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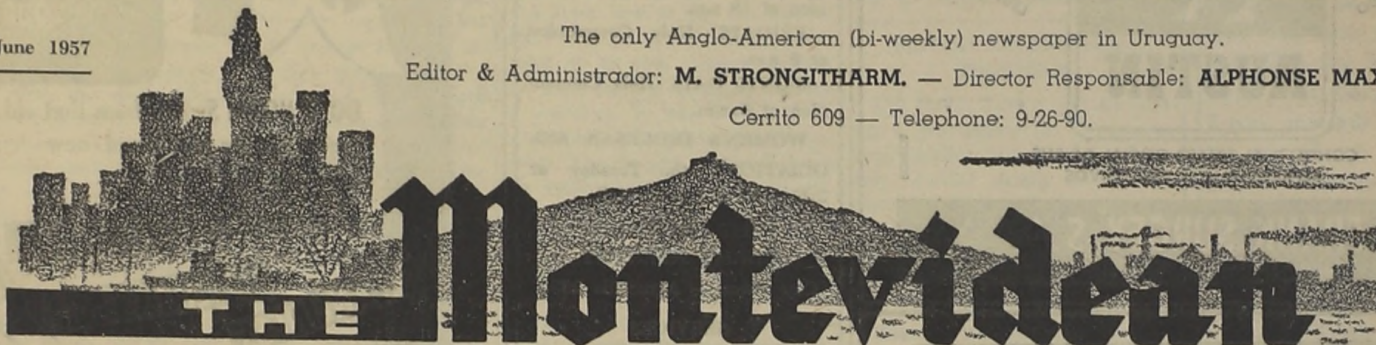
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From the Editor's desk:

The Abuses of Adversity



EVEN a cursory study of the complexities of Middle Eastern affairs reveals an interestingly consistent pattern in one respect at least: as soon as things get tough for a Middle Eastern ruler he

seeks to shift the harassing burden of responsibility from his own shoulders by adroitly creating some new disturbance in his relationship with the West, and with Britain in particular. This sort of thing was noticed repeatedly during the struggle between Neguib and Nasser, that is to say when internal dissension in Egypt was at its height. Virulent slogans were bandied about demanding that the British evacuate Suez. Then came the famous agreement in accordance with which the British withdrew troops. Nasser was obliged to invent a new catch-phrase, and proclaimed the paramount necessity of constructing the Aswan Dam. When attempts to obtain financial support for this proved abortive, he promptly nationalized the Suez Canal.

II

WE have seen that when Nasser finds himself in hot water with his own people at home or with his Arab friends abroad, he essays a little flirtation with the Russians for the purpose of upsetting the West, and when the result of this is less successful than he hopes he embarks upon some new kind of anti-British sabotage. What, in fact, is Nasser up to now?

III

AFTER the shooting of some Lebanese anti-Communists a few hours before the elections in the Lebanon were due to commence, the result produced at the polls revealed a clearly pro-Western tendency. This despite Nasser's dearest hopes and his tireless efforts to produce an orientation of Lebanese allegiance towards himself.

IV

SIMULTANEOUSLY, in Amman, the Jordan government was throwing out two high-ranking diplomats of the Egyptian embassy in that capital. Result: highly tense atmosphere between Nasser and Hussein. Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia threw in his weight with the anti-Nasser coalition formed by Hussein and his cousin Feisal of Baghdad Pact member-country Iraq. Result: Nasser isolated in the Arab world. Pan-Islamic dreams shattered. Time to start aggravating relations with Britain once again.

V

THE latest pin-prick is in the form of an accusation that Britons and Egyptians have cooked up a spy network in Egypt. It is claimed that Nasser's police caught some of these alleged spies last November. But only now, with his illusions newly shaken by the Lebanese elections, when he has failed to dislodge Hussein in Jordan, and when the other Arab countries (apart from pro-Communist Syria) have been showing unaccustomed unanimity in their hostility to Nasser, have these guinea-pigs been brought into the news to provide the latest target for the barbs of anti-British propaganda.

VI

THUS we see once more that the "anti-imperialistic" struggle against the West, with Britain and the U.S. as principal whipping boys — the struggle so publicised in the Middle East, and elsewhere,—turns out to be nothing less than a frantic endeavour to distract the restive attention of the people and the gibes of public opinion from the failure of native rulers in those directions where ambitions were most uncompromising and prospects seemed rosier.

Alphonse Max



From time to time New York can welcome additions to its long list of museums. Two of the newest are the Museum of Primitive Art and the Museum of Contemporary Crafts, both located in the "museum district" of mid-town Manhattan.

This photo shows the dramatic balcony that overlooks the first floor of the Museum of Contemporary Crafts. An exhibit of ceramics by American craftsmen was being held at the time.

Japan Thanks Pope for Atom Ban Role

ROME. — The Japanese Government has officially thanked Pope Pius XII for his role as "head of the humanitarian world movement aimed at outlawing atomic and hydrogen bombs."

The text of the Japanese note was released by the Vatican. It was considered more than a mere coincidence that the Vatican disclosure followed the explosion in the Pacific of the second British hydrogen weapon.

'L'Osservatore Romano', the Va-

ticant newspaper, said that the British experiment caused renewed protests in Tokyo. The paper also reprinted prominently a Washington dispatch in "New York Times" to the effect that the United States was prepared to negotiate a trial limitation of nuclear weapons.

Other news of and press comment on nuclear tests filled nearly five columns in the paper. A headline on its front page described the subject as "the gravest problem of the day".

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Family Supper on Friday June the 28th. at the EMMANUEL METHODIST CHURCH — \$ 3.00
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The next meeting of the Women's Diocesan Association will be held in the Lafon Memorial Hall on Tuesday, June 25th, commencing with a Service in the Church at 3.30 p.m. followed by a business meeting. At 4 p.m. the guest speaker will be Mr. H. McKenzie Johnston.

BIRTH

BUTLER. To Eva (née Brunner) and Carlos, a daughter, Karina. At the British Hospital, on June 11.



Mr. and Mrs. Gonzalez left last week by Pan American for Rochester, N. Y., on a business trip for the Eastman-Kodak company.— We hope Mr. Gonzalez will benefit from his special studies in the United States, and that he and his wife enjoy their stay there.

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AIRLINES

The Contemporary English Theatre Social News

LECTURE BY J. EDMONDS AT THE A.U.C.I.

AUCI. — PRESS. — The public lecture at the Instituto Cultural Anglo-Uruguayo on Thursday 6th June was given by Mr. John Edmonds. His subject was the contemporary English theatre.

Mr. Edmonds began by defining his terms. Theatre, he said, was the finished product, when the play was in performance. It was often an act of entertainment, but it could be art. It was art "when the audience was transported beyond the limits of its own experience and became aware of somebody else's vision". This was the result of a large group of people working together and inspired by this common vision. As an art it was ephemeral, lasting for an hour or two, but it had a magic all its own. This was theatre as distinct from drama, the literature of theatre, the work of the playwright which comes to life on the stage.

But most of the time theatre was an act of entertainment rather than art and as such, inevitably, a money-making business.

Mr. Edmonds divided the contemporary English theatre into four main groups: the West End Theatre, the Little Theatre, the Repertory Theatre, and the National Theatre.

1) The West End Theatre was a lucrative business concern tightly controlled, extending over most of Britain and aiming at profitable entertainment. Experiments were eschewed, so that ambitious British playwrights were forced abroad to try out their plays in Europe or North America.

2) The Little Theatre movement referred partly to the inexpert suburban ventures that grew up suddenly and as suddenly disappeared. Some were club theatres designed to get round the L.C.C. fire regulations and the restrictions of censorship. The latter had so far been very successful running banned plays.

3) The Repertory Theatres were the real strength of the contemporary English stage. Whether excellent or appalling or something in between, they provided a great training ground for all theatre people. Sir Laurence Olivier had been 11 years in Repertory and Alec Guinness 8 before they had got their chance. It was a gruelling business, especially for actors, whether the plays ran for a month, a week or half a week. But some of the Repertory companies like the Birmingham, Bristol, Old Vic, Liverpool and Ipswich were first class.

