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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest link."

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Maia

Everybody knows that it was for Maia, the goddess of growth and the mother of that happy, though somewhat capricious, messenger of the gods, Mercury, that this month was named.

"Hark! The sea-faring wild fowl loud proclaim My coming, and the swarming of the bees.

These are my heralds and behold! My name Is written in blossoms on the hawthorn trees."

In our part of the world May is likely to be a bit erratic in her manners. Warm sunshine one day and the "lingering winter's chill" the next; these are the things we expect, and we hold no grievance against Maia for having them that way.

Then there is the mayflower, fore-runner of summer's beauty. With what confidence it lifts up its face to the sun! How glad it is to be alive, if only for a brief season! How mankind could profit by its philosophy! "No regrets, no fear," is its message.

Aid To Free Asia

It is significant that in his recent message to Congress on the Mutual Security Program, President Eisenhower spoke so cordially on the Colombo Plan and of the U. S. Government's desire to be associated with it in raising economic standards through all the Far East.

The President said that this whole program must be judged in conjunction with the efforts now under way to broaden world trade. Quite plainly the nations under Communist siege must rely on their own strength as the primary shield of their safety.

But President Eisenhower gave pride of place to the "vast arc of free Asia," extending from Korea and Japan to the Middle East, and containing one-third of the world's population.

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For the Near and Middle East, the President requested limited defense and economic aid for Iran; continued help for Turkey and Greece to maintain their defense forces; and co-operation with the Arab states and Israel in developing their water resources.

gress, are of "growing importance" to the free world. For that reason he asked Congress to vote funds for Africa under the mutual security program.

Unrest generated by Communist activity continues to make the situation "critical" in Guatemala and Bolivia. He therefore asked for "further economic support" to these two countries.

The economic side of the mutual security program will cost \$712 million. This program entails \$172 million for technical assistance, \$175 million for special programs, \$165 million for development assistance, and \$200 million for the President's special fund.

Father Belcourt

The one-time pastor of Rustico, and locally famous for having a steam wagon in the 1860's, is the subject of a lengthy biography just published by the North Central Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn.; the author is Rt. Rev. J. M. Reardon, well known and honored in his native Charlottetown.

The biography proclaims Fr. Belcourt as one of the great missionaries of North America. Called from the peace and quiet of parish work in his native Quebec, he went to the Red River Valley, then expanding through the colonizing of Lord Selkirk, and began work among the Chipewia Indians.

Monsignor Reardon's flair for history, as well as his pleasing style, make this a most interesting biography. It is completely documented, and thus is, undoubtedly, an accurate picture of this lonely, capable and intrepid worker in his Master's vineyard.

EDITORIAL NOTES

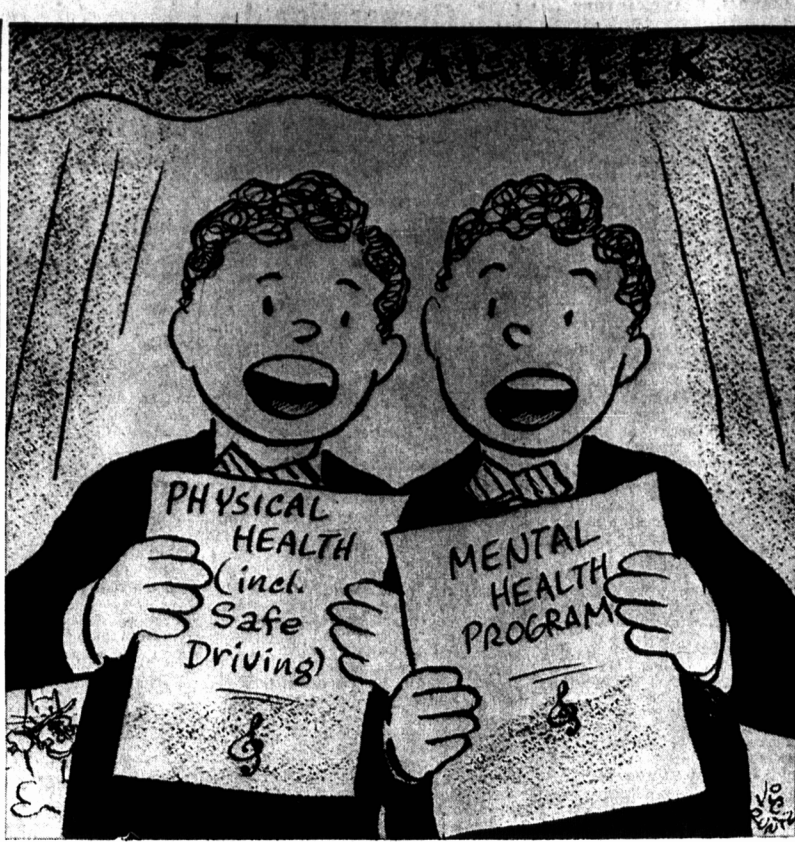
Mr. Adlai Stevenson, who is now in Kenya, told reporters that taking photographs of lions was one of the most exciting experiences of his life.

