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In countries such as Italy, Greece, Turkey, Iran and Pakistan the President will be dealing mainly with issues that affect the strength and stability of the Western alliance.

Two years ago such a program for Mr. Eisenhower would have been inconceivable. He appeared then as an amiable but aging and ineffectual figure, overshadowed by such massive personalities as Governor Sherman Adams, the Presidential Assistant, John Foster Dulles, the oracular State Secretary, and Senator Lyndon Johnson, vociferous opposition leader in Congress.

Thrown on his own resources, the President has been using both the weight of his office and his personal skill in dealing with human beings, and his stature has grown enormously.

A Warning Voice

Now it's a leading atomic physicist who has debunked the idea of mass education by means of "scientific gadgets and gimmicks." Attending a recently announced \$7,000,000 experiment in which educational programs will be relayed from an airplane over the U.S. Midwest.

"When we are not really sure how to teach modern science face to face with our students, in a classroom I don't see why we should spend millions of dollars trying to teach it through electronic circuits from an airplane." Termed it premature at this time to spend time and money devising "electronic tutors" to teach, he added: "Sincere man have been seduced into gadgetry by importunate demands of our society for quick results and a lazy means of obtaining them."

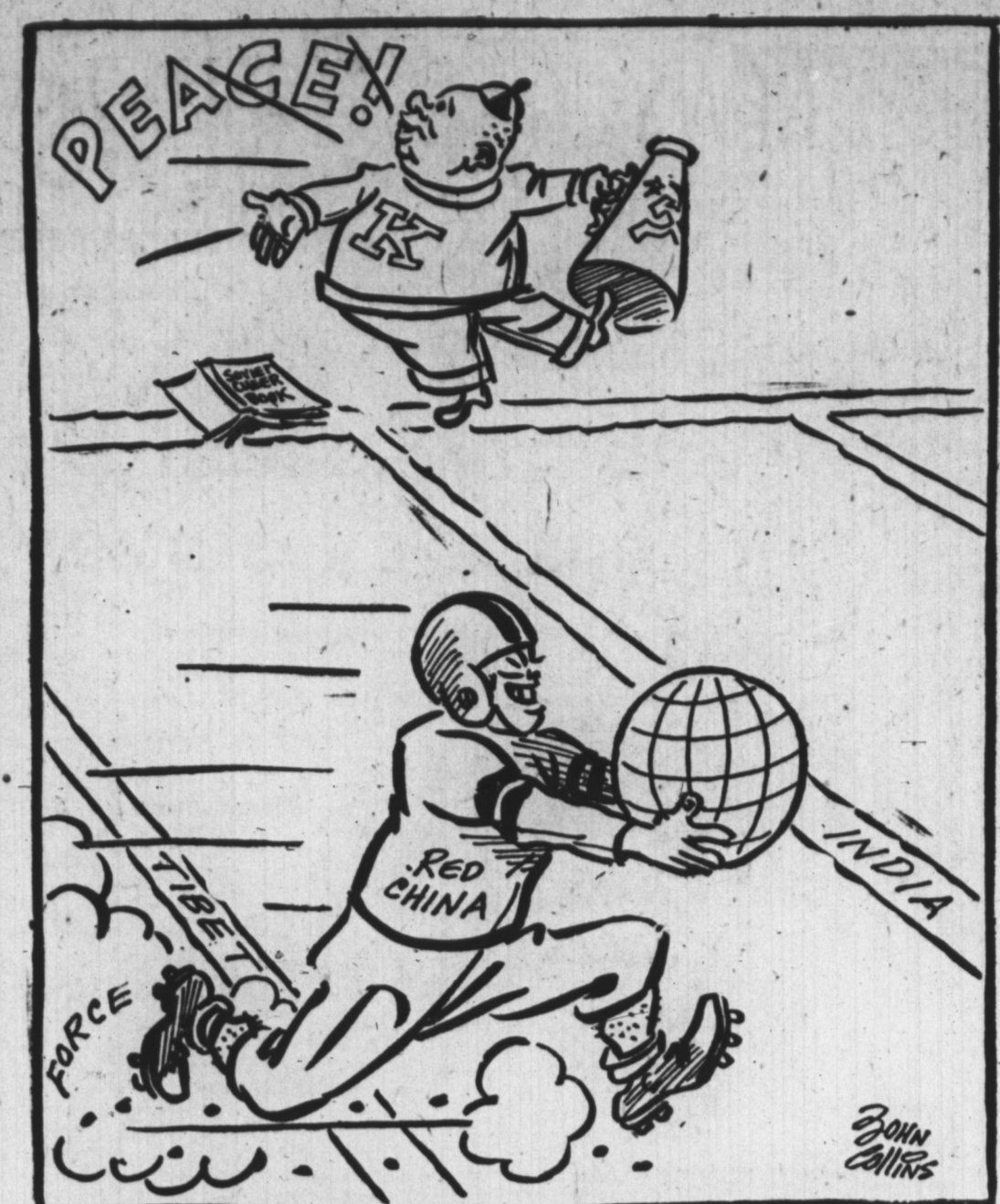
In Dr. Dunning's view, no intellectual prescription can be made to fit every student. The classroom teacher is the central and indispensable element. Not only are attempts to move the teacher from the classroom to the broadcasting studio dangerous, but "taking the basic educational responsibilities of guidance and talent identification out of his hands is subversive to the ideal of educating each individual for his own sake."

