

West Berlin Election

West Berlin, with its prosperity and its channels of freedom to the outside world, is to the Kremlin when Khrushchev calls "a cancerous tumor." The resounding defeat suffered by Communist candidates in the voting held there on Sunday will not cause him to modify his language.

As the Montreal Gazette recalls, the 1946 defeat at the polls was followed by the deportation of thousands of German engineers to Russia, and a speed-up in the dismantling of German factories for shipment to Russia.

Sunday's free election is of special interest in view of Khrushchev's proposal to make West Berlin an unarmed neutral city—a device which would conveniently remove all British, American and French forces.

Great Courage

A story of almost unbelievable courage comes from Arajuno, Ecuador. About three years ago five American missionaries were killed by savage Indians of the Auca tribe in the jungles of Eastern Ecuador.

Last September, three Auca women appeared in Arajuno, where the white women were living with other missionaries, and told of new killings within their tribe.

terminated at the time, they were attacked.

From the standpoint of ordinary prudence, it would seem that Mrs. Elliot and Miss Saint are taking great risks with their lives.

Interesting Conference

The National Human Rights Conference now under way in Ottawa will have on its agenda the proposed Canadian Bill of Rights. It will be recalled that this was introduced in the Commons last summer and held over to the next session.

Panel members are David Walker, Conservative M.P. for Toronto Rosedale; Professor Bora Laskin of the University of Toronto's law faculty and Eamon Park, assistant national director of the United Steel Workers of America.

The conference will discuss in general how Canadian life corresponds to the principles outlined in the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights. Presiding will be Dr. H. L. Keenleyside, Canadian Director-General of the U.N. Technical Assistance Administration.

Cure For Colds

Dr. J. M. Ritchie, director of the Public Health Laboratory at Birkenhead, Eng. says that conquest of the common cold, "the most prevalent and costly of human maladies," may be just around the corner.

The more striking success was with small tablets resembling hard candies in appearance. They are impregnated with terramycin, obtained from bacteria commonly found in the soil.

It seems, therefore, that another of medical science's toughest battles is being won. It will be a great boon to humanity from the standpoint of health and economic gain.

