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A Forward Step

An important step in teacher training in this Province is reported in today's Guardian, under which arrangements have been made between St. Dunstan's University and the Department of Education for fulfilling the requirements for teachers' licenses at the University.

As announced in the joint statement issued to the press, close co-operation will be maintained between the Department and the University and the Department looks forward to the raising of academic and professional standards as a result.

The Minister of Education, the Rector and staff of the University, and all concerned in developing this program are to be congratulated upon their efforts.

Parliament Meets

When Parliament resumes today it is likely that the Government will seek approval of its 1957-58 defense budget. This amounted to \$1,775,000,000 for the current fiscal year ending March 31.

Military matters, however, are expected to take a back seat to the Canadian Pacific Railway strike, at least initially.

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"Papering The Cracks"

Australia's External Affairs Minister Richard G. Casey has had as much diplomatic experience as any foreign minister in the Commonwealth and a great deal more than Mr. John Foster Dulles of the United States.

Unlike Mr. Dulles, who seems to think a few million American dollars

known around the Middle East will bring peace to the troubled region and Canada's Mr. Pearson, who apparently and with a pathetic naivete pins his faith on a few thousand half trained and ill equipped soldiers who make up the United Nations Emergency Force.

Unfortunately, the Eisenhower doctrine, if it ever should become operative, is based on the assumption that the United States alone must fill the much talked about "vacuum" in the Middle East.

In any case, the great need is for a political understanding and, as Mr. Casey pointed out, "less dodging of issues." There is not the slightest indication that this need is on the way to being met or even recognized by American officials.

The Decisive Word

If there is still anyone around who believes that the United Nations is pursuing an independent course in the Middle East he should study carefully this Reuters report of an interview with Lt. Gen. Wheeler, the American expert who is "in charge" of clearing the Suez Canal.

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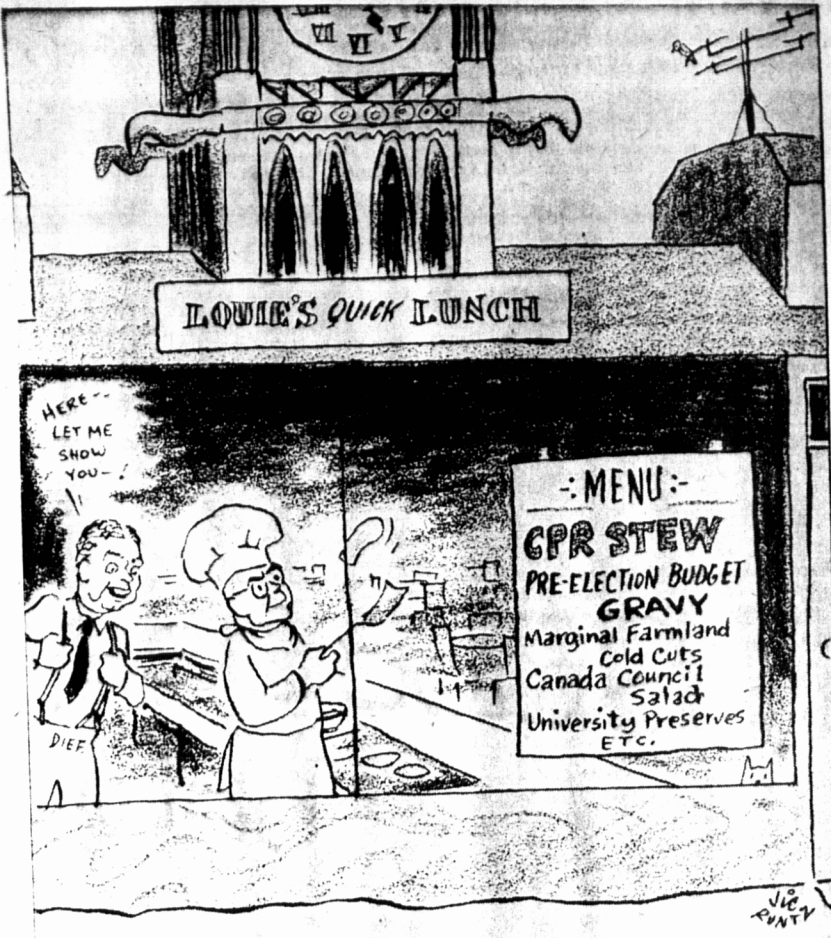
EDITORIAL NOTES

Prime Minister Nehru has taken a bold step. He has at last gotten around to describing Russia's role in Hungary as "aggression."

