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Critical Meeting

This week's special meeting of the U.N. Security Council, called for the purpose of considering Tunisia's complaint against France for the bombing of the village of Sakiet Sidi Youssef, will be an anxious one for France's allies. It will be particularly irksome for the United States whose Government wants to keep on good terms with African countries at whatever the cost. If the report is true that American-made arms were used in the assault the United States' position is, of course, all the more irritating.

There is hardly a chance that France will formally be condemned, although the Soviet Union can be expected to urge such action with vigour. Seven votes are necessary to condemn; and they are not likely to be found. Yet, not to condemn France for what was plainly an act of violence against a defenceless community will put the West deep in the disfavour of African and Asiatic peoples. France's excuse that the village was being used as a base by Algerian rebels is no better than none at all.

Nothing that has happened since the cold war began has given the Soviet Union more cause for elation; and not since the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was established has it suffered a more grievous blow.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Experts checking the reactions of a young airman seated in a space ship on a simulated trip to the moon were said to be a little worried over his not waking promptly the first time the alarm bell went off. What was there in that to worry about? A good many of us are likely to oversleep under normal conditions.

For the first time since the end of World War Two West Germany has an unemployment problem. Not a very serious one as yet, but serious enough to cause the Bonn Government some concern. From Australia, another country where full employment has been the rule, comes a similar report.

James Hagerty, White House Press Secretary, told reporters that Harold Stassen, the President's disarmament adviser, "was not asked to quit". Perhaps not; but the President certainly left no doubt in anyone's mind that he would be more than pleased if Mr. Stassen decided to run for the governorship of Pennsylvania.

"Our culture pays too little regard to people of vision. We pay far too much attention to economists, bankers, engineers and politicians and far too little attention to poets, philosophers, painters, sculptors, writers, teachers, musicians and ballet dancers".—The Right Reverend G. K. A. Bell, Lord Bishop of Chichester in an address to the Convocation of Canterbury.