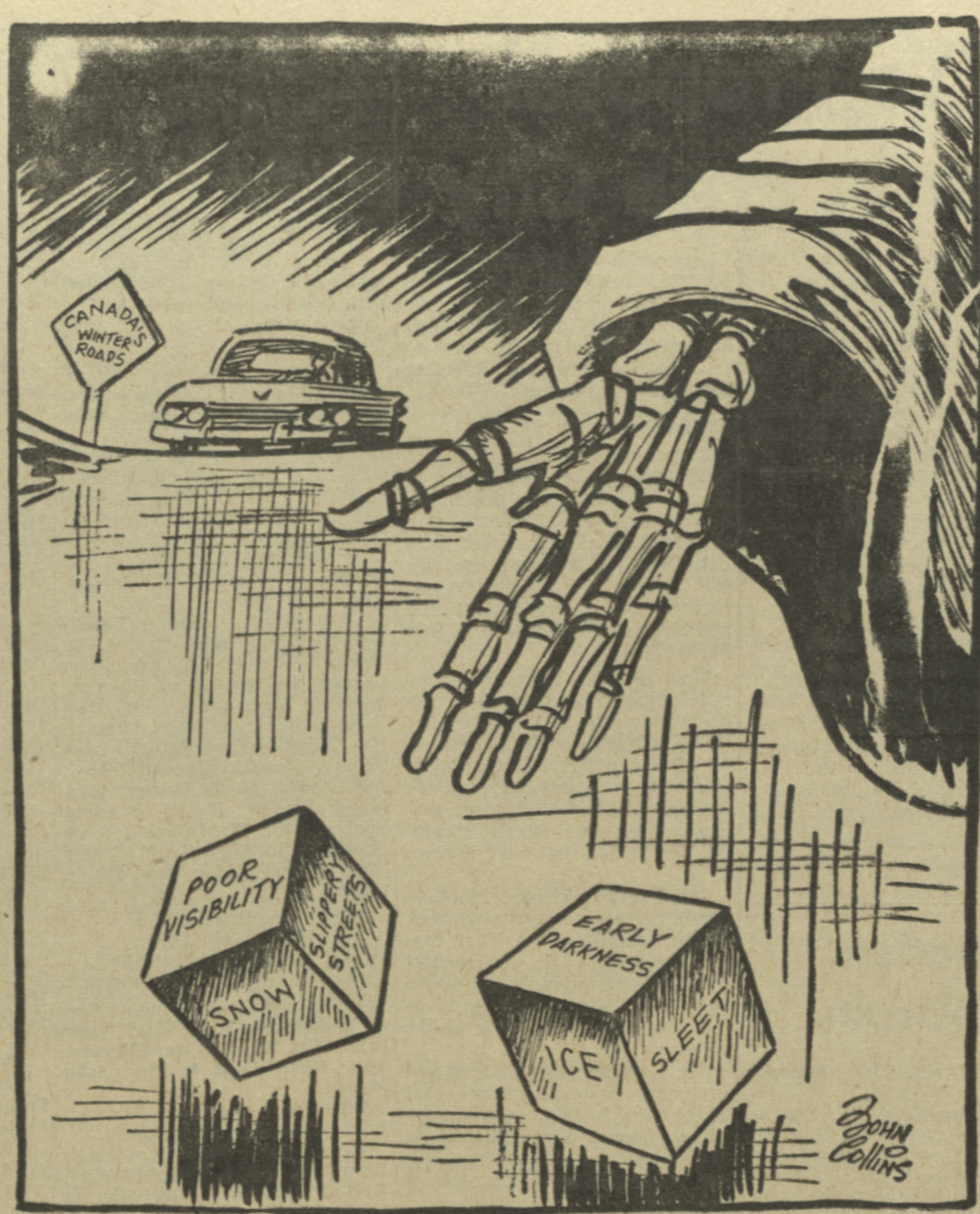
EDITORIAL NOTES

Canadians will be glad to hear that Earl Alexander, former Governor General, who was taken ill in Ottawa some weeks ago, is well enough to return to his home in England and will extend to him good wishes for a complete recovery.

David J. Worden, a farmer of St. Mary's, Ont., will have no difficulty finding reading material this winter. He recently acquired 50,000 books, the property of his father who ran a bookstore in Toronto.

Her Majesty the Queen has graciously consented to become Colonel-in-Chief of the Canadian Royal Ordnance Corps. The Corps has the responsibility of supplying the Army with its arms and equipment.

Under strict interpretation of the agreement, this Province will not receive any federal subsidy for power plants. This is because oil is used instead of coal. The same situation exists in Newfoundland. But there, Provincial authorities are trying to persuade the Federal Government that subsidies should be paid anyway.



DON'T GAMBLE--THE DICE ARE LOADED

U. S. RESPONSIBILITY

"This Mess In Berlin"

Milwaukee Journal

"How did we get into this mess in Berlin?" asks a reader. "How did the Allies allow themselves to be surrounded by the Russians?" Here is how:

In 1943 the United States, Britain and Russia created the European advisory commission to study postwar European problems and offer appropriate solutions. The American representative was the late John Winant, then Ambassador to Britain.

In September, 1944, this body proposed that Germany, when defeated, be divided into three zones, that each ally occupy a zone and that a joint council exercise control. After Roosevelt and Churchill approved the plan a draft agreement, fixing national boundaries, it made Berlin a special zone, also to be split three ways.

At Yalta, in February, 1945, Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin approved the draft agreement after ordering the commission to provide a fourth zone, both in Germany and Berlin, for France.

Also approved was the commission suggestion that headquarters of the quadripartite council, to be composed of military commanders representing the victorious Allies, be in Berlin. The Russians had insisted on

Giant Eye On Universe

John C. Waugh In The Western Service Monitor

The Glass Colossus of Palomar, California, has ended its first decade of cosmic discovery. Ten years ago the great 200-inch Hale telescope at Mt. Palomar first turned its giant eye to the universe. In the decade since it has battered down astronomy's oldest frontiers and built new, more distant ones at the very rim of the observable universe.