The new safety regulations governing the transportation of pupils announced by the Minister of Education are clear, necessary and reasonable. It is to be hoped that they will be observed strictly.

Winnipeg has now adopted fluoridation of water supply. This will provide a good additional test, as the system serves some 400,000 persons. Legislation to allow fluoridation was passed by the Manitoba Legislature last spring.

The disease-resistant qualities of Prince Edward Island oysters have been recognized officially in the Federal Government's decision to transport 10,000 barrels of our oysters in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia waters as a means of improving the stock.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS

OTTAWA REPORT

Business Before Parliament

By Patrick Nicholson

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.

MISS HARRINGTON'S RESIGNATION

Sir,—It is with deep regret that former pupils of Miss Mildred Harrington learn of her resignation as teacher at the Model school to accept a position on the teaching staff of St. Mary's University in Halifax.

Among the many former pupils who are loud in their praise of Miss Harrington is Dr. Douglas MacDonald, who was the youngest student ever to graduate as a doctor from Dalhousie University. In conversation with him last summer, he said that not only had he been able to complete four years work in just two, as a pupil of Miss Harrington, but that she was the best teacher he had ever had.

It is not surprising to those who know of her successful career on the Island that she has received this offer to teach at St. Mary's. The Jesuit order of Priests who staff the University have an enviable record as teachers, themselves and would be eager to maintain that reputation even if it means, as in this case, that they accept the first woman teacher ever to teach at St. Mary's University.

It is indeed a tribute to Miss Harrington that she received such a promotion. But it is surprising that the Department of Education should allow a woman of her ability, who has given more than twenty-five years of service to this Province, to leave the Island. But when our salaries and this new system and philosophy of education now being promulgated, are both so unrealistic, is it any wonder we are losing all our good teachers, who, even after being here so long are forced to leave the Island or give up the teaching profession altogether?

Our loss is their gain! May Miss Harrington continue her successful profession for many years to come. In the meantime she may rest assured that the pupils of this city will long remember the valuable contribution she has made in molding the characters of our future citizens.

I am Sir, etc., IAN GILLIES, St. Dunstan's University, Charlottetown.

IN PRAISE OF U.S.

Sir,—I disagree entirely with the letter in yesterday's Forum on Colonialism by M. MacKenzie. I would suggest that Mr. MacKenzie study some history. The whole continent of America was taken from the Indians, not by our Yankee neighbors, but by Spain, France and England. The state of Pennsylvania was purchased peacefully from them by William Penn, the Quaker.

The United States today is the greatest nation on earth, with a heart as big as her territory. Mr. MacKenzie, or any one else need not try to defend Colonialism. It is and was the worst crime on earth

readiness to participate in this plan. It is considered most unlikely that Quebec will join in at this early stage, so it is essential that Ontario should do so to get the plan launched.

Liberals are very anxious to see this positive step taken by Ontario, but they secretly admit that if they were in the position of the Conservative premier of Ontario, they themselves would refrain from handing this election bait to the federal Liberals.

Proponents of the health scheme point to Ontario's action on last year's pipeline issue, when Premier Frost took a stand exactly opposite to that of the federal Conservatives. Had he refused to co-operate with the federal government, the whole pipeline proposal would have had to be recast, and the Liberals would have suffered a severe setback. If liaison between the federal Conservatives and their Ontario colleagues is still as poor as that, then it is possible the Premier Frost will link his province to the federal health proposals in time for that to be used as election campaign material.