Foolish Subjects

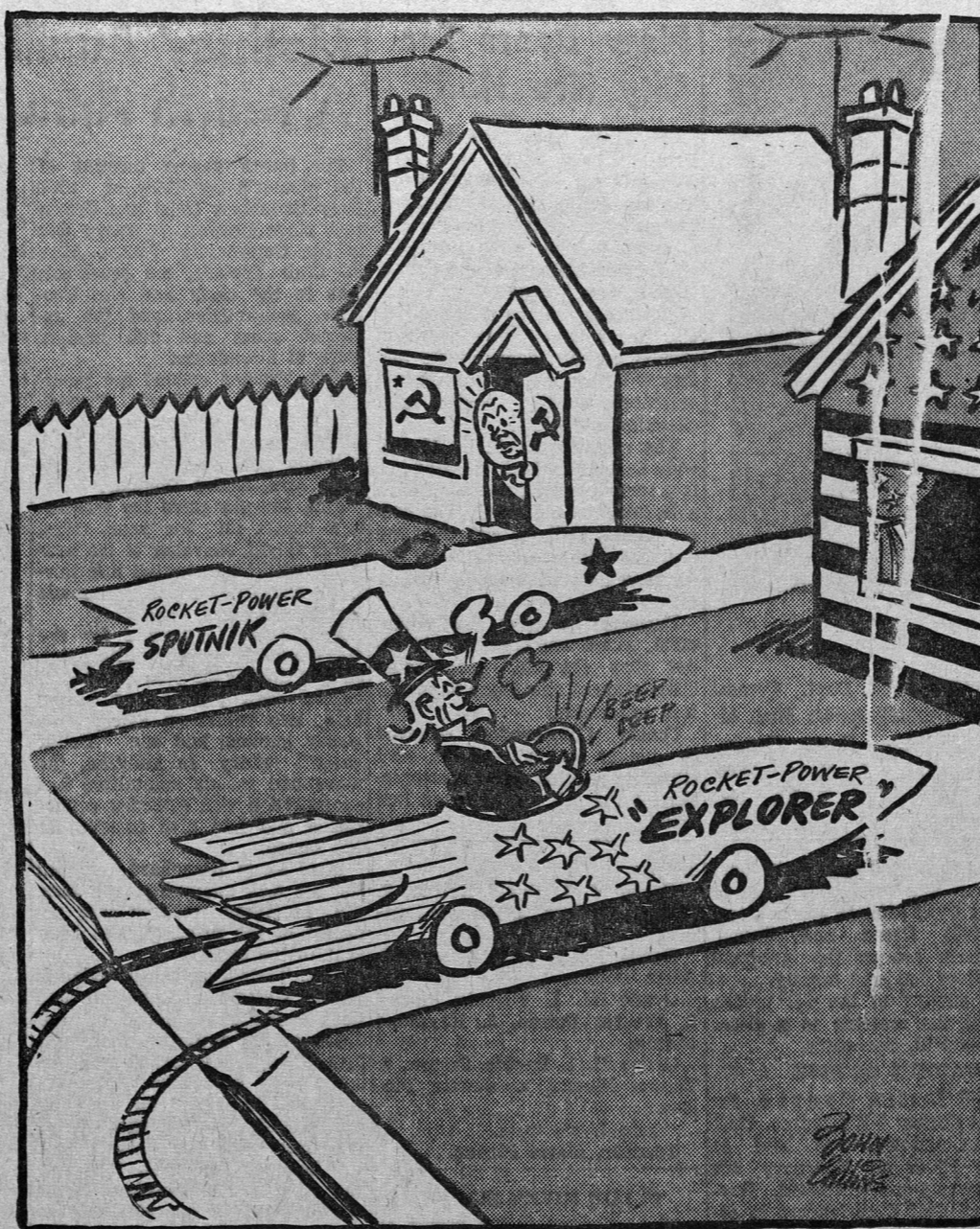
With so many subjects from which to choose, it is a mystery why any group of students or their advisers would select for debate the resolution "that polygamy is more suited to modern social conditions than monogamy". Wherever the debate goes in Canada or any other Western country, the verdict of the judges will, of course, go to the negative; for, although debates are supposed to be judged on the academic skill of the debaters and not on the popularity or unpopularity of the subjects, the fact remains that there are some subjects on which most judges have certain fixed opinions, at least when it comes to reporting a verdict.

It was like resolving that "Law is useless" or that "Vagabondage is a superior way of life", just to take two possible subjects at random. No doubt, a keen and experienced debater could make out some sort of case for either of these propositions; but he would hardly expect to receive the plaudits of the judges. For the first instance, to a school of anarchists, and in the second, to a gypsy camp. As for polygamy vs. monogamy, a debater for the affirmative, who hoped to be given an unbiased trial, would have to go to a Moslem community; and even there he would have to take his chances, for the old fashion seems to be losing its hold—mainly perhaps because it is too expensive for these times.

In the United States and other Western countries sympathy for Communism has been found chiefly among so-called "intellectuals". In China the story is the same—in reverse. A report from Peiping says that Premier Chou En-lai is calling a meeting of Communist Party leaders to discuss "capitalistic thoughts and working style among most of the country's intellectuals". Those intellectuals must be a cantankerous lot!

An elm tree that came close to being a record in size for North America was cut by an Ontario Hydro clearing crew, working in the area to be flooded because of the St. Lawrence power project. The tree was located just south of the Moulinet village, seven miles west of Cornwall; it is estimated to have been 200 years old. Standing 87 feet high, it had a stump diameter of 9 feet, six inches, and its girth at breast height was 22 feet.

