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Stunted and Withered

There is grim proof from the Marshall Islands that geneticists who warn of the effect of H-bomb fallout on growth and heredity have not merely been spouting hot air.

There is also evidence that the aging process of adults who were in the fallout area has been speeded up.

Ike's Power Wanes

President Eisenhower, who finds congress harder to cope with than he did the German armies, has just suffered another humiliating defeat.

This result is by no means wholly due to irresolute leadership on the part of the president.

There are many signs that his prestige and popularity in the country at large have declined accordingly.

Mr. Eisenhower is getting his first experience of the gloves-off treatment that Presidents Roosevelt and Truman always got.

The civil rights setback is the third major defeat for his administration at the current session of congress.

It is hard to say whether Mr. Eisenhower's loss of effective power stems more from his own defects as a political leader or from the fact that he is the first "lame duck" president.

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Good Show, Council

We are not usually given to moralizing, but it seems to us a moral may be drawn from the story of Cherry Beach.

Now it appears that all that was at stake was \$10,000 a year; for each citizen the price of a cigaret.

Observe that we said "past councils," for it is our intention to compliment the present council on not straining at this particular gnat any longer.

Two months have passed since the election, but Prime Minister Diefenbaker still hasn't finished building his cabinet.

Well, if Mr. Diefenbaker has the right men for the jobs, why doesn't he appoint them? It cannot be obvious to him that he has the men; if he believes he has, then there is no excuse at all for allowing the country to go so long without a complete government.

Why Not Name Them?

The Tory morning paper having considerably pointed out that we told you so before the election, there is no need for us to resort to that infelicitous phrase.

In summer the news often takes on a tinge of madness. Summer 1957, probably go down in history as The Year That Things Vanished.

Oman reports that the all-important Treaty of Sib has vanished. Washington tells of the bewildered union official who learned he was president of a union he didn't know existed.

France Enjoys Its Misery Too

Inflation seems to be spreading around the world as relentlessly as the Asiatic flu.

It is the same set of symptoms which are becoming familiar now in this disease. Patient doing fine, never better really—productivity expanding faster in the last four years than ever before.

Result, sad loss of strength for the franc. Its official rate is 350 to the dollar and this week the black market price rose against it from 420 to 448.

Thirty-seven-year-old Finance Minister Felix Gaillard has such a cure, if the French will take it. He wants to pursue an austerity program: lop 600 billion francs off the budget (expected).

But the French seem no more concerned about the crisis in their welfare than most of the ebullient victims of inflation.

Golden Treasury

Had we but world enough, and time, This coyness, lady, were no crime.

To walk, and pass our long love's day.

Thou by the Indian Ganges' side Should'st rubies find; I by the tide Of Humber would complain.

For, lady, you deserve this state, Nor would I love at lower rate.

Thanks Strangers

Sir: We were on our way to Haliburton on Sunday, July 28, to visit our children in camp up on Eagle Lake.

Backs Mayor's Stand

Sir: Mr. Lamport in the performance of his duties on the police commission had no reason to be made as libel. And if he did, he is only a citizen the same as I am.

Grateful For Outing

Sir: The veterans of Divade Hospital and the Red Cross Soldiers' home wish to thank the ladies and gentlemen of the Queen City Yacht Club.

Let West Indians In

Sir: I fully agree with the criticism of our Immigration policy applied to West Indians.

Would Aid Canada

Sir: It is to be hoped that the Canadian government and people will do everything in their power to encourage the countries of Western Europe to proceed with their plans for a free trade area.

Fears of Automation



"NEED ANY HELP, MISTER?"

Voice of the People

'Drove 40 Miles to Return My Purse'

THE STAR cannot undertake to return unused letters

85 Glen Rd. H. M. PURSER

Not Perfect in U.S.

Sir: In answer to the letter from A. R. L. regarding the condition of the washroom in the Eglinton subway station.

Landlord Need Not Supply Hot Water

If a person rents rooms where there are four families with children, should there be hot water the time or just on certain days?—H. L.

Couple Stranded

Sir: It is certainly refreshing and invigorating to be able to leave behind the noise of the street cars and autos and enjoy a day at Centre Island.

It's Up To Citizens

Sir: Ex-Mayor Lamport was placed in his chair for better or for worse by the citizens of this great city.

Provost Had A 'Valiant Heart'

Sir: The death of Provost R. K. S. Seeley shocked me so deeply that I must express my personal sense of bereavement.

WOMEN GET THEM AT 62

U.S. Old Age Pensions \$63 To \$108 A Month Drive on To Raise Them

Based on payroll deductions and contributions by employers, the old age pension scheme in the States has a trust fund of \$24 billion which is expected to be \$200 billion by the year 2000

By ROBERT E. HOYT

WASHINGTON

It was just 20 years ago that social security offices were opening up around the country in the grand experiment to provide for the old people of the U.S.

About 73 million workers are covered now and benefits go to about 10 million persons.

The chief critics of the plan complain that it should be on a "pay as you go" basis.

Congress has a repeatedly liberalized benefits and greater pressure for even greater benefits increases yearly as compulsory retirement and a longer life span conspire to make "senior citizens" a larger segment of the population.

Recent changes to cover self-employed farmers and to start retirement for women at 62 instead of 65 have put a greater strain on the agency than was anticipated.

It probably will run the same way next year, though the social security forecasters expect to have to dip into their reserves to pay the benefit bill in 1959.

DESPIITE the complaints that benefits are too low, the average person on social security today is better off than in any previous year the retirement program has been in effect.

This is shown by a glance at a bureau of labor statistics' chart that shows purchasing power over the years in relation to a theoretically stable dollar in 1947-1949.

For example, it shows that every dollar you had in 1913 was worth \$2.36 and every dollar you have now is worth 84 cents.

Political Debacle

Inflation Is 'Staggering' Fear Brazil Revolution

By HENDRIK J. BERNIS

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THE political situation in Brazil is critically dangerous.