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proposed constitution will be open to new members.

Both Ghana and Guinea insist they intend to maintain a policy of neutrality in the cold war. Ghana, under Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah, who was educated in the United States, has nevertheless been openly favorable to the democratic cause of the west.

The situation is more delicate in Guinea, largely because of France's efforts to isolate the new regime. The Communist nations recognized it immediately, sending aid—including military supplies from Czechoslovakia—and following the aid with nearly 200 diplomatic officials and technicians.

Exploding Population

"The population problem that will confront mankind in the next generation or two may well prove to be more explosive than the atom or hydrogen bomb." This statement by Mr. Mainer S. Eccles, one-time chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, sums up the warnings that economists have been sounding in less arresting terms, but with the same awesome import.

While it took the human race from the beginning of time to reach two and one-half billion, at the present rate of population growth it will take only another 30 years to add another two billion. By the year 2000, the estimated world population will be 6 billion 280 million.

It is unparadiseable irresponsibility, Mr. Eccles argues, to inaugurate programs to reduce death rates and increase birth rates without providing for the generations so created. In their own interests, if for no other reason, the United States and Russia should end the cold war, halt its waste of resources and energy, and join hands in tackling social and economic problems compounded by the population surge.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Effective August 1, a 17 per cent reduction in freight rates on non-competitive railway traffic has been ordered by the Board of Transport Commissioners. This is the result of the Dominion Government action in providing a \$20 million subsidy for one year to Canadian railways, to be applied in easing the costs of freight traffic carried in Atlantic and Western Canada, which were the areas hardest hit through the 17 per cent boost in freight tolls awarded the railways some months ago to meet the threatened wage strike.

A recent despatch from Bonn reported that West Germany now has more jobs than it has workers to fill them. There are only 255,395 unemployed out of a total labor force of 19,000,000, while 319,455 jobs are vacant. The dispatch went on to say: "The unemployment record is remarkable also in view of the 12,000,000 refugees absorbed since 1945."



"ON GOSSAMER WINGS"

OTTAWA REPORT

M.P.'S Life A Busy One

(Patrick Nicholson is on vacation. His guest columnist today is WILLIAM ANDERSON, Conservative M. P. for Viceroy South.) There are many diversified ideas and views on the life, and duties of a Member of Parliament at Ottawa.

There are some who think that their Member lives the 'Life of Riley', stays at the best hotel, has a private secretary, attends many social functions and generally speaking has a wonderful time and is well paid for his efforts. There are some who underestimate the volume of work a member is called upon to perform and the time required to do it in.

Good Record Will Stand

Having voted in a plebiscite five to one against fluoridation of the town's water supply, the ratepayers of New Glasgow can be certain that the incidence to tooth decay in the town's children will continue unchanged. And that won't be any cause for satisfaction.

The campaign for fluoridation in New Glasgow was led by the Local Council of Women there. It's a disappointment to lose, but it should not humiliate these enlightened women who have every reason to be of good conscience.

Guided by the outstanding success of fluoridation in the communities that have it, and thereby guided too by their conscience, the members of the New Glasgow Council of Women did their level best for the dental health of the incoming generation.

The change in the taste of the water was imaginary, and when fluoridation quietly began without public awareness, nobody could tell the difference. The Shans live mainly in the valleys but many other tribes occupy the hillslopes of the Shan States. Among them are the Padangs whose women are famous for the brass rings they wear around their necks.

Feudal Lords Of Sunset

The Lords of Sunset have surrendered their centuries-old right to govern the Shan States of Burma. The Shan States occupy plateaus and plains corrugated by north-south mountain ranges and deeply gorged by the Salween River and its tributaries.

The happy-go-lucky Shans also are expert watermen. They think nothing of shooting over boisterous rapids in narrow dug-out canoes. Each April, a great festival is held in Shan villages to welcome the new year. After a day of picnicking, large bamboo skyrockets propelled by gunpowder, are launched.

Minor Wounds And Infection

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. IT'S BETTER to be a live "itzy" than a dead "toughy." If I may paraphrase an adage. You can be in excellent health and be the toughest guy in the world and still succumb to infection caused by a tiny puncture of the skin.

