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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Science On The March

The race to the moon has now built such a momentum in both the United States and the Soviet Union that there can be little doubt that barring a nuclear conflict—men will land there within the next decade. As the New York Times says, "only a mole's view of this historic advance can attach very great importance to whether it is a Russian or an American that first sets foot on the lunar surface."

"In time men will go to the moon for stays of weeks, months and, eventually, perhaps years. Lunar settlements will be built for scientific research of the most diverse kinds, and to provide way stations for still more ambitious journeys to the planets..."

This opens up the prospect that at long last "the parliament of man, the federation of the world" will be achieved from the vantage point of the perspective afforded by getting as far as possible "above the smoke and stir of this dim spot which men call Earth."

Meanwhile, with less fanfare, comes word of a more modest but significant achievement of science from that ancient centre of glad tidings, Palestine. Two Israeli researchers, working in the leprosyorium in Jerusalem, have finally succeeded in growing the leprosy bacillus under laboratory conditions.

The news from Jerusalem makes us wonder how many other exploits of this kind could be expedited at a fraction of the cost of the moon-race program. Perhaps, after making our lunar excursions and getting better acquainted, in the process, with what The Times calls "the need to cooperate for mutual survival," we'll settle down to tackling our mundane problems in that spirit.

Presents New Problems

The tug-of-war over Rhodesia has put added strains on the Commonwealth, and many are wondering whether it will survive the ordeal. We are reminded by Prof. K. A. MacKirdy of the University of Waterloo, in one of the booklets issued by the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, that the Commonwealth was largely a Canadian invention.

The latest version of the Commonwealth, which has developed since the end of the Second World War, has changed again in many ways. The idea of "common allegiance to the Crown" once regarded as a criterion of membership has been dropped.

"Common values and ideals" such as parliamentary governments and the rules of law have been discarded by some Commonwealth countries. Nor is the Commonwealth as important as a trading system as it seemed likely to be at one time. Along with these changes have come the decline of Britain as a military power, forcing various Commonwealth countries to make new arrangements regarding defense.

But perhaps the most startling change is that whites have become a minority group within the Commonwealth, making meaningless the racial ties which held the old Commonwealth together. This has greatly enhanced the difficulties in the Rhodesian situation. In Britain itself it has produced the first limitation in history of Commonwealth immigrants.

Yet, as Prof. MacKirdy emphasizes, there are still plenty of opportunities for Commonwealth members to work together. The Colombo Plan and various other development projects, educational schemes and the training of administrative personnel and the new Commonwealth secretariat all demonstrate the strength of remaining Commonwealth links.

But these ties in all cases are voluntary. Members cannot impose their views on one another, nor can definite decisions be reached by majority vote. The "Commonwealth way" is not easy; it involves both patience and humility. The only unity it can hope to attain is through recognition of diversity.

Hard Work Ahead

One record achieved by Canada's 26th Parliament was the amount of unfinished business it left behind it. When the 27th Parliament goes into session on January 18 it faces, in addition to new legislation, more than a dozen important measures which died on the order paper last September.

Bank Act amendments left over from the last session will require attention. Important tax reforms have been held up pending receipt of the report of the Carter Royal Commission on Taxation. A controversial measure to establish an investment corporation known as the Canada Development Corporation will challenge consideration.

This doesn't complete the list, but it gives an idea of what the backlog of parliamentary chores is going to be and how important it is that Parliament, in the words of "Newsletter", be "tough enough to resist political temptation in the form of giving away the entire store to please the customers, or some of them."

That doesn't mean, we take it, that applause should go to the flashiest grandstand plays. Parliament isn't a circus. Recent performances have tended to give that impression, but it's not entertainment of that kind that the public is paying for.

EDITORIAL NOTE

"Judy LaMarsh fully deserves her demotion from health to the state secretaryship," says the Hamilton Spectator, "but a redefinition of this department's functions will be nervously awaited. The mind boggles at the havoc she could create in the centennial and the CBC."



A VISIT TO SANTA

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Time For Probe Into Campaign Funds

While Santa Claus is busy carrying his gifts to the ordinary Canadian, discussion has blossomed on Parliament Hill about his cash gifts to politicians at election time. On top of the expense of the voting machinery, for which the taxpayers are charged over ten million dollars, the campaigns by the political parties and by individual candidates cost over twenty million dollars.

Leaders and other party spokesmen, for printing party election literature and posters, for the cross-Canada tour by party leaders and their entourage, perhaps by chartered air-liner or special train. Against that, many candidates of course, spend much less than \$10,000. On the Prairies, for instance, many candidates win on half that expense.

