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A Fascinating Subject

THEY were back again yesterday—those strange things in the sky which are rapidly becoming the great mystery of this generation.

Sitting in a newspaper office listening to the reports come in, one becomes convinced that the phantoms are not the product of a single wild imagination which has started everyone else talking. Yesterday the reports came within seconds of each other from widely scattered points in the city. For the most part they agreed in detail, which is not a common characteristic of eye-witness accounts. In other words, no one appeared to be trying to dress up the incident.

Flying saucers are generally classed as the lighter side of the news, but the big question remains—what are they? It is fatuous to claim any longer there really is no such thing. Too many sightings have been made in perfectly clear conditions, and yesterday's case was one of them. It is possible to make a liar out of one man who has been seeing things late at night, but it is hard to do the same thing to dozens of clear-headed citizens on a cool, bright morning.

The answer, if and when it ever comes, could easily overshadow any scientific development the world has ever known. To judge by the behavior of the objects, they have an unknown form of mastery over the forces of gravity and centrifuge and possess a speed far beyond anything recorded, at least for general knowledge, by man's inventions. Moreover, they are frequently reported to have a translucent quality, which adds further strangeness to their identity in this age of metals.

But perhaps the deepest mystery lies in their apparently intelligent control. They are often observed flying in formation, as was the case yesterday, and have been seen hovering along the course of rocket missiles above the testing-grounds at White Sands, New Mexico. Pilots in combat have soberly reported "goof balls," described as glowing orange spheres, accompanying them as wing-men on their missions.

Although it is difficult to believe we are being visited by objects from another planet, it is still more inconceivable that any country on earth is able to frequent the skies everywhere with such weird craft. Yet one or the other must be true, as the things are there and nothing so far has explained them away. The future of flying saucers should prove a fascinating subject.

Scripture Passage for Today

"The little hills shall rejoice on every side."—Psalm 65:13

VICTORIA REPORT

by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—Gen. Eisenhower says he's going to do away with some of the frills when he takes over the White House.

He's going to cut out the presidential yacht and the presidential hide-away Shangri-La. New governments, of course, always say they'll cut out frills. Sometimes they do, but mostly the old frills are followed by new ones.

We have a lot of frills in British Columbia. Government House is one of them. Some provinces have abolished Government House. Even the Tory government of Ontario didn't bother to re-open Government House after the Liberals closed it.

There is a B.C. government yacht, the sleek and luxurious Cyrene, and nobody is ever quite sure what she's used for.

There's an almost hush-hush government chalet atop Mount Seymour, a lush place of wood carvings and stone fireplaces. Nobody's quite sure what this is for; government dignitaries occasionally go there to rest and relax. This chalet should be leased out by the government to a private operator and run as a hotel.

The Conservatives haven't much to talk about, when it's necessary for the new leader, Deane Finlayson, to get up and cry because the government has banned Christmas parties in government offices, and is trying to cut down on the wholesale, and often illegal use of government automobiles.

One of my favorite places is the Archives; I like to go there and flip back into history. I like

reading old documents and letters. The other day I came across letters James Douglas wrote to his son James, in school in Europe. "You must apply with more vigor to your studies—the labor is, I admit, irksome and severe, but you must not mind that; there is no royal road to learning. It is impossible for anyone to get on and make his mark in the world without plenty of hard work."

"Who is the little boy you are so fond of licking? My son must cultivate a kind and generous disposition and scorn to bully little boys."

"Tyanny is hateful in every form; the strong should never oppress the weak."

We are all poor, frail creatures when left to ourselves; our sufficiency is the Lord. We must look to Him for strength and guidance in the hour of trial. His power is sufficient for us. His strength delights in our weakness."

NATO Reveals Defence Costs

PARIS (C)—North Atlantic treaty countries agreed today to spend \$239,000,000 in 1953 for airports and other solid defences against possible Soviet aggression.

This is just a shade more than half the \$428,000,000 which Gen. Matthew Ridgway, Supreme Commander in Europe, had outlined as a "minimum" to provide security.

