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Political Complacency

Mr. Harry S. Truman will never stop talking about how he fooled the professional pollsters in 1948 by defeating Governor Dewey by a wide margin...

It seems almost certain that this time the experts will turn out to have been right in their predictions. That, at any rate, is the story from almost every corner of the nation.

For all that, Mr. Truman's warning not to take too much for granted, even when all signs point to victory, is a wise one—which politicians of a certain party nearer home would do well to take to heart.

Old Subscriber Lost

An amusing anticlimax to a crime investigation is reported from the United States. An ex-convict, one James Rini, who was exposed as a coin machine terrorist by the Chicago Tribune...

and the Norwegian Air Forces. Around the walls are shrines in which lie volumes containing the names of 125,000 men who died in the Royal Flying Corps...

There has been a church on the site since the 9th century. By tradition the body of King Harold the Dane is buried under it.

Detention And Reformation

The one important pronouncement resulting from the recent Federal-Provincial conference on penal reform was that "if the Provinces agree, the Federal Government is prepared to take over responsibility for the detention and reformation of all offenders sentenced to six or more months."

As far as "reformation" is concerned, however, it is questionable whether Federal prisons, some of them evidently heavily over-populated, are preferable to Provincial jails.

Perhaps the intention is to keep short-term offenders isolated from the main stream of prison life and manners. That would be a good arrangement. But it would cost a great deal of money.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. Solon Low says he is much happier as a school teacher than when he was leader of the Social Credit Party.

It has happened at last. A 16-year-old youth who did nothing all day but watch television has been put under state care in London to undergo medical examination.

St. Clement Danes

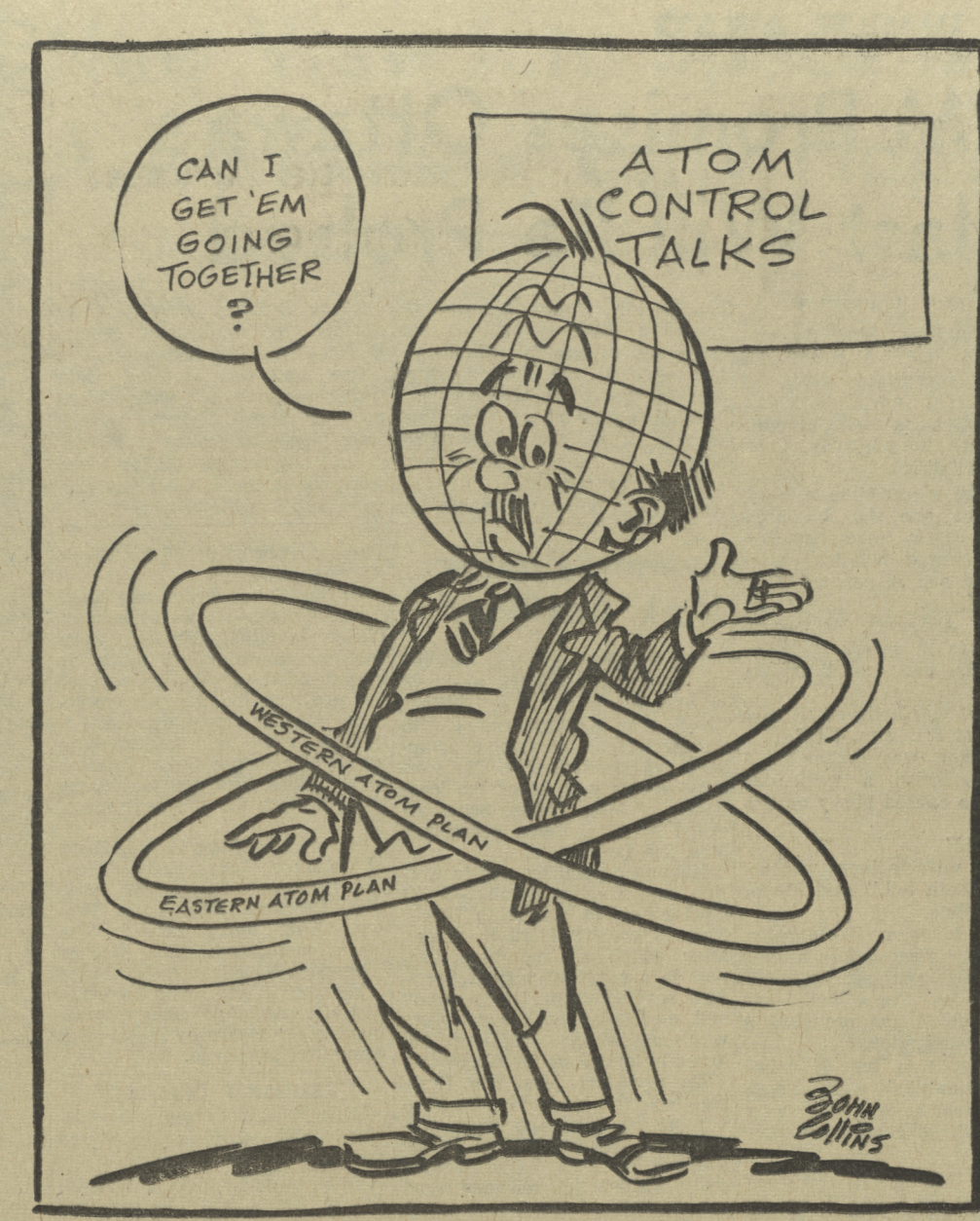
On May 10, 1941, the historic Church of St. Clement Danes, London, was destroyed by German bombs.

