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tain, Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Pakistan as members, we got cold feet. We joined committees, we sent advisers, we provided aid, but we wouldn't join.

The Baghdad pact gave Iran its only formal link with the West, its only meaningful alliance. Since the Iraqi catastrophe, the Iranians have pressured Washington for a unilateral tie.

"It is impossible to know where all these pacts will lead," says our Milwaukee contemporary. "There has never been such a network. At last count, the American people stood committed to go to the aid of peoples of 45 nations in case they are attacked by Communists.

Free-Trade Advocate There is no better authority on tariffs than Mr. Hector B. MacKinnon, retired chairman of the Canadian Tariff Board. He couldn't say so when in office, but he is now free to express himself; and his statement that a customs union or free-trade pact with the United States "wouldn't be a bad thing for Canada" is just what our basic producers have been thinking for a long time.

Incidentally, Mr. MacKinnon disposed of the rumors that he was being let out for political reasons. He served under nine finance ministers and under two political parties, and at no time was there any interference with the Board's activities.

Suggests Redrafting Now that Newfoundland has begun court action against the Federal Government for breach of the agreement under which the RCMP acts as provincial police in that Province, the matter is sub judice and will be so treated here.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Young King Hussein of Jordan was given a great reception in United States Government circles. He deserved it. The way he has withstood the wiles and the threats and the violence of his quarrelsome neighbours, including the high and mighty President Nasser, is certainly to his credit.

Press reports from Washington say that now that President Eisenhower and Prime Minister MacMillan have agreed to meet Premier Khrushchev at a summit meeting, the next thing is to consider what they should talk about.

American ships subsidized by the United States Government will be allowed to carry cargo between Canadian and foreign ports but not between Canadian ports, according to Transport Minister Hees.

"But after it got going, with Bri-



BETWEEN THE DEVIL

OTTAWA REPORT

Important Posts Unfilled

There are more than forty important jobs in the service of our country which could be filled this month. All are in effect in the gift of the Prime Minister of the day.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

CAUSEWAY NOT DROPPED

Sir.—Mr. Acorn's suggestion to the effect that Mr. Diefenbaker is about to announce his intention of dropping the Causeway project in favour of the huge Saskatchewan dam in his own province, and the Chignecto Canal in the Maritimes at first gave us a real case of apprehension.

TOP CIVIL SERVICE POST

The top-ranking public service vacancy is the chairmanship of the Civil Service Commission. This appointment is for ten years, and the present salary is \$21,000 a year, representing more than double what it was only seven years ago.

Let us be perfectly frank and admit that the new Conservative regime under John Diefenbaker's leadership inherited difficult times, including increasing unemployment, unjustified and unwarranted strikes by labour already paid wages that are rapidly pricing us out of reach of consumer markets.

Let us again be quite frank in saying that we believe Mr. Diefenbaker made a mistake in not placing himself definitely on the side of Canadian morality and intelligence by using the necessary force as represented by our R.C.M.P. to help maintain in operation necessary and equitable business in our new province and to repress the foreign, lawless and violent element who would divide and disintegrate as is the method and determination of these people.

We believe Mr. Diefenbaker, being human and subject to human error, allowed himself to be persuaded by Cabinet or colleagues overanxious concerning the labour vote. We believe, if put to the test, the vote of the honest and truly Canadian element in labour would not have condemned him, notwithstanding how they vote under the eye of the violent and feared importations in their organization.

We believe Mr. Diefenbaker will implement his definite pre-election promise and give us the

Sleep Cheats Taking Chances

By Herman N. Bandeson, M. D. DON'T be a sleep cheat. A sleep cheat doesn't suffer from insomnia. He can sleep, but he doesn't, at least he doesn't sleep enough.

Common sense will tell you that you can't stagger on forever without sufficient sleep. Eventually, lack of proper sleep will catch up with you.

- 1. Poor timing and muscular control. 2. Strained vision, with objects shifting in size and shape. 3. Impaired hearing and reduced sense of touch, temperature and pressure.

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THE SILENT VOICES

When the dumb hour, clothed in black Brings the Dreams about my bed, Call me not so often back, Silent Voices of the dead, Toward the lowland ways behind me.

POPULATION TALLY

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's population at March 1 was an estimated 17,340,000 but the annual increase of 392,000 was off slightly from the 1957 rate due to slowed immigration, bureau of statistics figures showed Tuesday.

ON PARLIAMENT HILL

A Personal Tribute

Tuesday, March 17, was St. Patrick's Day, and when the House of Commons met at 2:30 there were many members sporting bright green ties.

PERSONAL CONTACT The passing of Sidney Smith was indeed a reason for profound sorrow on public as well as private lines.

As a devoted and dedicated friend of peace and liberty our late Secretary of State for External Affairs will be sorely missed in the councils of the world. He had assumed a major role in the over-all situation developing around the Berlin crisis and had been expected to play a major part in Prime Minister MacMillan's visit to Canada.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Inspectors of the Children's Society in Shanghai have decided to take an exception to child labor laws in the case of a 5-year-old boy who is being "rented out" as a dock worker by his father.

Men were creating superatomic shock waves millennia long before their projectiles and aircraft broke through the sound barrier. It seems that the crack of a whip occurs when its tip exceeds the speed of sound and not when leather slaps against leather.

Origin of the \$ sign is still a mystery. The most widely-accepted theory is that it evolved from the Spanish abbreviation "Ps" for pesos, or the same Mexican symbol for pesos.

With the demise of the suit vest, the tie has become the recipient of soup, eggs and what have you. But now there is hope for the careless. A stain-repellent material has been developed for neckties and it refuses to allow water, oil or common dirt to cling to it.

MAXIMS

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.

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Fire of undetermined origin in two wooden buildings at the corner of Queen and Sydney Streets taxed the efforts of the firemen for two hours last night. The blaze, which began at the rear of the Robinson Estate building, occupied by the shop of Mr. Urban Blanchard, spread to the three storey building of Mr. George V. Moore.

TEN YEARS AGO

The R.C.A.F. Station, Summer Lake, in common with all R.C.A.F. units, devoted yesterday, April 1st, to the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the service. A ceremonial parade was held on the station at which Lt. Governor J.A. Bernard was present.

Designed in modern style expressing the functional nature of the building, the new Polyclinic on Fitzroy Street strikes a new note in Charlottetown architecture. The vision of seven doctors who comprise the Clinic, the new building took shape under the supervision of the architect, Mr. E. S. Blanchard and the contractors, M.F. Schurman, Co. Ltd.

The Age Old Story

How canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

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