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Ban not only unexplained, but unexplicable

borders on outright stupidity.

However, to the best of this paper's me as long as it says something.". knowledge the board is carrying out. If the board's sensitivity to the its managerial and policy-setting role press goes deeper than this, and The to the best of its ability and allowing. Daily News maintains: that it (the the administrator to do an efficient paper) has done no wrong, then a

to-understand why The Daily News tal affairs. Far from making the hospital board from the hoard's regular meetings by a target of editorial abuse, The Daily the board but we do not know whether News has given the hospital and its this ban meets with the approval of boards the utmost support. We are the Prince Rupert General Hospital not going to list the projects over the association. We should like to know. support was given the hospital and the not satisfied with the board's actions board. It would take up too much the books of the hospital are open to

However, we will remind the public Section 3, or Article 7 of the Prince will, white-wash the hospital board or Bylaws states: any other public body. In April, 1957, when the Daily News ran a story headlined "Patients Assert Hospital Tood Dirty, Meagre, Monotonous" did the board panic? close its meetings to the press? To the contrary. It went

IATE do not think, for one moment, about the business of improving the that the Prince Rupert General situation and invited The Daily News hospital board in voting last Thursday to send a reporter and photographer to ban the press from its meetings, did on a surprise visit to any meal of the so because it had anything to hide or day without any prior knowledge of because it "has a skeleton in its closet." the dietician or cooks. Two weeks In fact were its action not such a later The Daily News ran a story serious matter, the board's ban could "Hospital meals tops, survey shows. be ignored as being so childish that it Patients, staff say food improved." Would the present board have acted .. At the same time the membership the same way? We should smile!

of the Prince Rupert General Hospital We believe that the trouble with association and the general public can-the present hospital board, at least not help but wonder, when the execu- with some of its members, is that they tive of a body supporting a public are over-sensitive about holding pubinstitution imposes such a ban, if lic office. The majority of the board something isn't wrong with the hospi- members offered their services in tal somewhere. So far as can be learned; never be- faced a crisis and since then have been fore in the entire history of the hospi- "under the gun," as it were, to make tal's different boards has the press good. Many of the board members, in been barred from their meetings. Cer- public office for the first time, were tainly it hasn't in the last seven years, apparently nervous about having their no matter what crisis or controversy actions on behalf of the public instithe hospital boards have been under-tution they serve, reported. Others going or involved in. were downright skittish. It often hap-If the Daily News had been waging pens but veteran holders of public ofunrelenting war with the hospital fice will concur that it is far better to board over some suspected financial be on good terms with the press than. hanky pank or something equally to be at odds. Longtime politicians go as drastic, the board's action could be even further with the theory that "I understood though not condoned. don't care what the press says about

gob of operating the hospital. more searching look must be given the "Inat's what makes it doubly hard doings of the hospital board and hospi-

has been banned from board meetings. The Daily News may be banned past 10 years on which Daily News If hospital association members are

that the Daily News has not and never Rupert General Hospital Association

"All books of account and financial records shall be kept at the registered office of the society and shall be available on one day's notice for inspection by any member during the regular office hours."

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Some progress in disarmament seen for 1960

By HAROLD MORRISON Canadian Press Staff Writer

spectacular results.

Ten-power bargaining on disarmament is armament measures taken. to open at Geneva March 15, ending a 30-month. "suspension of East-West negotiations."

Beginning in mid-January and periodically thereafter, representatives of the five Western powers - Canada, U.S., Britain, France and #Italy—will meet in Washington in attempts. Ito achieve a solid Western position.

U.S. officials tend to downgrade the extent of conflict within Western ranks, but it Is evident Britain and France hold opposing *views-with Britain hoping for a speed-up and France a slow-down in actual disarmanient and control. witeps taken.

The reason for this also is evident. Britain Jins achieved nuclear capability—she knows now to make an atom bomb and has tested her production successfully. France is still In the process of attempting manufacture, with forms of thought transference, according to Initial testing scheduled for the spring. France also has the Algerian war on hor hands, rokuiring the maintenance of military strongth,

On the other hand. Canada also is pressing for disarmament progress, conductive with the maintenance of adequate defensive strength by the West, and there are reports in Ottown the Canadian government is so optimistic of the Enthro that it plans to cut its desence budget, On the other side of the fence, Soviet Pre-Inler Khrushchov koops hammoring away at in four-year period.