In this connection the lecturer mentioned the Royal Court Theatre run on repertory lines by George Devine and representing a clear challenge to the closed ring of the West End commercial theatres. At present, Mr. Edmonds reminded the audience, Sir Laurence Olivier was playing at the Royal Court (for a very small salary) in the latest success, "The Entertainer".

4) The National Theatres, so called, were both Shakespearean Repertory companies, the Old Vic, and

the Stratford-on-Avon Memorial Theatre. The former was the creation and life work of Lillian Bayliss who brought Shakespeare back to the people at popular prices. (Mr. Edmonds related some of her known idiosyncrasies during rehearsals, such as frying sausages in a box off-stage, but near enough to the Hamlet of the moment to tickle his nostrils with their strong aroma).

The Stratford-on-Avon Memorial Theatre, said the lecturer, probably maintained the highest standard of Shakespearean production in the world. It also had the good sense to keep and nurse its promising young actors till they were ready for leading roles.

Finally Mr. Edmonds turned to the present state of the English Theatre. It was "the poor relation of the Arts, chronically short of money" and vainly striving to support an overcrowded profession. Critics were often supercilious and into-

lerant, actors over-complacent, and first-class playwrights all too few. He mentioned T. S. Eliot and Christopher Fry among the older generation, and Osborne and Whiting among the new-comers as in the first flight.

Fry, in particular, Mr. Edmonds seemed to admire as a playwright who knew how to use the theatre. Man lived in a tight little rabbit hutch of his own creation, turning his back on the terrifying mystery of existence. It was the artist's — in particular the playwright's — business, Fry thought, to break down the walls of this tiny artificial prison and throw some light in the darkness.

Withal the outlook for the English theatre was far from bleak, Mr. Edmonds concluded. The actors were there, if somewhat too complacent at present, and one had to hope for more talented playwrights with a constructive philosophy of life in the not too far distant future.

Instituto Cultural Anglo-Uruguayo

PROGRAMME JUNE 1957

Thursday 20th. 5.15 p.m.:

Conversation Tea: an opportunity for students to practise conversation in English with British members and staff. Tickets (\$ 2) are available in the office.

— 6.30 p.m. — 'El Uruguay a través de las observaciones de dos viajeros ingleses': a lecture in Spanish by Prof. Edmundo Narancio, Director of the Institute of Historical Research (Facultad de Humanidades y Ciencias).

Thursday 27th. 6.30 p.m.:

Recital of English music by Susana Vazquez, soprano, and Victor

Serrato, piano. Accompanist: Geoffrey Hancock. Songs by Handel, Purcell, Britten and Walton. Piano Sonata by Ferguson (first performance in Uruguay).

NOTES. — Exhibition of British children's paintings:

A set of twenty paintings by British children will be on exhibition in the tea room during the first fortnight in June.

Tea Room.

The tea room will be closed on the 25th and 26th June for the Cambridge examinations.

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\$ 15.— for non-members.

\$ 10.— for members.

Everyone is kindly asked to note that highland or evening dress should be worn.

Tickets will be on sale at the practices or can be obtained from the following members of the committee.

Mr. George Shaw, Cerro Largo 1049. Tel. 8.15.91.

Mr. Gerald Lillie, Pedro F. Berro 1014, Tel. 41.60.57.

Mr. William Bell, Sierra 2138. Tels. 4.45.88 - 40.77.01.

Please note that tickets are limited so please book early to avoid disappointments.

Reel Practices. — These will commence on Tuesday, June 25, at 8.30 p.m. at the Lafone Hall (Holy Trinity Church). An admission will be charged of \$ 0.50 for these practices and after the first Tuesday tickets for the Ball will also have to be

shown at the door. Everyone is requested to be present at the practices as new dances will be introduced. — D. LILLIE, Secretary.

CHURCH SERVICE

Notice is hereby given that the Rev. John Kent, M.A., will deliver the Sermon at the Morning Service of Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, June 23, 1957, at 10.30. A.M.

Everyone is most cordially invited to attend. — D. LILLIE, Secretary.

Future Visitors to Montevideo

June 19.—

Mr. Rudolph Firkusny will be guest artist with Sodre Orchestra.

August 1-16.—

Paul Rudolph, North American Architect, to lecture under Educational Exchange Program.

August 12-14.—

Veterans of Foreign Wars are making a goodwill tour to Latin America.

August 15-19.—

Reverend Russell Woollen, American Specialist in music to lecture under Educational Exchange Program.

The International Diplomatic Academy, Rio Negro 1473, is organizing two lectures, to be given on Wednesday June 12 and Tuesday June 18 at 7 p.m., by the Ambassador for Ecuador, His Excellency Don Leopoldo Benítez Vinuesa, whose subject will be: "Los Nuevos Problemas del Dominio Marítimo ante el Derecho Internacional".

BRITISH LEGION GET-TOGETHER

The British Legion will be holding a get-together for Legionaires, their families and friends early in July. Further details as to date, place and time will be published later.

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Practices will be held every Saturday at 14.30 p.m. at Sayago and all interested in hockey are cordially invited."

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FIXTURES — 1957

MARCH-OCTOBER: 4th Tuesday — Business meeting in Lafone Memorial Hall at 3.30 p.m.

SATURDAY 5th OCT.: Annual Bazaar in Lafone Memorial Hall at 3 p.m.

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Round and About in Uruguay

The Montevideo City Council (Junta Departamental) has ordered that all playgrounds and public parks be given a face lifting. The sum of \$ 80,000. has been appropriated for that purpose. It is expected that new benches will be installed where necessary and that the swings and see-saws will be repaired.

The First Congress of Radio Hams took place earlier this week in Nueva Helvecia in the Department of Colonia. Some 170 members took part in the meeting which the SODRE broadcast on one of its beams. There were a number of military observers, for the Ministry of Defense has stated that it expects the radio hams to do communications work in case of an emergency. At present the group is said to request the Government to lower the customs duties on radio equipment for the use of the hams.

A possible case of smuggling by a member of the Chamber of Representatives has come to light recently. A car belonging to the Lower House itself was seen in the port area loading three cases of Brazilian "palmitos". It could not be established whether there was a misunderstanding as to the quantity of "palmitos" to be loaded or whether the members in question had ulterior motives in requesting the use of the official car.

The Director General of the Post Office, Colonel Ruben Macchi, has tendered his resignation to the Government Council after he had been accused of malfeasance in office during a hearing in Parliament. Colonel Macchi had been accused of being responsible for issuing the Batlle stamps which have been on sale in Uruguayan post offices for some time. The opposition legislators charged that these stamps constitute political propaganda for the ruling Batllista party and that it was improper to put the image of that party's founder on stamps. Colonel Macchi re-

torted that he himself had not taken the decision to have these stamps printed and that the order for their manufacture had been signed before he took office. The matter has become a football at the hands of the pro-and anti-Government members of the Congress.

One of the results of the appointment of Sr. Oscar Secco Ellauri to the post of Foreign Minister is the transfer and retirement of several Uruguayan diplomats abroad, according to some sources. Embassies and legations are still said to be havens for young men with ambitions to travel and older politicians out of a job.

Opposition papers have pounced on supposed statements by the former private secretary to Luis Batlle Berres, Sr. Schauricht, who is reported to have put his finger on a number of cases of graft and corruption with which very high ranking members of the Government and the Batllista 15 group are said to be associated. As yet there have been no details, but it can be expected that Sr. Schauricht's stories will appear as the election campaign goes underway.

The Uruguayan lottery will take place on Friday nights, beginning with the one of June 14th. Until now the lottery always took place on Saturday afternoons, but due to the fact that banks and other businesses have done away with Saturday working hours, the sale of lottery tickets on that day has fallen off so badly that the Lottery Administration have decided to switch it to Friday nights. It seems that, except for special holiday lotteries when the sale of tickets begins weeks ahead, most lottery tickets are sold on the day of the drawing itself. A Montevideo astrology club has predicted that the new schedule will necessarily alter any system that lottery ticket buyers may have had in the past.

