. But at least it demonstrated a public interest in things political. Whether the present over wrought experiment in civility is any better, all things considered, is a question which is not easily answered.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The only votes that count are those that are marked and placed in a ballot box. In 1953 there were 8,401,621 Canadians entitled to vote, and of these 2,699,436 did not go to the polls. Surely we can do better than that on June 10.

Although malaria is relatively rare in Canada, there is a good deal of it not too far away. In Mexico, reports UNESCO, the disease costs \$160 million annually. A four-year program under the auspices of the World Health Organization and the U.N. Children's Fund has been set up to combat it. Present plans call for the disinfecting of 3½ million homes and protection of 13 million persons by 1960.

The accomplishments of mechanical brain devices are becoming more and more frightening. At a recent test in California an electronic computer solved in 15 minutes a problem that a mathematician couldn't complete in a lifetime. Then the on-lookers were invited to sit in at a game of cards known as blackjack. To their amazement the robot was put to work and played a perfect hand.

British Foreign Secretary Lloyd believes that his country's action in removing restrictions on trade with China will remove "a cause of friction" between Britain and the United States. Of course it will, since there is no use in arguing about the matter further. It may, however, start a new dispute, but that is another thing. Meanwhile, the Democratic leader of the U.S. Senate says that the British action "will require us to reevaluate the Chinese trade situation."



POSSIBLE UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS

FRANCE STRIKES IT RICH

French engineers have made an extraordinary discovery at the foot of the Pyrenees. Drilling down to a considerable depth they obtained such an abundant eruption of natural gas that all roads had to be closed and trains brought to a halt in the Gave Valley to eliminate all risk of blowing up the whole area.

This typical French countryside has been disrupted by the advance of modern times. Before there were the poplars and meadows of Claude Lorraine, and now there are the flashing beams, silvery masts and tall towers of the derricks, as in the fields of Texas and the lagoon of Maracaibo.

Other countries may possess fuel gas that rises from the ground, but the French gas, Laeq Gas, is not like other. It is more powerful, more difficult to harness and prodigiously rich. With this rather belated gift, providence, as it were, has bestowed something magnificently dangerous upon France.

In the first place, its depth. Laeq is one of the deepest fields of gas in the world. At Elk Basin in Wyoming, U.S., the prospectors' drill found gas at 1,500 metres; the Italians at Coriemaggio found it at 1,800 m., the French, not far from Laeq, found at 1,600 m. a field that supplied gas cookers as far as Toulouse and motor vehicles as far as Bordeaux. At Laeq, gas reached 3,500 m. and some shafts go down to 4,000 m.

DANGEROUS FACTOR
 The natural pressure of the gas is a very dangerous factor because it tends to wrench out shaft heads, that is to say seals and taps toppling the shaft tube that rises out of the ground. At Laeq there is a pressure of 670 kg. per sq. cm., which is about eight times that found in the boiler of a locomotive. It is an unheard of figure in all other fields throughout the world. At Saint-Marcel in Italy, in the United States, pressure is five and six times lower.

How extensive is the Laeq field. In other words, what is the total number of cu. m. buried under the soil of the Pyrenees? At last 150 billion cu. m. and probably twice this amount.

It is a form of capital on which the French people will be able to live for two generations until the era of atomic energy! Even this year, an output of one million cu. m. of crude gas a day is being estimated that is 200 million of filtered gas per year, plus propane, butane, petrol and sulphur (70,000 tons).

These figures should be increased fourfold in 1958 and twentyfold (four billion cu. m. crude gas) in the year 1962. It implies a complete change in French economy.

PLANE FLIGHT

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—Charles A. Wagner, In the New York Times

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 6, 1922)

The tender of Stewart Construction Company of Sherbrooke, the lowest of twenty-two tenders, has been accepted for the construction of the new Prince of Wales College. The tender price is \$49,814. Work on the foundation will begin next week and it is expected that the building will be completed by November.

For the first time in the history of the Island a shipment of quahaugs have been sent to Toronto from the Enmore River. This is an entirely new venture being tried out by Mr. Wallace Noye of Enmore and, having made the shipment by refrigerator car, he hopes they will arrive in good condition.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 6, 1947)

Following preliminary tests and completion of wiring and interior finishing, the new car ferry Abegweit has been berthed at another wharf for finishing. It is not expected that the ferry will be on duty before the third week of July, and possibly before going to Borden it will stop for a time at Charlottetown to give the people an opportunity of inspecting it.

The first diesel-electric locomotive ever to operate in P.E.I. under its own power left the Charlottetown station yesterday afternoon for Murray Harbour. Superintendent C. T. Montgomery's private car was attached to the train and he made a number of invited persons made the return trip.