Whatever the legislative program may be, one thing we can be fairly sure about is that there will not be the usual election-year tax cuts. Finance Minister Harris will report a very substantial budget surplus for the current year, far in excess of his estimates, before accounting adjustments. But he has gone on the record as opposing any substantial tax cuts at this time, on the grounds that they would prove to be an inflationary influence.

The main interest of this short pre-election session will be the performance of the Conservative Opposition under their new leader, John Diefenbaker.

The member from Prince Albert will have three months only in which to assume a virile leadership and present to the voters the spectacle of a vigorous and able party offering an attractive alternative policy.

To attain this progress, it is necessary that a majority of the provinces representing a majority of Canadians should signify their

disillusionments, too? of your life. You were gay at the proper times and seasons; but you had your sober moments, too, bred of your sober moments, too, bred of your sober moments, too.

You were just a little kitten when kind friends brought you to us five years ago; and although the passing years have brought you to rich maturity I still think of you as the most enchanting "baby"

quite all right—they were not Canadians; they were free to express an opinion. It ill becomes a Canadian, especially an Islander, to run down the excitement of the chase which you loved, as I do love you way/or did you perchance stumble off the icy walk that crosses the little stream and find the cold waters too formidable an adversary? You lived a sheltered life, you know. It was kindly intentioned, but perhaps a little overdone; for there comes a time when cats, as well as men, must buffet the rough forces that seek their destruction. Did you cry out and there was no one to help? I must not think of that, for the pain is great.

This much I know, if in some far off animal Elysium there is a special corner reserved for cats of special quality, where they can romp and play for joy of living, and perhaps treasure fond memories—who knows?—you will be in it. And when the Spring comes, bringing its soft breezes and its resurrected flowers, I will mark out a spot where the rains will water and over which the sun will shine. On the upland spot I will set a little slab painted in bright green—for that was your favourite colour—and on it I will write very simply but with loving hands TO THE MEMORY OF BABETTE, MY LITTLE FRIEND.

(CORRECTION — The heading of Mr. MacKenzie's letter in yesterday's Guardian should have read "Colonialism, and Whither Canada?" In the sixth paragraph the expression "patent fact" should have read "patent fact."—Ed. G.)

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

VISITING A SICK CHILD You've got to be as careful and considerate when visiting a hospitalized child as you would be when calling on the boss's wife. But you must stress differently.

Don't doll up in your Sunday best when going to see your youngster in his hospital room. Strange clothes make even mother a stranger to a sick little tyke.

Let him know that you and the rest of the family have missed him and that everyone is thinking of him. Tell him, too, about what has been happening at home, emphasizing what you and he are going to do when he gets out of the hospital.

Ask what he has been doing and encourage him to discuss what has happened to him in the hospital. It will help greatly to relieve his mind if he can tell you about the awful medicines he has taken and the way the needle hurts when the nurse plunges it into his arm.

Sympathize with him, impressing upon him that you know how he feels. But at the same time point out that all these things are helping him get well and speeding his return home.

Don't let him dwell on his troubles, however. To help keep his mind off them, take him some little toy, if the hospital permits. It shouldn't be anything complicated or exciting but it should be enough to hold his interest for a while at least.

Of course there are the old stand-bys such as coloring and paint books. But you can probably think of something just as good, if not better.

OTHER CHOICES Maybe the hospital will permit a bubble pipe, if not, a little music box might be just the thing. An underwater garden in a bowl can also be fascinating to a youngster, and a couple of goldfish helps chase loneliness.

So plan that hospital visit at a few hours in advance. You'll probably make your youngster a lot happier and more content if you do.

QUESTION AND ANSWER E.K.: Can color blindness be corrected? ANSWER: There is no known way of correcting this condition.

The Age Old Story

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 8, 1932) The progress achieved by the Laborers Protective Union during the past thirty years since its formation in 1902 was vividly shown in speeches by charter members and other older members of the organization at a reunion meeting celebrating the thirtieth anniversary last evening.