The recent rise in postage still causes confusion at certain

Montevideo post offices. This observer witnessed one dispute between a customer and a postal employee as to whether a letter would cost a cent more or not. The customer maintained that he had not had to pay that extra cent at a post office at the other end of town and when the employee explained that this must be a mistake, the customer proclaimed that henceforward he would take his mail to the other P. O. where rates were more to his liking... P.

LAUGHTER FROM THE WORLD'S PRESS

The first time you see dust on the living-room wall is when a guest is on the sofa.

(Ladies' Home Journal)

★ Notice in a Copenhagen newspaper: Highlight in the act of Raymond Ray, famous lion tamer: every evening he puts his head in the lion's mouth. Yesterday at 8.5 p.m. the lion's jaw closed... up to the time of going to press he has not yet opened it again.

(Der Stern)



U.S. MISCELLANY

The recent anti-American riots in Taipei, Formosa, have again attracted the attention of the American press to the Far Eastern policy of Secretary of State Dulles and the Eisenhower Administration. Few editorials go to extremes in their criticism of Mr. Dulles and his Far Eastern adviser, Walter Robertson, but a general uneasiness about the state of affairs in the region is evident. Japan's announcement that it will follow Great Britain's lead in trading with Communist China on a broader basis than has been the case until now and a clearly recognized wave of anti-U.S. emotion in many Southeast Asian countries, give cause for concern. Few writers suggest that Red China should be admitted to the United Nations, but many express the feeling that the United States has little choice in accepting the other U. N. members' desires for a U. N. seat for the Peking Government. Since deeply rooted concepts are involved for many Americans, it is fully recognized that U.S. recognition of China's regime cannot come about as a result of pressure, either from the Communist world itself or from America's allies, but as a consequence of the realization that it will benefit the United States in Asia generally.

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The possible transfer of the Brooklyn Dodgers to Los Angeles and of the New York Giants to San Francisco, is to Mayor Robert Wagner of New York, more than a question of prestige for the city he governs. The mayoralty election is but five months away and Democratic politicians are worried lest frustrat-

ed baseball fans will vote against the Mayor who let the teams go. Mr. Wagner is sitting in on many negotiations about the two ball teams. The only reason he is said not to be too worried about his chances of reelection, is that the Republicans cannot find a candidate to run against him. The present list of possible nominees consists of Percy C. Magnus, president of the Citizens Traffic Safety Board, Dean Alfange, lawyer and Republican leader, and Wall Street broker Joseph A. Gimma.

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Another candidate for reelection who is little worried is the junior Senator from Massachusetts, John F. Kennedy. His term is up at the end of 1958, but Republican politicians in the Bay State are reported to be at a loss about a possible opponent for the very popular Senator, who, author of the best-selling "Profiles in Courage", mixes a very potent brand of folksiness with hard, clear thinking and speaking on national as well as international issues; a mixture which goes well in a state like Massachusetts. The only Republican politician who could match these qualities is former Governor Christian Herter, but Mr. Herter has been appointed Under-Secretary of State and his name is still in the running for the Secretaryship when and if Mr. Dulles wishes to retire to private life.

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A book which is rapidly climbing on some best-seller lists is Laura Fermi's "Atoms for the World". — Mrs. Fermi is the widow of the late great Enrico Fermi of the Univer-

sity of Chicago, one of the first men to organize and set into motion an atomic reaction. In this book Mrs. Fermi describes the 1955 Geneva Conference for the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, the men who met there, the ideas that were thrown out casually and the background of both men and ideas. It is a book written by a feminine hand, fascinating to the layman whose atomic knowledge is no more than what he can gather from Sunday supplements and diagrams in his son's schoolbooks.

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One of the most important premières of the coming season will be the Metropolitan Opera's presentation of "Vanessa" with music by Samuel Barber and a libretto by Gian-Carlo Menotti. It will be the vehicle for the Metropolitan debut of two European singers of renown, Sena Jurinac (of the Vienna State Opera and the Glyndebourne Festivals) and Nicolai Gedda (of Milan's La Scala), and it will be conducted by Dimitri Mitropoulos. The stage design is to be by Cecil Beaton. — The Met has not produced an American work for over a decade, when Rodgers' "The Warrior" was sung.

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Doctors are arguing amongst themselves as to the causes of what is called bat rabies. Until a year ago the sickness was not known in the U.S., but since then two children are reported to have died from the disease and a few score others have shown symptoms of the disease, for which, it seems, there is no cure yet.

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A Patrician in Politics

Lord Halifax Looks Back Over Years of War & Peace



"Few can have passed the allotted human span of years," says Lord Halifax,

"without seeing and hearing things that may rightly be protected, at least for a while, from final disappearance in oblivion." In that spirit he has written *Fulness of Days*.*

It is not the full story of his own life. "The person who happens at any moment to have occupied the centre of the stage may be ill-placed to speak of it with just detachment and proportion." It is not just another *ex parte* recital of Munich and the war years. What he has attempted to do is to survey the panorama of his days as a whole, obviously willing to linger on an episode here or a crisis there, but savouring the quiet things as well as the great events, trying to see all the elements that have made his life and character what they are. Garrowby is as important as Berchtesgaden; it is almost as worth-while describing George Smith, the head gamekeeper of earlier days, with his "traditional green Melton coat with short tails, loading his own cartridge with black powder" as it is Goering, "dressed in brown breeches and boots all in one, green leather jerkin surrounded with a green leather belt, on which was hung a dagger in a red leath-

— INTIMATE PICTURES

Indeed, not only the charm and interest, but also part of the value of the book in years to come may well lie in its intimate pictures of other days and old customs, of an England that was both more gracious and more grievous than that we now know, of a way of life that is gone. Lord Halifax's memories start with a long succession of summer days at Powderham, on the Exe, where he was born.— Many great families in those days regulated their year by the Church seasons and the racing calendar, moving from country house to country house, with "the season" spent in London. Retinues of servants accompanied them and precedence below stairs was as strict as that above. "Ladies' maids and valets normally took the same precedence as their masters and mistresses. All joined for the first course of the midday meal in the servants' hall, but the upper servants left the hall after the first course was over, adjourning to the 'Room' (housekeeper's room) with their glass of beer in their hands for the pudding."

But, of course, it would be idle to pretend that it is not to Lord Halifax's memories of his public life that we turn with the greater expectation. He has played a succession of parts in great events. We want the actor's side of the drama. The first thing that must strike the reader is the variety of roles he has assumed. Mention Lord Halifax's

name, and the immediate reaction is to remember the Viceroy who got on terms with Gandhi, the Foreign Secretary at the time of Munich; the Ambassador who was such a success in Washington. But there is also the former Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies, the President of the Board of Education (twice), the Minister of Agriculture, the Secretary of State for War, the Lord Privy seal, the Leader of the House of Lords, and the Lord President of the Council. Yet always, in some undefinable way, while giving of his full to each post, he has stayed somewhat aloof from the hurly-burly, never losing his moorings in country, family, and Church. Through wars, crises, and social upheaval he has remained the patrician in politics.

— MORAL INDIGNATION

From that has come both his strength and his weakness. It is good that there should still be public men who can more or less keep the fevers and frets of the day in perspective, who can view even a Hitler *sub specie aeternitatis*. But passion is no bad thing when evil is abroad. Moral indignation should sometimes outweigh sober calculation. The apologists for the Thirties can now unfold their neat and tidy balance-sheets and say these men could not have done other than they did. But that was only because they were the men they were. It is true that politics is the art of the possible. The essence of greatness lies in expanding the bounds of the possible.