Here speaks the true teacher. And his remarks apply still more strongly to the teaching of other than scientific subjects. Mass production in education is a terminological contradiction. But the Ford Foundation people are going ahead with their "electronic tutor" program, which is intended to reach 13,000 schools and colleges in a six-state area. Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers!

EDITORIAL NOTES

External Affairs Minister Green is developing quite an epigrammatic style. "Geographically," he told a service club in Toronto the other day, "we lie between the two nuclear super-powers. We are, in a sense, the ham in the sandwich—and have no desire to be minced."

It will be recalled that when the Royal Commission on Transportation sat here recently, the chairman, Hon. Charles P. McTague, was unable, through illness, to attend. It was thought to be a minor indisposition, but he is now in a New York hospital, suffering, it is feared, from heart trouble. It was hoped that he would be well enough to join the Commission at Ottawa this week when it launched its hearings on the controversial Crowsnest Pass freight rates. This will not be possible, although he may recover sufficiently to join the group later.



NEVER MIND THE CHEERLEADER

Case For A Commission

Globe and Mail, Toronto

Prime Minister Diefenbaker says intensive examination is being given to the possibility of establishing a commission to investigate the efficiency of government. There is no need for such a study of the possibility of making a study. The situation is simple. The Government either wants a commission or it does not; it is in favor of, or opposed to, an inquiry into Ottawa's administrative machinery.

The case for a commission patterned after the Hoover Commission in the United States is clear enough. Ottawa's great Departments of State have grown up in haphazard fashion since Confederation. Their staffs have steadily increased, their functions have changed and overlapped. They have suffered the ravages of patronage and been warped by the changing role of government.

NOBODY KNOWS Nobody knows whether these departments, and all the boards and committees which have sprung up around them, operate efficiently or inefficiently. Nobody knows whether they are over-staffed or understaffed. Nobody knows what their proper functions should be in modern government. Nobody knows, because there has been no adequate investigation to find out.

The position was much the same in Washington until the appointment of the Hoover Commission in 1947. That body of distinguished men, under the chairmanship of a former President, conducted a searching survey of the U.S. Government and made almost 600 recommendations for improving efficiency.

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.

HILLSBORO BRIDGE TODAY Sir.—We the people that really have to cross Hillsboro Bridge every day of our lives, do not feel one bit pleased right now at the rules and regulations that are in effect. Some days no traffic, other days no trucks.