It was an important occasion. Present, besides the Archbishop, were the Queen and Prince Philip, Princess Margaret, Queen Mother Elizabeth, the Bishop of London, 25 Air Chief Marshals and a number of other notables.

The reconstruction was largely carried out by the Royal Air Force, but there were many outside contributions. The organ was a gift from the United States' Third Air Force.

When French elections take place on November 23, only those who were voters before 1939 will be familiar with the new system.

A bank official told the Canadian Exporters' Association that "anyone who looks for the Canadian dollar to return to par (with the U.S. dollar) is over-optimistic."



GOOD TRICK IF HE CAN DO IT

OTTAWA REPORT

For Closer Understanding

By Patrick Nicholson

"There is ample evidence of an erosion in the traditionally excellent relationships between the United States and Canada."

That alarmed statement key-noted the surprised report made to Washington by two American Congressmen sent up here on a special study mission.

Events have moved fast in Ottawa and Washington since that report was made in May.

One of the Congressmen's recommendations was that periodic visits should be made to each country by the Parliamentarians of the other country.

Such information, Mr. Diefenbaker believes, should not be merely a tourist's - eye view, or a conversational smattering.

Now, starting early in the New Year, Canadian Parliamentarians and American Congressmen will meet together regularly for informal talks.

These will be like the "Town Meetings" of colonial times, which were a model of comprehensiveness and a model of frank talk on current problems without the restrictions of an agenda.

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leave Yugoslavia but he is believed to be too ill to have made the trip even if allowed.

The ruthlessly-crushed Hungarian revolt of 1956 lasted long enough for Cardinal Mindszenty to be freed from the prison where he was held for three years of a life term on charges of treason, espionage and black marketing.

While Russian tanks and troops put down the uprising and restored the Communist government, the primate was given sanctuary at the U.S. legation. He lives there still.

When the Pope died earlier this month, Roman Catholic authorities in Vienna were doubtful that he would be allowed to go to the Vatican and that he might not do so if the opportunity arose lest he be barred from returning.

However, the United States asked the Hungarian government at the Vatican's request to give him safe conduct to take part in the conclave. Hungary rejected the appeal as interference in her internal affairs.

It is possible that Hungary feared the same struggle between church and state that has developed in Poland where Cardinal Wyszyński has strongly resisted incursions on religious freedom. The Communists accused the primate of receiving instructions from the Pope during a visit to the Holy See last year to keep the feud going.

Formosa Strait lies in the Pacific's earthquake and typhoon belt. The typhoon season proper comes between May and October but the big blows—Pacific counterparts of Atlantic hurricanes—have struck in nearly every month of the year.

Strong gales also are prevalent in the strait, especially from October to March. During World War II, the United States Navy warned navigators that October's mean wind velocity is 69.1 miles per hour.

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When A Child Breaks Tooth

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. DENTISTS tell me that accidents in which children's teeth are broken are increasing.

With our playgrounds as crowded as they are, with power brakes making quicker automobile stops possible, I suppose it is only natural that youngsters' teeth are more prone to injury from this cause.

In many cases, prompt action can save an injured permanent tooth, even one that has been knocked loose in its socket.

At times, a tooth that is displaced by the force of a blow can be repositioned if seen shortly after the accident.

In the case of dislodged teeth, there have been instances where root canal fillings have been performed after which the teeth were successfully placed in their proper positions.

Now an accident involving youngsters' primary teeth is more likely to displace the teeth than to break them.

In some cases, the force of the blow is strong enough to push a tooth completely up into the gum. While this, like any other tooth accident, should be examined immediately by a dentist, the chances for saving the tooth are probably pretty good.