— THE LESSER EVIL

Indeed, in reading his book it is not fanciful to sense some subconscious admission of this on Lord Halifax's part. There is much more life and warmth when he is writing of his days in Delhi and Washington than when he is dealing with his term at the Foreign Office. His loyalty to the memory of Neville Chamberlain is touchingly unqualified. The assessment he makes of Chamberlain's achievement and character is the most careful in the book. Munich he defends as "a horrible and wretched business, but the lesser of two evils." On the other hand, "there can be little doubt that history will rank the destruction of the British gift to India of unity as the greatest of the tragedies that accompanied the end of British control, and will judge hardly those, whether British or Indian, to whom it will impute responsibility for the loss."

A candidate for any such list must clearly be Sir Winston Churchill. Lord Halifax's relations with him are a fascinating study. He obviously sees that Churchill is a sun among belts and belts of asteroids, but he is no blind sunworshipper. It is possible to suspect he does not really like the man. His first ministerial post was under Churchill at the Colonial Office and they started with a slight brush. Churchill was one of the leading opponents of what Halifax tried to bring about in India. It was "during Baldwin's first government, when Churchill was Chancellor of the Exchequer" that the assumption there would be no war for ten years was dangerously extended and no longer reckoned from one fixed date but from a date perpetually moving forward without time limit.— Churchill's account in *The Second World War* of Halifax's visit to Hitler is "unwittingly inaccurate". As

Churchill has supported the story that Chamberlain rebuffed Roosevelt "this legend is in danger of passing into history." Recalling the royal visit to Paris in 1938, he says, "Even now I can recapture the strength of the emotion with which Churchill, who was looking on, spoke of the French Army as the bulwark of European freedom".

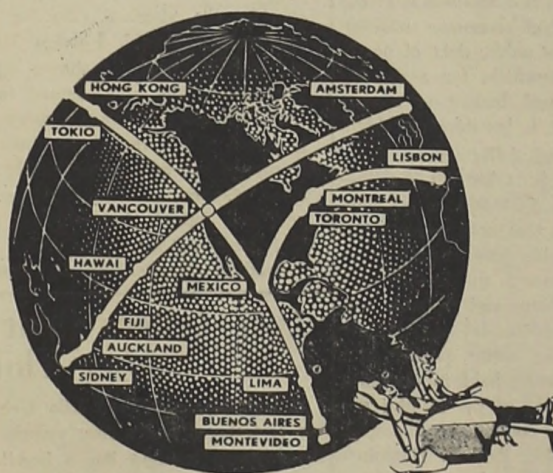
— RETURN FROM MUNICH

Churchill "did Chamberlain less than justice" in describing the return from Munich. At the historic meeting of the three men on May 9, 1940, after Halifax had explained why he should not succeed Chamberlain as Prime Minister, "Churchill, with suitable expressions of regard and humility, having said he could not but feel the force of my words, the Prime Minister reluctantly and Churchill evidently with much less reluctance finished by accepting my view." But, at the end of it all, there comes this summing up: "Whatever might be Winston's faults... they have been as dust in the balance compared to the great debt we have all owed him... Both in doing and in writing his achievement will stand, so long and wherever any record of this twentieth century is preserved."

Students will no doubt inspect *Fulness of Days* for many years to come, looking for revelations or significant hints, hunting for minutiae of information to fit into the interstices of history. It is not in that spirit it has been written. It is neither a piece of special pleading nor an *apologia pro vita sua*. The reader has the feeling that the author would scorn to submit such a balance-sheet in this setting. He is a *grand seigneur* in spirit as well as by title. He has his dealings with his fellow men but he keeps his account elsewhere. The most moving pages in his story are those in which he touches on religious matters.

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EDITORIAL:

El Ultimo Refugio

Aún un estudio superficial de las complicaciones de la situación de Medio Oriente nos revela un interesante hecho que se ha venido repitiendo con frecuencia, especialmente en los últimos tiempos: en cuanto las cosas se ponen feas para algunos de los gobernantes levantinos, éste inmediatamente trata de sacarse de encima la responsabilidad que le incumbe en el caso, creando astutamente nuevas divergencias en sus relaciones con Occidente, particularmente con Gran Bretaña. Esta clase de actitudes pudo ser notada repetidamente, durante la lucha interna que mantuvieron entre sí en Egipto los caudillos de Naguib y Nasser, cuya rivalidad fué muy aguda. Ponzonosas leyendas ennegrecían las paredes de las casas en El Cairo, demandando la evacuación británica de Suez. Luego vino el famoso acuerdo por el cual Gran Bretaña se comprometió a evacuar sus tropas del Canal. Nasser, que ahora precisaba de una nueva frase de lucha, proclamó la primordial necesidad de la construcción de la represa de Asuan. Cuando fracasaron sus tentativas para obtener el apoyo económico para financiar esta obra, en represalia, prontamente nacionalizó el Canal de Suez.

II

Hemos podido observar que cuando Nasser se encuentra con el agua al cuello con su propio pueblo, o con sus amigos y vecinos árabes, recurre al flirteo con los rusos con el único fin de molestar a Occidente, y si con todo esto no obtiene aún los resultados deseados, recurre a otras maniobras de sabotaje contra Gran Bretaña. En realidad, ¿cuáles son las aspiraciones actuales de Nasser?

III

Después del alevoso asesinato de varios líderes anticomunistas cometido pocas horas antes de las elecciones en el Líbano, el resultado de las urnas reveló una abierta tendencia pro-Occidental. Todo esto, a pesar de los incansables esfuerzos desplegados por Nasser para lograr la lealtad y el apoyo del Líbano hacia su persona.

Simultáneamente, en Amán, el gobierno jordano declaró persona NON GRATA a dos altos funcionarios de la embajada egipcia, que se vieron obligados a abandonar el país. Como consecuencia inmediata, impera una tensa atmósfera entre Nasser y el rey Hussein. Ibn Saud, rey de Arabia Saudita, se sumó a la coalición contra Nasser formada por Hussein y su primo Feisal, rey de Iraq, país que es miembro del Pacto de Bagdad. Resultado: Nasser se vió aislado del mundo árabe y se evaporaron sus sueños de unidad Pan-Islámica. Consiguientemente, parece que ha sonado la hora de agravar una vez más sus relaciones con Gran Bretaña.

IV

El último latigazo fué dado en forma de una acusación contra Gran Bretaña, sosteniendo que los británicos habían establecido una red de espionaje en Egipto. Se ha anunciado que la policía de Nasser había detenido algunos de estos supuestos espías en el mes de Noviembre del año pasado. Pero recién ahora, en que sus caras esperanzas se han esfumado en el Líbano, en que ha fracasado lamentablemente en destronar a Hussein, en que todos los países árabes, con la excepción de Siria que es pro-comunista, han declarado abiertamente su hostilidad hacia Nasser, recién ahora, repetimos, se ha librado esta noticia a la opinión pública a fin de recrudecer la propaganda anti-británica.

V

Así, pues se confirma una vez más que la lucha "anti-imperialista" contra Occidente, en la cual Gran Bretaña y los Estados Unidos son los principales objetivos — la lucha de la cual tanta propaganda se hace en el Medio Oriente y en otras partes del mundo — resulta ser nada más que una desesperada tentativa de distraer la atención del pueblo y de adormilar a la opinión pública para que pase por alto los fracasos de sus gobernantes en conducirlos por aquellos caminos que habían creído más fáciles para sus ambiciones, aparentemente incomprometedores y de rosadas perspectivas.

ALPHONSE MAX

U. S., World Fund Study Aid To Haiti Tangier

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti.— Important decisions are being considered to assist Haiti along the road back from her present state of political chaos and economic collapse.

Of immediate interest are explorations by such agencies as the United States International Cooperation Administration and the International Monetary Fund into means of providing emergency finances and into conditions for controlling their expenditure.

It is understood that assistance in the form of loans and grants will quickly be available if the nation can offer proof of political stability.

However, this is an exceptionally large "if." Weeks or even months may be required to dissipate the haze hanging over the country's political scene.

Much will depend on the skill with which Provisional President Daniel Fignole can generate in the provinces an acceptance of his Administration. Superficially, at least, most of Port-au-Prince appears to be willing to let M. Fignole prove himself.

