

Eden Steps Down

Sir Anthony Eden's resignation as British Prime Minister was not unexpected. Few who have followed his career with any understanding will doubt that it was for the health reasons given. Never physically robust, Sir Anthony has shouldered tremendous responsibilities in recent months, and has been subjected to more abuse and criticism than any statesman of his time.

These crises Eden's critics have called hot and cold. Sometimes he is accused of being too timid and shy in making decisions, at other times with acting dictatorially and in headstrong disregard for the sober views of his associates.

Important Request

Word from Washington is that President Eisenhower plans to ask the new Congress to take favourable action on the controversial proposal for American participation in the Organization for Trade Co-operation.

As a matter of fact, GATT itself is not a popular organization in the United States Congress; and there are many Congressmen who would like to see the administration withdraw its membership.

GATT's liberalized trade policies, protectionists fear that it might seal up some of the loopholes under which the United States is permitted to harden its tariff policy whenever domestic concerns complain that tariffs are too liberal.

In itself, perhaps, the President's new request for action on O.T.C. might be considered a minor matter. It is important, however, in that the reception it receives in Congress will show whether the next four years will be dominated by Mr. Eisenhower's liberal views or whether the "old guard" protectionists will still be in control.

Tributes To Mr. Drew

The target for a great deal of criticism while he was Conservative party leader, Hon. Mr. Drew's merits are being loudly acclaimed now that he has resigned his seat in the Federal House.

It was hoped that Mr. Drew would be able to continue as a member of the Commons even after his resignation from the party leadership, but his medical advisors have warned him against this course, and he has wisely decided to follow their counsel.

Five Hounds & A Rabbit

It happened at the Poolstock Greyhound Stadium in Wigan, England, where fast dogs chase a mechanical rabbit. The hounds are victims of man's artificiality, but their natural instinct is supposed to assert itself if given half a chance.

"A live little rabbit is hard reality. In its presence it is best to pretend one has not seen anything. The five hounds at Wigan simply adjusted themselves to our Ersatz civilization: no responsibility, no self-reliance, one-sided training, flight from the real to the artificial, presenting others with something in which one does not himself believe, the surrender of freedom so long as things run smoothly—in fact, a dog's example of the neurosis of our time."

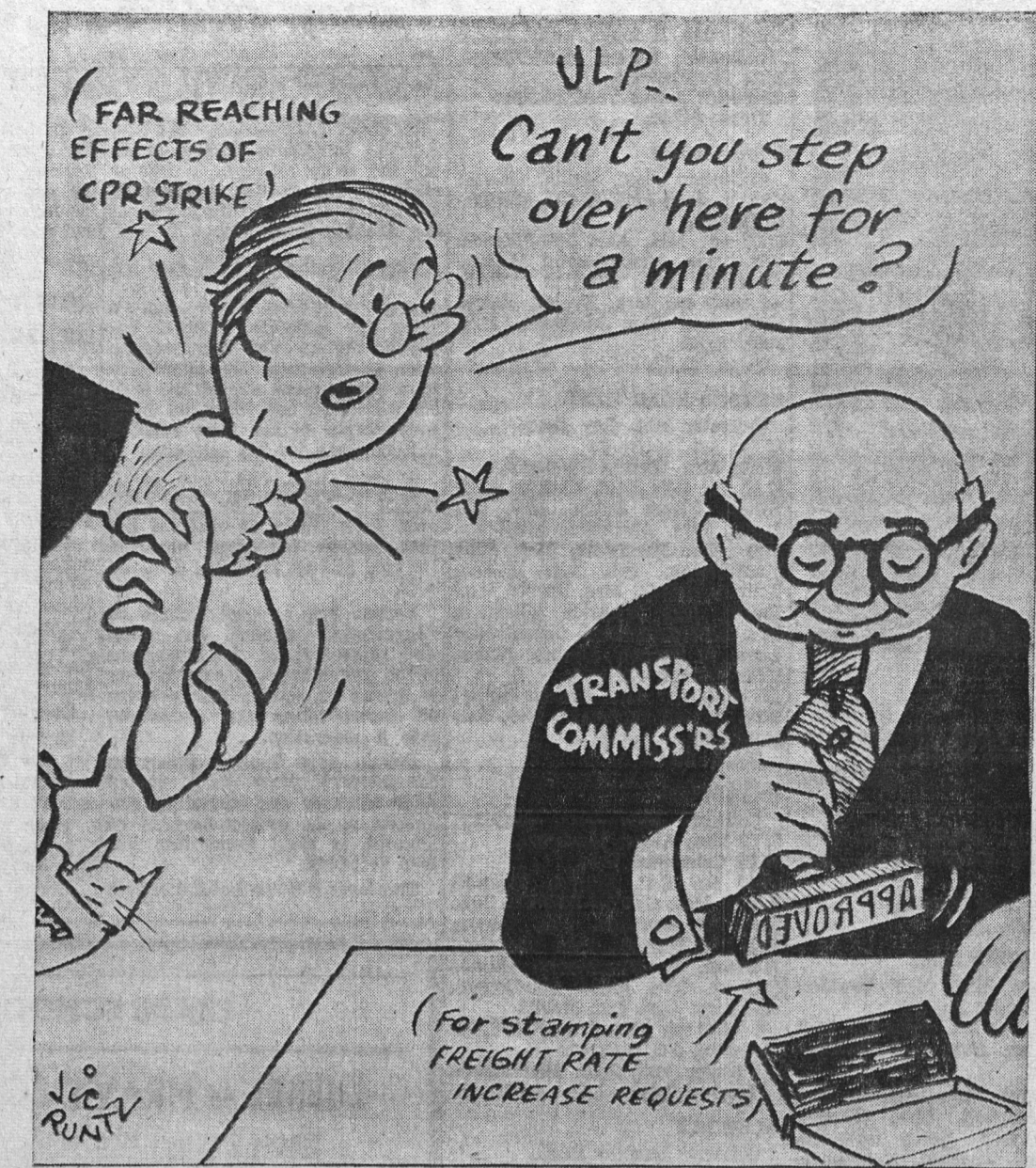
That is quite a load for one rabbit and five dogs, but the incident does make one think.

