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greater advances towards these speeds have been made since the V2 was doing a mere 3,000 miles an hour a few years ago.

Granting Mr. Cleaver's premises, the moon would certainly be the first objective, since it is the earth's nearest neighbour in space—a mere quarter of a million miles away—and the basic problems of getting sufficient powerful fuel and getting enough of it aboard the vehicle would be easier in the case of a trip to the moon than they would be for a trip to Mars or Venus, although in the scientist's view these problems would be reached too—possibly ten or twenty years after the first lunar landing.

A Poor Excuse

All sorts of excuses have been given from time to time by Canadian Government officials for this country's half-hearted policy with respect to immigration; but the weakest we have heard about so far was the one given to the Commons by Immigration Minister Pickersgill a few days ago. After noting that the number of immigrants coming in from the Netherlands has declined considerably in the last year or so, he explained that this was due in part to Australia's free-passage plan of which many Dutchmen were taking advantage. When the suggestion was made that Canada might do well to introduce a similar plan, he replied "it has never been Canadian policy to compete actively with Australia."

That, surely, is as negative as any policy could be. Carried to its logical conclusion it would mean that Canada would get no immigrants at all until Australia's requirements were met in full. Canadians have no compunctions whatsoever about competing with Australians in matters of trade. Why, therefore, should competition in securing new citizens be considered unseemly?

For the most part, Dutch immigrants to this country have fitted into our economic and social life in a most satisfactory manner; and they have made good contributions to the country's economic and cultural development. Every reasonable encouragement should be given to others who would like to settle here, regardless of anything Australia or any other country might do to attract them. This might or might not include a free-passage arrangement; that is something to be worked out in light of all the circumstances. But, certainly, it is childish to suggest that it cannot even be considered because to do so might interfere with the Australian programme.

EDITORIAL NOTES

According to a United Nations report, the population of the world increased by 40,000,000 at mid-year 1955 over the previous year. The new estimated population is 2,692,000,000.

In a public statement Aneurin Bevan, England's fiery leftist, said he was hoping Adlai Stevenson would be the next President of the United States. That's not particularly good news for Mr. Stevenson.

Something new in monuments has been set up in Helena, the capital city of Montana. It is a monolith bearing an inscription of the ten commandments. Now if legislators don't do exactly what is right and proper, they can't plead ignorance. It's all there for them to see as they walk back and forth to the legislature.

It seems that almost every high-ranking officer who retires from Canadian military service has strong criticism to make about the conduct of the Defence Department. Yet, the Government stubbornly refuses to allow an impartial committee to inquire into the workings of the department. Why? Canadians from coast to coast are asking that question with increasing urgency.

One would imagine that if the department is working as efficiently as the Minister claims it is, a thorough investigation would be welcomed. It is folly to suppose that these officers are criticizing the department merely out of personal pique over imaginary grievances.



ANYTHING TO INSURE FAIR WEATHER

U.S. In Partisan Threes

Washington, Sept. 11 (AP)—Mr. Chester Bowles has become an outstanding public servant in the United States. He was one of the wealthy business men appointed by President Roosevelt and President Truman to a number of important administrative positions. In 1948 he was elected Governor of Connecticut. From 1951 to 1953 he served as Ambassador to India, earning the friendship of Prime Minister Nehru and the respect of its people. It is generally recognized that Mr. Bowles was one of the three most successful Western diplomats in New Delhi; the other two are Mr. Cooper, his successor, and Mr. Scott Reid of Canada. While serving as Ambassador, Mr. Bowles became profoundly aware of the importance of the states in Asia and Africa newly risen to freedom. He believes they hold the key to victory in the struggle between democracy and Communism.

UNPOPULAR TASK Since his return to the United States he has not hesitated to accept the unpopular and difficult task of trying to persuade American opinion to be less critical of the uncommitted nations. At present he is one of the most trusted advisers of Mr. Adlai Stevenson and many of his ideas will be reflected in Mr. Stevenson's speeches on foreign policy. Some months ago he delivered the Godkin lectures at Harvard; they have now been published under the title "American Politics in a Revolutionary World." They embody some astonishingly frank views, especially when one remembers that he is an active and prominent Democrat. They will also be important in giving one a sense of perspective on the Presidential campaign.

For it is the conviction of Mr. Bowles that the campaign will be waged on issues which will seem trivial and temporary in the judgment of history. He thinks there is only one real issue—the genuine victory of democracy in overcoming the world challenge of Communist power. That is also the one issue, he is equally convinced, on which neither party or constructive to offer. He suggests that two deserving precedents may be repeated unless the American people, before it is too late, embrace their adventurous destiny as leader of the free world.