A Child's Life of Jesus



"Jesus did not seem worried. He took the five loaves and the two fat fishes and He thanked God in Heaven for them."

A Child's Life of Jesus is one of the last books written by the late Fulton Oursler, noted author of such volumes as *The Greatest Story Ever Told*. The Greatest Book Ever Written, etc. This presentation of Mr. Oursler's book has been specially illustrated for newspaper publication by the well-known artist, Neil O'Keefe.

Chapter VIII

Soon Jesus added new friends to His band; one of the two men named James, and his brothers, Jude and Simon; another named Thomas, and Judas the twelfth and last. He was the weakest of them all.

So now there were the twelve men who lived and travelled with Jesus and heard and saw all the miracles. There was a new miracle almost every day.

Once when Jesus was preaching to five thousand people. He learned that they were all hungry. Many of them had come from far away just to hear Him. But they had brought no food along.

Andrew said: "There is a boy here with five loaves of bread and two small fishes. That is all we have, dear Master."

Jesus did not seem worried. He told everybody to sit down on the hillside. And He took the five fresh loaves of good-tasting bread and two fat shiny fishes and He thanked God in Heaven for them. And He began to break the bread into pieces and told His helpers to pass them around. And somehow—no one knew except Jesus—there was enough bread and fish for all five thousand. Everybody had enough to eat. All they wanted.

When they were fed, and no one was hungry any more, Jesus told His friends to gather up the crumbs. God will give us plenty but we must never, never waste anything.

So they picked up the crumbs and the left-overs from those five loaves of bread and there were twelve baskets full.

Even more wonderful was the time Jesus walked on the water. Some friends of His were riding in a boat on the lake. A black cloud came across the sky and a cold wind began to blow. The

ship began to shake and to fill with water. It looked as if the ship was going to sink down to the bottom of the lake, and everybody on board would be drowned.

Jesus was walking on the shore. He saw His friends in danger. So He started to walk out to them. He walked right out on the water. He stood on the stormy lake as if it were the land. The people in the boat saw someone coming but could not see who he was.

"It is I," said Jesus. "Be not afraid."

At His word, the storm went away and all were saved.

He even let Peter get out of the boat and come to Him. As long as Peter had faith he could walk on the water, too. But he got scared, so of course, he began to sink down. But Jesus took his hand and kept him safe.

Because Jesus walked on the water and kept on healing the sick, and told the people such kind and wonderful things the whole country was talking about him. Nearly everybody loved Him. But a few did not. They were cowards, like Herod. They were afraid that if they stopped doing wrong things as He asked them to do they could not be happy.

Everywhere He went, Jesus told people how to be good and happy. It is not enough just to be sorry for mistakes. We must try to make wrong things right. A boy who steals his friend's marbles must give them back. If he loses the marbles, he must buy his friend some new ones. If you hurt yourself, maybe by eating too much, you must not eat so much for a while.

Tomorrow: The story of the prodigal son.

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Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Joint bank accounts prove that some women are certainly quick on the draw.

Those English breweries are making an especially strong special brew to observe the coronation. That is to say they will not sell near-beer during the ceremonies.

Many a man sighs, "Make me a child again," for then I was able to handle women.

When people refuse to hate other people for their opinion they begin to show that they are civilized.—Ottawa Journal.

"Training Helps In Restaurant Work"—heading. Especially how to pick up the tip before someone else gets it.

Only hard work will resuscitate Britain, says one of her statesmen, thus dispelling any wishful thought that artificial perspiration would suffice.

Anyone entirely new to Prince Rupert finds it no easier to find his way about town as the city develops. Should you doubt it, take a good glance at somebody's look of bewilderment, after having it explained how to go there.

A press bulletin says two men were caught recently in Ontario with a stolen safe in their car. Now who can possibly imagine who would take the trouble of driving all the way from Prince Rupert, B.C., to St. Thomas, Ont.?

We are now being told that men need girdles if they are to make a better showing in the race with politics, industry and medicine—that is, where the women are concerned. Personally, we've managed to get along fairly well, without a single girdle. That is to say, not since childhood.

