

British troops are out of Jordan. But what has been accomplished? Soviet influence seems to be gaining over Nasser's in Iraq; and for the rest, the erosion of Western influence continues, more slowly than in the past, but without stopping.

The policy paper calls upon the Democrats in Congress, without usurping the power of the President or the Secretary of State, to take a more active part in shaping of foreign policy.

World Refugee Problem

A year ago, four Britons wrote a series of magazine articles proposing a World Refugee Year as a humanitarian counterpart of the International Geophysical Year.

There is need for this concern, and for all the remedial measures that can be taken to remove this open sore from the face of our civilization.

Under the direction of Mr. Dean Acheson, former U.S. Secretary of State, the Democratic Advisory Committee has issued an extremely critical pamphlet lamenting the decline of American diplomacy from 1953-56.

The transplanted of 10,000 barrels of disease-resistant Island oysters to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will be completed in June.

Mr. Acheson, who suffered severely by derision 1950-52 from repeated charges that he had "lost" China, may here have had a personal axe to grind.

Briefly, the pamphlet accuses the government of linking the defense of Quemoy and Matsu not only to the security of Formosa but also to the defense of all other friendly nations in Asia and the Pacific.

The Canadian textile industry is again after increased protection against foreign imports, mainly from Japan. A brief presented by a 27-member union delegation asks for an outright ban on all textile imports exceeding the import level of the 1946-50 period.

Meanwhile, suspicion dawns that the Chinese Communists have no intention of letting Chiang escape from the predicament of Quemoy. Why should they? So long as he is there, they can, at any moment, gain the centre of the international stage, frighten America's allies, blackmail the Russians for greater support, and deflect American energies from the more important tasks.



LOOKING OVER THE TRAVEL FOLDERS

PUBLIC FORUM

RURAL SCHOOL PROBLEMS

Sir.—When rural residents visit the urban centres of this Province and observe the imposing buildings that are used to educate the school children there, they are apt to conclude that the children living in those areas are in a fortunate position as regards education.

The present system of rural education was started by our early settlers. Born of necessity it served its purpose well and was a real factor in shaping the destiny of this Island.

The time is good and ripe to take a new look at our rural schools to try to remove the rough edges and get a smoother system running that will help more of our rural youth to get a better education at a more rapid rate.

I feel that anything less than Grade Ten is not enough and will prove to be a serious handicap in today's world.

A complete causeway survey report was promised us in May. Then the date was postponed to mid-June. Now Transport Minister Hees says he is not expecting it in June.

The deadly mist of Strontium-90 is falling steadily upon us, and it has apparently enmeshed both politicians and scientists in its grim fog.

Health Minister J. W. Monteith told Parliament, after his officials had looked into the Strontium-90 situation, that "our findings indicate no basis for alarm."

Britain's Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, has announced that radioactivity in that country has doubled since last summer. There are no grounds for doubting that a similar increase has been suffered in comparable areas of Canada.

The grounds should be made more attractive. The planting of trees and rose-bushes would add greatly to the eye appeal of the locality. Much money is spent to beautify our national parks when there are numerous school grounds in various parts of the Island that could serve as local beauty spots and could become a source of enjoyment to both the tourists and ourselves.

Supervision of the rural schools seems to be loosely knit. In order to keep more closely in touch with the progress being made, local inspectors should be required to call at each school at least once each month.

If the country schools are not going to teach—higher than the eighth grade no extra high degree of education should be necessary. Those with a grade twelve education plus a teacher training course and the right personality and maturity should have sufficient knowledge to teach in country schools.

I also feel that the Board of Education should hire and keep in reserve a number of teachers sufficient to fill any vacancies that might occur for any reason during the school year. By this means it would be possible to keep all schools going full time; and more teachers might be induced to make a career of teaching, an objective which is most desirable.

I am, Sir, etc. ISLAND FARMER Montague, P.E.I.

OTTAWA REPORT

The Strontium Menace

By Patrick Nicholson

side, passing into the topsoil and thence into plant life. Thus it enters the food chain and comes into our bodies; in the western world we absorb it chiefly in milk, in Asia chiefly in rice.

Like calcium, once in our bodies it tends to deposit itself in our bones, concentrating to form hotspots in any place where bone is developing. It retains its radioactive power for about 40 years, thus its danger is greatest to our children.

There are of course other elements of danger in nuclear tests. There are also elements of inconvenience and financial loss, of which the most obvious is the change in our weather.

Such mutual trust involves a minimum of military risk; but

Quick Action In Hernia Case

By Herman N. Sanderson, M. D. A strangulated hernia is a definite emergency. Unless surgery is performed within a few hours, it might lead to death.

A hernia is a fairly common ailment among men. World War II statistics revealed that of every 1,000 men examined for military service, 35 of them had inguinal hernia.

Usually there is some kind of a sac or covering around the protrusion. Most such hernias can be gently pushed back into their proper place. Naturally, the size of the hole or rupture increases as the hernia slides in and out.

Sometimes the walls of the ruptured cavity become stiff and unyielding. They pinch the protruding mass. This cuts the blood circulation, hence the term "strangulated hernia."