World's Smallest Republic

The world's smallest republic, San Marino, founded 15 centuries ago as a sanctuary for persecuted Christians, may become an atomic-age haven for precious paintings, books and other irreplaceable cultural works. A member of UNESCO, tiny San Marino was one of the first to ratify a new convention which, when it goes into effect August 7, will provide protection for cultural property in the event of war. San Marino is a nation within a nation. Its 13,000 people see more of Italy from their mountain-top than their own square miles of territory. Yet that land has been theirs since the time of the Roman Empire.

STONE-CUTTER'S STATE A Christian stone-cutter named Marinus is believed to have fled from the Dalmatian island of Arbe to the Apennine mountains in northeastern Italy, there, also three-pronged Mount Titano safe from the Roman invaders, he and his followers established the state which bears his name. "We do not want an inch of others' lands," said Marinus, "and we will not give up an inch of ours." True to their saint's maxim, the San Marinenses have successfully resisted all assaults on their freedom. Their refusal even to annex a piece of neighboring land temptingly offered by Napoleon was explained by they escaped swallowing up in the Italian unification.

The new United Nations agreement involving San Marino seeks to immunize museums and monuments from attack. Shelters will also be built for movable works of art. When the San Marinenses ratified the agreement, they offered a shelter which was already built, tested and ready for use. It's a deep tunnel, nearly two miles long, through which a railroad formerly ran to the Italian city of Rimini, 11 miles away on the Adriatic coast. No longer in use, the tunnel withstood a severe bombing in 1944 when several nearby buildings fell and many people were killed. Though the bombing shattered the illusion, San Marino still gives the appearance of invulnerability. Topped by three mighty citadels strung together with thick walls, craggy Mount Titano once was rented in its entirety by an American film company for use in a movie about the Borgias. The scene's authentic medieval look imparted reality to a spectacular battle in which the defenders clouted the Borgias' men with rubber-knobbed war clubs and drenched them with boiling oil (dry ice and water).

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Aug. 11, 1931) Mr. Charles Fremont, of Quebec, at the monthly meeting of the Canadian National Fox Breeders Association held last night at Summerside, informed the Association that the Quebec Government have placed at the disposal of the Department of Colonization, Game and Fisheries, the sum of \$100,000 for an Experimental Fox Farm.

A galaxy of speed. This is not too much to say about the wonderful array of horses that are now under cover at the Provincial Exhibition Grounds, Charlottetown, as some of the fastest horses from Maine and the Maritimes are present. To name a few: Trampamug, 2:02 1/2; Jeanette Royal, 2:04 1/4; Abbie Worthing, 2:06; and many others.

TEN YEARS AGO (Aug. 11, 1946) 452 veterans of World War II have been located on farms in Prince Edward Island up to the end of July, according to officials of the local Soldiers Settlement Board. 185 have taken up small holdings, and 86 have been established in commercial fishing.

More passengers and motor vehicles have come to the Province during the past two months than in any other corresponding period of the Island's history, according to officials of the Prince Edward Island Division, C.N.R., and director of the Northumberland Ferries Ltd.

Fishermen along the Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick shores of the Northumberland Strait are making last minute arrangements for the opening of the lobster fishing season.

MAXIMS

Time does not become sacred to us until we have lived it.

The Age Old Story But he knoweth the way that I take; when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

issues in numbers and value far above what it actually needs take the place of taxes in the nation's economy. Though it has neither airport nor planes, the Lilliput state recently issued a \$00-lire (75 cents) airmail stamp. World collectors and dealers grabbed up 20,000 copies within a week after their issue.

VOTE AGAINST OVERTIME BELFAST, Northern Ireland (Reuters)—Ten thousand workers in Belfast shipyards voted Friday to ban all piecework and overtime work from next Monday. Their move followed an announcement by shipbuilders Harland and Wolff that 700 men will be laid off. The dismissals came after completion of the Canadian aircraft carrier Bonaventure, which is due to go on trials soon.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. POLLEN COUNT CAN HELP HAY FEVER VACATIONISTS The daily pollen count, published in newspapers throughout the country, gives you a pretty good indication just how much your hay fever is going to bother you. More than that, it serves as a handy guide when it comes to selecting your vacation time. LIMITED PERIOD In most areas, the ragweed pollen distribution is confined to August and September. Along the Gulf Coast, however, the weeds are still active in October. In Southeastern California and Arizona the ragweed season usually occurs in March, April and early May.

While it might be too late to do anything about rearranging your vacation schedule this year, keep an accurate check on the daily pollen count in your area for the next few months. MAY REACH 100 Generally, you'll feel okay until the count gets above 10, although the count may even reach 100 before some of you are bothered very much. But once the pollen count stays between 25 and 50 for a few days it means the hay fever season is really here. That's the time to take off on your vacation.