Money will not buy happiness and it has approached a point where it will not buy much of anything else.—Brandon Sun.

Can you buy new shoelaces before the old ones break? Clean out the attic without stopping to read the old magazines and papers? Pass an excavation without stopping to watch the power shovel at work?

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

All Names or None

SOMEBODY once asked

Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin what he would most like to achieve in life. He replied:

"To abolish inverted commas"—that is, quotation marks.

I have some pet dreams along that line. I think it would be wonderful if newspapers would abolish turnovers—and print the whole story all on one page. How often do we come to the exciting part of some report only to read "Turn to Page Umpteen"? But like as not some other member of the family has the particular part of the paper in which page umpteen happens to be. So often we never do get around to read the end of the big page one story.

BUT I HAVE another, deeper peeve when it comes to newspaper practice. That is when they print the names of some girls taken in some none-too-respectable house, but do not print the names of the men who were in the same place when the house was raided.

We had a case in our town not long ago where the name of the girl in the case won a spot in the paper, but the name of the man taken with her was left blank.

I am not kicking about leaving out the name of the man. But I do think it is a matter of principle that it should be both or none—all or none.

JUST AS IT SEEMS to me we are adopting some very dangerous precedents when we now agree that prisoners-of-war can stay in their captor's country, if they choose—so this business of weeding out "suspected subversives" in UN is a two-edged sword.

Trygve Lie says he is adopting the principle of dismissing all those who might be held to be "disloyal" to the governments of the countries from which they come.

That principle is easy to apply in the case of the U.S.A. But how about the numerous employees of UN who are refugees from countries now behind the Iron Curtain?

If the U.S.A. can demand the firing of Americans suspected of disloyalty to U.S.A., then can Russia demand the dismissal of Russian-born refugees who are hostile to the Soviet regime? The same principle must apply in the case of all members, or the UN becomes a farce. Sauce for goose, sauce for gander.

THE UNITED STATES clearly has the right to demand that the UN not be made a sort of new Wooden Horse of Troy to get into U.S.A. spies who could not get in, except through their UN connection.

That was one of the many reasons why far-sighted persons saw that UN should never have been located anywhere in U.S.A. Sumner Wells was one such. Our own Lester Pearson was another.

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OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

It all depends on which side of the political fence you sit, as shown in these extracts from Hansard in the days when MPs were trying to wind up the Throne Speech debate to get home for Christmas: Fisheries Minister Hon. James Sinclair, former parliamentary assistant to Finance Minister D. C. Abbott: "We are today collecting on behalf of the provinces \$300,000,000 in round figures from income taxes, corporation taxes, and succession duties which we pay back to them. We do not spend it. We do not spend it on materials and labor. It is again a straight transfer of cash back to the provinces. The provinces are very heartily in accord with it and why should they not be? The federal government gets all the criticism for high taxes, and passes on the money. They get the money, but no criticism."

LONG SPEECH Opposition Leader George Drew, coming near the end of a lengthy oration: "... The government is impatient even with the discussion of provincial rights under the constitution which should guide the combined governmental activities of the country."

Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Acting Prime Minister, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Minister of Defense Production: "We have accepted the first two hours. The third hour is more difficult."

Mr. Drew: "If anyone were to pay attention to the amount of time that the minister who has just interjected spends in announcing government policies outside the house, then no speech made here could possibly be regarded as a long speech. The fact is that the minister in question does not even believe in parliament, let alone the constitution. He believes in announcing government policy in New York, in Detroit, in any place except here in parliament."

TIT FOR TAT John Blackmore (SC—Lethbridge), replying to cynics about Social Credit policy: "People who do not know 'shucks' about it are ready to tell all about it. People who do not understand these great fundamental problems are quick to say that Social Credit will not work. That

is utter nonsense. Men become blind leaders of the blind when they carry on as some members have done here, particularly some of the members from British Columbia."

Angus MacInnis (CCF—Vancouver E.), later: "If I know anyone who can make him ridiculous in this house, the hon. member from Lethbridge. When he gets on his favorite subject he does seem to have any sense of proportion."

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