No instrument of man's designing has so vastly enlarged his view of the physical universe as the 200-inch Hale, the world's most powerful reflecting telescope. Peering two billion light years out into space, the 200-inch has told man wondrous new things of the nature, size, and structure of the physical universe. It has opened up whole new vistas to stellar physics. It has made age-old questions about the unknown universe answerable for the first time.

What, for instance, is the history of the physical universe? Why does it behave as it does? Why do stars form? Why are they have the luminosities they do? Why are their surface temperatures and chemical compositions what they are? How do the properties of the stars change as

they grow old? From what great source do the stars get the enormous energies they radiate? These are the monumental questions. And even now, as the Hale telescope begins its second decade of search among the distant galaxies, answers are forming.

TIME REVERSED Astronomers, calculating the speeds at which the outermost galaxies are rolling away from the earth, have extrapolated the stars' present positions back into time to estimate the birth of the physical universe. The theory is that all galaxies started from a common point in space at the same time—probably hurled outward by some great cosmic explosion that occurred 7 to 13 billion years ago.

The combined discoveries of the Hooker and Hale telescopes have launched physicists on an exciting study of the make-up of the stars and have led to whole new theories of stellar evolution. It now is believed that the stars are formed by condensation of great clouds of dust and gas in the galaxies. Eventually the temperatures within the condensing clouds rise to great heats—10 to 20 million degrees.

Under such great heat the hydrogen atoms of which the gas clouds are formed, unite to form helium. And in so doing they release massive amounts of energy—equal to millions of exploding hydrogen bombs.

From its beginning, down through eons of time, a star evolves. As the hydrogen is consumed the star gradually cools. Then it heats up again, finally becomes unstable and its brightness fades. When all the hydrogen is used up the star drops into oblivion. Such evolution takes billions of years.

SUN FLICKERS Our own sun, physicists now estimate, is past the point of cooling, but it still has billions of years of just-right warmth left in it before it gets first too hot for us and then too cold.

Much of all this new knowledge of the universe, some of it still only in theory, derives from the work of the giant telescope on Mt. Palomar. And it has just begun to pioneer among the galaxies.

Palomares Nebulous astronomers have mapped a program designed to pinpoint more closely the size of the observable universe and how much matter it contains. They hope to do this within five years. In the same period they will attempt to learn whether the universe has slowed in its expansion over the eons of time they think it has.

Hazards Even In Card Meiling

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. IT'S ABOUT time for that annual holiday chore—sending out Christmas cards.

It's nice to receive these messages of good wishes and it makes you feel nice to send them to friends and relatives. At the same time, however, it is a lot of work. Just ask any housewife a couple of weeks from now.

I'm sorry that I can't help you with this big job, but I may be able to make it a bit easier—and safer—for you. DON'T LICK ENVELOPES For one thing, don't lick all those envelopes! Even if the gummed edges tasted like chocolate—and you know that they don't—it would be both unpleasant and unwise to lick them in order to seal the envelopes.

A paper cut can be a wicked thing. And it is so easy for the tongue to be sliced by the thin edges of a stiff envelope. PUBLIC WARNED Now this isn't some far-fetched possibility. It happens often enough to cause the National Bureau of Standards to issue an anti-licking warning in a bulletin on "Safety for the Household."

Best method of wetting an envelope is to use a small moistened sponge. You can get one for a small sum in just about any stationery store. By the time you finish addressing all the envelopes and signing all the cards your signature is likely to be an unrecognizable scrawl—unless you practice good penmanship.

Even for a simple job such as this you should move your whole arm when you write. STRAIN THE MUSCLES I know the tendency of many people is to write by moving only the thumb and index finger and maybe the wrist, but in time this will tend to make your writing jerky. Moreover, you might develop writer's cramp.

When you don't write properly, you see, you throw a great amount of strain on a small group of muscles. And before you know it you will be gripping your pen tighter than is necessary and your hand will become tired and begin to ache. Hardly the way to get into the proper Christmas spirit, is it?

