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Tension In The Mideast

The violence that has erupted along the Israeli-Syrian armistice line in the Middle East has all the signs of having been instigated by that arch trouble-maker, President Nasser of the United Arab Republic.

For all this talk, however, and for all the weapons he is developing in his arsenal, Nasser has potent reasons for moving warily. He knows that any deliberate act to eject Israeli "usurpers" from territory formerly part of Palestine would have positive repercussions among the big powers.

It is said to have ordered its troops in the Sinai Desert and to have urged to refrain from provoking Israel while it develops the military capacity to bring her to her knees; but this wouldn't prevent him from fomenting trouble for Israel in Syria if he thought he could get away with it.

Why is Nasser so obsessed about Israel—a little country of 2,600,000 which couldn't hope to overthrow its more populous neighbors, even if it wanted to? One reason is that Israel is an obstacle to the fulfillment of Nasser's aspiration to dominate the whole region. Not only is the least vulnerable to subversion, but her beachhead on the Gulf of Akaba is a wedge separating Egypt from some of the Arab states he has been trying to rule.

Approval Expected

The U.S. Senate hearing on the nuclear test ban treaty is taking place mainly in the foreign relations committee, which has jurisdiction over treaties and will decide whether to clear this one for a vote on the Senate floor.

It is evident that there are misgivings among military leaders, and on the part of a leading physicist, Dr. Edward Teller, as to the value of the treaty—Dr. Teller going so far as to say that it would be "a tragic and dreadful mistake".

It would be tragic if it were otherwise. Actually, the arguments used against the treaty cancel each other out. Certain opponents, for example, declare it to be very much to the advantage of the Soviets to have United States defenses "frozen" under the pact. It is a pro-Soviet treaty, they say. But the same-opponents insist that the Soviets will violate the treaty and cannot be trusted.

ponents insist that the Soviets will violate the treaty and cannot be trusted. If the treaty is to Soviet advantage, why should they destroy it themselves? Other opponents regard it as a menace to peace on the one hand, or as a meaningless nothing on the other. It can hardly be both.

The one major contention which appears to have impressed the Senate is that expressed by President Kennedy that the treaty is a shaft of light in the darkness; that it may point the way to further progress in Soviet-Western negotiations towards a more settled peace.

Meanwhile, the dangers of harmful radiation will be lessened—a fact about which the treaty's opponents seem to be quite unconcerned. Present contamination caused by fallout may well be within the bounds of what mankind can absorb without genetic harm, but as State Secretary Dean Rusk says, "no man can say for certain how much fallout is too much."

Indeed, considering President Kennedy's statement that the Soviet Union and the United States each possess "enough nuclear power to destroy the human race several times over," and Defense Secretary McNamara's statement that U.S. strategic alert forces have increased 100 per cent in the last 24 months, with nuclear warheads of all kinds being numbered in the "tens of thousands,"—considering all this, the real question would seem to be why the U.S. cannot cut its military budget sharply without hurting national security in the slightest. With so much "overkill" capacity, what is the need for building more?

Ontario Race On

Premier Robarts has set September 23 as the date for the Ontario provincial election, which will be the first for Mr. Robarts as leader of the Ontario Conservative party. He took over from Leslie M. Frost in the premier's office in the fall of 1961, after the latter stepped down from leading the party over a 12-year period in which he won every contest for his party—even the by-elections. The Conservatives have now been in power for 20 years in Ontario; and that's a long time, by any standards.

The Ontario House as now constituted comprises 98 members, but after the election the number will rise to 102. At present Conservatives hold 62 seats, the Liberals 24 and the New Democratic Party 5. There are seven vacant seats, resulting from the death of three members and the withdrawal of four from public life this year.

Premier Robarts will be going into the campaign minus the help of about half a dozen seasoned cabinet ministers who are quitting politics. The opposition party leaders have been campaigning for several months and their organizations have had ample time to get into smooth working order. It looks like a hot contest, with no lack of campaign issues. Development in Northern Ontario, highway programs, management of problems involved in the great expansion of education, labor and trade relations, are but a few.

In the opinion of at least one Toronto commentator, it should be the province's closest election since 1945, and he is inclined to anticipate a minority government outcome.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The information service of South Africa reports that a Johannesburg pig farmer has developed a methane gas plant that works entirely on pig manure. The farmer, who developed 1,500 pigs a year, marketed his plant six years ago. It supplies all the gas needs and runs an electric generator which provides power for all his lighting on the farm.

