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It's A Great '48--Or Is It?

THIS MORNING, a fair proportion of our population arose feeling an unaccountable inner glow which, after a moment of fuzzy thought, they managed to identify as a radiance resulting from their New Year's resolutions. Bedside consideration of their calendar of resolves may or may not have added to that inner radiance.

Take any hypothetical member of that group who have committed themselves to the excoriation of their faults and peccadillos. "Out," this man said nobly, "with these annoying bad habits which have been hounding me, complicating my life. The coming year will see me rid of them all."

Immediately he became suffused with a glow of virtue which he felt, justified any sacrifice involved in parting with his burden of minor vices. The feeling was so rich, so good, that he wondered why he had waited a whole year to enjoy it. That was the first step.

The second step came this morning, January 2, when he arose from bed to take up the labors that he had laid down in 1947. Things were pretty normal, except that he felt unaccountably good. Remembering his resolutions he felt even better, ready to face with conquest the day, the week, the year.

On the other hand, closer examination of his resolve may have raised the spectre of endless days without the consolation of those habits which he had so nobly renounced. But still relishing his feeling of freedom and virtue, he put his doubting thoughts behind him and continued about his morning routine.

The third step in this annual drama will not be completed for some days, weeks or even months yet. From it will be determined the success or failure of this adventure in self uplifting and mastery. No statistics are available on the mass results of previous New Year's resolutions, but it is pretty well recognized that virtue has had a pretty hard time of it.

But this year, of course, we are determined to make a success of it.

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EDUCATION TODAY

Education has been described as a drawing out—an unfolding of the inner mental faculties—whether as a flower which may be a matter for discussion, and it is a long process and not completed when the boy or girl leaves school, even though it be the senior high school. It should be a lifelong pursuit, and no matter what one's age may be, there should be the same wide-awake interest in not only what is going on in the way of current news, but in the discovery of new ways of learning and in strengthening the memory for what is best.—Amherst News.

VILLAGE AUCTIONED

SWARLAND, Northumberland, Eng.—The village here, with a population of 200, was recently auctioned.

RUSH IN VITAMIN A

Oil extracted from sweet rated sweet potatoes is several times richer in vitamin A than cod liver oil, experiments show.

THIS AND THAT



"In other words, you don't like it."

LOG CABIN IS COWICHAN BAY ART GALLERY

Amateur Artist Also Master of Miniature Penmanship

COWICHAN BAY, B.C.—John Spears' art gallery which has attracted considerable attention in this Vancouver Island town, 35 miles north of Victoria, is a squared-log cabin built in the year of Confederation.

The pictures, all water colors of Vancouver Island scenes, number about 200, were painted by Spears in leisure moments between jobs on his farm. Spears now 74, came to his grandfathers cabin from Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, at the age of 14.

On the backs of some are such labels as first prize amateur, Vancouver Exhibition 1920; second prize amateur, Victoria, 1923; and second prize, professional, Vancouver 1929.

"Summer visitors often come up to look them over," he said, "and I sell about half a dozen a year. But I won't be painting any more now; that's all past history."

Spears won fame in quite a different field 20 years ago—miniature penmanship. He wrote the alphabet on pinheads and the Lord's Prayer in a two-inch pencil line, again "for a hobby."

Three exhibits of his work, including a postcard with 12,500 words pencilled on it without use of magnifying glass, are now in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

"Used to write a little for publication, too," he said, "but the man who had the real touch for that profession is the man who kept the store and taught school at the next farm section. You know him—Robert Service."

"Down in the south of France now, I hear. That's not for me; I like the outdoors, the kind of outdoors we have here in Cowichan Bay."



STYLE-SETTER—Stylists who keep an eye on royalty may soon be making copies of this ensemble worn by Princess Margaret Rose of England, shown on her way to a theatre in London. She's wearing a hat, coat and muff trimmed with beaver. Ribbon tied in a bow is wrapped around the muff.

AUSTRALIA MAY SET UP F.B.I.

SYDNEY, Australia.—To simplify law enforcement in Australia a move is being made to establish a Federal Bureau of Investigation similar to the F.B.I. of the United States.

Work of the proposed bureau would include scientific and statistical recording of all criminal offences and offenders "within and without the commonwealth."

Police here maintain that the scientific analysis of small, seemingly insignificant objects enables F.B.I. of America to solve crimes and track down criminals who would escape without the help of science.

It is understood that the chief of the F.B.I., J. Edgar Hoover, has furnished the Australian police chiefs with secret documents concerning the methods of his department.

