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to the Quebec minister of education on the subject, in which he dwells on the consequence which will result from the government decreasing its grant to McGill in proportion to the research grants secured by McGill investigators.

"At the present time," he says, "my associates who carry on in the Montreal Neurological Institute are supported in academic and research work by funds which did not come from the provincial government. They have never come from McGill's general funds and yet it is clear, because of your reduction of her grant, a proportion of every dollar spent for scientific work at the M.N.I. is deductible from the money which is now available for other departments of the university."

He recalls that the Rockefeller Foundation of New York, which contributed a million and a quarter dollars initially, was willing to help start a neurological centre, either in Montreal or in Philadelphia, where the University of Pennsylvania was bidding for it. Dr. Penfield and his associates succeeded in bringing the centre to Montreal, along with grants from different sources to carry on the work. McGill University only administers the grants and the income from these endowments. They served to create a Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery and it was housed in the Institute.

It is recalled, moreover, that the province and city of Montreal promised special grants to the Montreal Neurological Hospital in order to attract the whole project to Montreal. The work that was carried out for Quebec patients was vastly improved by the coincidental research and teaching and, on a broader scale, Montreal itself has become a Mecca for neurologist study.

The concern expressed by Dr. Penfield for the future of this great undertaking will be shared by many Canadians across the country.

Disturbing Questions

Prime Minister's rejection of a judicial inquiry for alleged spy George Victor Sencer has raised a lot of disturbing questions. Spencer was fired in December without pension or right of appeal as a result of an espionage case that broke last spring, and involved the expulsion from Canada of two Russian diplomats. Mr. Pearson says he finds, after personally reviewing the case, that the Vancouver postal clerk's dismissal from office was justified, as was the fact that he had been put under "perpetual surveillance"; that he had been treated "with scrupulous fairness" and there was no need for a judicial hearing.

Opposition members have questioned the government's refusal to hold even a closed inquiry, and have demanded by what authority the Prime Minister should take upon himself the powers of a court. Justice Minister Cardin had said there isn't sufficient admissible evidence to warrant prosecution of Spencer, yet he was being penalized for improper conduct.

National security, Opposition members concede, has to be protected. No one was asking that the background of the espionage system be produced in an open court, but they maintain that no Prime Minister, or group of ministers, has the right to condemn any man without due process of law.

It is pretty hard to gainsay this argument. And what are we to make of the Prime Minister's further statement that Spencer was being kept under surveillance in the "public interest" because "he, (Spencer), had stated in November that if he told what he knew both he and the reporter who heard him would shortly be assassinated." We have come to a pretty pass indeed, if such threats are to take precedence over the course of justice.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Today what we need to do is to practice the cult of political tolerance so as to reach the goal of ideological coexistence as the first imperative of survival on our planet. Because truly the only alternative to coexistence is no-existence."—Secretary General U Thant of the United Nations.

The Christian Science Monitor reports that at the beginning of this month, a Chinese freighter almost circumnavigated Asia to bring a cargo to the Albanian port of Durres. "Five thousand working people of all circles," said the Peking radio, turned out to give it an enthusiastic welcome. The Chinese ambassador was on hand to join in the ceremonies. The cheers of the crowd "thundered along the Adriatic seashore." What did the ship carry? Jade? Yaks' tails? Ivory carvings? Pigs' bristles? Ginger? or other spices? No—simply seed potatoes



THE GREAT DEBATE

Democracy In Action At Washington

Hamilton Spectator

It could only happen in a healthy democracy, nowhere else. That is the strongest impression an observer can get after watching the dramatic face-to-face meeting of American leaders who favor the administration's policy in Viet Nam with those powerful voices who oppose any involvement in Southeast Asia.

North Viet Nam and Red China watch goggle-eyed as Senator Fulbright and Senator Gore hurl barbed question after barbed question at such Johnson supporters as State Secretary Rusk and General Taylor.

It adds to President Johnson's stature, a debate like this. He could easily have ordered all leading members of his administration team out of the country "on duty" while Senator Fulbright's committee was in session, but he did not do so.

PUBLIC FORUM

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HARD ON FISHERMEN

Sir,—I would like to bring to the attention of the general public the method of the paying of unemployment insurance, speaking for a number of fishermen who have obtained sufficient contributions to entitle them to receive insurance, being a fisherman myself and having applied over a month ago and stated in my application the fact that I was self-employed building lobster traps (100 for the coming season).