A Constitutional Debate

There also remains the imponderable factor of popular reaction to his decision to seek election to the Presidency when that decision, published in the foreign press, has been made fully public throughout the nation.

There already is heated debate over his constitutional right to run for the Presidency while serving as Provisional President. But aside from this, there is widespread opposition to any move by the man in the National Palace toward succeeding himself no matter what the circumstances.

Meanwhile, this republic is in the midst of a bad economic situation. It has a gross public debt of nearly \$ 65,000,000 which, for a country with an annual budget of around \$ 35,000,000, is bewilderingly high.

Its gold and dollar reserves have shrunk from \$ 11,300,000 last year to around \$ 5,800,000 as of now.

The nation that until recent times had an enviable international credit rating has passed an interest payment on its loans and probably will pass more unless aid is suddenly provided. The entire public debt problem is being held in abeyance during the rule of the interim governments the country has had since the fall of Gen. Paul E. Magloire's Administration last December.

M. Fignole's Presidential campaign before taking over the Provisional Presidency was directed almost entirely to the lower class, laborers and the unemployed. His promises dealt mainly with increasing the standard of living and the general righting of economic wrongs.

Now he is handcuffed to an economic situation in which there is no immediate freedom of action.

However, the United States is expected to step in. There are many reasons for this, the chief of

which probably is that the United States has traditionally assumed responsibility for Haiti's welfare.

Another and less altruistic reason is that, as a matter of prestige, the wealthy United States cannot afford to stand idly by while at its doorstep a little republic, the only Negro nation in this hemisphere, sinks into economic mire.

There is still another reason. The United States did not accomplish its mission of rehabilitating Haiti during the Marines' occupation from 1915 to 1934. Haiti began national retrogression shortly after the occupation ended.

Now there are many observers, both Haitian and American, who maintain that the republic is more irresponsible politically and economically than in the desperate period leading up to the occupation. However, these observers are convinced that Haiti can be put on a self-sus-

taining basis should she be brought out of her present plight and should there be some way to put the brakes on the rampant corruption and graft of the past.

After studying numerous reports, they believe, for example, that Haiti could produce agriculturally more than enough to feed herself and could increase her coffee crop, her greatest agricultural export, by 100 per cent both in quality and quantity.

From all indications, there are two things on which the United States is expected to insist this time before coming to Haiti's aid. These are a regimen of the tightest austerity until the country has reasonably emerged from its economic troubles, and the strictest control over the funds supplied. But neither of these measures will prove to be even remotely pleasing to the majority of Haitian politicians.

TANGIER, Morocco.—mer internationally ruling apprehensively dependent Morocco future status.

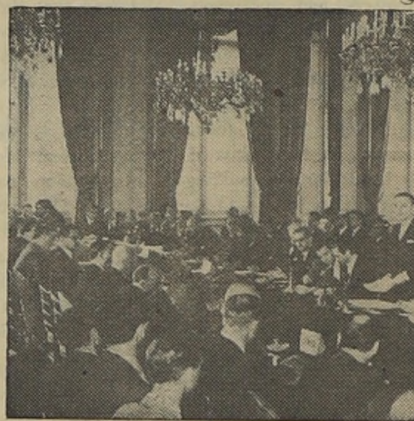
Last October the grier by eight Western cluding the United States minated and Morocco over the city was ree then Tangier has been of transition.

Morocco so far has change the traditional way of life here.

Tangier remains a and it continues to be market. It is still a city, and to enter Tangier somewhere in Morocco pass through border

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Do You Remember...



Representatives of 16 nations of Western Europe met at Paris, France, in July 1947 to consider the Marshall Plan for post-war reconstruction. French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault (right) is shown addressing the Conference. The plan, named for its author, U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall, proposed a long-range economic program for European self-help supported by U. S. assistance. Communist Russia refused to participate and forbade her satellites to join. The first American shipments under the program arrived in Europe May 10, 1948.

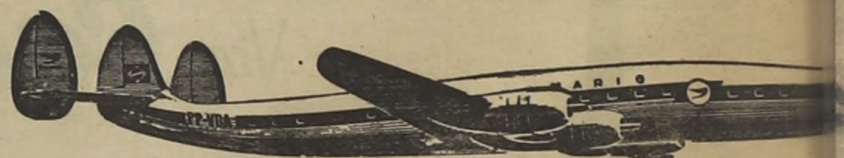
India passed a new milestone in her history on January 26, 1950, when she became a sovereign democratic republic at colorful ceremonies in New Delhi. Dr. Rajendra Prasad (right) took the oath as the first President of the Republic, and then administered the oath of office to his Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru (left). Of equal significance was the new constitution which became effective that day. The document detailed fundamental equalities that became the right of more than 320 million persons.

Love-Letters Reach Their Destination After Thirteen Years

A few days ago Frau Lilo Uecker of Cologne had a nice surprise: the postman brought her a bundle of love-letters which her husband—then her fiancé—had written her

thirteen years ago as an American prisoner of war. Frau Uecker was at that time living in Schneidemuhl, a town situated in the territory which is today under Polish admini-

nistration. When the letters came from America, the Schneidemuhl population had to flee the German postal service. It took thirteen years to locate the owner. At first, it was Uecker's brother, who



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taken over the top executive authority. Below the governor, however, most of the old administrative machinery continues to function.

BELGIAN RUNS POLICE FORCE

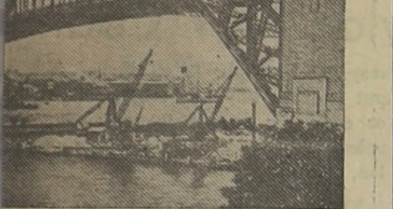
A Belgian, Francois Wilbers, continues to run the international police force. Even the international court system—with the addition of one Moroccan judge—continues to administer justice.

The thirty-odd banks and the multiplicity of exchange shops that for years have made Tangier one of the world's biggest free-currency centers, continue in business.

Because of the uncertainty regarding the future, big foreign currency bank deposits have been shifted elsewhere, and the gold market of old has ceased to operate. Financial institutions do business on a day-to-day basis. They are ready to pack up and depart with a minimum delay if Morocco imposes an unfavorable system of controls.

6,000 ARE UNEMPLOYED

The uncertainty has caused the exchange market, the tourist trade, and commerce in general to contract. Out of Tangier's 200,000 residents — made up mostly of Moroccans and Spaniards, but with important minorities of French, British and Americans—6,000 persons are estimated to be unemployed. One of the unsettled items of business in Tangier is the status of the big \$ 5,000,000 Voice of America relay station, whose twelve transmitters broadcast more than 200 hours a day to the Middle East and Eastern Europe.



The Moroccan Government has indicated that the station can stay, but a definite basis for its operations still has to be determined. The Rabat regime has said that a special status is planned for Tangier that would take into consideration its centuries of existence as a European-controlled port on the southern side of the Strait of Gibraltar.

The Moroccan ruler, Sultan Mohammed V, has promised the city a royal charter, and his Government may decide to retain and make permanent Tangier's status as a free port and free currency market.

There even is talk that Aristotle Socrates Onassis, the Greek shipping magnate, may be authorized to install a Monte Carlo-type gambling casino in the city to attract visitors.

Meanwhile, residents of Tangier fear a rapid economic decline unless the city's old free system is preserved. Tangier eventually could prosper by developing new enterprises and building itself up as the chief port for the north Moroccan hinterland.

However, this would take years. For the time being, Tangier remains in a state of suspended animation and it hopes for the best.

Overheard at the inauguration of the Union Theological Seminary's Programme in the Interrelations of Psychiatry and Religion: "Well, of course I know him only through his wife's dreams."

