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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

Staggering Defence Costs

The new Budget presented to Congress by President Eisenhower calls for a total expenditure in the next fiscal year of approximately \$74 billion, about \$10 billion more than in 1957-58.

On the domestic front there is to be less spending on aid to education, public works and housing, health and welfare programs.

The Budget, despite its huge increase in defence costs and foreign aid, does not call for any noticeable increase in taxes "at the present time".

This is one more reason, of course—but not the chief one—why every effort should be made to reach an East-West understanding on international problems.

Road Building

According to the International Road Federation, an organization which collects highway data from around the world, more money was spent on road building in 1957 than in any previous year.

Second place in respect of money spent was taken by Canada, with \$885 million. West Germany was a close third, with \$883 million.

The United States, as might be expected, continues to have the largest highway mileage, with 3,418,000 miles.

Lowest mileage is claimed by the small principality of Monaco which has only 18 miles of road. However, it is the most congested of all countries reporting, having 313 vehicles for each mile of road.

Russia is generally thought of as a highly industrialized country with large areas of agricultural and timber resources.

Messenger Of Goodwill

Miss Marian Anderson, distinguished American Negro singer and the first of her race to be given a leading role in the New York-Metropolitan Opera, has recently concluded a 35,000 mile, 12-nation singing tour sponsored by the United States State Department and the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation.

According to all reports, Miss Anderson's tour was an outstanding success. Wherever she went, thousands of people from Kings and Prime Ministers to ragged little waifs reacted enthusiastically to what the Prime Minister of Burma called "her good voice, technique, acting ability, beauty and charm of mind".

But Miss Anderson did much more than entertain and please her Asiatic listeners by her artistic attainments and gracious personality. Her very presence in Asia, encouraged and supported by the U.S. State Department, was an affirmation of American democracy at its best.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Even unemployment can sometimes create jobs. The normal number of employees at the local National Employment Office is 14.

Which is the world's leading automobile-exporting country? Most people probably would say the United States. But they would be wrong.

The American Council of Education, which represents most of the United States' Universities and Colleges, has asked Congress to grant tax cuts up to \$450 a year for parents putting their children through college.

Liberal strategists are in a serious quandary, to be sure. If they felt they had a 50-50 chance of winning an election, they would like nothing better than to defeat the Government on a no-confidence motion.

Economists and agricultural planners in British Columbia are worrying over a swiftly-growing population and a reduction in food production acreage.



POLAR BEAR CLUB

Against World Suicide

Globe and Mail Toronto

The petition presented to the United Nations this week by Dr. Linus Pauling, calling for an international agreement to end nuclear bomb tests, is the most formidable document of its type which has yet appeared in this controversy.

It was signed by 2,255 scientists from forty-four countries, including thirty-six Nobel Prize winners, and many other leading authorities on physics, biology and medicine.

Washington has argued that an agreement to suspend tests must be preceded by a general limitation of nuclear weapons and perhaps by a settlement of outstanding diplomatic issues.

Scientists disagree as to whether this danger point has been approached. Those who feel that the peril has been exaggerated—including United States Government officials—place great reliance on a report by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences published in June, 1956, which stated that "thus far... the biological damage from peacetime activities (including the test of atomic weapons) has been essentially negligible."

Prehistoric Campsite

P. W. Luce in the Christian Science Monitor

Mankind lived in British Columbia, 8,150 years ago, thousands of years earlier than previously known. This prehistoric record has been established by radioactivity analysis of campfire ash found in a deep railway cutting 10 miles northeast of Yale.

Carbon ash has been analyzed in many places in America and Mexico, but nowhere else have such ancient remains been discovered. In British Columbia some deposits have been found at Locarno Beach, Vancouver, which are said to be 2,430 years old, and the famous Marpole Midden, perhaps the most extensive one in America, is dated as having been formed at the beginning of the Christian Era.