EDITORIAL NOTES

English is now the most widely used of all the world's languages, according to an international expert. 250 million persons use it as their native tongue and upwards of 100 million more as a second language.

There will be two second-term inaugurations for President Eisenhower. The first, a private one, will be on Jan. 20, the date set by statute. But, because the date falls on Sunday, there will be another swearing in on the following day. This will be the official ceremony.

India's Prime Minister Nehru and his Congress Party are getting ready for the national elections on Feb. 25. Already, troubles are looming on the horizon. In one state, 4,000 members of the party have resigned in protest against Mr. Nehru's unwillingness to accept a popular local man as a candidate.



ONE-TRACK PERFORMANCE?

Colonial Outlook

By Ormonde Godfrey, United Kingdom Information Office

The year ahead is to mark great changes in the status of many of the colonial territories of the Commonwealth. In some, self-government will be realised whilst elsewhere the indigenous populations will be called upon to take part in an increasing extent, in the affairs of their home-lands.

Half-way across the world the islands of the Caribbean are awaiting federation with a Federal Government, Legislature, Supreme Court, and a capital city the location of which has yet to be decided.

In East Africa, in Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda, much progress is being made in spreading more widely the responsibility of government amongst the multi-racial groups living there.

Malta's immediate financial problems have been eased and further progress has been made towards the day when Members of Parliament from the island can take their seats in the House of Commons.

From the Federation of Malaya, late in the old year, the Queen's Chief Minister, Lunku Abdul Rahman, went to London to discuss with the Colonial Secretary defence and financial problems associated with the forthcoming independence of his country.

May Aid Western Defenses

National Geographic Society

What for many years was easily Brazil's most unpopular island may become an important element in testing Western defenses. Washington officials are negotiating with Brazil to build a tracking station for long-range guided missile tests on Fernando de Noronha, a former penal colony.

Another Brazilian island in the general area is tiny Trindade. It lies still farther south, 750 miles east of Brazil's State of Espirito Santo. The British, having noted that the isle had remained uninhabited for a whole century, laid claim to it in 1895.

MAXIMS

Hats off the past and coats off to the future.

GERMANS TO HELP

BONN (Reuters) — The West German cabinet decided Wednesday to contribute \$1,000,000 toward the cost of clearing the Suez Canal, a foreign ministry spokesman said.

TRIBUTE TO KOERNER

VIENNA (Reuters) — Crowds of Austrians, many carrying flowers, lined up for hours Monday to file past the bier of President Theodor Koerner.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

A TRIBUTE TO

MISS MILDRED HARRINGTON Sir, — The Guardian of Friday last carried the announcement that Miss Mildred Harrington, for many years senior teacher in the Model School of Prince of Wales College, had resigned to accept a position as teacher and tutor in Mathematics in the High School Department of St. Mary's University, Halifax, N.S.

For more than twenty-five years Miss Harrington gave very excellent instruction to several hundred pupils. Our own family feels that we owe her a great debt of gratitude. Three of our sons received their elementary education in the Model School's classes. They have since satisfactorily completed full college courses and they are well aware that much of the success of their college work may be traced to the very thorough basic training in Mathematics (Arithmetic) and Language received in the Model School.

