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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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What Is Prison For?

Everyone is familiar with the idea that a law requires to "have teeth in it." The element of punishment seems inescapable if law is to be effective.

More of it, however, stems from an earlier principle, that of revenge—an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

Certainly the statistics on "repeaters" make it clear that mere punishment does not prevent people from committing the same type of crime again and again.

It would seem that this approach offers by far the best prospect of rehabilitating those who begin to show criminal tendencies.

Law enforcement is a substitute for private vengeance. It is far from impossible that removing the element of punishment from the law would revive the blood feud.

If society is sufficiently advanced to want that more than revenge, then the principle of rehabilitation can be adopted in full.

The outcry for stiff punishments, however, whenever public feeling is outraged by crime or series of crimes makes it clear that in this country, at least, public opinion has a long way to go before it will be possible to drop the idea of punishment.

Another Warning Voice

U.S. Vice Admiral Rickover, known as the father of the atomic submarine, was a member of the group that accompanied Vice President Nixon on his thirteen-day visit to the Soviet Union and Poland.

The admiral stated that when Soviet students, who take the university-preparatory program, are graduated from high school at the age of 17 or 18, "they know as much as our students do at the end of two years of college."

Admiral Rickover said he had been particularly impressed by the strong emphasis being placed on education in Poland. "Here is a country that was devastated in war, which had 7,000,000 people—25 per cent of its population—killed," he said.

has its children going to school six hours a day, six days a week, ten months a year. Polish students have no free time or study periods during the school day.

The admiral, who has often spoken out about what he considered "frills" in education, said he had searched "far and wide in Russia and Poland and could not find a single drum majorette."

Standards Conference

Canada is host to the Commonwealth countries participating in the Fourth Commonwealth Standards Conference to be held in Ottawa from August 26th to September 3rd, 1959.

The purpose of the Conference is for the alignment, co-ordination and simplification of commonwealth standards.

The Canadian Standards Association, which is Canada's national standards setting body, has organized and will be in charge of the conference which will include general sessions and three main technical sessions—on steel, air receivers and cranes.

The countries to be represented in addition to Canada, are the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan and South Africa.

Progress reports on the technical subjects considered at the Delhi Conference in 1957—safety of domestic electrical appliances; cables; and electrical equipment of machine tools, will be presented and future work in these fields as well as for new projects, will be planned.

Other subjects to be discussed at the conference are—certification markings, modular co-ordination in building, approvals schemes and standards for consumer goods; also the relation between standards organization and the defence services.

Discussion of the problems of inch and metric dimensions in standards will be particularly concerned with India's position vis-a-vis the rest of the commonwealth, with conversion between the inch and metric system and the showing of equivalents in commonwealth standards.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tourists are being wooed all over. The Pakistan government has lifted the ban on taking pictures in the Khyber pass between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

APEC's products and identification and promotion committee, PIP for short, will meet at Moncton September 1. The PIP committee sponsors the campaign for "An Atlantic Provinces Quality Product."

The St. Lawrence Seaway has had one surprise effect, favorable to the Maritimes. It is reported that new coal markets resulting from the seaway will boost Sydney coal production by 800,000 tons a year.

Digging up the past is nothing new. W.E. Bentley, Q.C. recalls two clergymen who investigated the piles of shells at Robinsons or Rustino Island. Not finding the spring that must have been present when the encampment was occupied.



TO THE RESCUE

Diplomat Wanted

One of the six top diplomatic appointments now vacant is the three-pronged post as ambassador to the triangle of nations engaged in the Caribbean cold war.

Mr. Hector Allard, a 57-year-old former university professor, who has been a career diplomat for 27 years, has just returned to Canada from that post.

Canada now maintains diplomatic missions in 61 foreign countries and overseas posts. In one country alone, the United States, we are represented by 71 officials and a number of junior employees and locally-hired staff.

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PUBLIC FORUM

LIFE'S TRUEST VALUES Sir.—At this time may I discuss briefly what I think is of true value to the citizens of our Province. Right now we may be tempted to value the return of the Liberal Government to office or the Conservatives as the case may be as the most important event in a decade.

Very true we need good roads, good homes, good schools, and good Government. But something else we need we should all agree and that is a good cemetery to bury our dead loved ones.

But sorry to say this cemetery is very poorly cared for in fact no care whatever. On many tombstones were carved those words, "gone but not forgotten". My first thought was how many cemeteries have we on P.E.I. which are just like this one.

Fifthly, he is an international spy of high calibre; not a melodramatic cloak-and-dagger man, but a scribed-pan's ferret who uses his pen to report back and explain to our government any interesting activities and trends in the country where he is stationed.

