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organized crime uses such devices,
and it would be folly to suggest that
the police should be hobbled by strip-
ping law enforcement of modern elec-
tronic tools. However, without clear-
cut legislation, and without safeguards
against abuses, no citizen can feel
secure.

The Toronto paper makes a good
point when it says that wire-tapping
should be prohibited by the criminal
code. So should all other forms of
electronic snooping. Exceptions
should be made in the case of police
who may get a formal order from a
superior court judge satisfied that the
crime being investigated would re-
sult at least in a penitentiary term,
or is serious because it involves a
large number of people.

The court order, it is suggested,
should be valid for one month, and
renewable only if there is evidence
that an arrest will be made in the
near future. This would enable police
to investigate bookmaking, which
often bankrolls organized crime, and
narcotics trafficking. But it would
prevent them from listening on in-
definitely in the hope that something
incriminating might be overheard.
Also it is suggested that as a fur-
ther safeguard to the public, there
should be severe punishment to po-
lice who disclose any private conver-
sation obtained this way, except to
their superiors and other authorized
persons.

Penalties should also be provided
for citizens who surreptitiously spy
on individuals, and intercept or re-
cord private conversations with any
of the clever devices now being turned
out in profusion. Punishment
should be severe where blackmail or
obtaining business secrets is intended.
Perhaps the lawmen took up this
matter at their closed conference at
Ottawa last week. How are we to
know? In any case, it is maintained
that they should recommend mea-
sures that could control this fantastic
ability to probe uninvited into our
lives, and should move to safeguard
our privacy as assiduously as they pro-
tect their own.

Contact With Hanoi

An intriguing dispatch from Wash-
ington in yesterday's Guardian quoted
a White House spokesman as saying
that there had been direct contact
with Hanoi on the Vietnamese situa-
tion. There was no information on
how the contact was made, who made
it or what it was about. But it was
the first announcement of any con-
tact with the North Viet Nam gov-
ernment since President Johnson be-
gan his peace offensive Christmas
Eve. Since then the U.S. government
has looked for some indication that
Hanoi, in response, might be ready to
taper off the fighting and begin talks.
Up to last weekend, none had come.

On the contrary, there was strong
rejection of the peace initiative by
the Communists. Hanoi, Peking and
Moscow all denounced it as a fraud
designed as a smoke-screen for fur-
ther escalation of the war. The
drive passed its peak during last
week.

Out of all the diplomatic exchan-
ges, the principal sticking point
in Viet Nam seemed to be Hanoi's
demand that the Liberation Front be
promised a voice and role not merely
in the negotiations, but in the future
administrative control of South Viet
Nam itself. Washington has reject-
ed any such commitment on the
ground that it opened the way to pos-
sible Communist domination in Sai-
gon before elections and thus would
reward the resort to force by Hanoi
and the Viet Cong. Before any set-
tlement was possible it would be
necessary to find some compromise
between what appeared to be Hanoi's
bedrock insistence on this point and
Washington's flat opposition.

As of last week, such negotiations
seemed remote. What hope existed
was in the possibility of an exchange
of tacit arrangements to hold down
the pace of the war. Even this would
be something of an achievement, in
view of the fluid nature of the fight-
ing and the difficulties of policing a
truce in a war with no front lines.
Conceivably it was the subject of dis-
cussion in the "direct contact" re-
ported with Hanoi on Monday; but
at the time of writing there was no
indication of what this latest move
represents.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Danish archaeologists are current-
ly uncovering the ruins of a church
in Brattahlid, Greenland, said to be
built under the direction of Leif
Ericson's mother about A.D. 1000. It
is thought to be the oldest Viking
Christian church found in modern
times, and is one of the few buildings
mentioned in Viking sagas that have
been located.



SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Stiff Price For Press Seats To Lagos

The role of foreign correspon-
dent for a large-circulation news-
paper is the plum sought by
journalists the world over. It
conjures up the picture of men
like Rene MacColl, of Eng-
land's "Daily Express," and Er-
nest Hemingway, formerly of
the Toronto "Star," meeting
glamorous people in exotic
cities and enjoying expense-ac-
count living.
Some members of the Ottawa
Press Gallery enjoy occasional
travels of this kind, when their news-
papers want on-the-spot cover-
age of a distant conference in
which top Canadians are partic-
ipating. Round-the-world with
Prime Minister St. Laurent, and
Cyprus with Defence Minister
Paul Hellyer and reporting the
NATO conference in Paris and
Place Pigalle are examples
which leap to mind.
One such occasion is obvious-
ly this week's emergency con-
ference at Lagos, Nigeria, at
which Commonwealth Prime
Ministers are discussing the Rho-
desian crisis.

However, despite the cost, a
number of journalists were still
eager to go, their newspapers
or broadcasting stations willing
to pay the freight. They went
through the painful and some-
times sick-making precaution-
ary medical checks.
More glib came off the Lagos
gingerbread when it became
known that hotel accommoda-
tion in Lagos would be stretch-
ed to capacity by the big inter-
national conference, so a ten-
d-amp would be set up to ac-
commodate the press.
TOM-TOMS SHATTER NIGHT
Then a sobering notice from
the Prime Minister's office ap-
peared on the Press Gallery
bulletin board:
" In order to avoid vaccine
fever following shots for yellow
fever, TATB and malaria, the
health clinic recommends that
correspondents return to the cil-

nic for an anti-vaccine shot."
Shortly after, another notice
was posted:
"Thanks to improved arrange-
ments, it will not be necessary
to accommodate correspondents
in tents at Lagos. Accommoda-
tion has been arranged at Koko-
roko, a native village situated
eight miles from Lagos. The
health clinic is holding for distri-
bution a supply of sleeping pills,
as native dances often last well
into the night."
Brave foreign correspondents!
Bleeding from many needles,
and kept sleepless by the tom-
toms! Then suddenly the qual-
ms of those Lagos-bound en-
vied few were set at rest. The
two notices were not bona fide
memos from the Prime Minis-
ter's office: they were leg-pulls
from mischievous fellow-jour-
nalists who were to be left behind.

No Parking Lot

A year-long celebration of the
900th anniversary of the West-
minster Abbey has been opened
by the placing by Queen Elizabeth
of a bouquet of red roses on a
small altar.
Westminster Abbey, m-o-s-o
properly known as the Collegiate
Church of St. Peter, was consec-
rated Dec. 28, 1065. It was
built by orders of Edward the
Confessor on the site of an ear-
lier church. Thus, as a religious
center, it is even older than 900
years.
The structure did not have the
same appearance in 1065 as it
has in 1965. The main part of the
Abbey was not begun until 1245.
The Henry VII chapel was erec-
ted in the 16th Century and the
towers were completed in 1749.
Restoration was undertaken
after World War II when part of

the Abbey was damaged by air
raids. A million-dollar clean-up
of the grime of centuries preced-
ed the anniversary celebration.
The famous church where Brit-
ish monarchs are crowned and
where kings and illustrious per-
sons are buried is a prime ex-
ample of the preservation of the
old as practised in most of the
world outside the United States.
In this country, some shrines
connected with the birth of the
nation have been saved but in
the newer West very little of the
past has survived the continuing
pressure for parking lots, ur-
ban renewal, freeways, and gen-
eral modernization.
The Westminster Abbey of
900 years ago probably would
not have seemed worth saving
by our criteria.

New Mont Blanc Tunnel

The world's longest subterranean
highway will revolutionize
the flow of traffic in the Mont
Blanc region this winter.
Previously, huge drifts of snow
and ice made alpine passes in-
accessible. The motorist trav-
elling between Rome and Paris
often had to make a time-con-
suming "end run" as far south
as the French Riviera. It is es-
timated that the savings in win-
ter driving time between the
two points may reach 20 hours.
Opened in July, 1965, the Mont
Blanc tunnel provides a 7.3-mile
link between Chamonix, France,
and Courmayeur Italy. The
great passageway bored through
Western Europe's highest peak
is about 4,300 feet above sea level
at its center. Motorists have
nearly a mile and a half of rock
above their heads at one point.