In addition to the regular prescribed course, they also did some considerable work in French, which in no wise interfered with their progress in the ordinary classroom, but which was later of much value in their college courses.

Besides her regular classroom teaching, Miss Harrington tutored many students in Mathematics with remarkable success. Many of these students maintain that they owe their success in this subject to Miss Harrington's skillful teaching.

On the eve of her departure from Charlottetown, we take this opportunity of thanking Miss Harrington for the great help she has been to our family, and we wish her every success in her new field of labor.

I am, Sir, etc. J.H. BLANCHARD Charlottetown.

The Age Old Story

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 10, 1932)

The coming civil election in Summerside is drawing considerable attention from the citizens. Mayor Lidstone has decided not to run again, and no prospective candidate has offered for the position.

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Sanatorium treatment should be free to every patient in P.E.I., Mr. C. R. McQuid, president of the Tuberculosis League, said last evening. He maintained that they have paid for this service through the special Health Tax imposed in 1941, and that the proceeds are sufficient to support this service along with other health services.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

WE ALL GET SNIFLES Got the sniffles? You're not the only one!

This is the worst time of the year for colds. Right now, between 10,000,000 and 15,000,000 Americans are catching colds every day. All told, about 40,000,000 persons—one fourth of our population—have a cold in one stage or another this very minute.

Who catches cold? Well, just about all of us are vulnerable. But those living in the North Central states have more than those living anywhere else, Chicago, incidentally, has the highest "common cold" rate in the entire nation.

East Coast residents have a below average rate. And those living on the Pacific Coast have the best chances of all of getting through the year with only a few sniffles.

Women catch more colds than men. (I don't mean to imply that women catch men. It's the other way round, they tell me.) Seriously, twice as many women as men become cold victims each year.

While a cold is one of the most highly contagious diseases we know, it's quite possible to kiss someone with a cold and still not catch it yourself. On the other hand, merely shaking hands with a cold sufferer might give you the virus.

Once you get a cold you'll probably have the sniffles. Eighty per cent of the victims do. But you have a fairly good chance of escaping the other miseries which sometimes go along with a runny nose.

Only half of the cold sufferers develop sore throats. Even fewer—42 per cent—have a cough, and a mere 22 per cent have headaches.

You can build up immunity to colds, but you've got to do it the hard way. If you keep contracting a series of "little" colds that only cause a slight nose tickle and throat scratch, you can generally avoid catching a serious cold.

QUESTION AND ANSWER S. F.: What is an electroencephalograph used for? Answer: The electroencephalograph is used to measure brain injury.

NOTES BY THE WAY

One authority says only Franklin D. Roosevelt could get along with the Russians. Anyone who gets along with them by saying "Yes" — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Buffalo steaks will soon be for sale in butcher shops in Canada. Meat cut from the carcasses of 450 animals slaughtered from the Elk Island National Park herd which numbers 1,300 head. The herd is thinned out periodically to prevent over-grazing.

Is reading becoming a lost art? We are happy to report this is not the case, at least not in Toronto. When the public library system held its annual check day, it found there were 6,500 more books in circulation than on the same day last year.

graph is used to diagnose different brain disorders, also to localize tumors and to measure brain injury.

A man to be arraigned in a New York traffic court will have a good story to tell the judge. He drove through a toll gate on the Triborough Bridge without paying the twenty-five cent toll and continued onward at an eighty-mile-per-hour clip.

The father of the twins said he intended to plead guilty of the traffic charges — he was chased to the hospital by a traffic cop — but he hopes he will get off with a fine and a good cigar. — Cape Breton Post

The Poet's Corner

SIMPLIFICATION When the great tree shed its glory There was no silence; all night through Loosening stems clicked; mandarin

That exodus; no faint breeze blew To speed it. Without ceasing it went on Till all that wealth of leaves lay on the lawn.

No other movement stirred the autumn night. The rich veil gone, the moon's clear disk appeared.

How kind that shade had been in summer's height! But now the sheltering curtain had been cleared. And in the morning came a bright surprise — We looked far out into the sunlit skies. —Anna Preston. in the Christian Science Monitor.

The well-fed Canadian is a problem to fishermen. He can't be won with an appeal to his hunger, because he isn't hungry. The tidbit from the sea must displace some other attractive and tasty food on his table.

A Reuters despatch says: "Russia, which often boasts of the ripe old age of its people, states that a woman died recently in Russia at 190. Moscow radio, in announcing her death, took the opportunity to give a secret of long life — the longer and harder you work, the longer you will live. Siberia has the greatest number of long lived people, the radio added."

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