Where can you go? Well, the Pollen Survey Committee of the American Academy of Allergy and its chairman, Oren C. Durham, have checked into this problem very thoroughly. They find that air-borne ragweed pollen is heaviest in the intensively tilled portion of the Mississippi Valley and lightest in the area west of the Cascade Mountains in Oregon and Washington. DEGREE OF RELIEF The woods of extreme northern Michigan, of Minnesota, Maine and New Hampshire, also offer a good degree of relief. So do the central Adirondacks and the southern tip of Florida.

They have made a thorough presentation of the ragweed picture throughout the country. It's available in a little booklet called "Hay Fever Holiday." It might come in very handy for planning your next vacation where you won't be bothered by hay fever. QUESTION AND ANSWER Q: Will contact lenses injure my eyes? A: If properly fitted, there is no evidence that contact lenses can cause any injury to the eyes. However, about one out of three persons who try to use contact lenses cannot wear them because of discomfort.

With eye diseases, in which the cornea, which is the transparent covering of the opening into the eyeball, is deformed, contact lenses are particularly helpful.

ALTERNATIVE He seldom camped near running water though liking its melody, preferred listening to small creatures—chatter of squirrel, chipmunk or other furred or feathered woodland commentaries that uttered its distinctive word.

Deny himself the joy of waking to hear faint pre-dawn twittering swell to song. A solo thrush invoking day, the dove's antiphonal soft cooing gave to his pleasure-seeking streams could never parallel.

And thus, the option being given, he chose live sounds, woodswoon. —Eloise Wade Hackett.

The Poet's Corner

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The voodoo industry is growing more up to date. On sale in New Orleans is "boss-fix powder," which is guaranteed to cast a spell on the purchaser's boss, and secure a raise in pay.—Edmonton Journal

Billy Rose is going behind the iron curtain to observe Russian show business—and to try to verify rumors that some Soviet spy stole the specifications for Abbott and Costello, thereby making Bulgagan and Khrushchev possible.—Orillia Packet

Harry Truman said in New York as he prepared to sail for Europe that many of today's American leaders seem to be taken in by the smile on the face of the Kremlin. "If so, we at least know what's taking them in. Still mysterious is what took in Harry at the Potsdam Conference. Reminiscing about it in 1948 in Oregon, he said of Stalin, 'I like old Joe—he's a decent fellow. But Joe is a prisoner of the Politburo. He can't do what he wants to.'—Detroit Free Press

A 16-year-old Hamilton boy constructed a fan out of a record player. The motor became over heated, flames spread to paper under the boys bed, and firemen spent an hour putting out the blaze. It is dangerous for children to tamper with electrical equipment. But we hope the parents and the local authorities don't deal too harshly with the Hamilton teenager. Any boy of 16 who can build a fan out of a music box has inventive talent that should be recognized and encouraged.—Windsor Star

A pair of scales installed at the Boston Museum of Science shows what a person would weigh on the moon, where, because the pull of gravity is less, an object weighs one-sixth as much as on this earth. An American or Canadian lady of 186 pounds would weigh no more than 31 while even the fat lady of the circus, tipping the beam at 420, would scale out at 70, moon weight. It accordingly seems that the answer to excess avoirdupois is not the steam bath, reducing pills, or a 30-day diet, but a trip to the moon, where the heavyweight would come out a slyph.—Chicago Tribune

The law gives pedestrians right of way, but it doesn't provide flowers for the funeral.—Hamilton Spectator

After scaling six of the highest peaks in the Himalayas a group of British women report their waists are an average of two inches slimmer. And, even that is much easier than refusing second helpings.—Hamilton Spectator

Robert Phillion, of Cobalt, while doing his duty for the first day as an official dog catcher was bit by a dog he was after, punched in the eye by the dog's ever-loving master, and sewn up by the doctor for a split lip; three teeth were lost in the scuffle.—Windsor Free Press

Writer of a letter to a newspaper wants to know if there's anything that will completely remove wrinkles from the face of a mature woman. If the inquirer were a mentally mature woman she would know that any woman who has a completely smooth skin after 40 is a freak.—Branford Expositor

Consistent producer of bad news, France has nevertheless provided an encouraging item concerning the state of Communism there. Three of its Red dailies stopped publication last month. Eight are still printing, but immediately after the liberation there were 15, And, perhaps best of all, the circulation of Communist newspapers has dropped from 1,200,000 in 1950 to 415,000 now.—Detroit Free Press

The parliamentary committee on capital punishment, searching for a "dignified" method of execution, seems to have overlooked the cup of hemlock. Cultural, too.—Vancouver Sun

If locomotives cannot whistle as they approach level crossings, it's dangerous for motorists and pedestrians. Some towns don't allow the whistles. And, there have been fatal accidents when trains have crashed into cars at crossings. This no-whistle idea is one of the brain waves of individuals who like to think up ways to make it tougher for the railroads and the people. Better a few whistles than people killed.—Windsor Star onto Star

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