MAXIMS

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

TELEPROMPTED POLITICS

OR in the silly night the voter caught in the tentacles of his television set must wonder what it will mean on election day. By courtesy of the CBC the leaders and their most illustrious and well spoken lieutenants have been permitted to act for the multitude. They have been amateur actors speaking to millions unable to show appreciation or disrespect. All the success and failure of their presentations will be reviewed in the devastating "X" to be placed on the ballots on June 10.

At this stage we would say the show has been spott. The Prime Minister has moved. He continues his disdain for make-up and on occasion, as a cruel critic observed, looks on the screen like the ghost of Christmas past. But he has overcome the disastrous early habit of being bound to his manuscript into which he dipped like a stork looking for minnows, occasionally raising his head at the end of a sentence to look sternly into Canadian homes.

Works will fire a stream of words at the pages of a manuscript (wonder if there are any words on these sheets?) at which they have never glanced and never had any need to consult.

Television has been kind to Mr. Diefenbaker, who at 61, is no chicken, and it has suited him in his role as counsel for the prosecution of the government. He has given us the comfort of occasionally getting out of his seat and moving about the studio; some others, also have the expression of men posing for an old time photographer with a hidden steel clamp about their necks to keep them in position. Mr. Diefenbaker and Mr. Pearson also have facial expression, the brown, the grin, the viewing with alarm, Mr. Winters, our children said, looked like Bob Hope and for the life of us we couldn't say whether that was helpful or harmful to the Liberal cause.

NO TOBACCO? Mr. Coldwell as always was charming but on one occasion the teleprompter seemed to have been set in the floor and he kept on looking down as he read. And why, we wonder, couldn't he have had a pipe or cigarette to console him in the studio? Mr. Coldwell has been as much a friend of tobacco as Mr. Howe but neither, in his

It Pays To Slow Down At Times

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

Slow down, ladies, slow down. For years I have been warning the men to take things easier as far as their jobs are concerned. Now it appears that the same warning is in order for the women whether they are homemakers or career girls.

The Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation says that tired women are especially susceptible to the disabling effects of arthritis. YOUNG HOUSEWIVES Rheumatoid arthritis, the most severe form of the disease, strikes women three times as often as men. Most of these victims are young housewives and working women between the ages of 20 and 35.

Very often the disease hits after an illness when a woman's physical condition is below par. Sometimes it appears in a young mother after the birth of her first child. It can also be blamed on continued exhaustion resulting from overwork either around the house or in an outside job. We have long recognized the fact that grief, worry and fear can trigger development of rheumatoid arthritis.

CONTRIBUTING FACTOR But possibly an even more important contributing factor is fatigue from overwork. All of you women should be on the alert for these symptoms: morning stiffness, pain and swelling of the joints, persistent muscular aches and pains, fever and weakness and unexplained loss of weight.

The Foundation lists five rules to follow which will help greatly to check the effects of arthritis: 1. Relax your housekeeping standards as much as possible. Do your major housecleaning in installments. Do not do all your ironing in one batch. UNDU AGGRAVATION 2. Try to take it easier with the children. Undue aggravation does not pay.

3. Get as much rest as possible and keep well nourished without becoming overweight. 4. Avoid strain and tensions as much as you possibly can. Try not to let domestic and financial problems get you down. 5. Protect yourself against dampness, cold and draughts.

QUESTION AND ANSWER T. V. N.: Will contact lenses injure my eyes? Answer: If properly fitted, there is no evidence that contact lenses can cause injury to the eyes. However, it seems that many people who try to use contact lenses can-

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Principal says school children should not be required to attend political meetings. But then someone has to put in an appearance. —Woodstock Sentinel Review

The grass is growing fast along Canadian highways now but not enough yet to hide the litter of bottles, cans, boxes and other junk that has been accumulating steadily since last Fall. Canadians must be about the untidiest of civilized peoples. When they come to the last cigarette, or candy, away goes the empty box in the gutter or on someone's lawn.—Financial Post

Don't wear them because of discomfort. With eye diseases in which the cornea, which is the transparent covering of the opening into the eyeball, is deformed, contact lenses are particularly helpful.

Sign in a factory: "Look alive, you can be replaced by a button." —Guelph Mercury

Even is the taxpayer had a barrel of money, as our various governments seem to assume, if they continue to take increasingly larger amounts away from him, before very long he'll have to wear the barrel. —Kitchener-Waterloo Record

Despite all the rigmarole, which seems pretty silly and useless to many, one very important contribution to society may come out of the marathon swim craze. Young people everywhere are becoming more "swim conscious." Towns are becoming convinced that swimming pools are necessary in order that every child should learn to swim. Eventually the death rate from drowning should decrease per capita.—Paris Star

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