Pope Pius XII has announced that from now on the Vatican's two highest decorations—the Supreme Order of Christ and the Order of the Golden Spur—will be awarded only for "singularly unusual recognition". This is taken to mean that they will be awarded less often than they have been in the past, although they have never been given hastily. Only six men hold the highest decoration at present. President Coty of France was the last to receive it



KEEPING UP WITH THE KHRUSHCHEVS

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

CIVIC RELATIONS

Sir:—You may have noted that at the first meeting of the new City Council, His Worship Mayor E.C. Johnstone renamed the former Tourist and Industrial Development Committee as The Public Relations Committee and I had the honor of being named Chairman thereof. Councillors Baker and O'Neill will be the other members of this Committee.

As my first official duty in that capacity may I extend to you both the very sincere thanks and appreciation of the City and the new Council for the very excellent build-up and coverage you gave our recent Civic Election here. The large vote on the 12th can be credited I'm sure to the very fine work of our daily newspapers in creating interest therein among our public.

During the next two years then we will look to you for your support and co-operation, and in turn will work at all times with you in furthering the interests of this lovely city of ours from the angle of public relations. As and when you have suggestions for this committee I trust you will feel free to give me a call.

Again, the thanks then of our City, our Mayor, our Council, and indeed of all our citizens, for your part in the 1958 Civic Election.

I am Sir, etc., A. WALTEN GAUDET, Chairman, Public Relations Committee, Charlottetown City Council

WEST INDIES FEDERATION

Sir:—Upon several occasions recently The Guardian has referred to the new West Indies Federation as the newest member of the Commonwealth. In fact on January 2, 1958, there was a headline to the effect, I contend that this is absolutely false. The federation has not achieved this status; this status has not been recognized by Canada, Britain, or the world in general.

To be a member of the Commonwealth rather than a part of the Colonial Empire, a country must be independent; it must have full control over its internal and external affairs. It must be sovereign. The West Indies Federation certainly is not as yet sovereign. Only the following countries are members of the Commonwealth: the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Ghana and Malaya. The Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, while not completely independent and therefore not a full Member of either the Commonwealth or the United Nations, has been allowed to attend Commonwealth meetings.

Although it is expected and hoped that the West Indies Federation will soon achieve full membership, it is not now even in a category with Rhodesia. It does not even have the limited status Canada achieved through Federation in 1967, and Canada certainly did not become independent in 1967. The new federation does not even have full control over its internal affairs particularly relative to questions of finances and defence. It does not have extensive control over its external affairs. It does not send ambassadors or high commissioners. Unlike Ghana and Malaya it could not as yet become a member of the United Nations. It is still under the supervision of the Colonial Office in London. It is still technically a colony.

The following quotations from two issues of the Commonwealth Survey, an official publication of the Central Office of Information, London, should be sufficient to prove my point: "Legislation by Order in Council may be enacted for the federation in the United Kingdom in respect of defence, external rela-

OTTAWA REPORT

Big Year For Immigration

By Patrick Nicholson, Special Correspondent for The Guardian

OTTAWA: 1957 was our best year for immigration for nearly half a century. A total of 282,164 new Canadians entered through our swing doors, stepping over the mat bearing the hesitant word "Welcome", to create a community which, if not dispersed, would have made our fourth largest city, ranking in size between Vancouver and Winnipeg.

Such a mammoth flow had not come our way since 400,870 immigrants arrived in 1913, the bumper year of the era of "The men in sheepskin coats", when men were men and immigrants built their

own sod huts on the virgin prairie instead of lining up at the city employment offices. These 1957 immigrants consisted of 106,000 men and 45,000 women intending to look for jobs; 53,000 wives; 71,000 children; and 7,000 "old dears."

The largest group of immigrants were British, totalling 113,000. The next groups in order of magnitude were 31,000 Hungarians, 30,000 Germans, 29,000 Italians, and 12,000 Dutch.

The countries from which our immigrants arrive tend to follow a consistent pattern year after year. An obvious exception has been the big flow of refugees from Hungary in the 15 months since the revolution in that country. Other substantial changes in the pattern last year were that the number of Ukrainian immigrants nearly tripled to 5,725; and Jewish immigrants multiplied three and one half times to jump from 15th place to 9th in numerical size, just outnumbering French immigrants as a group during the year.