While Khrushchov and President Disenhower exchange friendly notes, there still is a great clost of Washington sausploion about Khrush-

chov's roal intentions. Qualified authorities say the U.S. would

United States authorities suggest some pro- never agree to complete dismantling of its gress in world disarmament may be made in atomic stockpile. But it might agree to par-"1980" but they caution against hopes for any tial disarmament, provided Russia would agree to complete inspection and control of all dis-

> This automatically would rule out Khrushchev's four-year proposal, U.S. officials say, for he will agree only to inspection and control at the end of the disarmament process—

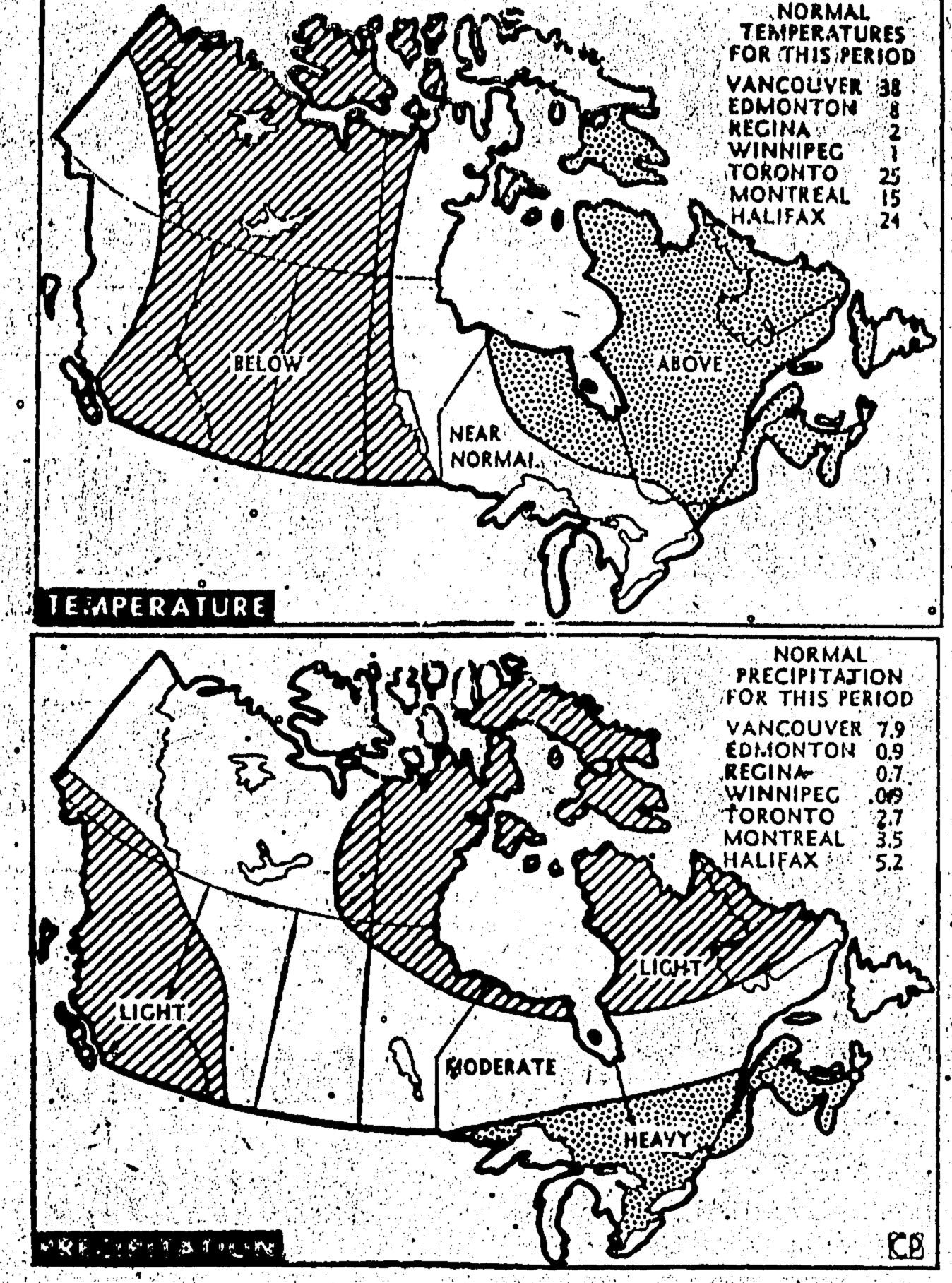
and not during the dismantling period: 'Nevertheless, there is a feeling in Washington that some progress in disarmament may take place, porhaps in the reduction of continental 'military manpower and equipment such as tanks, guns and aircraft, where U.S. likely will not be so domanding in inspection

A wordless world

Human speech, reading and writing may ultimately vanish and be supplanted by other Dr. MacDonald Critchley, London neurologist, Even present-day language, he says, permits i speaker to express only 60 per cent of what he has in mind, and listeners understand only 60 per cent of what he does say. This seems to mean a net loss of 64 per cent in transmission from one mind to another.

