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The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink

The Old And The New

The year 1964 is still with us, though tonight it will pass into history. It will take some time to see it in its right perspective.

This habit of moralizing is one that we are prone to at this season, and we crave the indulgence of our readers for giving rein to it once again.

It doesn't really matter, though. Every New Year is a miracle in its own right, and creates an aura of inspiration for whatever words we have at our disposal to express its magic.

One of our favorite authors at this season is R. L. Stevenson, who seems to have fallen out of grace with modern readers.

This applies to national and international affairs, as well as individually. It is as good a thought as any for the United Nations to take with it into the new year.

By all means let us have definite objectives, and let us go to achieve them! But it is the right spirit that counts.

A capital program of the magnitude now in prospect bodes well for the near and longer term future.

Meanwhile, the steady upward trend of personal income adds to consumer demand and further reinforces the forward momentum in the economy.

Perhaps the most notable feature of our 1964 development, Mr. Sharp says, has been the remarkable performance in international markets.

Improved access to external markets is emphasized as a key factor in future expansion, and importance is attached in this connection, to a successful conclusion of the Kennedy-round trade negotiations.

Unfortunately, not all segments of the economy have moved ahead in the manner indicated in Mr. Sharp's report.

Rising costs have been eating into farm earnings at a disturbing rate. The unemployment situation, too, remains more of a problem in this area than in other parts of the country.

The U.S. federal food and drug administration has launched an odd kind of investigation. It suspects that the peanut butter industry is putting fewer and fewer peanuts in its product and larding it out with heaven knows what unpeanutly substances.

This is a thankless undertaking, in the opinion of the Milwaukee Journal. For, as it says, there are no neutrals on the subject of peanut butter.

This crowd doesn't care how few or how many peanuts are put in a pound. The peanut butter eaters, on the other hand, are too busy spreading the stuff an inch thick on chunks of rye bread, topped with such delicacies as creamed herring, bologna, anchovies and cottage cheese.

Faced with massive indifference on the one hand, and preoccupied munching on the other, the authorities might as well go back to worrying about whether wrinkle remover lotion is a beauty preparation or a drug and forget about counting peanuts.

West Indies Trade

For Maritime exporters, one of the promising signs of the year has been the pickup in trade with the West Indies. According to "Foreign Trade" magazine, we now exchange close to \$170 million worth of goods annually.

The principal Canadian exports continue to be the traditional ones we have supplied for over two centuries—flour, salted and pickled fish, and meats.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has announced that it is offering \$65,250 in educational grants and awards for the 1965-66 academic year.

WINTER SCENE, EXPERIMENTAL FARM OTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson Probing Use Of Drugs And Pesticides

A special committee of the House of Commons is making an important but little-known study, aimed at ensuring that Canadians derive the greatest possible benefit from the new field of discovery, namely synthetic chemical substances affecting our health and environment.

Politics In Italy By Doug Marshall Canadian Press Staff Writer

It may seem a political paradox that a right-wing Socialist has been elected president of Roman Catholic Italy, largely because of crucial backing from the Communists.

Surrender Ideas London Free Press

General Dwight Eisenhower seems to be benefiting from an acute case of hindsight when he says now, almost twenty years after the event, that the Allied call for Germany's unconditional surrender was wrong.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of subjects of general interest to the public. The Editor does not accept responsibility for opinions expressed. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to return correspondence regarding letters submitted.

Mr. Lamontagne's Advice Toronto Globe and Mail

Secretary of State Maurice Lamontagne mingled tears and wiper in his statement to the House of Commons concerning his methods of buying furniture on credit, and concluded with a piece of advice.

Fa Children Are Inactive

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dell The overweight pre-adolescent and adult unless he exercises less and becomes more active.

Many of these boys and girls are taller and heavier than those of the same age. But weight is not the only criterion, especially when the child is young.

On the other hand, many a overweight child has behavioral disturbances such as bed-wetting, nightmares, and frequent temper tantrums.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS EXPLAINED

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Right Neighborly Of It Ottawa Journal

The Ogdenburg (New York) Journal has given the answer to end all answers to that favorite Canadian debating question, "Should Canada become part of the United States?"

The newspaper presents its leading editorial a case made by "one of the most prominent and successful businessmen in Northern New York, a manufacturer, banker and man who has served with distinction in politics."

His Excellency Most Reverend M. A. MacEachern, D.D. Bishop of Charlottetown Will hold a reception at the Dun Glaston on New Year's Day from 2:30 till 4:30 p.m.

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WINTER WEAR

Advertisement for winter wear featuring coats, dresses, sweaters, skirts, slims, blouses, and handbags. Includes a list of items: Ladies' Wear, Coats, Dresses, Sweaters, Skirts, Slims, Blouses, and Handbags Greatly Reduced.