DISGUSTED TRUCKMAN Wood Islands. Do those who make the rules for the public stop and think that they will not have so many friends next election?—This bridge carried a train and four cars not so long ago weighing 140 tons or more. It still carries on a float a 24 ton machine and this week, when one of the men in charge needed such a machine, there was no doubt of the carrying capacity of the bridge.

CAPITAL GAINS TAXES Sir.—Two prepared papers on taxation of capital gains were presented at the Canadian Tax Foundation's annual conference at Quebec City, a U.S. professor of economics reported favourably on the U.S. tax, while an Ottawa tax consultant expressed disapproval of such a tax for Canada. It was noted that both agreed it is not harmful to the economy.

RECORD DEPTH About the time Challenger covered its record depth, the Danish ship Galathea II lay north-east of Mindanao, one of the two principal islands of the Philippines. On board was Dr. Anton Bruun, leader of an oceanographic expedition bent on determining whether life exists in the ocean trenches.

JOHN GILBERT Hanover, Ont. I am, Sir, etc.

How To Take Temperature

By Herman N. Sandesen, M.D. EVERYONE, I'm sure, has had his temperature taken from time to time. So, obviously, everyone knows how to do a simple thing like taking a temperature.

Yet a few brief tips might make it even easier, so let me pass on a couple of suggestions to you. You don't have to shake the mercury all the way down. Just be sure that the thermometer doesn't register above 98 degrees when you pop it into the patient's mouth.

THREE-MINUTE MINIMUM Make the patient keep it under his tongue with his lips closed for a minimum of three minutes. Wait at least 15 minutes before taking the temperature if the patient has just had something to eat or drink or if he has just taken a bath.

KEEP STERILIZED Don't return it to the box or holder again without sterilizing it in some way. Probably the best thing to do is to place it in an antiseptic solution and leave it there until the next time you have to use it.

WAIT AN HOUR If the youngster has had a bowel movement, wait approximately one hour before taking his rectal temperature.

SHOULD WELCOME IT Civil servants, indeed, should welcome a commission of inquiry; increased efficiency in government would be greatly to their advantage. If the size of the Civil Service were cut, there would be more pay for those remaining. In any case, there would be a better chance of promotion on the basis of ability rather than time served.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. T. L.: Please tell me if we have two thyroids and if removal of a thyroid will cause a change in the singing and speaking voice.

My hair has become very thin. Would this also be due to the thyroid condition? Answer: We have one thyroid gland which consists of two lobes and a connecting isthmus. Its removal does not affect the voice unless the nerve to the larynx is accidentally injured during the operation.

HOUSE BUILDING SLOWS OTTAWA (CP)—Starts on construction of new homes in Canadian towns and cities in October declined to 40,724 units from 12,678 in the corresponding month a year earlier, the bureau of statistics reported. Total housing starts in the first 10 months of the year numbered 87,281 units, down 13.8 per cent from 101,257 a year ago.

THE AGE OLD STORY Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

LIFE IN TRENCHES First reports indicate that creatures of the deep-sea trenches may be bigger than their cousins at shallower depths. Scientists are also interested in the fact that inhabitants of the trenches are not found elsewhere. Knowledge about them may be slow in coming because of the many difficulties of collecting specimens. So far there have been fewer than 50 successful samples taken from depths below four and a half miles.

EXTRAORDINARY FISH To be sure, scientists had long known about the extraordinary fish with fantastic shapes and luminous organs which live at a depth of perhaps 3,000 to 10,000 feet. But the floor of the ocean drops much deeper. In 1951 the British oceanographic vessel Challenger recorded a depth of 35,440 feet, about 200 miles southwest of Guam, in the Pacific Ocean's Mariana Trench.

Without any sort of life, even bacteria, the bodies of animals which dropped into the depths would be free of fermentation. Scientists might find the intact bodies of creatures that had long ceased to exist at upper levels, animals now known only as fossilized remains.