It sounds alarming, but scholars have ostimated that the average person (is there such thing?) gots along with about 300 different words a day. Probably 20 per cent of these are the idiam of the times (automobile, airplane or space ago), which would have been incomprehensive to ancestors and likely will be incomprehensible to descendants. So perhaps we are further along than we think toward a wordlass world.

-Toronto Globe and Mall.



MOST OF WESTERN CANADA will have below-normal temperatures in the long-range forecast of the United States weather office. Eastern Canada is expected to have nearnormal and above-normal readings for the rest of January. Map also details expected precipitation across the country. Tables give normal readings for various centres during the period.

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Like a fool, I asked a doctor how to avoid a hangover. He gave the old reply: "Don't drink."

For those who are rash enough to ignore this counsel he has something else to say: "If you must drink, eat as well." Next to abstinence food is the best protection against alcohol. It slows absorption.

Why drink at all? It's a poor way to start a decade. That's what thousands of people are telling themselves on New Year's morning, as they nurse sore heads.

But here's another thing: There is a pill out now which is designed to protect you, not only against over--indulgence in drink, but against an excess of food as well.

I heard about this pill from a man who tried it and swore that it worked. This man claimed to know the inventor of the pill, and he

told me what purported to be the true story of its origin. The inventor of the medicine was a research chemist for a large industrial firm. He concocted the stuff from several ingredients for his own

use. First of all it was a powder. He never told anyone what was in it, but it worked. Taken in advance of the cocktail party, it relieved the pain of the morning after: Taken as a treatment, it still made the patient feel better.

So many friends got to hear about the stuff that the man had a supply made at a pharmacy.
Then he went into commercial production. The stuff is on sale now in drug stores.

I telephoned the wholesale drug firm that andles it and asked for more information. "Sorry, I can't tell you anything," the manager of the firm said.

"But you have a hangover preventative on the market. naven't you?" I asked.

'We don't call it that," he said. And I could do nothing to make him break his silence, So I checked back with my original informant.

"It's a hangover preventative, all right," he assured me. "But if the company doesn't want to talk about it, that's their business. I have an idea that the government won't let them. Suppose you told people that they could take a pill and drink all they pleased without suffering any ill effects. What would happen?"

"I guess it would encourage

them to drink more," I admit-

"That's just it," said my informant. "By the way, the inventor of the pill is now an executive of another big industrial firm."

A pharmacist told me that he didn't know for sure what was in the pill, but suspected -that it contained B-complex vitamins.

"When you drink, a substance called acetone forms in your tissues," he said. "It's gradually excreted and burned up. But until it's gone, it gives you that tired, sore, heavy feeling that goes with the hangover. Vitamin speeds up the process of getting rid of it."

"Acetone displaces oxygen from your tissues. It's lack of oxygen that makes a person lose consciousness when he has drunk a lot. Then he is in

a very dangerous condition." A whiff of oxygen is the time-honored trick of medical students for pulling out of a bender. Now it's 'avaliable anyone who has \$7.95 to spend for a portable oxygen kit. It's intended for heart attack victims, and the neardrowned, but it might be used

for a hangover cure, too. It's dangerous though. cigaret or spark near it may flame into a death-dealing torch. Maybe a hangover is

"One man came in here and ordered a raw egg in half a glass of vinegar" a waitress told me, gripping her throat as though to choke back the thought of such an unsavory potion. "But it seemed to do him good."

I asked Ove Witt, Strathcona Hotel barman, whether the house recommended any special remedy.

"Royal fizz," he said. "Gin. a whole egg and lemon juice." A sound idea, maybe. That mixture would have proteins

and vitamins in it. . Next year, Ove Witt added, he would have another treatment to recommend: steam bath and massage. He took a

course in massage in Toronto, and early in January he is setting up business as a mas-

So, take your choice: massago, raw egg, vitamins or magic pills. But the doctor's first counsel was the best. To those of you who disregarded it, a happy 1980 anyway. I hope you feel better tomorrow.

Teachers stiff?