SKILLED STAFF HELPS In addition to the trained, diplomatic staff, each of our ambassadors is supported as needed by staff from other government departments. These may include representatives of Trade and Commerce, Labor, Health and Welfare, Agriculture, Immigration and of course the armed services.

The rapid increase in our diplomatic service in recent years has created a temporary shortage of men of ambassadorial and near ambassadorial stature, but there are many younger men who will be seeking the top jobs two decades or more from now.

Second, he helps our industries which wish to trade with that country.

Third, he performs the consular job of helping and protecting all Canadians in need abroad.

Fourth, he is a public relations officer, spreading information which citizens of other countries are now eagerly seeking about our history, development and way of life.

The Guardian Of The Guards

When Christopher Robin went down with Alice to see the guard change at Buckingham Palace the Guards undoubtedly performed the ancient ceremony with dignity and dispatch.

Europe's Summit Worries

By JOSEPH MACSWAIN, CP Staff Writer Canadian Press Staff Writer, European worries about the coming meetings between President Eisenhower and Premier Khrushchev have finally been put into words by French premier Debre.

Headache & Their Causes

By Herman N. Bunsden, M.D. JUST ABOUT everybody has headaches, but some persons seem to have more than their share.

So who has the most? Medical students, apparently. A Louisiana State University School of Medicine study indicates that approximately 80 per cent of the medical students questioned reported having recurring headaches.

Only they don't call them headaches. To medical students, a headache is intractable cephalalgia (head pain).

Manual laborers and farmers are way down on the list, which seems to indicate that the bustle-bustle of modern-day business and homemaking takes its toll in headaches.

One reason might be because of the attitude many persons in authority seem to have: "If you want something done, give it to a man who already has more than he can do."

Generally, this gets the job done all right, but it pushes the poor victim up to and sometimes past the point of fatigue. The result is a headache.

Married persons, as a rule, have fewer headaches than do single, separated or divorced persons. That is what the survey reports. I'm not going to argue the findings with any of you husbands.

Only 62 per cent of the married persons studied by the university reported headaches. However, even fewer widowed persons had head pains—only 52 per cent of them.

WOMEN MORE SUSCEPTIBLE

Women appear to have headaches more frequently than do men. And persons under the age of 20 have more than their older friends.

By passing the usual morning cup of coffee, incidentally, might actually make a person feel headachy. The caffeine in a strong cup of black coffee sometimes helps ease low-intensity headaches of vascular origin.

The Poet's Corner

THE RELIEF SHIP All day the grain, pouring, falling like sand Down the gigantic hour-glass of the chute, Fills the ships hold. Whose lives, what country's harvest Are measured in it to the final foot.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A doctor slapped a choking boy on the back and up came a penny. Growup patients don't cough up that quickly.—London Free Press

The person had gathered his flock to pray for rain. From the pulpit he gazed sadly upon his congregation. "The faith of some of you is deplorable," he said. "Here we are, gathered together to pray for rain, and not one of you has brought an umbrella."—Galt Reporter

The country, woods and parks, can absorb great numbers gracefully if we come with sensitivity our litter discreetly disposed, our tracks tactfully covered. Those who love nature enough to visit her, should possess this discretion.—Ottawa Journal

If television broadcasts are as dangerous as so many people infer, it is only necessary to remind parents that each television set comes equipped with a gadget that can eliminate undesirable broadcasts. We refer, of course, to the off-on switch, and point out that no one is compelled to tune in on any broadcast.—Moose Jaw Times Herald

Patient wives, who have trained themselves to smile when fuming husbands bring back game and fish no one else wants must view with alarm that permission given to hunt buffalo in Canada. A duck, a rabbit, even a small deer can be handled by a modern housewife. But a ton of buffalo flung on the doorstep by a husband confident of praise would be too much for any woman with a spark of spirit.—Ottawa Journal

IT is not the Army's job to rehabilitate misfits who are in need of psychological assistance. The Army should not be asked to waste its time and devote from its proper training objectives to raise delinquents who quite probably are not good soldier material to begin with. Let's use the Army for the purpose for which it was intended.—Calgary Herald

Paying no attention to the red traffic light, whizzing cars, or the policeman's outraged signals, the little old lady marched across the street. Brakes squealed, horns blasted and the policeman strode angrily up to her. "Didn't you see my hand raised, madam?" he asked. "Don't you know what that means?" "I should hope so" was the indignant reply. "I've been a schoolteacher for 25 years."—Vancouver Sun

The Aoe Old Story

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