QUESTION AND ANSWER M. S.: Are sugar-free fruit juices good for a diabetic to drink? Answer: That depends upon handsome, athletic race whose superbly muscled men frequently stand six feet or more. They are Melanesians, with dark skins and frizzy upstanding hair, but show a strong Polynesian strain.

Cannibalism was stamped out in the 1880's, and on the whole Fijians do not like to be reminded of the old days. Mbau, which saw more cannibal feasts than any other island, now is strongly Methodist.

Fijians still take a casual attitude toward life and work, however. As Sir Ronald Garvey, governor of the British Crown Colony, put it, "The Fijian believes that the man who made time made plenty of it."

Santa Says "The man of the house will go for these

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Statistics show that only two Americans in a hundred have a singing voice. But that doesn't stop the other 98 when they get into the bathtub.—Sherbrooke Record

The ballpoint pen reigns triumphant in the classroom. So what good does it do the third-grade lovely to have pigtails if the boy behind her can't show his love by dipping them in the inkwell?—Winnipeg Tribune

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Dec. 9, 1933) The silver cup donated by His Honour Lt. Governor Dalton and awarded annually by the Dominion Horticultural Council to the school making the greatest advancement in beautification of its grounds during the year was yesterday presented to St. Andrews School.

The course in visual telegraphy which has been carried on at the Armouries for the past six weeks concluded on Thursday evening with the writing of examinations by about 16 members of the artillery and No. 2 Signaller units. The course was in charge of Captain Owens and the instruction was given by Sergeant Wallace, both of Halifax.

TEN YEARS AGO (Dec. 9, 1948) Keen appreciation was expressed here yesterday at a directors meeting of the P.E.I. Fisheries Federation of the 1948 canned fish purchases by the Fisheries Prices Support Board. The Directors were agreed that the Island's fishing industry had been helped more by those purchases than the fishing industry of any other province.

Insider hog producers could "consider themselves lucky that the price of \$36 per 100 pounds for No. 1. Wiltshire sides is the same as in last year's agreement," stated Mr. W.H. Clay, senior livestock fieldman, Dominion Department of Agriculture, in commenting last night on the 1949 Anglo-Canadian bacon contract.

your doctor's advice. As a rule, sugar-free juices are suitable for diabetic diets. Since they contain carbohydrates and calories, these must be taken into consideration in calculating the diet.

The Age Old Story If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.

—George Starbuck Galbraith in the Christian Science Monitor

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The manager of a department store put this notice in the window: "If you need it, we have it." But in the window of a rival, a sign appeared stating: "If we don't have it, you don't need it."—Ottawa Journal

Jonathan Swift—the first cleric expert—published in 1738 a frightening book entitled "A Modest Collection of Genteel and Ingenious Conversation Now Used in the Best Companies of England," in which he gathered a huge heap of mostly platitudes, stale witticisms and meaningless tag ends of conversation to show what passed for sprightly talk among the members of the smart set of his time. Swift makes the book frightening in that one could swear that most of it had been tape recorded yesterday.—New York Times

The remains of several hippopotami have been dug out of the corner of Trafalgar Square, London, not far from the Admiralty Arch. They are not particularly old in geological time. From the sand and gravel around them, they were dug out about twenty-five feet below street level. The staff at the Natural History Museum considers that they must have flourished about a hundred thousand years ago, that is, during the last warm break in the Ice Age. Remains of trees of types now found in the Mediterranean area have been found among the hippopotamus bones.—Manchester Guardian

The Poets Corner

ON ACCEPTING HELP Shall I, who have so often given aid, Be then too proud to take it of my need? If so, my generousities are betrayed As niggard gifts indeed; As pennies flung from a ducal affluence To grief and indignance. For is there not beneath my pride's resistance A subtle implication that I aided Were by my bounty degraded? Surely if in such arrogance and blindness I scorn as alms what is true love-kindness, Regarding myself as too fine to receive it, I am not fit to give it. —George Starbuck Galbraith in the Christian Science Monitor

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