The Bandung Conference was impressive in more ways than one. Apart from the fact that 29 nations, representing more than half the world's population, took part in it, there were 40 languages and dialects spoken in the debates; and 8 different religions were represented.

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Thirty-five years ago, most mental illness was considered all but hopeless. Today tens of thousands of mental patients are being treated successfully each year—thanks largely to modern research.

How did its people transport the heavy basalt for their monuments? The nearest volcanic rock is 90 miles away.



In Harmony

Facts Of War And Peace

Winnipeg Free Press

Mr. Pearson's careful re-statement of Canadian policy on the Chinese coastal islands removes any shred of excuse for misunderstanding. His original statement was plain enough. As Mr. Pearson has repeatedly said, Canada has accepted no specific commitment in the Formosa dispute.

These propositions have long been inherent in Canadian policy. It became necessary to define them precisely when the war threat developed at Quemoy and Matsu. Failure to do so would have invited misunderstanding abroad and especially among our American friends.

An Ancient Civilization

National Geographic Society

New archeological exploration of the mysterious Olmec civilization at La Venta, Mexico, has just yielded a cache of 56 primitive implements, most made of jade.

Canadians All

(Globe and Mail)

Many Canadians will be surprised, as we were, to learn that the first Ukrainian who ever settled in Canada is still living. His name is Wasyl Elieniak, he is ninety-six years old, and he resides on a farm near Chipman, Alberta.

Dr. Philip Drucker, Smithsonian anthropologist and joint leader of the expedition, says that the depth of 15 feet a block pavement representing a jaguar face covering 400 square feet. Such a jaguar "mask" was found near by in 1943.

Most significant of all is the fact that every one of Mr. Elieniak's hundred-odd descendants—children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren—is living in Canada. How many families half as large could say as much? And should this be taken as evidence that the best way to populate Canada is by immigration, or by the cradle?

SAYS NUTRIENT LOST

LONG BEACH, Calif. (CP)—Modern milling methods are removing vitamin E from flour, contributing to a rise in coronary blood-clotting, says a Canadian nutritionist.

The Poet's Corner

FOUNTAINS IN SPRING

Released, your singing music sounds again, And, swiftly, leaping forth, all fountains flow: Fountains gush gardens wet with rain.

Where glossy sparkling blooms; And spring after spring, In this one, myrtle fountain flowing free.

After the silence that white winters bring, I hear a rushing, fountain symphony.

A watery crescendo, notes un- A liquid diapason of pure sound.

—Louise Darcy in the Christian Science Monitor.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"Why does draining water swirl clockwise north of the Equator, and counter-clockwise south of it?" asks a nosy correspondent.

We were writing just the other day about the way in which cities get littered up during the Summer and also how the countryside is defiled by junk thrown from passing cars.

Young people living in three townships of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Slate River and Blake, are going to plant trees on the afternoon of May 13.

HITLER FORGOTTEN BONN (Reuters)—The 10th anniversary of Adolf Hitler's suicide in Berlin's beleaguered Reich Chancellery passed almost unnoticed in the West German press Saturday.

P.E.I. RURAL BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

The Tenth annual Rural Beautification Contest for 1955 is now on. This year over 80 prizes to a value of \$3400 are offered for Farm Home Improvement, for Small Holding Improvement, Farm Buildings, Outstanding Homes, Flower Gardens.

Medically Speaking

Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. A SENSITIVE TONGUE MAY MEAN TROUBLE

There's one part of the body to which we seldom give much thought. Yet, without it, most of us would have a tough time putting over business deals and women wouldn't be able to chat over the back fence.

I refer, of course, to the tongue. Not Immune

Now, in spite of its extensive use, your tongue is probably in very good condition. It is not, however, immune to ailments. Germs, viruses and other organisms might attack it, leaving it inflamed and perhaps swollen and ulcerated.

Lack of Vitamins Anemia, or the lack of certain vitamins, particularly those of the B group, might help this condition get started.

Blind Diet Until the condition clears up, you should stop smoking, stop drinking alcohol and irritating liquids, and stop eating hot and spicy foods.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Miss I. E.: Would stomach ulcers cause a sensitive and sometimes a dull ache around the navel?

Answer: Stomach ulcers as a general rule do not produce pain around the navel.

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Today the buffalo is safe from total extinction. Though his number is small, he lives without danger in parks and reservations.

The Age Old Story Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

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