Fire discovered in the Judges' Chambers of the Court House Building engaged the attention of the City Firemen about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. There was considerable damage by smoke and chemicals but little from fire.

TEN YEARS AGO

(January 8, 1947) Members of the Agricultural Institute of Canada (P.E.I. branch), attended a meeting Monday evening to meet Dr. Frank E. Foulds, President of the Association and Director of the Canadian Citizenship Branch, Department of State, who was in the city in connection with Canadian Citizenship activities.

Prince Edward Island lost one of its most distinguished sons, and Canada an outstanding citizen, in the death yesterday morning at his home in Charlottetown of Hon. John Alexander Mathieson, Premier during World War I and later Chief Justice of the Province for more than two decades.

MAXIMS

Good discourse sinks differences and seeks agreements.

of the feline world. I grieve for the loss which the empty chair—the best in the room, of course—brings to mind; but at the same time I thank Him Who madeeth all and loveth all for the companionship of a faithful and trusting friend; and I will pay no heed to practical-minded critics who will say "she was only a cat."

What ill-fortune befell you, little one? Did you get on the track of a chattering chipmunk and in the excitement of the chase which you loved, as I do love you way/or did you perchance stumble off the icy walk that crosses the little stream and find the cold waters too formidable an adversary? You lived a sheltered life, you know. It was kindly intentioned, but perhaps a little overdone; for there comes a time when cats, as well as men, must buffet the rough forces that seek their destruction. Did you cry out and there was no one to help? I must not think of that, for the pain is great.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

"To an amazing degree," says Mr. Dulles, "we have developed a common policy with the French and the British." The French and British will be amazed to hear it, too.—Toronto Star

Two-headed garter snake near Sudbury has difficulty in deciding which way to go. Shucks, you don't need two heads to have that difficulty these days.—London Free Press

We're not charmed with those Elvis Presley type haircuts that some of the lads wear. But then, we're not 15 years old and trying to think of some way to get folks to notice us. So maybe we're not a real good authority on what's admirable about the ducktail, as we have heard it called.—Detroit Free Press

If the telephone company still had to depend on the old manually operated system instead of the dial phones, there would not be enough women between the ages of 18 and 40 in all of the United States to perform the job now required by telephone traffic.—Reader's Digest

Culture must spring up from the grass roots. It will not be piped down from a selected group at the top. The local choral groups, the amateur drama societies which welcome home town talent, camera clubs, debating societies, writers clubs, hobby clubs, home and school associations, amateur art groups and the like will be the breeding ground for outstanding painters, writers, actors who will gain national fame.—Fort William Times-Journal

It has been learned that centuries ago the North American Indians lived on a communistic basis. Perhaps they were the original Reds.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

One professor of philosophy wrote that he once sat up all night trying to figure where the sun went when it went down. Finally it dawned on him.—Kiwans Magazine

It is vexing to have the reputation of being a sentimental person. It suggests a lack of iron, as if one could not have both strength and sentiment, and it is this mistaken idea that leads some people to grouchily disclose the sun went when it went down. Finally it dawned on him.—Kiwans Magazine

Farmers in Nova Scotia are fixing reflector tape on their cows' horns so that they may be better identified and so not shot in the deer season. Reflector tape may not look like a deer but it is dangerous to be like the hunters' red hats—and hunters don't always escape.—Kingston Whig-Standard

Italy is to build an "Atom City" on the banks of Lake Maggiore. A site covering 400 acres of unutilized land has been bought near the little town of Ispra by the Centro Italiano Studied Esperimentali and work on the actual plants will begin next spring. The first atomic pile at Ispra should start operation in 1958.—Unesco Bulletin

Provincial Vocational School Charlottetown Offers A Six Week (Daytime) Short Course For Girls In HOMEMAKING COMMENCING JANUARY 21, 1957 AIM: To teach the basic homemaking skills and to promote better family living.

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