During the digging, torrents of
icy water shot in on the workers.
There was an avalanche outside
the tunnel. Heavy stress on the
granite ejected razor-sharp shiv-
ers of stone. Frequent slides for-
ced the men to claw at rock
much in the manner of their Ro-
man predecessors who tunneled
alpine aqueducts centuries be-
fore.
Work on the tunnel began in
1959 under an agreement signed
by France, Italy, and the city
of Geneva. Jubilant French and
Italian workers celebrated com-
pletion of the boring in 1962 as
champagne corks popped, 7,400
feet under the mountain's peak.
Completion of the tunnel indi-
cated the 178-year-old prediction
of Horace Benedict de Saussure, a
Swiss naturalist who was the
first man to scale the 15,771-foot
mountain, said Saussure: "The
day will come when a carriage
road will be dug under Mont
Blanc."

LETHAL GASES BANISHED
Danger of poisonous carbon
monoxide gases in a shaft that is
four and a half times longer than
New York's Holland Tunnel
nearly concerned planners. Nearly
600 vehicles an hour may use
the tunnel during peak periods.
To assure motorists' safety, 5-
800 cubic feet of fresh air per-
second is forced through ducts
beneath the roadbed.
The two-way underground
highway cost almost \$70 million,
and it contains every conven-
ience for a motoring comfort
There are bays for emergency
repairs, service stations, and
washrooms, and telephones on
alternate sides of the tunnel at
1,000-foot intervals.
Six years of grueling construc-
tion work and sacrifice were re-
quired to build the tunnel throu-
gh "the monarch of mountains"
as Mont Blanc was called by
Lord Byron. Death toll of work-
ers reached 17, and 800 members
of the 995-man work force
suffered injuries.

DIRECTS SINATRA FILM
LONDON (AP) — Sidney J.
Furie of Toronto will direct
Frank Sinatra's first British-
produced movie an espionage
thriller The Naked Runner, film
industry sources reported Tues-
day. The movie will be based
on the novel by British writer
Francis Clifton due to be pub-
lished in Britain next month.
The script will be by Stanley
Mama, formerly of Toronto, who
wrote the script for the movie
The Collector.
CATTLE DIE IN FIRE
CLARENCE CREEK, Ont.
(CP)—Seventy head of regis-
tered cattle perished in a fire
which destroyed the barn of
dairy farmer Raoul Pilon near
there Tuesday. Mr. Pilon esti-
mated his loss at between \$40-
000 and \$50,000 in the blaze.
Clarence Creek is about 25
miles east of Ottawa.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion
of questions of interest. The Guardian does not nec-
essarily endorse the opinion of corre-
spondents. All letters published are sub-
ject to editing and condensation where
necessary. The Guardian is unable to
enter into any correspondence regard-
ing letters submitted.

TEACHER SUPPLEMENTS
Sir—As chairman of one of
the School Boards to which Lib-
eral leader Mr. Alex Campbell
referred in Saturday's Guard-
ian interview, I am writing to
suggest to the Legislature when
it will shortly convene, that con-
sideration be given not only to
an increase in salaries for teach-
ers, but to the matter of sup-
plements.
As I understand, this is a
practice which developed in the
one-room school districts, where
by districts bid against each other
by offering supplements to
attract a desired teacher. Now
that we are building consolida-
ted schools it seems unwise to
continue such a practice. Salaries
should be so increased as to
absorb these supplementary pay-
ments. Thus each teacher would
be paid in accordance with his
or her rating or educa-
tional certificate, and all would
have the same benefits which a
consolidated school affords. If
this is done and accepted in all
districts it would remove the un-
desirable practice of one district
seeking to outbid another.
I am, Sir, etc.,
H. LINCOLN MACKENZIE
R.R. 1, Cardigan.

