

of Spain is important to the free world these days. The United States has a military alliance—a of a sort—with General Franco. There are American military bases on Spanish soil. Much economic aid is going to Spain. An unfriendly Spain would be a serious handicap to NATO. It is costing the United States a great deal of money to keep Spain co-operative, but, no doubt, it is money well spent. Certainly, any country that is not on the side of the Soviet Union in these uncertain days is an asset, direct or indirect, to NATO.

But why cannot Mr. Dulles be content with putting free world relations with fascist Spain on a pragmatic basis? It would suit the purposes of the United States just as well as this spurious identification of Spain with the free world, and it would be much more honest. There is reason to believe that the Spanish dictatorship is less harsh than that of Nikita Khrushchev; but a dictatorship it is and nothing more. Why must there be this everlasting doubletalk in American diplomacy? Why doesn't Mr. Dulles come out openly and frankly and say, "We need General Franco's help, regardless of his political views, and we are prepared to deal with him on that basis alone." Would not that be much better than mouthing about the "need for democratic freedoms to stand together?"

If Mr. Dulles had gone to Spain with that understanding and knowing that he would tell the American people so on his return, he would have been greeted with just as much respect by Spanish officials, perhaps more; and he would have looked much less gloomy when he had his picture taken in the Prado Palace.

EDITORIAL NOTES
This year NATO countries combined will spend almost \$80 billion on defense, with the United States accounting for \$44 billion. The Soviet Union, Communist China, and Russia's satellites can be expected to keep pace. If nothing more, bringing the value of the world's defense spending to almost \$200 billion.

It is rumored that the proposed Federal-Provincial Tax Conference scheduled for early January may be postponed, by Ottawa's request, until after the next general election. This sounds most unlikely. It would be hard to think of anything more pre-udicial to the Conservatives' hopes of being elected with an overall majority.

Hon. Lester Pearson says he's not enamoured of the Soviet practice of diplomacy through public correspondence or pronouncements at cocktail parties; yet if the Soviets insist on following it, perhaps the NATO countries should occasionally anticipate these written interrogations by sending a few letters of their own. An excellent suggestion! As Mr. Pearson says, there are lots of pertinent questions to be addressed to Moscow, which might get some revealing replies.

Rain-making experiments are in the news these days, with the application of science to the problems of developing arid lands. But in Norway the problem is exactly the reverse: frequent heavy rains in the coastal areas do damage to crops and scientists have been trying to find a means of reducing rainfall in these regions. Recent experiments consisting of spraying the clouds with silver iodide have proved successful in preventing the humidity from condensing into raindrops for long enough for the winds to blow the clouds elsewhere.

One of Germany's most burning traffic problems was solved by a recent decision of the Minister of Transport and Communications. In the northernmost part of the Federal Republic near Rendsburg in Schleswig-Holstein, a tunnel is to be built underneath the Kiel canal. Hitherto, the road traffic crossing the canal at Rendsburg has been handled by a turnbridge spanning the water at a great height so that its two halves had to be swung apart for every ship approaching. Now the structure has become inadequate for modern traffic requirements. The tunnel will have a total length of almost a mile, with separate tubes channeling two-lane traffic in each direction.



WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Another Year Gone

By "Observer"
Thomson Newspapers, London, England. Bureau

Into 1958, almost, has gone 1957. And Britain it has been a pretty momentous 1957, with more "downs" than "ups" in it. The beginning of the year saw the British troops just disembarking from the Port Said operations, with Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden a sick man and already preparing to hand down the chief executive's office. Now the end of the year sees Britain's problems still as long way from a solution, but 1958 is looked forward to a little more eagerly than 1957 was.

There may be a start, for instance, to the problem that hits the man in the street government and the wife behind him—most. Prices may be a little less erratic during the first few months of next year, and although the British housewife will not be able to fill her basket any fuller with her house-keeping allowance it will mean that at least she will have more money to spend. Her husband for a raise. Company bonuses have been falling during the past few months—wholesale prices, that is. They have not been passed on, but it is likely that some unofficial pressure will be brought to bear on the Government not to pass the price relief on.

ELECTION PLATFORM
This is another reason why the present Government wants price rises in some areas, price stability in others during 1958. One of its main election platforms has been a promise to reach the Prime Minister Macmillan called the "plateau of stability." Quasi a crisis a few months ago made the plateau mark and there had been another plateau in the general election. The plateau is the most uphill one I've ever hit.

But now with a special election coming along within the

next eighteen months or so, the Government will launch an all-out effort to keep prices stable, but when it is allotted up it seems as if something like 220,000 people left the United Kingdom this year—some 70,000 up to 1956's total.