Individual members of the Liberal Party may have done what they should not have done, he said. "But the whole Party is not thereby disgraced. The Party is not disgraced, but it is in the valley of humiliation. I tell the people of this country today, that, as its leader, I feel humiliated, and I know my following feel humiliated. I have told them in caucus that we are in the valley of humiliation. But we are going to come out of that valley, not in any boasting way, but with a determination to see to it that so far as the cause of liberalism in this country is concerned, it will advance to higher and better ground."

PUBLIC FORUM

A PRESSING PROBLEM

Sir.—After reading of the tragic death of Francis Leonard Condon in the Queens County Jail due to a stomach hemorrhage and possible lack of medical care, I feel it is part of my responsibility as a recovered sober alcoholic for over five years to give my opinions on situations such as these.

but it has been proven that something can be done for the alcoholic.

I feel that if we are going to avoid tragedy such as occurred at the Queens County Jail there must be proper facilities to treat the alcoholic during the withdrawal period, followed by treatment and rehabilitation.

The big problem here is who is going to take the initiative of helping these sick unfortunate people. Who has had any success helping them lead a normal life? I am sorry to say, with the exception of Alcoholics Anonymous, "very few."

I feel all the professional people who are dealing with families that have a drinking problem should try to understand and solve this problem. In the professional field—include law enforcement officers, social workers, medical people, clergy and above all our Department of Health and Welfare.

It is my sincere wish that something can be done for the active alcoholic. Since alcoholism is recognized as a disease, an alcoholic centre (not Riverside) should be established where the alcoholic can be properly looked after by people trained in this field.

I am, Sir, etc. ANONYMOUS

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 23, 1940) Prime Minister Churchill appealed directly to the Italian people to cast off Benito Mussolini, "the criminal" who "after 18 years of unbridled power has led your country to the horrid verge of ruin."

Boredom Fatigue

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Most weary people need more activity and less rest. This is true especially when languor is of emotional origin and the victim needs new goals and interests. More rest aggravates the condition and implies that the individual is physically ill. Motivation is the antidote because counteracts boredom.

Anemia, infection, diabetes, or thyroid deficiency can produce fatigue. In many of these instances, the spent feeling is dated; that is, it developed over a known period of time. In addition, other symptoms co-exist. When these disorders are ruled out, the physician must decide whether her symptom is normal or of emotional origin. Most people with normal fatigue do not complain about it because they enjoy the activities that make them tired. The victim usually admits that he works too long or gets too little sleep.

Emotional fatigue is a product of the mind. In many cases, the individual is tired of his job, spouse, friends, or way of life. He is bored. This occurs to the normal person when there is no honorable escape. The neurotic may be bothered in the same way except that he also must cope with anxiety, fears and other emotional disturbances. Sometimes the fatigue is manifested by a depression. The sufferer is listless, loses ambition, and eats sparingly because he is down in the dumps and sees no way out.

Tedium also stems from emotional conflicts. Many of us clutter the mind with concern about personal failings such as eating too much, not reading enough, or what tomorrow may bring. Others have guilt feelings about wrongdoing or are fighting impulses to act in an immoral way.

The tired person who is otherwise healthy should try to reorganize his daily routine. Clear the mind of unessentials and forget about doing the things you "always wanted to do" or "think you might do." Do what you need to do. Spend more time helping others; it is a wonderful tonic. Avoid loneliness, too much rest, and plan to do something pleasant several times a week.

MURMUR AND MARRIAGE

S. R. writes: Can a girl in her early 20s with a murmur marry and have children?

REPLY Yes. Not all murmurs are indicative of heart involvement. However, even if heart disease should be present, the modern physician is well prepared to help her through pregnancy.

YOU ARE NORMAL

C.M. writes: I have a slight lump under my chin which the doctor said is due to infection of the submental gland. Does this mean I'm off my rocker?

REPLY No. Sub means under and mentum, the chin. The submental gland, therefore, is located under the chin.

ASK HIM

D. S. writes: What kind of mental illness would a pilot have who was discharged with a 30 per cent disability?

REPLY There are several possibilities and it would be unfair to this pilot to hazard a guess. If you must know, why not ask him in his face. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

NOTES BY THE WAY

Many a wife is afraid that if she were to give her husband a little rope he might skip. — Guelph Mercury. Criminologists agree that few pipe-smokers commit major crimes. They're too busy trying to keep the things lit. — Calgary Herald. The headache that bothered a man named Ryabov in Moscow was caused by a sunflower seed growing inside his ear. It could have been worse. He might have had a bee in his bonnet. — Fort William Times-Journal. "Hello, said the boyish voice over the telephone, 'is this the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals?'" "Yes, it is." "Well, there's a salesman sitting in a tree in our front yard and he's got my dog on a leash he can't eat." — Hamilton Spectator.