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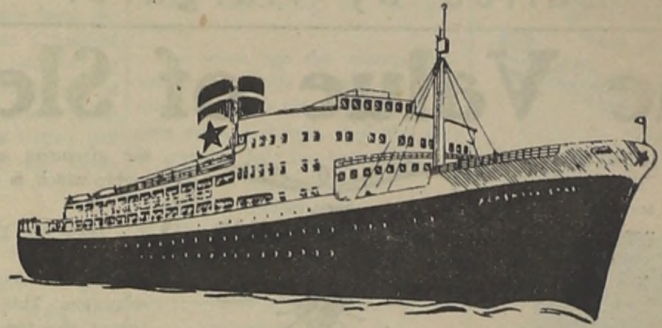
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Soviet Atom City

The existence of Lermontov, a Soviet city hitherto unknown to the outside world has recently been disclosed by the Soviet authorities. — Certain features of the manner in which this disclosure was made suggest that Lermontov is an atomic research center, perhaps the Soviet equivalent of Los Alamos. — The description of the city given in Izvestia indicates that it is a community of no insignificant size and that it has been in existence for a number of years. The official decree classifying Lermontov as a city was issued July, 1956, yet only now has the outside world learned of its existence, since the decree was kept secret for almost a year.

All this would seem highly pertinent to discussions regarding disarmament and regarding the kind and amount of inspection needed to create a satisfactory set of safeguards for disarmament. If the existence of Lermontov could be kept secret, what guarantees are there that there are not other highly im-

portant communities still being kept secret?

The Soviet Union is the largest country on earth, with an area almost three times that of the United States. It has more than enough space in which to hide many communities producing or doing research on arms. Given the high degree of security and press censorship maintained in the Soviet

Union, and the sharp limitations on travel by foreigners in that country, the existence of such communities can be hidden indefinitely. With the example of Lermontov in mind, we can see even more clearly than before the need for an adequate inspection system as a prerequisite for disarmament on any serious scale. It is a lesson not to be forgotten.

Nigerian Minister of Labor Enroute to I. L. O.

LONDON. — The Hon. Basil Okwu, Minister of Labor and Welfare for Eastern Nigeria, enroute to the I.L.O. in Geneva, declared at dinner in Dr. Buchman's home before guests from Formosa, Malaya, India, Egypt, Nigeria, South Africa, Australia, Italy, Holland and the United States:

"Before I met Moral Re-Armament, I didn't believe there was any point in trusting or ever having real confidence in people who didn't belong to my own race. Through MRA I had the chance to know that there is still hope for the human family, hope, not through the atom bomb or guns, but through the secret of the spirit of change which can reach every heart. It is a weapon against which there can be no obstacle.

"Frank Buchman is the only one

man I know who, if he comes to Nigeria today, will receive a nationwide welcome. I say this because I have had personal contact with that great man. He made me feel that God has given each and everyone of us a purpose.

"My own country is Nigeria and after many years of struggle and effort it would be true to say that we are on the eve of national freedom. But I believe that but for MRA, even with the attainment of freedom, many of us would not know what to do with that freedom. But with MRA in the nation and in the family, it is not only certain that we are going to have a unified and strong nation, but a nation that will be an example to the rest of the world. I am sincerely saying that what we need most in Nigeria today is MRA."

FOR US GIRLS

Edited by Margaret

The Value of Sleep

by GWEN ROBYNS

Some scientists are now saying that if we are all popped to sleep for three months or so there is every chance we'll live to be over 100.

That's presuming one wants to, of course!

And from an American doctor comes the awful prospect that with the right amount of food, exercise and sleep, people could live to be 150.

With the thought of my husband (he says he'll retire at 60) round my apron strings for 90 years, it is high time that I looked into the whole question of longevity and sleep.

"Sleep talk" is rapidly creeping up on the slimming craze among people. And no wonder. Just look at these statistics.

— WOONG SLEEP

One in every five adults has to woo sleep from time to time. Sleeping drugs have never before been in such demand.

Two out of every 100 have to take sleeping pills regularly because of chronic insomnia.

How I'd love to be put off to sleep for three months straight after Christmas dinner and wake up with the daffs.

But if this is a little impractical, my feminine logic tells me that if I sneak an extra hour every night I have a pretty good chance of writing the centenarian's column.

And it works the other way, too, I should think. People who consistently sleep badly run the risk of knocking years off their normal span of life.

I took my findings to a leading physician. The poor man shuddered when I asked if he was a "sleep specialist."

"There is no such thing," he said. "But I specialize in stress disorders which are the main cause of lack of sleep."

The whole pity about this interview was that from the start I was at a disadvantage.

I'd had a late night, and the sight of that marshmallow soft black sofa and navy blue ceiling in his restful contemporary waiting room was fatal. The yawns set in.

Immaculately dressed with a brisk specialist air about him, he led me into his consulting room.

I couldn't have felt worse. There I sat right opposite a huge painting of a sleepy sun-flower. To the right was a peep through French windows into a quiet sleepy garden.

His voice was quiet and quick—like the distant rumble of a train. My eye lids felt like sticky ju-



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jubes. But pulling myself together, I brought out my list of questions.

Does sleep prolong life?

"I am not aware of any evidence that an extra hour's sleep a night would make you live longer," he replied.

BODY TONIC

"Naturally, enforced sleep over a period has a general mild tonic effect on the body. But it could be dangerous and requires skilled nursing to attend to the correct nourishment and elimination of body waste." (I had the impression he was highly sceptical about the Russian theory).

Does lack of sleep cause ill-health?

"It's the other way round. Sickness, stress or the preoccupation of a problem causes the lack of sleep. One has to get to the internal source of insomnia before trying to cure it."

Do women need more sleep than men?

I've always pulled this one when my husband wants a last one for the road.

"There is no biological difference that makes women need more than men. When women oversleep (or over-eat) it is an escape from something."

QUITE WRONG

"Some women sleep two hours in

the afternoon and another ten at night, which is unnatural."

How can you woo sleep?

"The best technique is conscious relaxation. This means consciously letting the tone go out of every muscle until you feel completely relaxed."

"But this often needs to be taught and practised half an hour a day before it comes automatically."

Aids I've ferreted out from other experts are hot milk or clear soup before bedtime, a raw egg eaten like an oyster, dark eye pads (in her book on sleep Dr. Marie Stopes suggests a black silk stocking!), avoid stimulants such as coffee, tea or too much alcohol, plug the ears with cotton wool, keep off exciting bedtime reading, light but warm bed clothes and comfortable bed attire are important.

Does it matter if you dream a lot?

"Most people dream more than they realise, but the memory of the dream is blocked. It is merely subconscious thinking and is not harmful under normal circumstances."

Is it silly to talk about your dreams?

"Yes. Dreams are private, intimate pieces of thinking even if they appear nonsensical. There is always the danger that the other person might sense a hidden meaning, or get an insight into personal problems which is unwelcome."

Does the normal adult require a set amount of sleep a night?

"No. A lot of people can get along quite happily on little sleep if it is sound."

FIRST SIGN

"But if someone consistently wakes at 4 or 5 a.m. and can't get to sleep again though they still feel tired, it could be the first signs of a depression."

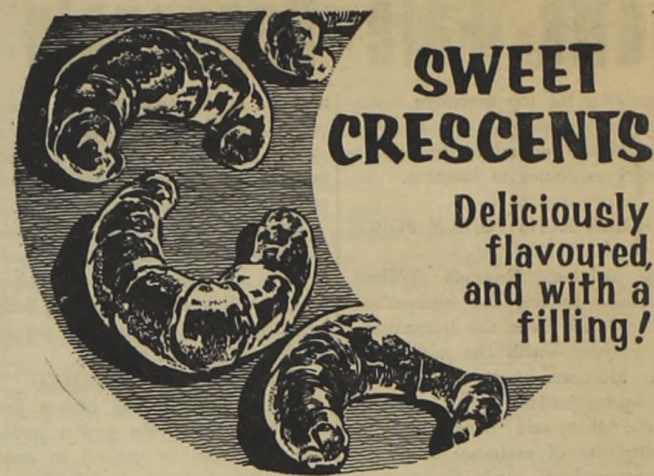
Is there a special way of lying to get the maximum sleep?