If an F.B.I. is established in Australia new laws will have to be introduced by the federal government to enable the federal "G-men" to follow their man over the state borders. At present police of one state cannot cross over to a sister state in search of a criminal but must apply to the police of that state to take up the hunt.

You saw it in the Daily News!



MOSLEM LEADERS CALL ARABS TO WAGE WAR—Ahmed Hussein, lower right, president of the Young Egypt party, who is the Egyptian counterpart of Sir Oswald Mosley of England, is shown as he attended the Moslem gathering at Cairo which called upon the Arabs to wage a holy war against the Jews and Americans because of the United Nations' plan for participation. Next to him is Father Morcos Semeika, a representative of the orthodox.

DE VALERA GIRDS FOR CHALLENGE OF STRENGTHENING REPUBLICANS

By PATRICK QUINN

DUBLIN (Reuters)—After 15 years in power, Eamon De Valera, 65-year-old Eire premier faces the most stubborn struggle of his career in general elections due early next year.

Leading challenger to his rule is a brilliant barrister 22 years his junior, Sean MacBride, head of the new Republican party, which in recent by-elections wrested two seats from De Valera's Fianna Fail party by large majorities. It was this by-election reverse which decided De Valera to go to the country for a new mandate.

Like De Valera, MacBride is a romantic figure by Irish standards, with all the attributes of political leadership. Son of a rebel, cold, austere, yet likeable, a teetotaler and a good speaker, he is a former chief of staff of the Irish Republican army. His father fought with Field Marshal Jan Christiaan Smuts—now South African premier—in the South African war in the Irish brigade, and was executed later by the British for his prominent part in the Easter Rising of 1916. His wife is the daughter of a rebel. The policy of the Republican party has never been clearly defined. MacBride's main argument is that De Valera and his party have been in power too long, have done too little for the country and have outlived their usefulness. Observers here regard his eight-point "basic policy" as vaguely worded and say any party could use it without changing a punctuation mark.

BACKED BY LABOR

Belief is that MacBride has strong Socialist leanings. In the coming elections Labor and the Republicans will co-operate and are expected to secure seats for one party or the other, in a number of constituencies.

Fine Gail, official opposition party of the right, has been covering some lost ground in by-elections. Some independents and farmers' candidates will join in the onslaught against De Valera's group and are expected to gain some seats.

De Valera and his Fianna Fail party are not under estimating the challenge. Frank Aiken, minister of finance, said recently the party was "stretching its muscles and rousing itself for the most vibrant election in its 21 years of life."

Grave, scholarly, sphinx-like De Valera, who has spent half his life in active military and political campaigning, is determined to rouse his followers to a supreme effort.

PERSONAL INTEGRITY

Thrifty, a teetotaler and non-smoker, De Valera, severe in de-

meanor and dress, the premier was destined for the priesthood. Instead he became a teacher of mathematics before he took up the political struggle. Even his most bitter opponents never question his personal integrity. The great problem is whether, under Eire's system of proportional representation, there will not emerge from the elections a parliament with three groups of approximately equal strength but each unable to form a government against the opposition of the other two.

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LONDON—Britain is brushing up the welcome mat for 1948 tourists with promises of adequate food and accommodation for visitors, and entertainment in the form of the Olympic Games and a series of cultural festivals.

"Dismal Jimmies in Britain who tell us tourists wont come here because of our austerities overlook the fact that provision has been made whereby visitors staying at a hotel do not require a ration card unless their stay exceeds 28 days," said Sir Alexander Maxwell, chairman of the British Tourist and Holidays Board.

"They can buy goods so long as such goods are sent to their address overseas or to the ship on which they are returning home, and they receive a gasoline allowance which, while not fully adequate, allows them to see a great deal of the country from their own automobiles."

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Those who like spectacles will probably time their visit for the Olympic Games, July 29-August 14. A week later the second International Festival of Music and Drama opens at Edinburgh.

The Shakespeare Festival at Stratford-upon-Avon will run from April 15 into September, and the Malvern Festival of Drama, dedicated to Bernard Shaw, which took place annually from 1929 until the outbreak of war, is being revived July 26-September 4 and will feature

a new Shaw play. Other big events include cricket test matches with the Welsh National team at Cardiff August 2-7, the Bisley July 5-17 and the Industries Fair May 3-14.

STUDENTS ATE WELL
MONTREAL.—Students attending McGill University approximately \$1,566,513 for board and lodging during 1946-47 term, it was announced here. Some 3,215 individuals more than 2,000,000 meals.

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