Appetite In Overweights

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
Millions of overweight people
in this country want to lose
poundage but are long on appet-
ite and short on willpower. Food
quicks are aware of the gullibility
of those seeking a way out
and spend large sums advertis-
ing a phony reducing aid or diet.
The medical profession can
help a person lose weight but
will not bet on the long-term ef-
fects of any treatment. Best re-
sults are obtained with a low
caloric diet alone, or combined
with appetite suppressant drugs,
psychological treatment, or an
exercise program.
Dr. Joseph A. Glennon and
John Rankin of Madison, Wis.,
hospitalized 215 obese individ-
uals for a short time and then
sent them home to continue on
a diet ranging from 800 to 1,320
calories. They were about 50
per cent above their ideal
weight. All lost weight while
hospitalized, but only 12 per cent
were able to achieve and main-
tain a weight loss of 20 pounds
or more in the 12 months follow-
ing.

Only one succeeded in approach-
ing his ideal weight. The pro-
portion who lost more than 30
pounds after 24 months was 14
per cent. The men were no more
successful at weight reduction
than were the women. The auth-
ors concluded that "obesity" at
present is incurable.
Perhaps we medical men are
treating what the scale records
and not the basic cause. Most
Americans realize that excess
flesh comes from eating too
much. Calories do not come from
water, salt, or the air we
breathe. The body uses food for
energy and to replace worn-out
tissues. The remainder is stored
as fat.

There is no way for a portly
individual to eat everything he
wants and still lose weight. Per-
haps we should stop writing
about weight and let the millions
who are too heavy enjoy life
while they can.
They can forget calories and
hope that in the future a large
bay window will have the same
status as greater height,
strength and dexterity. The
majority are doing this now, so
why not be realistic.

MAY BE NONE
Mrs. T. writes: What are the
symptoms of high blood pres-
sure?

Most persons with hyperten-
sion have no symptoms. Others
complain of headache, flushing
of the face, or visual disorders.
Heart and kidney symptoms
also may occur. Many physici-
ans have patients who never
had symptoms until they
learned they had high blood
pressure.

SPLEEN CAN GO
Mrs. H. writes: My seven-
year-old boy fell from a tree and
ruptured his spleen, which had
to be removed. Can he lead a
normal life without the spleen?

Yes. This organ is important
yet nothing seems to happen
after its removal. To the best of
our knowledge, its functions are
taken over by other organs.

INTESTINAL INFECTION
E. writes: Is there such a
thing as a cold in the intestines?

Yes. If you refer to such infec-
tions as intestinal flu. The caus-
ative virus invades the intes-
tinal tract and produces cramp-
ing, nausea, vomiting, and diar-
rhea.

ULCERS
I. U. writes: Is there any dif-
ference between stomach and
duodenal ulcer besides the loca-
tion?

Not much except that gastric
ulcers mimic cancer and are
viewed with suspicion until
proved innocent.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—
Equip heavy furniture with
casters.

(NOTE: All correspondence
to Dr. Van Dellen should be
addressed to: Dr. Theodore
Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Trib-
une, Chicago, Illinois.)

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(January 12, 1941)
The capture by Greek troops
of the mountain village of Tepeli-
eni, which the Greeks said
meant a definite break of the
whole Italian front in Central
Albania, was reported in Yugo-
slavia.
The Nazi air force made an-
other attempt to burn London,
showing down high explosives
and incendiaries on certain dis-
tricts, while regular firemen and
auxiliary fire service men, aid-
ed by hundreds of civilians, risked
their lives to prevent the
spread of flames.

TEN YEARS AGO
(January 12, 1956)
Archie Johnston, Burlington,
was elected president of the
P.E.I. Federation of Agricul-
ture.

It was announced that Mrs.
James Martin, Charlottetown,
and Mrs. Emma Small, Summers-
ide, winners of the R.T. Holm
Co. Christmas sales con-
test would leave on January 15
for an all-expense-paid visit to
Montreal.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Doctor: "You're coughing
more easily this morning." Pa-
tient: "I should be, I practiced
all night."—Windsor Star.

People in middle life are un-
lucky. They are too old for such
things as student loans and far
too young for old age pensions.
They try to forget by working
hard to pay for them.—Calgary
Herald.