His Grace, the Archbishop of Prince Rupert's Land, Dr. I. O. Stringer, will visit the city on Sunday, February 5, and will preach in St. Paul's Church in the morning and in St. Peter's Cathedral in the evening.

Precautions Against Flu

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

THE simple practice of washing your hands frequently may not be as effective a weapon against Asian flu as the new vaccine, but it does offer considerable protection.

Authorities say there are chances of Asian flu outbreaks of epidemic proportions in various sections of the country during the winter months.

SEVERAL PRECAUTIONS

Unfortunately, there isn't enough vaccine to go around. Still, if you can't get it, there are several precautions you can take to safeguard your family and yourself.

You should develop the practice of washing your hands frequently. Among other things, it may save you a bout with the Asian flu virus.

Keeping your entire body clean and your clothes both clean and fresh is a standard rule for good health. It becomes especially important however, when the flu virus is lurking about.

AGE-OLD ADVICE

And of course you should follow the age-old advice to keep your body's natural resistance in good shape by eating regular and well-balanced meals and getting enough rest—about eight hours a day.

Just in case you aren't familiar with the symptoms of Asian flu, I think I had better list them here. Actually, they are the same as those of other types of flu: Muscular aches and pains, fever, chill, a dry hacking cough and a sore throat.

WEAK AND EXHAUSTED

Generally, the fever will last between one and five days. Quite often it will leave the patient weak and exhausted.

If you feel any of these symptoms, go to bed promptly. I can't overemphasize the importance of this. Even if your symptoms turn into nothing more than a common cold, the rest in bed will help you get back to your customary routine much faster.

CONTACT DOCTOR

If your fever begins to soar, you must contact your doctor right away. It may mean that something more serious than the flu is bothering you.

Remain in bed until your doctor says it is all right to get up. Asian flu or any other type of flu is spread by persons who have the disease. You owe it to your fellow human beings to remain home and take care of yourself.

You are a threat to your entire community if you run around spreading the virus to others.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

C. H.: What is intussusception?

This approach ignores the peculiarities of atomic weapons. Guns, tanks, planes and warships do no damage in peacetime, apart from the economic waste they represent. Even A-bombs and H-bombs can be made and stored without immediate danger.

The United Nations to which the scientists addressed their petition, can itself do nothing. Only public opinion, in the West at least, can change established Government policies. However, the people of many countries are already deeply concerned, and this solemn warning should strengthen the demand for action.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the P. E. I. Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society will be held in the City Hall, Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:30 p.m.

R. M. JONES, Hon. Secretary.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"Mink coats are still popular," says a fashion item. This is a blow to all husbands who had thought that if they ignored them they'd go away.—Winnipeg Tribune

Four youths in a stolen car in Toronto are reported to have got away from the police whom they outdistanced by travelling at a speed of about 100 miles an hour. Is there any justification for building cars capable of such speed on the highways?—St. Thomas Times-Journal

It is only 18 years since the Battle of the River Plate, yet the kind of warfare it represented already belongs to a day that is done. There could no more be another surface battle like that which the Exeter, the Ajax and the Achilles fought with the Graf Spee than there could be another like Trafalgar.—Frederick Gleazer

The countryman is about ready to concede that horseless carriages are here to stay; but he still believes that a good stepping horse takes a man through life as fast as it is safe and necessary. Besides the social order functioned better when he had blacksmith shops.—Ottawa Journal

In an old country bus was a dignified man carrying a pair of women's shoes. He had evidently collected them from the repair shop, and was taking them home to his wife, but had not been supplied with wrapping paper. A man opposite was interested. Finally, he leaned over, tapped the dignified one on the knee, and said, with a knowing wink: "That is right. Don't let 'er gad about, gov'nut!"—Ottawa Journal

The Age Old Story

The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy. . . Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord.

Answer: Intussusception is a condition in which one portion of the intestines is telescoped into another portion. This may cause an obstruction to the normal flow of the intestinal contents, causing what is known as a bowel obstruction, with serious symptoms.

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