In fact, if x-rays show no fracture in the roots, the tooth very likely will re-erect and resume its former position in the mouth.

I think you will agree that every effort should be made to restore a dislodged or fractured front tooth. The lack of such a tooth is somewhat embarrassing even for children.

Dr. Norman H. Olsen, chairman of the pedodontics department at the Northwestern University Dental School, warns: "An unsightly gap in the anterior region of the mouth may contribute immeasurably to an inferiority complex."

A. Hay fever causes such symptoms as attacks of sneezing, congestion of the eyes—that is, redness, swelling, and itching; itching of the ears, nose, throat; and mouth, watery discharge from the nose. There also may be a cough and wheezing in the chest.

Difficulty in breathing at night may make sleeping difficult, even impossible.

The strait's western waters wash Red China along a jagged shore line studded with peninsulas and islands. Among the many offshore islands are the Nationalist Matsus and Quemoy which have drawn world attention as targets of Communist attack.

The Matsus, at the north end of Formosa Strait, for years have challenged traffic to and from the important Red port of Minchow (Fochow).

Heavily fortified Quemoy is the chief island of the Quomoy cluster that stands within five or six miles of the mainland in the central part of the strait. The islands block the harbor of the Communist's shipping and distribution center, Amoy. In turn their supplies and equipment are forced to run the Reds' artillery blockade.

Opposite big Formosa Island, the bulging China coast unrolls a series of narrow plains hemmed in by high, rugged mountains. Since the mountains hamper inland travel and separate many shore communities, the region's densely settled people have looked to the sea for livelihood.

Their busy seaports, Amoy and Fochow, have long been known to the West. With Canton, Shanghai, and Ningsien, they were the original treaty ports through which China opened trade with the world in the mid-19th century.

On the Formosa side of the strait, the fertile, cultivated plains of the Nationalists' island stronghold rise in terraced foothills toward a mountainous interior. In contrast are the flat and bleak Pescadores, a 64-island group scattered near by in the channel's southern reaches.

Handicapped in farming by poor oil and lack of rivers, more than half of the 83,000 Pescadores make full-time jobs of fishing the rich neighboring waters. The islands' name comes from the Portuguese word for fishermen.

The Pescadores' value, however, lies not in their economy, but in strategic location as sites for military bases and stepping stones between Formosa and the mainland.

Scourge of the islands for garrisoned soldiers and civilians alike is the wind that sweeps relentlessly through Formosa Strait. Gales bring stinging dust and violent downpours by turn. Farmers must protect their mager crops and stunted trees by coral and stone windbreaks.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Saving money is still a good idea. It may be valuable again some day.—St. Thomas Times Journal.

Stopping to pick up a hitchhiker a motorist was rocked to his heels when the chap refused the ride. He was waiting for a car with swivel seats.—Windsor Star.

Turkish soldiers, two thirds of whom cannot read or write, will be educated under a joint program of Turkey and the United States. The object is to enable the fierce Turks to know what they're fighting for. Considering the excuses historically offered up, it may be that the inability to read conflicting reports is exactly what makes the Turks so formidably single-minded in battle.—Detroit Free Press.

During a creative writing class, I warned my Students against ending sentences with prepositions. As an example, I told the World War II story about the zealous young censor who informed Winston Churchill that he had ended a sentence with a preposition. Churchill returned the paper to the young man with the notation, "This is the kind of pedantic nonsense, up with which I will not put."—Caronet Magazine.

We suspect that the same people who complain that young people are indifferent to participation in music sit at home, turn a knob and get canned music while the band plays evening concerts in beautiful parks. They say the best things in life are free. But sometimes they are not appreciated as much as they should be. That's true of a variety of services. Public libraries and musical societies are among them. There are others.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

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A new commanding officer has been appointed to the R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside, it was a learned yesterday. He is Wing Commander G.R.F. Gross, and his posting is effective December 15th. Squadron Leader W.C. Langstaff, who has been commanding officer for the past two years, will become chief instructor until he is posted elsewhere.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Toughen it up, toughen it up—that's all I've heard for 40 years!" barked an irate lady superintendent of schools in the deep south. "Everybody is asking the kids to work harder, but labor is pushing a 35 hour week, and commercials on television keep blasting us to live moderns have fun, take it easy, enjoy life, travel."—Saturday Review.

American Institute of Medical Climatology is trying to ascertain whether the weather affects human health and behavior. At its recent Philadelphia conference, a police inspector asserted that while Friday night always produces an increase in crime, it's much worse on Friday nights when a full moon shines.—Corner Brook Western Star.

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