A visiting university lecturer, Dr. Harry Porter of Cambridge, says there is lack of "rapport" between students and tenchers at Canadian universities,

Dr. Portor's generalization isk valld, though perhaps he places too much responsibility for this on the system and on the students. Canadian unlivorsity professors, like teachors everywhere, delight in the exchange of ideas, in the studys ents' questions. The weakness is that in Canada students do not sook out their menters! who would welcome them.

It is also true that Canadian university classes are far too formal. There is not enough discussion of the material prosonted. Students sit as at the tool of the master, too much in awe, too passive, too mute, In saying this we are far from the other extreme: undisciplined talk-sessions which only compound Ignorance.

From The Ottawn Journal But loarning is bost when it is made active by the exchange and the stimulation of discusaion. More talk without a hard basis of knowledge is of course futile and the discusslon notion has its own pitfalls. But surely Canadlans, orr on the side of reticence. Stud-, onta aponk up!

Better deal

From The Abbotsford News

Particularly in Canada's case, the United States should bo in a position to share its socrat wannons. Defence of the United States hinges upon auccossful desence of the continent, and it must be a joint defence affort. Present Amorican attitude treats Canada with much less than the dignity of a defence partnership.

Scent and seizure

From The Washington Evening Post Kiing, Alexandria's police dog, seems to be pretty pleased with himself. At any rate, after he made his first arrest other night, photographs showed him cavorting around as though he were a cut or two above J. Edgar Hoover,

For our part, we think that King has a few things to learn. And one of them is that Mr. Justice Douglas and the Supreme Court can be expected to take a very dim view of his performance.

Mr. Justice Douglas made the court's attitude plain enough in the recent decision in the John Patrick Henry case. FBI agents watched Henry and a companion as they made repeated trips into an alley in Chicago and loaded their car with cartons. When they stopped the car the agents heard one of the agents heard one of the men say: "Holdit; it's the Gs. Tell him he (you) just picked me up.' In the car the agents found several radios which turned out to have been stolen. But Mr. Justice Douglas, speaking for a majority of the court, said there was not probable cause to arrest Henry. An arrest, he said, is not justified by what a subsequent search may disclose. And "suspicion not enough for an officer to lay hand on a citizen. It is · better that the guilty sometimes go free than that citizens be subject to easy ar-

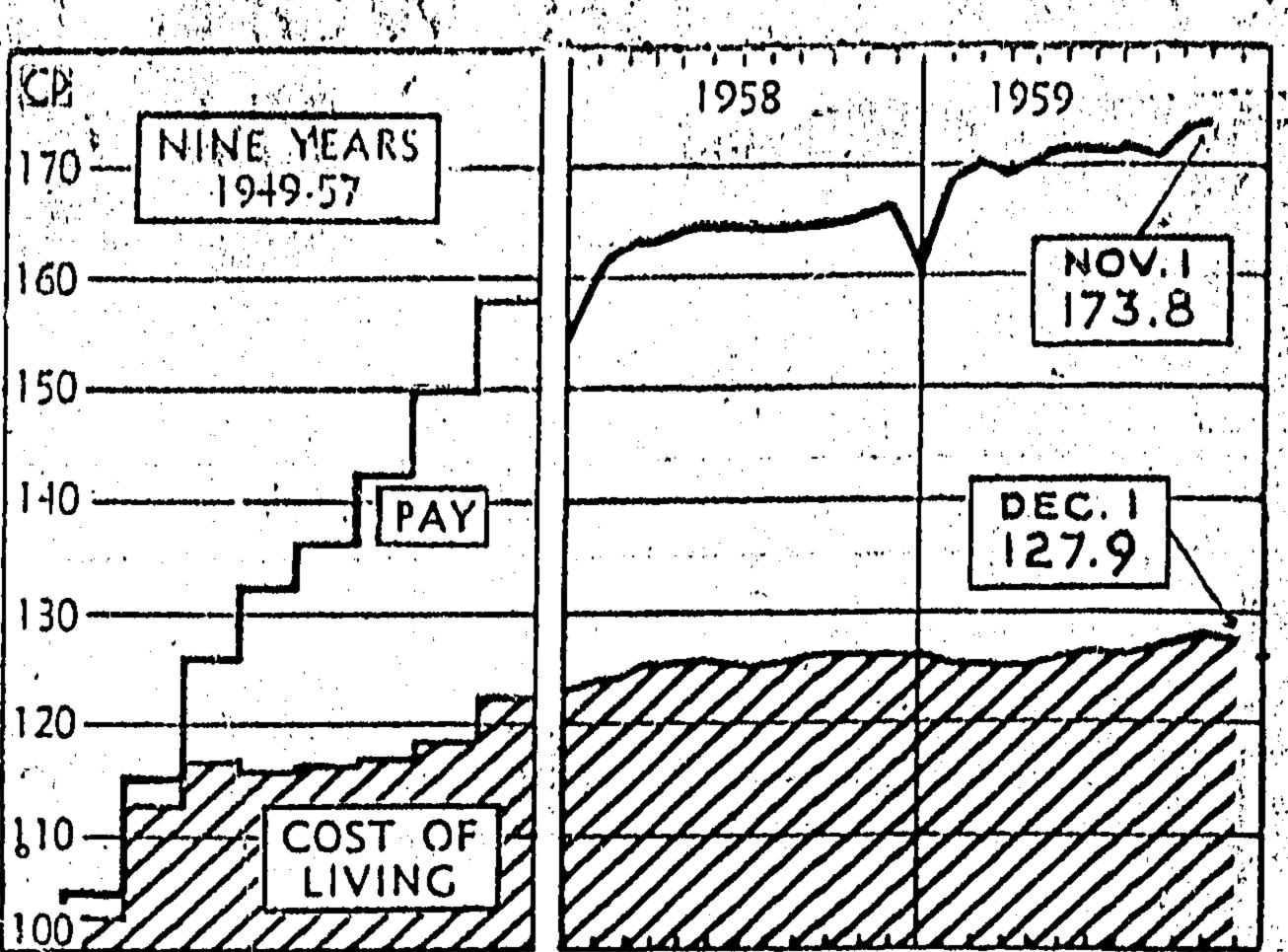
If this is so, and the court says it is, where does it leave King? The Alexandria police learned that a television shop had been burglarized, and King was called into the case. With his master in tow, he went sniffing down the street and finally stopped, still sniffing; at a parked car. Inside, the police found the crouching figure of one Jessie Goins and three television sets which turned out to have been stolen. Goins was arrested and King has been strutting around like Sherlock Holmes ever since.