"Any relaxed and comfortable position will do and that includes on your face. Just lie however it suits you best."

Should one wake abruptly, leap out of bed, or take it easy?

Everyone must find his own style and see what suits them."

Dr. Stopes is more emphatic. "I think it is a crime of the first mag-



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Scald:

Stir in:

2 cups flour
and let rise 30 minutes.
1/3 cup milk
130 ggs. butter
7 tablespoons sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 egg
grated ring of 1
orange
3 cups flour, and yeast
mixture

Add:



Turn out on lightly floured board, and knead until smooth. Cover, and let rise until doubled in bulk (about 50 minutes). Punch down and form a large roll. Let rise 20 minutes more.

Divide dough in 4 equal pieces. Roll out each piece into a circle about 1 cm. thick; cut each piece into 8 pie-shaped pieces. Place in center of each piece 1 teaspoonful of the following mixture.

1/2 cup peach marmalade
grated rind of 1 orange

Roll up tightly beginning at wide end. Seal points firmly. Place on greased baking sheets, with points underneath; curve to form crescents. Cover, let rise in warm place about 15 minutes; brush lightly with beaten egg; let rise another 15 minutes. Bake in moderate oven (400° F or 205° C) about 10 minutes.

— LEVADURA SECA FLEISCHMANN —

Washing a Nylon - Fur Coat

A reader writes: 'I have a full-length, lined, nylon-fur coat that I wish to wash. Will you tell me the best way to do this. Could it be put into the washing machine?' Nylon-fur fabric can, of course, be washed beautifully. I have seen a pram cover, for example, washed many times and come up like new. I have also seen—in America, when I was there last year — a child's snow-suit made of nylon and lined with nylon fur put into a washing machine and come out like new.— But a coat is—or it could be—a different thing altogether. The nylon-fur fabric will wash, but what about the lining—which may not be nylon—and, even more important, what about the stiffenings used in tailoring the coat fronts and collar and the shoulder pads? These materials

nitude to wake anyone save in an emergency. I should lay down an absolute rule that no child should be waked, not even a child of school age. Sleep is of far more value to the child than lessons."

Does the watchful sleep of a mother have an adverse effect on her health or nerves?

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The interview was over. Stifling my last yawn we said goodbye. "I don't think you have any difficulty," the doctor said.

And there was just the merest suspicion of a twinkle in his eye.

may not be washable at all, and if put into the tub they might shrink or cockle or even disintegrate. So, unless all parts of the coat are nylon, there is a risk.

The best way to clean the coat, I think, is like this. Make up a good detergent solution and then, with a small brush dipped into the solution, work all over the coat in sections, as you do when cleaning a carpet. Rinse off the solution with a clean, damp cloth, again in sections and overlapping each section to avoid patchiness. The aim is to clean the pile of the fur and not to let the solution soak through to the lining or stiffening. It would be a good idea to make the first experiment on the inside facings if there are any or, failing these, on the reverse side of the collar. If the coat is very dirty the whole process may have to be done twice. The coat should then be well shaken—not wrung by hand or in a machine—and hung out to dry, preferably on a breezy day.

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Our Roman Villa

The history master at the secondary school began it. He had found a flint remarkable like an ancient Roman lamp, and felt that it would be a pious fraud to present it to the class as the lamp of some neolithic miner digging for flints with an antler pick.



The visual aid was effective. It set many lads questing for odd stones; and soon one boy arrived bowed under a lumpy circular piece of puddingstone which a ploughman had given him. The master recognized this as an old quern and went to the field where it had been found. As a Welshman he hoped for a Druidic Circle; but what he did discover was a large number of roughly baked cubes, which he brought to me and I pronounced to be tesserae from a Roman floor.

Investigating the field, which swept down from the broad brow of a hill, I found a spot where the plough had dragged out a piece of local greyware of the Roman period; and by poking about I brought to light a dozen more pieces, several with rim or base. Further down the hill I struck a large portion of a flange-tile, lacking the usual red through being overbaked, but clearly Roman in style.

PRUDENCE OVERCOME

There seemed then little doubt that a Roman building of some sort had once stood on the slope. Left to myself I should have prudently reported to the country museum and hoped to play a minor part in excavations which might some day be arranged by someone better qualified than myself. But I had reckoned without the keenness of my friend for visual aids. Besides, he had long been determined to build a school museum. How could he leave a whole hillside of Roman remains undug with his cabinets demanding something better than worn pennies of Victoria, blurred ammonite fossils, and indeterminate bones? He gained the permission of the farmer and roped off a small piece of the field.

I recounted the damage done by hasty unskilled excavation and the pitfalls besetting the inexperienced archaeologist. I damped but did not quench his ardour; and while explaining how it could not be done, I developed ideas how it could, catching his eagerness and curiosity. I had potted at excavations in the area and elsewhere; but to wield a subsidiary trowel was something different from taking charge of a virgin site. Still, I acquiesced.

After an impetuous beginning, the work was slow in getting under way. I went to London for a while and then came the summer holidays. Returning, I found that the history class had made some very cautious pits, scraping through hard clay at a rate calculated to depress the most ardent adventurer into the sunken levels of the past. They had located nothing but more and more hard clay.

NOT SO EASY

The autumn attack began with further prospecting. It had now become clear that a Roman site on a wide sweeping slope might not be so easy to pin down. The master and I dug a number of trial pits all over the brow of the hill in vain. The topsoil was not deep, and under it was a heavy yellow clay with odd flints and many specks of chalk. No sign of human occupation was found. "Probably everything has been ploughed up long ago", I said.

I made a last effort to find the point where I had turned up the bits of pottery; and with the use of the half-forgotten hieroglyphs of my plan we struck it. Here the clay somewhat relented and the topsoil deepened, growing sandy. At about 15in. we encountered a layer of Roman remains some 3in. thick a large amount of pottery fragments, some local greyware, others of finer fabric brought in from outside the

area, with several nails and a bit of an iron blade.

In one corner of our pit we met a cluster of small nails, which at first I thought must have been the studding of a box. Then I realized that they were hobnails and that we had discovered the shoe or boot of a Roman who once strode across these fields, though the leather had quite disintegrated in the damp soil.

POINT TO WORK FROM

We now had a point to work from, and the history class was again unloosed on the hill—every second Monday for an hour of the afternoon. But proceedings were again slowed down, this time by the heavy rain that particularly infested the weekends and slopped over on to Mondays. Still, some progress was made. I remember the first Monday, a duly grey but not wet afternoon. The boys came charging over; and after a brief exhortation to behave as they'd been told, they set to work digging, sorting, and clearing with a miscellaneous collection of trowels, garden forks, and spoons.

There were far too many of them and they all wanted to congregate wherever anything promising seemed about to turn up. Howls of disappointment greeted the decision that any stone which shone green or rose was not a Roman jewel, and odd-shaped flints were the source of many witticisms about the ways of Rome. The boy with the largest pockets was loading himself with everything that turned up, tile fragments, bricks, or sherds, while the compass expert revolved earnestly about.

Taught by experience, we tried on the next occasion to break the class into small groups and to get a grid system of trenches into operation. The original trench continued to prove by far the richest in finds

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POINTS

A woman is very observant when she learns to drive a car—often missing nothing.

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and everyone wanted to gravitate back to it. Gradually the boys learned not to trample the clay in the trenches. "Will they put us on television, Sir?" asked one either cheekier or more simple-minded than the others.

A TRIUMPH AND A MORAL

They were beginning to settle without too much noise into the work when, after some rainy Mondays, the term end arrived. Before that happened, however, we had our triumph. The first trench, continued some 20ft., ran into what was plainly a laid floor of flints. At last we had a substantial proof that the ploughs of centuries had not demolished the site, and a solid base for our future investigations.

Yet next time, a fortnight later,

as I was ascending the hill, I found the class already in retreat. The powerful frost of a few nights before had burst the floor; and, as the day was dank and gloomy, the class had filled the trenches in. Excavations had been halted—to be resumed next term, weather permitting.