The auto salesman's five-year-
old son was crying bitterly and
when asked why, replied, "Well,
I heard Momma and Daddy talk-
ing about getting a new baby,
and I don't want to get traded
in."—Montreal Star.

A lady went into a bank and
announced that she would like
to open a joint bank account. "With
whom?" she was asked. "With
someone who has money," re-
plied the lady.—Vancouver
Sun.

The door-to-door salesman
rang the bell at an Eagle River
home and it opened, revealing a
9-year-old boy who was puffing
on a long, black cigar. Trying
to cover his amazement, the
salesman said: "Good morning,
sonny. Is your mother in?" The
boy removed the cigar from his
mouth, flicked off its ashes, and
replied, "What do YOU think?"
—Vilas County News-Review

An elderly party says the new
math merely confuses him, but
the new history makes him sore.
—Calgary Herald.

Customer — "To what do you
owe your extraordinary success
as a house-to-house salesman?"
Salesman — "To the first five
words I utter when a woman
opens the door: 'Mis, is your
mother in?'" —Montreal Star

Today's girls are typical of the
skin up generation. One reason
of course, are lofty hair-ides. To
avoid tipping over, it's neces-
sary to keep the chin elevated.
—Algoma Record-Herald

The communist party in Cro-
acholovakia has denounced it-
self for making economic mis-
takes. Here that is left to the
opposition parties.—Fort Wil-
liam Times-Journal.

Father: "Fancy a big boy like
you being afraid to sleep in the
dark." Five-year-old: "It's all
very well for you, you've got mo-
ther to look after you."—Mont-
real Star.

It's difficult to believe the state-
ment by an anthropologist that
the human skull is becoming
thinner, as there have been no
indications that light penetrates
it more easily.—Guelph Mercury

The Hardy New Yorker

There's nothing like a first-
rate city emergency to bring
out the resourcefulness of the
true New Yorker. Past experi-
ences like a newspaper strike, a
water shortage, and a power
blackout have given proof of the
New Yorker's ability to adjust
to a trying situation and take it
with high good humor. A typical
citizen was the late Mayor Flor-
ello La Guardia who read the
"funnies" to children on the
radio during a newspaper shut-
down.
And now comes the transporta-
tion strike. Once again New
York people are showing them-
selves hardy and ingenious—
ever a little merry—when sud-
denly denied their accustomed
means of getting to work.
Many found they still could
walk and use their feet cheer-
fully. We admire Mayor John
V. Lindsay who on his first
working day in office set an ex-
ample by walking more than a
three miles to work in the rain.
Also worthy of praise are the

Classic Prose: Vintage 1910

The eleventh edition of the En-
cyclopaedia Britannica is consid-
ered by bibliophiles as the
vintage issue of this great know-it-
all.
The eleventh was published in
1910 and by present-day stand-
ards is sadly weak on scientific
subjects. It had no truck or
trade with such upstart topics
as nuclear physics.
But in fundamentals and un-
changing verities the edition is
as sound today as it was 55
years ago. The beautiful, hand-
tooled English of the articles is
still a joy for anyone with a re-
spect for language.
Take, for example, the article
on the use of alcohol and drunk-
enness. Here is an excerpt:
"The effects of intoxicants are
variously modified by the tem-
perament of the individual and
the nature of the inebriant.
When that is alcohol, its action
on the average individual is first
to fill him with a serene and per-
fect self-complacency.
"His feelings and faculties are
exalted into a state of great ac-
tivity and buoyancy, so that his
language becomes enthusiastic,
and his conversation vivacious
—if not brilliant.
"Every one around him, the
very houses, trees, even the
earth itself, seem drunken and
unstable, he alone sober, till at
last the final stage is reached,
and he falls on the ground in-
sensible—dead drunk (alcohol-
ic coma)—a state from which
after profound slumber, he at
last awakes feverish, exhaust-
ed, sick and giddy, with ringing
ears, a throbbing heart and a
violent headache."
This kind of word cratema-
ship is rare nowadays, but still
highly relevant.

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