Celtic Twilight Fading

Christian Science Monitor

The famous Celtic twilight grows dimmer. Latest word from those western outposts of the British Isles where Celtic is still spoken tells us that the tones of Brian Boru, Robert the Bruce, and Owen Glendower are not holding their own against the speech of Hengist and Horsa.

In short, the native languages of Ireland, Scotland, and Wales are still being swallowed in the vast sea of English like Celtic-speakers in the misty mists. Much is heard of this slow but steady retreat of the Gaelic in Ireland and the Welsh in Wales.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO February 26, 1941

Summerside Juvenile Crystals drubbed Charlottetown Juvenile Royals 3-0 in the final game of the P.E.I. Juvenile playoffs at Summerside, taking the total goal series 6-4.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 26, 1951) Upwards of four hundred parishioners and friends assembled in the Parish Hall of St. Peter's Cathedral after Evensong to extend congratulations to Rev. Canon E.M. Malone, M.A., D.D., on the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood, which took place 50 years before to the day.

Attorney-General Gordon Cowan, of Ontario, left for Ottawa, where he joined Premier Thane Campbell of Prince Edward Island in an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada on the question of provincial jurisdiction over cancellation of motor car licenses when drivers are convicted of driving while intoxicated.

Anyone who has heard the talk, "The New Evangelism" by Rev. Donald Powell, or seen the film "The Visitor", will appreciate the point I am making. An African minister, after being here for some time, was asked what he thought of our churches. He wanted to know first, if our churches here were a form or a force in the community. One wonders if they are the force they were a generation ago.

Times are changing. A new approach is needed, perhaps for a better life here and hereafter. I am, Sir, etc. ELDON DRUMMOND Freetown, P.E.I.

Medical Browsing

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Wisconsin is one of 20 states that adopted legislation requiring installation of seat belts in cars sold in the state. Dr. J.W. McRoberts of Sheboygan, Wis., assumes that since it is mandatory to install seat belts, it also means that all drivers and front-seat passengers are required to use them.

A Wisconsin Circuit court jury recently decided that a person involved in an accident was not using the device at the time of the mishap. The woman sustained back injuries and the jury reduced the award she would have received by 10 per cent because of her negligence. The trial judge stated that seat belts were installed for use and that the legislature intended that they be used in certain circumstances. What's good for the goose is still good for the gander.

People swallow the strangest things and medical journals have published many reports on unusual items that have been retrieved from the stomach and intestines. We can expect this behavior in toddlers and in older children with dentures. Most adults who make the medical literature as swallows of unusual articles are a subnormal mentality or are psychiatric cases attempting suicide.

The latest was reported in the Journal of the Indiana State Medical Association. A 54-year-old man swallowed a large teaspoon that went as far as the upper part of the esophagus and no further. X-rays revealed that the spoon handle was still in the lower throat. It was visible through a laryngoscope and was removed with considerable difficulty.

He had attempted suicide 20 or more times. The victim was an old hand at swallowing objects including sponges and smaller spoons.

HEREDITARY

Mrs. P.R. writes: We have Huntington's chorea in the family on the in-law side. Is there any known cure or way to help these unfortunate people?

There is no cure, to my knowledge, except through eugenics. This family trait will exist as long as the family continues to propagate. Fortunately the disease does not appear in all the offspring but it occurs with enough regularity to realize the possibility.

DIETARY DILEMMA

E. R. writes: What can an underweight person eat that will not make his case worse? I have been told to eat sweets and starchy foods but when I do my complexion suffers.

You should know what makes the case worse. Eat fewer sweets and greasy foods and more bread, ham, macaroni, and dairy products along with your regular diet. A glass of milk between meals often helps the weight problem.

MENOPAUSE AND VISION

R. B. writes: Can change of life or high blood pressure affect the eyesight? A woman of 58 who has both conditions finds she cannot see as well as before, even with glasses.

High blood pressure, but not the menopause, may impair vision. Age itself is a possible factor, because, in other conditions which affect the older person, glasses may be of little value. Cataract is an example.

TONGUE CRACKS

Mrs. A. writes: Do cracks in the tongue mean a serious disease?

Not necessarily. In geographic tongue, the organ is partitioned by deep furrows and it looks terrible but works in a normal fashion.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—

Regular health examinations detect disease in its early stage.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The suburbs are where the houses are farther apart and the payments are closer together. — New Glarus Post.