COVERED WITH GERMS Your skin, you see, is constantly covered with germs. It is virtually impossible to puncture the skin without getting thousands of these germs into the wound. Despite the presence of pus-forming germs, not all wounds will become infected if they are not treated. But you can't afford to take the chance that this will be the case with your own particular wound.

THREE FACTORS But, generally, three factors determine whether or not a wound will be infected. The number of germs which enter the wound, of course, is one factor. Understandably, the fewer germs, the less chance for infection.

TREAT ANY WOUND Thus, I think you can see the need for treating just about any wound, even if it is merely to disinfect it. I especially want you to be careful about puncture wounds of the palm and the surface of the fingers on the palm side of the hand.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO. (July 29, 1934) Formal opening last evening of a branch of the Carnegie Demonstration Library at Rustico was attended by a large number of citizens of the community.

TEN YEARS AGO

(July 29, 1949) The new rector of Alberton Anglican parish, Rev. James R. McMahon, was inducted into his parish at a service in the church last evening. Ven. Archdeacon, G. R. Harrison read the mandate, the induction prayers were read by J. T. Abbott of Charlottetown and the sermon was preached by Canon E. M. Malone.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

General Norstad says that a mistake could start a world war. The disturbing thing is that no nation has a monopoly on stupidity.—Edmonton Journal. A sign at the entrance to a U.S. tax bureau office reads: "Watch Your Step." A sign at the exit reads: "Watch Your Language."—Edmonton Journal.

Women are certainly spoiled these days. Not only do husbands buy them power lawnmowers but some actually start them for their wives.—Ottawa Citizen. The decommissioned Canadian cruiser Ontario is being protected against West Coast souvenir hunters. Looks like they've revived the old pirate tactic, grapple and board.—Windsor Star.

Premier Duplessis says in Quebec City that his province is more interested in cash payments than in future Dominion-Provincial conferences to discuss fiscal arrangements. Aand aren't we all?—Ottawa Journal. The banks have been going in for small loans more lately and in Indiana a man floated a loan for a new set of false teeth. Now he can chew his meals but the bank will put the bit on him every month.—Sherbrooke Daily Record.

Proceeding apace with their ever-expanding re-forestation program, the Ontario department of lands and forests this year has a goal of forty million trees to be produced from their nurseries across the province. This represents an increase of five million over last year's production.—York William Times-Journal. BC 'tan warmly back the plea by the Chinese Benevolent Association for an end to immigration restrictions against Chinese coming to Canada.

WORDS I have known words Like golden candles in the dark, And words, like glittering steel, That left a mark; Words that made a desert like a rose And dark words, echoing all life's woes. Words marching through the heart Like a beating drum, And vanquished words That leave the spirit numb. Shall we be careful that your words, and mine, Shall strive to turn life's water into wine? —Dorothy Sproule, in the Montreal Star

MAXIMS I do not think of truth as being made of granite, but rather as resembling a note of music, a note which we instantly recognize as the right one as soon as it is struck.

HOSPITAL INSURANCE DISCUSSIONS

- Members and staff of the Hospital Services Commission of P.E.I. will attend the meetings listed below. The forthcoming Province Insurance Plan will be discussed and questions regarding operation of the plan will be answered. All adults are urged to attend these meetings, which will be held in the hall of each District. EAST MONDAY, JULY 20—8:00 P.M. Pownal Hall. Fort Augustus Hall. Southport Hall. Stanhope and Covehead Community Hall. MONDAY, JULY 20—8:30 P.M. Vernon River Hall. TUESDAY, JULY 21—8:00 P.M. Afton Hall. Harrington Hall. Marshfield Hall. Winsloe Station Hall. Kingston Hall (Time for Kingston Hall 8:30). WEDNESDAY, JULY 22—8:00 P.M. Central Royalty Community Hall (for Central and East Royalties). THURSDAY, JULY 23—8:00 P.M. West Royalty Hall. THURSDAY, JULY 23—8:30 P.M. Vernon Bridge Hall. FRIDAY, JULY 24—8:00 P.M. Mt. Ryan Hall. FRIDAY, JULY 24—9:00 P.M. Iona East School. WEST MONDAY JULY 20—8:30 P.M. Tryon Baptist Hall.

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