Now I see that I cannot any longer delay in taking that course of field archaeology which I have been thinking about for years. I owe it to that Roman whose nail-studded shoe I dug up. I could not face his vigilant ghost, if I spoiled the chance to resuscitate, as clearly and fully as possible, the days when he looked across the valley as I have looked, feeling happy in the swaying ripple of the crops or the clouds tumbling up from the southwest. It seems that I, too, was in need of visual aids.

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"War And Peace"



Running over three hours in Technicolor Vistavision, this 'epic' invites some comparison with that excellent prototype of the giants, "Gone With The Wind", which, after all, could have borne Tolstoi's title quite comfortably. There is some similarity in the focusing upon one young girl of the nineteenth-century and her romantic attachments, her loved ones going off to war, the flight before the advancing army, the burning city, and the ultimate return to the ruins of a once palatial home. And yet I would say that "War and Peace", fine achievement as it undoubtedly is in many ways, hasn't the quality of greatness found in Margaret Mitchell's screen story. Why this is is difficult to analyse satisfactorily. This film lacks nothing in the strength of its performances, in the magnificence of its settings and costumes, or in the outstanding photography (though occasionally a character is decapitated, or partly so, by the top of the screen; but I feel this must be due to careless projection). To take an enormous novel and reduce it to incidents and pictures and essential participants which make up a complete whole and constitute a reasonable representation of the original, is a stunningly difficult task. Probably "Gone With The Wind" lent itself more easily to adaptation than the Russian book, for the screen version of the former was so well-balanced that time never dragged and the climaxes were so paced and gauged as to make it constantly absorbing. "War and Peace" is less compact, and never really hangs on to even the one main character faithfully throughout the action. It seems to che-

rish several of its principals so much (in spite of not explaining them very lucidly) that it is loath to restrict their appearances to scenes which have a direct bearing on the central figure of the girl, and, consequently, the story is rather ragged and loses that impetus which carried Scarlet O'Hara eventually back to Tara.

Nevertheless, Paramount's classic is never tedious. It is a truly international effort: there are American, British and Italian actors, and many of the technicians, as well as the producer (and the vast cast of extras) are Italian, for it was largely shot in Italy. A number of the scenes are quite awe-inspiring, and the whole of this sorrowful tale of Napoleon's invasion of Russia maintains surprisingly good taste — a rare manifestation in these mammoth pictures. Where the acting is concerned, it is primarily a triumph for Audrey Hepburn. As the unsophisticated Natasha, she is a spring of unfailing delight, bringing a whirl of youthful movement and a ray of sincere gaiety where it is most needed. There are impressive performances by Henry Fonda, as the myopic intellectual, Pierre, and Mel Ferrer, as the unfortunate Andrei; Herbert Lom is most credible as the defeated conqueror, and there are other sound contributions among the star-spangled cast, with their mixed accents.

It is a movie well worth seeing, and generally of a high standard. But, apart from the wearily winding columns of spent soldiers shuffling, cold and hungry, back through the hundreds of miles of desolation they had caused themselves, and the joy of watching Audrey's funny, fawn-like, and yet strangely attractive, face, I don't think much of this great story will be found to linger in the memory as it should in time to come.

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somewhat), but he suddenly makes a miraculous recovery and wins a duel, and then has a terrific fight with Jack without feeling the strain unduly. Meanwhile, the future Queen of Spain is very much taken by the wild man of the backwoods, and, devoted as she is to wearing bejewelled court dresses on the hot, dusty trail in the middle of nowhere, she wants nothing better than to settle down in the nearest tree with him and raise a herd of kids. With Barbara sighing for the barbaric life, it is a sure thing that the Palance will be preserved.

It is all extremely stupid. What the appallingly muffled sound track at the Eliseo permitted me to understand wasn't worth hearing, anyway. American actors behave very strangely when put into period costume and expected to act like nobility or royalty (especially now 'imperialist' has become such a dirty word), and the stilted dialogue provided here only adds to their embarrassment. Jack's osculatory prowess may set Rush aflame, but otherwise there is no evidence of any more incendiary effect than is usual in these celluloid exchanges of bacteria to give the remotest justification for the extraordinary title of this laboured, ludicrous picture.

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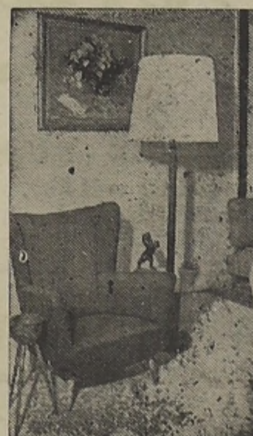
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usly illuminated by ordinary electric light bulbs.

Rotherham may soon lose its only live theatre, the Regent, which was built in 1894, as it is almost certain to be sold to an undisclosed buyer.

The Royal Aeronautical Society's gold medal, the highest honour which it can confer for outstanding work in aeronautics, has been awarded to Professor J. C. Hunsaker, an American, the council of the society have announced. He receives the medal "for his contributions to aeronautical research and education, including his inspired chairmanship of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, whose work has so greatly benefited aeronautical activities everywhere".

The Massey-Harris-Ferguson company have received an order for 2,200 tractors, 12,500 implements

and accessories, and 240 combined harvesters from Yugoslavia. The order is worth about £2,500,000.

Dairy herds have been yielding so much milk for several weeks that creameries have had to work two or three shifts a day. Every day for three weeks, two giant tankers trundled round a disused RAF airfield at Templeton, Pembrokeshire, spraying the runways with 25,000 gallons of milk, to get rid of it. In other parts of the country similar dumping has been going on. It is skimmed milk (costing 7d. a pint in London). Butter and cheese stocks stand higher than they have done for years. Questions about the wastage are to be asked in Parliament.

British car makers have warned the Government that they are on the edge of a boom which may cause a steel shortage by the end of the year. The Vauxhall Victor has orders for £15,000,000, and their advertising campaign has had to be held back. As presses and machines are put into position in the £36,000,000 expansion scheme in their Luton factory, they go straight into production. B. M. C. say they have orders from the U.S. and the Dominions which will last them twelve months. Rootes say they have trebled their dollar sales, and Vauxhall are expanding to become the sixth largest motor makers in Europe. The story is much the same in Austin's two-cars-a-minute factory, and others in the Midlands. 1,500 cars are going abroad every day.

The Grove Family, one of the BBC's most popular serials, has been dropped, despite an outcry from a large part of the public.

A sword found during the demolition of a building in High Holborn, where a murder occurred in 1949, was examined at the Forensic Science Laboratory, Scotland Yard. It was decided that the find was unlikely to assist in the murder investigation.

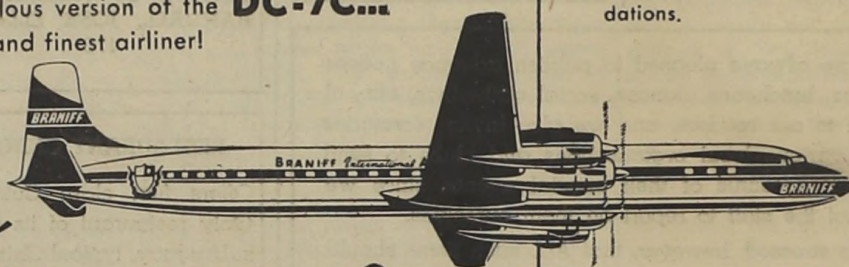
Britain's air defence radar system is the finest in the world, according to Air Marshal Sir Thomas Pike, Air-Officer-Commanding-in-Chief Fighter Command. When speaking of the details of the recent Exercise Vigilant, in which Hunters, Javelins, Vulcans, Valiants, Canadian-built CF-100 fighters from Europe with Canadian crews, and American Super-Sabres took part, he said new British equipment is "far ahead of anything other countries have".

A revue girl wears just enough clothes to keep the men warm. (Munich Illustrated)

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