EARN AND SPEND So 151,000 new Canadians came to look for jobs here last year. But immigration also created during the year 282,000 consumers to create new jobs. Even the would-be workers became consumers before they became job-seekers. First buying transportation, then thronging restaurants, then renting temporary accommodation, and finally buying what we call the necessities of life but what to most of those new immigrants are novel luxuries.

That 1957 crop of immigrants represents approximately 74,000 new households. That is a very substantial increase to our domestic market for our manufacturers and agricultural products. They would first directly or indirectly create a demand for 74,000 new homes. Then, it has been estimated, these new families will buy, for cash or on time, the following household appliances: 19,500 oil furnaces, 13,800 coal or wood furnaces, 31,800 electric stoves, 3,976 gas stoves, 72,000 radios, 28,950 television sets, 56,250 refrigerators, 59,476 electric washing machines, 48,450 sewing machines, 39,000 vacuum cleaners.

HOW WAGES ARE SPENT Then of course those new Canadians must fill those refrigerators and use those stoves, so in their first year - and again I base this on estimates from the Canadian-German Business Review - they will spend some \$110,000,000 on such of our farm products as wheat, meat, vegetables, eggs, milk and milk products.

Those immigrants who work will earn a total of \$400,000,000 in wages in their first year, of which they will pay over nearly \$100,000,000 in various taxes; assisting you and me to shoulder our country's federal, provincial and municipal tax burden.

The tight money policy of the Liberal government curtailed the rate of extension of job opportunities in Canada, so this bumper flow of immigrants had to be severely curtailed by the Conservative Government. To preserve jobs for Old Canadians. But as a rapidly increasing population, commensurate with full employment, will best serve our national economic interests, we should aim to reopen our immigration door as soon as possible on that early 1957 scale.

MAXIMS

If you begin by sacrificing yourself to those you love, you will end by hating those to whom you have sacrificed yourself. Self-sacrifice is suicide.

DEEPEST SPOT

The deepest ocean deep accepted by National Geographic Society experts is 35,640 feet in the Mariana Trench of the Pacific.

Allergies And Skin Troubles

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. Both allergic and emotional factors apparently play a part in the development of eczema. A careful study of medical literature on eczema patients reveals that physiologically and psychologically a person with this skin trouble often differs from a person without it.

PERSONALITIES VARY Of course the personality of each patient varies, but most persons with eczema frequently seem to have the following traits:

They have a feeling of inadequacy and inferiority, lack of self-confidence, suppression of aggression and anger, repressed hostility toward close relatives, sensitiveness, emotional instability and sometimes sexual difficulties.

Many persons with eczema have above average intelligence. In fact, this is a fairly general trait.

FAMILY HISTORY

The eczema patient is likely to have a family history of eczema, hay fever and asthma. Often an attack of eczema and asthma alternate in the same person.

An eczema patient probably will be very pale and his skin will be drier and more easily chapped. In a cool environment, he will chill more quickly and in a warm one he will become warm more slowly than persons without similar skin trouble.

REACTION TO TESTS

He will react more immediately to skin tests. He will react in a different manner than those not troubled by eczema to injections of histamine, epinephrine and other substances.

The eczema patient becomes more easily excited and gives an exaggerated response to a variety of emotional disturbances.

Whether eczema is primarily induced by emotions or by sensitivity is something about which doctors have disagreed for a long time.

RECENT STUDY

A five-year study, for example, revealed that seven times as many infants on cow's milk develop infantile eczema as do breast-fed babies.

Some doctors say this means there is a high allergenicity to cow's milk protein; others insist it shows increased emotional security gained by proximity to the mother's breast.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

D.T.: Are blood transfusions needed in carbon monoxide poisoning?