They do things in a big way at Ottawa. Some six years ago a decision was taken to build a 60-mile-an-hour, four-mile thoroughfare from west to east across the city. The estimated cost was \$31,250,000, the general arrangement being that the National Capital Commission would meet the costs of land acquisition while the city and province shared the construction bills. Now it is revealed that the planners underestimated by some \$16 million. In the matter of property acquisition they were out by a whopping 60 per cent.

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MIXED BLESSING
Hornets can literally eat a tree bare of young fruit trees.

Israel's oriental hornet rips the bark off young fruit trees. Yet the four-winged wasps and hornets can be friend as well as foe to the farmer. Californians breed thousands of wasps to gobble up the spotted alfalfa aphid, a serious pest.

Parasitic wasps kill many destructive insects by laying their eggs in burrows, tobacco hornets, and copra bugs.

Bees belong to the superfamily Vespoidea, a division of the order Hymenoptera (membrane wings) which included 120,000 species of ants, bees, and wasps. Socially minded for the most part, hornets live in colonies and build a single nest to house the community. Some

PUBLIC FORUM

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Sirs—Reading a recent letter in the Public Forum regarding the success of the Trenchard Grade 12 prompts me to make a few observations. I find it difficult to understand the tremendous variation of success rates in the various Regional High Schools in the Province. Are we raising problems in some areas not being raised in others? If there is this difference in I.Q., it would very be interesting to find out why.

One should not criticize without offering some constructive proposal for improving such a condition. I would suggest that the time is past due for the province to be concerned — the Department of Education, the School Trustees of the R.C.S. to get together and try and find out what is wrong or where the trouble lies. It is because students are being rebuffed from year to year without passing this should be stopped. If it is due to a lack of discipline which I suspect it may well be, then severe disciplinary measures should be instituted. Let's stop out of our complacency and stop this appalling waste of our young people.

Muscles Need Frequent Use

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
Some of us do not exercise because they have learned through experience that physical activity is followed by stiffness and soreness. If they are more persistent, in time aching will disappear and the muscles will increase in strength, bulk and tone.

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AERIAL VIEW, BRACKLEY BEACH

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Social workers investigating juvenile delinquency telephone families after 9 p.m. to ask parents if they know where 11 children were. In half the cases, they reported, it was children who answered the phone. And almost 50 per cent of the children had no idea where their parents were—France Dimanche, Par-

A Chicago radio station, in the interests of advertising, recently put two Holston cows in a department store window with earphones clamped to their heads. The cows had identical names and milk production records. They were milked by hand and the other was subjected to rock and roll. As anyone with a teen-age music lover with earbuds could have predicted, the soft music cow outproduced the other.—Milwaukee Journal.

An Australian dentist's research has convinced him that worrying about women is a waste of time to decay. Now we know what the boss meant when he urges us to put our teeth in the bin.—Fort Arthur News Chronicle.

Nigerian women are evidently well on the way to emancipation. The irate editor of a Lagos newspaper reports that several of his husbands "carry the travel-bag and follow the wives 11 miles to the bus station to see the women choose all the best parts of the chicken and leave the wings and legs for the men.—Ottawa Journal.

Hunting For Alexander

Stelio Comitis is a 48 year old Greek warrior who lives in Alexandria in Egypt. He has an obsession. He wants to locate the tomb of Alexander the Great.

In 1890 he decided that the tomb was in a section of the city's main square of Saad Zaghloul. After a long fight with city officials he was allowed to dig 15 feet deep. He found no tomb and it cost him most of his life savings of \$700.

Maybe the new hunt for Alexander's tomb will fail. For the sake of students of Alexander, a 4th most especially of Stella Comitis, it is to be hoped that it will succeed. It would prove at least one of the legends about Alexander—the way of his burial—was true history.

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Our Yesterdays

Mr. Thomas Davis, U.S. Consul at Saint John, N.B. is at present visiting the province and interviewing business men.

Sculptured Synagogue

In order to avoid the machine-made, geometric design common in today's buildings, architect Irving Grossman commissioned Canadian artist Graham Coughey to sculpt a wall design for a Toronto synagogue that would contrast the prefabricated look.

THE EVENING PATRIOT

The Kwanis pool at Brighton Beach which is supervised by Red Cross staff, continues to be the popular meeting place for the younger set in Charlottetown. Each day scores of youngsters enjoy a swim in the pool in the morning and return for a play period in the afternoon.

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