But let's look at the facts. Did King have probably cause to put the nose on this citizen? Undoubtedly he smelled Goins, just as the FBI men saw and heard Henry in Chicago, but did he know at the time that the TV sets had been stolen? Did King, in the Supreme Court's words, "have reasonable grounds to believe that the person to be arrested has committed or is committing a felony"?" Of course he did not! And what we have here, it seems to us, is a clear case of illegal scent and seizure. King had better watch out for Mr. Justice Douglas!

Lighter side

Dad criticized the sermon. 'Mother thought the organist made a lot of mistakes. Sisterdidn't like the choir's singing. But they all shut up when Billy chipped in with the remark: "I think it was a darn good show for a dime."

Notice on a community bulletin board: "Ten-year-old would like garden work and odd-jobs after school and on Saturdays to help support a dependent who eats like a horse. P.S. It is a horse."



LIVING COSTS DROP—Canada's cost-of-living index declined to 127.9 at December 1 from a record 128.3 a month earlier. It was the first drop after four consecutive monthly increases but the figure was still 1.7 points higher than the December 1, 1958, index. This graph (shaded area) traces the yearly average of the price index, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, through 1949-57 and its movement through 1958 to 1959. Also shown is the index for average industrial wages and salaries which stood at 173.8 at. November 1, up eight-tenths from October 1, 1959.

The Packsack

After years of trying, of hinting around and even resorting to low schemes, I at last was invited into the home of a man I have known for thirty years, and whose library I expected to be one of the treats of my life. Never have I been so astonished.

In my experience, no man reads more than this one. You hardly ever see him without a book or two in his clutches. He is a great scholar, and his writings on liter-

ature and his book reviews have been appearing in newspapers and magazines for a whole generation. He is to be seen in the book departments of the big stores and in bookshops always collecting. Never an auction sale of antique books but he is in the congregation, bidding. No doubt pubishers have been sending him hundreds of free books for review over the years.

Naturally, I supposed I would find a house walled from floor to ceiling with book shelves. There would at least be a noble library, if not books stocked out in hallways, blocking stairs, cluttering vestibules. He took me into his study. There was one standard book

case and a shelf over a mantel. Neither was crowded. "Oh, no," he said mildly, when I asked where he kept

his books. "I don't keep them. What's the use, after you have read them? I pass them on to people in need of them, to hospitals, institutions. All you see here are a few reference books and dictionaries." Most books are best when on

the move, not lying dead.

FULL TREATMENT

DUNDAS, Ont. W-A dog which received an electrical shock by chewing through a lamp cord was given artificial respiration by firemen Sunday night and then taken to veterinarian hospital, where its condition was reported good.

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