Revolving just has been discussed by the Overseas Migration Board here, which is an advisory government body. The board has found that only in the case of Canada has there been a significant increase of the 175,000 immigrants Canada admitted during the first six months of 1957. 72,000 came from Britain. Now the main spurt, following largely the dissatisfaction and the increased cost of living following the Suez affair, had died down. But the problem remains—although Britain still gets folk into the country, they are mostly by the United States and other countries. The other side of the coin—the achievements? What has become apparent is an energy in British government bodies: its atomic power plants for peaceful purposes are better and more advanced than in any other country in the world.

For other advertisements, look up in the air "Victory" is now an established world-beater on many of the main airlines, and the British Overseas Airways Corporation has started operations on the London-Peking route in the world—the North Atlantic. And it is doing it not only with speed but with an addition to this achievement:

Captain Bligh's Bounty
National Geographic Society

A free diver off lonely Pitcairn Island has discovered the long-lost log of Captain Bligh's Bounty. ...
Luis Marden the National Geographic Society's veteran undersea diver, found the log. The ship's remains about 30 feet down in turbulent Bounty Bay. ...
The famous old armed transport vessel was discovered in a cave. ...
Mr. Marden was helped in a six-week search for the "Bounty". ...
Every day of reasonable calm we filled the air cylinders and ...
The "Then I came unexpectedly on a long, sandy trench" Mr. Marden continues. "The end nearest me was covered with white lime stones secreted by calcareous alga. ..."
Today the three-square mile island supports about 150 persons. ...

Warning To Bossy Hubbies

By Herman N. Hudson, M.D.
Here is a warning to husbands—don't quarrel with your wife. If you push her around during the early years of your marriage, you may be sorry later on. Men, as a rule, are more aggressive than women. In fact, aggressiveness is characteristic of the male. The other sex, women, for the most part, are submissive—although I know a number of women who will argue the point. ...

TEND TO DOMINATE
Because of these characteristics, husbands tend to dominate the family. Frequently, the wife either will over-control domestic matters and the wives, being submissive characters are well-brank with yourself. Haven't you often insisted upon doing things your way without giving your wife much of a chance to prove her views? Most of us have. Well, better prepare yourself for a change.

CHANGE OF ATTITUDES
When you change your sexual climate there is generally a reversal of the attitudes of men and women. Men become less virile and lose their aggressiveness to a substantial degree. And that's the result of a bride of several years back assumes the role of the family breadwinner.

MAN'S CASTLE
Don't kid yourself that she will for a moment be a dominant when you were the big shot of the family. A home is a man's castle. He is the one who decides she sits and can take command.

IMAGINATION
Another chunk of British imagination has been the way they have announced their intention to cut their armored coat according to their cloth. There is been the first country in the world to admit that a "new look" is needed and is going ahead in creating a streamlined fighting force. It is my bet that Britain will be too—perhaps ten, or 15, or 20 years ahead—the first country to get a new, more powerful defense force under one head, with the army, navy, and air force integrating instead of working apart.

LOOKING FOR FIREWOOD
A little while some fires are high and clear. Come here, says Jay, laurel, e, palm, vinee oak. We'll ponder on various kinds of wood, from different fires, dazle-ments that rear. Strange wood, like carlin who—middle-aged—awoke. Or that one century when Athle who might leave up home town. Florence bit half that long and in the mind.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

An anniversary of importance to the calendar of many churches will occur on December 28. Two hundred and fifty years ago, on that date, Charles Wesley, co-founder with his more famous brother, John, of Methodism was born at Epworth Rectory, the eighteenth child of Rev. Samuel Wesley and his wife Susanna. ...

There are some 12,500,000 dwellings in Britain and nearly 4,000,000 of them house a dog. Cats are even more numerous—five million. There are 6,000,000 crows, birds in this island and the number is increasing by hundreds of thousands every year. Indeed, the phenomenon of the animal pet is of such magnitude that it has attracted a special study by the veterinary body known as Pet and Economic Planning. Although pets cost \$2 billion a year in food and labor—BBC London Letter

To run their medical program the American now has the Russians which is more than the Russians are able to say for forty years—Brandon Sun

To build himself up as a competent do-it-yourselfer, a man should carry a rag in his back pocket and use it when he flicks a sock from the lid of the grand piano—Ottawa Citizen

The day cannot be far off when women will achieve complete equality with men. That is, when they will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of womanhood, plus all the rights and privileges of manhood—Winnipeg Tribune

Gracious amenities between those of differing political creeds observed in the naming by the C.P. Saskatchewan Minister of a tank of the Lac La Ronge river, near the town of Regina, where the Prime Minister is on his way to Ottawa—Ottawa Citizen

Points in the neck almost always observed in the politician who doesn't want the taxpayers' money used to educate young people who might leave up home town to make their way in the world. A certain proportion of people everywhere go forth to the places where they were born and raised, to seek their fortunes. This always has been and will be so—everywhere—Cape Breton Post

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