Answer: Complete rest is indicated in cases of carbon monoxide poisoning. Blood transfusions are rarely needed.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(Feb. 19, 1933)

Although the season is not yet closed, the quantity of pelts shipped from Summerside through the Association Fur Pool and other local buyers amounts to approximately 50,000. The pelts on the average were of a better quality than other years, and the prices received compared favourably with those of Montreal and other cities.

A destructive fire which caused damage to the extent of \$20,000 occurred at Millview yesterday afternoon, when the store, warehouse, garage, undertaking parlours and machine house of Jenkins Bros. were burned to the ground. With the exception of the contents of the undertaking parlour the entire stock was destroyed.

TEN YEARS AGO

(Feb. 19, 1948)

Steadily increasing interest is being developed by Maritime business men in the Chignecto Canal proposed project. Mr. F. W. Hyndman stated last evening at the meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade. By emphasizing the shorter water route, Mr. Hyndman pointed to the increased shipping and development of trade in

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOSPITAL

Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the Act of Incorporation a public meeting of all contributors to the Prince Edward Island Hospital will be held in the classroom, new nurses' residence, Charlottetown, on Thursday, February 20, 1958 at 8 P.M. for the purpose of electing trustees for the government of the institution in accordance with the by-laws and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

J. ANDREW LIKELY, Secretary, Board of Trustees.

The general public are cordially invited to attend the 1957 Annual Meeting.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A new business that has been started in Toronto and which is proving successful, may have a wide-reaching effect on shirt sales in retail stores. It is a shirt rental business. For \$1.85 a week a person can hire 11 new shirts and, have them delivered to his door, five at a time.—Brookville Recorder and Times

During the period January, 1956, to September, 1957, Irish lifeboats were launched 115 times and saved 134 lives. The lifeboat service, with twenty-two stations around the coast of Ireland, is maintained by voluntary contributions. The stations have been provided with new boats since 1949.—Ireland Bulletin.

It is only 18 years since the Battle of the River Plate, yet the kind of warfare it represented already belongs to a day that is done. There could no more be another surface battle like that which the Exeter, the Ajax and the Achilles fought with the Graf Spee than there could be another like Trafalgar.—Fredericton Gleaner.

If the slaughter of mourning doves was permitted, what would be next? Robins? We have seen to many of our birds and wild animals come close to extinction because of over-zealous hunters. We wouldn't want to see the mourning dove go the way of the passenger pigeon or the whooping crane. The wisest course for the Ontario government to follow is to turn a deaf ear to the would-be dove hunters.—Sudbury Star.

The Illinois automobile license bureau in Springfield recently received a cheque for \$1,000,010.50, with an application from Romeo Rizzato of Alton, Ill., for a new set of license plates. The cheque was made out by the Alton Banking and Trust Company, where Rizzato has his account. The license bureau returned the cheque because they felt there was some mistake. Illinois plates cost only \$10.50. It's all very well to accept a cigar from a friendly applicant, but a million dollars!—Montreal Gazette

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VITAL STATISTICS

OTTAWA (CP)—More Canadians were born and died in January than in the corresponding month a year ago. However, marriages declined. The bureau of statistics said Monday provincial vital statistics offices reported a total of 46,069 births, up from 43,746 a year ago. Deaths rose to 13,861 from 13,474. Marriages dropped to 9,795 from 10,052.

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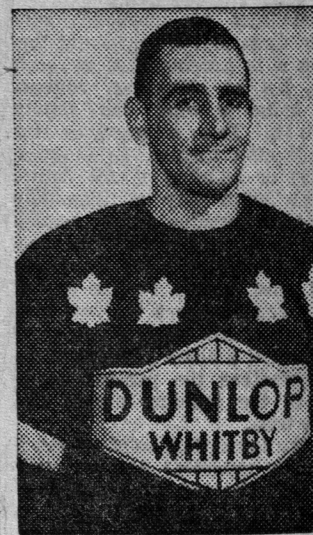
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