To Moscow In February

By Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer British Prime Minister Wilson's announced visit to Moscow next February to discuss "vitally urgent" questions is likely to revive Western hopes that the co-chairmen of the 1964 Geneva Conference finally will devise some way of shifting the Viet Nam war from battlefield to conference table.

These hopes may be dampened if not dispelled during the two months before this "vitally urgent" business is discussed, a time lag which would indicate that at least one party — undoubtedly Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin—disputes the urgency. Nevertheless, the fact that these two leaders will meet gives some hope for Kosygin previously had stated he could see no basis for the summit meeting while Britain continues to support United States policy in South Viet Nam.

SAYS WILL EXPAND

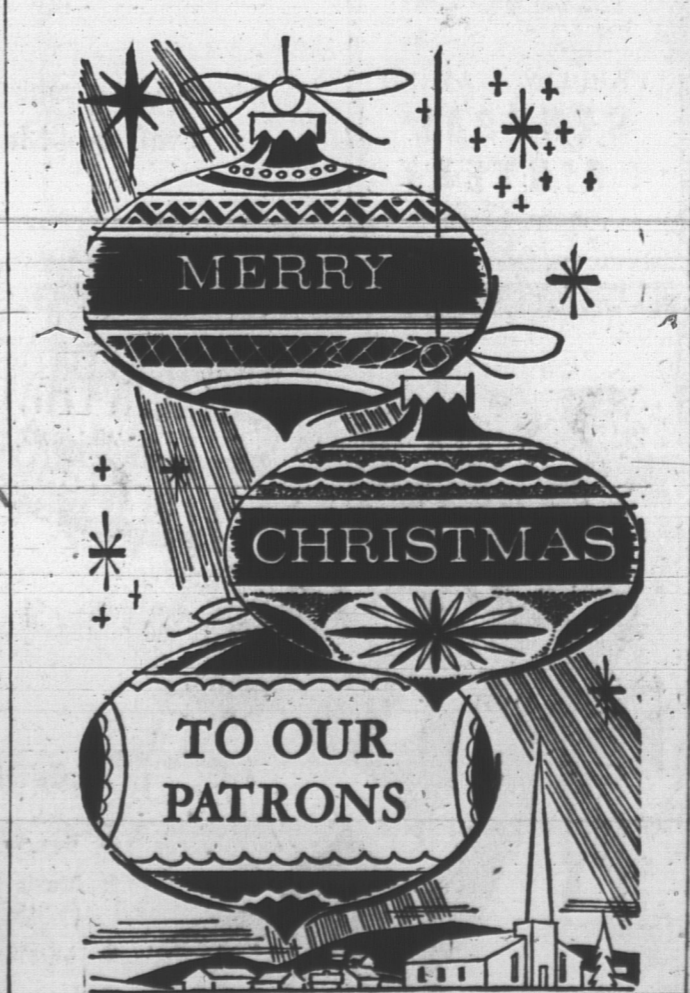
There is a hint of disquiet on the Communist side over the war's escalation. China has suggested the massive build-up of American troops and planes may be used to penetrate all of Indochina and even the Chinese mainland. All Communist elements vigorously maintain they will not be deterred in their support of the "war of liberation" in South Viet Nam. The Soviet Union, constantly criticized by China as not doing enough, has signed an agreement to provide more assistance to North Viet Nam in 1966. The reports suggest that this time the Russians may provide new jet fighters to be flown by North Vietnamese pilots.

HO IS AGING

Now 75, the frail, wispy leader has directed for two decades a struggle that seems to go on without end. He sees himself as leader not only of the North but of the South. Each day scores of his people die and the enemy still does not go away.

Man Over Computer

With computers taking over more and more of man's tasks and doing some of them better than he, it is cheering to hear of cases which show that computers still need people to boss them. Smart as they are, they can occasionally come up with wrong answers. Take the case of a computer in a Southern manufacturing plant assigned the job of selecting qualified employees. Surely, we should think it would have no prejudices; it would pick applicants purely on merit. But a team sent from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington found that this computer never selected a Negro. We cannot blame the instrument entirely for acting in this strangely biased manner. Investigation showed it was simply following its programmed instructions.



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