There is a young teen ager in our neighborhood who developed a whole new personality in a month. And then his father made him get it cut short. — Sparta Herald.

The revolution in education has made the textbook publishing business chancier than ever because a book can be outdated, before it's finished, a publisher says. So far no student strikes in favor of newer, more difficult text-books. — Ottawa Journal.

A woman who was living in a San Francisco apartment house hired a Chinese boy. "What's your name?" she said. "Wong Fu Tsin Mei," he replied. "Your name is too long. I'll call you John." "What's your name?" asked the boy. "Mrs. Jonathan Percy Whitehouse." "Your name too long. I'll call you Charlie!" — Galt Reporter.

We have become reconciled to wigs for women. But a report from Chicago is a shocker. A hair stylist here created a matching wig for the pet dog of one of his customers and it was such a big hit he is taking orders. The horrible thought is that husbands are next. The bewigged woman who fancies a matching top for her dog should be even more attracted to similar decorations for her husband when they venture out together—especially if his dome is shiny and thus begging the question. — Portland Oregonian

The grouchy short-tempered doctor glared at the new patient. "Have you been to a doctor," he asked, "before you came to me?" "No sir," replied the meek patient. "I went to a pharmacist." "That shows how much sense some people have," the doctor growled. "And what sort of idiotic advice did he give you?" "He told me to come to see you." — Hamilton Spectator.

Without Man's Help

Fort William Times-Journal

Easily recalled are the cries of calamity that were heard throughout the land in 1964 and 1965 when the water levels of the Great Lakes stood at an all-time low. Politicians at Ottawa and Washington were accompanied by a host of others who foresaw a serious situation that demanded a remedy. The great hunt was on for scapegoats. Once again Americans in Chicago and elsewhere were blamed for diverting too much water. Schemes were advanced for changing the flow of water from the north to feed the Great Lakes.

But in the meantime nature is doing all right by herself. Yesterday it was reported that Lake Superior is two inches higher than it was this time last year and a further gain of half a foot is forecast for this summer. Lake Ontario is an even five feet higher than it was in 1965. Heavier precipitation did the trick.

This is no time to deride all that commotion. It could be that engineers may have to try to help out nature in the years to come. But in the meantime nature is doing all right by herself. Yesterday it was reported that Lake Superior is two inches higher than it was this time last year and a further gain of half a foot is forecast for this summer. Lake Ontario is an even five feet higher than it was in 1965. Heavier precipitation did the trick.

Not too many years ago property owners on Lake Ontario were complaining bitterly that rising water was destroying their lake front acreages. We could witness a return of such complaints.

What is overlooked sometimes is that the volume of water in the Great Lakes is so tremendous, man's efforts to control its depth can appear to be puny.

The World Changes

Milwaukee Journal

In assessing the state of the world, thoughtful diplomats emphasize that accurate long range prediction is impossible. They say that the official who proclaims with certainty the course of history for more than a very short time is usually proved wrong. They cite recent history.

was in Europe, today it is half a world away in Asia.

If someone had said 30 years ago that in 1960 two of our strongest allies would be Germany and Japan which we had just defeated he would have been laughed at.

OTHER THREATS LIFTED Only a year ago that danger was intensified by Indonesia's alliance with China. Today Indonesia is under the influence of its army, which has ousted the Communists, killed thousands of them and withdrawn the ambassador from China. The threat of major war between Pakistan and India encouraged by China, has been lifted by the peaceful offices of the Soviet Union.

If anyone had said that the United Nations, just formed by some 50 nations, would reach a membership of almost 120 by 1965 he would not have believed. There were far fewer than that number of nations in existence.

The world changes. Old dangers pass, and new ones arise, and the positive prophet is wrong again.

30-YEAR PACT

Just 15 years ago the Soviet Union and Communist China signed a 30 year treaty of closest friendship and co-operation. The Communist moonlit, firmly anchored in eastern Europe, appeared to be one of the greatest threats to freedom in history. Today China and Russia are enemies. Eastern Europe eagerly looks west and tries to ease the chains of dictatorial government.

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In the years after World War II there were frequent American confrontations with Soviet Russia and many predictions that war was imminent. Western Europe rushed into the closest of alliances to assure protection by the United States. A serious showdown came in Korea and another in Cuba. Today the western alliance has weakened—because the Soviet Union has backed away, because the Communist moonlit, no longer exists, because of the mounting bitterness between Russia and China. The danger to world peace now is Communist China. Where the threat a decade ago

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