You can see what I mean if you take a rubber band and place it around your finger. The band chokes off the blood supply. If you permitted the band to remain there long enough, and if it was tight enough, the cells of the finger would die.

In an inguinal hernia, one of the most common types, a portion of the bowel pushes through the ruptured wall and creates a lump in the groin. When this portion of the bowel is choked, it becomes swollen until it is impossible to force it back into its rightful place again.

The hernia becomes sore, swollen and turns purple. Some tissues die and gangrene sets in and begins to spread. The intestine is obstructed and soon peritonitis poisoning strikes the entire body.

There isn't much chance of failing to detect a strangulated hernia. The pain and swelling will tell you that something certainly is wrong.

If you do notice any of these symptoms call your doctor right away. The damage usually can be repaired by surgery, if you act in time.

A. L.: Would gas heat in a home cause excessive draft? Answer: No.

Frustrated Campaigners

By Ed Simon Canadian Press Staff Writer

The current position of British professional politicians is that of an operative tenor who has inflated his lungs for the opening note of his big aria just as the conductor leaves his podium to catch a train.

In defiance of rumors to the contrary, Prime Minister Macmillan has let it be known that he has no immediate intention of calling a general election.

The result has been a superfluity of red herring on Britain's political menu as the frustrated campaigners cast about for means of releasing their pent-up energies.

For instance, the outgoing Labor majority on the borough council of Lewisham, which lost control by one seat in the municipal elections two weeks ago, manoeuvred its way back in by electing a couple of Labor aldermen and a lord mayor.

A Liberal party newspaper chided Labor for its habit of expelling party members for unorthodox policies. The opposite page of the same paper recorded the expulsion of a Liberal councillor who had cast his vote for a Conservative mayor.

The Labor party is faring no better. Half its spokesmen are busy reassuring the voters that there is no truth in the report that a Labor government's first act on attaining office would be nationalization of 500 of Britain's major industries.

we have the safeguard that nuclear tests, carried out in contravention of an international agreement, would soon be detected.

The alternative to this mutual trust must be a steady build-up of the radioactivity on the surface of our land.

While scientists cannot yet agree as to what constitutes a tolerable level of radioactivity—because they are here dealing with the hitherto unknown—continuing nuclear tests will condemn thousands of children all over the world to a death as sure as the immediate massacre of nuclear warfare.

Against this "heads we lose, tails we cannot win" situation, the statesmen of the West are faced with a difficult but very urgent problem, in which the voice of the people is increasingly making itself felt in many European countries, impatient with the stalemated talks of their leaders.

NOTES BY THE WAY

With marathon dancing, flagpole sitting and telephone booth crowding have passed into history one might think there was some hope that the human race was regaining its senses. But no. A Vancouver athlete claims to have set a world record by performing 2,051 sit-ups in an hour and a half.

The great bear hunt at Timmins, Ont., has started off badly, and judging from newspaper comment, most Canadians will be glad. The purpose of the chase was to obtain sufficient bearskins with which to replenish the supply of ceremonial headgear worn by soldiers of Britain's Brigade of Guards.

Snake meat and poison! That was the "take" in the annual rattlesnake hunt to exterminate the varmints at Okeene in northwest Oklahoma: About 1,000 hunters participated in the event this year. They brought back more than four tons of rattlesnakes. Live ones sold for 50 cents a pound.

The great crowned head, a king's conceit, hangs high upon the antiered wall, and in the ultimate retreat, denies the further arsenal.

Nothing intrudes upon it here, no winter bites against its flank, no hound-cries sound—upon its ear in spring along the river bank.

And this shall come of it: the head will fall, the hunter live his day, the last remembrance go unsaid the slain was mute, the slayer would not say.

—Oliver Hale in the New York Times

Miss Audrey DeBlois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel DeBlois, Charlottetown, will be graduated with a diploma from the Nursery Training School of Boston at exercises which are being held on June 3 at Lafayette Hotel, Back Bay, Boston.

For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

MAXIMS

Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.

"Nobody", the saying goes, "is more fun than people." Seafaring nations will be reassured to know that Afghanistan has ratified the United Nations convention of the high seas. Afghanistan is completely land-locked. Everyone would like further details of the convention's statement that "states having no seacoast should have free access to the sea."

A Calgary youth has been fined \$300 for driving at 95 miles per hour. That's a little more sensible than the trivial fines usually imposed for such offences... but there are still jails.—Edmonton Journal

OUR YESTERDAYS (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 28, 1924) A very impressive service was held in the Summerside Presbyterian church last evening for Empire Day and also to commemorate the landing of the United Empire Loyalists 150 years ago on the shores of Bedouque Bay and what is now Linkletter Shore. Rev. Mr. Jeans read the lessons of the day from a Bible which the ancestors of the Linkletter family had brought to Canada during their flight.

Eight divisions of approximately thirty students each enrolled at Prince of Wales College yesterday for a four weeks course in teacher training. The course is under the direction of Prof. L.W. Shaw. Methods and material in the regular school subjects will constitute the study matter.

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