How can a fragile sea anemone endure pressure that would kill a man in an instant? Partly because the anemone is mostly water. Its internal pressure balances the external pressure. The

NOTES BY THE WAY

On a recent rainy weekend all the children were at peace around the TV set, so the mother quipped: "Well, all is western on the quiet front." — Arcadia News-Leader

It is again reported that immigrants are making an important contribution to the Canadian economy. They always have. The trouble at the moment is that we aren't getting enough immigrants.—Brantford Expositor

Canadian psychiatrists are crossing the border, attracted by double the pay they get here. It should be pointed out, however, that the work there is twice as hard, because our neighbors are twice as crazy.—Peterborough Examiner

In Moscow, it is against the law to kill a pigeon, even accidentally. It is illegal even to aim the point of one's toe at one with intent to do violence. Pigeons are protected as symbols of peace. How can we doubt the sincerity of Russia's intentions now? A country must be sincerely dedicated to the cause of peace to endure aerial bombardment from the birds without retaliation.—Hamilton Spectator

In his address to Chicago University, notable for its avowal of atheism if for nothing else, Sir Julian Huxley said the aim of education should not be "the democratic myth of equality." But does modern education teach any such myth? It teaches equality before the law, of course, but that is a far different thing from teaching that all men are equal or remain equal. One would think that a scientist might be more careful with words.—Ottawa Journal

OUR YESTERDAYS (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Dec. 5, 1934) A serious accident occurred at Hermitage on Thursday when Leonard Hughes of Lake Verde had the misfortune to have his left hand badly cut and mangled by a circular rip saw while sawing wood for William Rooney. The young man was given first aid and rushed to the City Hospital where he received treatment.

Messrs J.J. Trainor, M.G. McNeely and W.R. Shaw returned yesterday from attending a meeting of the Provisional Eastern Canada Potato Marketing Board in Saint John. The Maritime representatives were unanimously in favor of the scheme which is expected to go into effect early in January.

TEN YEARS AGO (Dec. 5, 1949) A resolution was passed by the City School Board yesterday afternoon, Dr. R.G. Lee presiding, authorizing the High School Committee to proceed with preliminary arrangements, including the preparation of sketch plans and the obtaining of a suitable site for a new school building. The resolution approved the finding of the committee that a new school building was necessary to relieve overcrowding.

Dredging operations at the east side of the Railway Wharf have been completed for this season. It was learned yesterday afternoon that the area has been dredged a distance of 50 feet outwards from the wharf and to a depth of approximately 25 feet. Work is continuing on the removal of the old dock with the torn up plank surface being hauled away.

Commonwealth Governors

AUSTRALIA'S Prime Minister Menzies took a sensible stand on the question of the governor generalship of his country.

At his request the Queen has named a distinguished Briton, Viscount Dunsross, as governor general to succeed Sir William Slim, also a Briton. For this he has run into criticism from the Laborite opposition in Australia. They thought he should have returned to the experiment tried a few years ago of having an Australian-born governor general.

Mr. Menzies' reason for doing as he did is as good as Canada as in Australia. It's the difficulty of getting an Australian for the job. Most men fitted for it would be too controversial because they are already prominent in politics.

It's too bad Mr. Menzies did not seek a suitable appointee in another Commonwealth country besides Britain. Many people believe this would be an excellent way of stressing the unity of the Commonwealth. It would be an imaginative way to create new respect and significance for an important institution.

Regrets aside, Mr. Menzies has put his finger on a problem that will smack Canadian politicians in the eye one of these days. So far in Canada we've been fortunate. Our first Canadian governor general, Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, though he had his political tinge in earlier days, proved a most acceptable and excellent choice. Indeed he raised the prestige of the post to new heights. Similarly Rt. Hon. George Vanier, the successor to Mr. Massey, appears likely to sustain the dignity and prestige of the office.

How excellent it would be if the Commonwealth had a panel of such men—distinguished by their lives, and from every country of the Commonwealth—available to serve the Queen in any part of her great realm. Mr. Vanier in Australia, for example.

So in this charted world Romance we trace, Worlds touch, and pass To other worlds, untried, and new, As souls in voyage to the Infinite, To seek celestial rendezvous.

—Dorothy Sproule in the Montreal Star

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