

## Diefenbaker Raps U.S. Criticism of Defense Policies

Ottawa - (AP) - Prime Minister John Diefenbaker Thursday struck back at U.S. government criticism of his defense policies as an "unwarranted intrusion in Canadian affairs."

Diefenbaker said the State Department statement, which made clear the U.S. belief that continental defense would not be complete unless Canada accepted nuclear warheads for its air defense force, was "unprecedented" in the affairs of the two nations.

He told the House of Commons that the statement was released by the State Department to the Canadian Embassy in Washington and the External Affairs Department in Ottawa only a half an hour before it was given to the press and covered subjects which were "surely matters for decision by Canada."

**Said Improper**

An open press release of this sort was an improper way to "exchange views between equal sovereign nations," Diefenbaker said. He added that the government "sees no need to modify the views" expressed in his speech on nuclear policy to Commons last week.

Diefenbaker rose to a Commons hushed by the tension invoked by the U.S. move. All the galleries were packed with crowds standing and overflowing in the corridors.

Social Credit leader Robert N. Thompson, said the U.S. statement on the agreement could bring about "the fall of the government or the calling of an election."

Liberal Opposition leader Lester B. Pearson and New Democrat leader T. C. Douglas noted the U.S. statement differed from the prime minister's account of current U.S.-Canadian nuclear negotiations and about Canada's future role in the Western alliance.

**Statement Denied**

The U.S. State Department release denied Diefenbaker's statement of last Friday that Canada's nuclear role in NATO had been put in doubt by the Kennedy-Macmillan Nassau agreement in December to attempt to set up a multi-lateral nuclear force in NATO.

"The agreements made at Nassau have been fully published," the statement said. "They raise no question of the appropriateness of nuclear weapons for Canadian forces in fulfilling their NATO or North American Air Defense role."

**Applications Being Accepted for Positions**

The board of U.S. civil service examiners, Corps of Engineers, is now accepting applications for mess attendant and wiper at the Portland office, 628 Pittock Block, Portland 5.

Application forms for the two positions are available at the Medford post office and at any first or second class post office. They will be accepted until March 21, L. B. Nelson, examiner for the U.S. civil service commission in Medford, announced.

## The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Demay. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

**Yolanda B.** - I'm willing to wait for him to decide what he wants.

**Mrs. F. B.** - He won't wait for her, because she's throwing herself at him.

**Yolanda B.** - I've been dating Jerry for a year and I'm in love with him. I'm 20 and he's 25. He says he loves me too, but he wants to test his feelings by going away. He says he's not quite ready for marriage and wants to fulfill his lifetime dream of knocking around the world on tramp steamers for a year or two. He and his best friend have it all worked out to get jobs. Jerry's an expert radio operator.

Of course I'm not wild about his leaving. But I'll promise him to wait. I know how much the trip means to him. My mother thinks I should just say goodbye and go out with others when he leaves.

**Mrs. F. B.** - Jerry just hands Yola excuses for not marrying her and she falls for them. The truth is he'll never marry her. She makes things too easy for him. Anything he says goes with her.

For the past 10 months she hasn't gone out with any other boy, although she's had many invitations. Now she's ready to shut herself up for another two years and just wait for Jerry. She doesn't realize that if he were really in love with her he couldn't bear to leave her. He's just afraid to get married and he's trying to wriggle away.

Marriage can wait for a man but not for a girl. Yola should make no promise.

**The Council:** A wise American humorist, Gelett Burgess, reminded us over a half-century ago that it's "not the

quarry, but the chase" that hunters enjoy the most. And here's Yolanda taking all the suspense, all the strain, all the tease out of the pursuit every suitor is entitled to.

She offers herself to Jerry as a caught bird. We concur with Mrs. B. that she, like Jerry, should wriggle loose from a too-risky pledge.

Yolanda is right to agree that he pursue the adventure his heart is set on. If he didn't it would gnaw away inside him the rest of his life and affect his feelings and dealings, not only with his wife, but with friends and fellow-workers. She is right, too, to confess her deep love for him at the moment. But her mother is right in urging her not to promise that the relationship will "freeze" at status quo for two years.

For certainly Jerry will go out with others-exotic sirens, playgirls, hospitable native types. He seems willing to take his chances where Yolanda is concerned. The trip is the dearest thing in his life right now. If Yolanda wants to sit by the fire and wait for him, he'll cross that fireplace when he comes to it. And if he should return to find her not waiting, he won't be exactly crushed, either.

The girl is only 20. The next two years should be viewed as a lucky break, courtesy of Jerry. She has a chance to mature, to get to know herself and her heart better. She'd be foolish to promise to stop the clock awaiting the hour when her roving Romeo gets good and ready to start her ticking again.

See what happens, Yolanda. Preference yes, promise no. Hug your feeling about Jerry deep inside, but recognize his isn't as deep about you. Accept dates from others. There may really be someone else in the cards for you, someone you'll love even more.



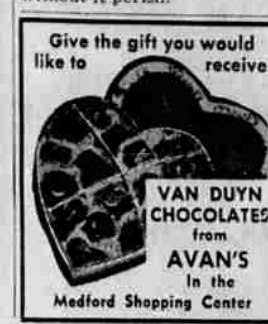
**ROOM RESTORED**-The White House has announced opening of the Blue Room, which has been closed for restoration since Dec. 13. It has been returned to the period of President Monroe. The walls have been hung in a striped satin material in two tones of cream, and encircling the room below the cornice line is a blue draped valance trimmed with a tasseled Empire border of purple. The curtains and valences at the windows are of the same color and design. The table cover and carpet are also in blue. The chandelier is one similar to one ordered by Monroe. Along the wall at right is a large candelabra composed of a classical female figure, mounted on a triangular base, holding aloft a globe mounted with candles. (UPI)

## Scientists Seek Radiation Cure

Atlanta - (UPI) - In the laboratory of a young woman scientist here, nuclear warfare is being simulated.

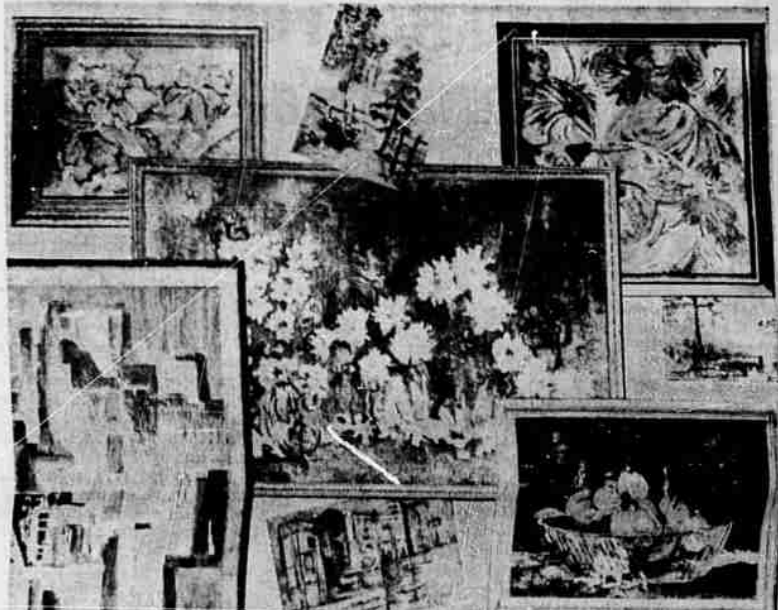
Mock atomic bombardments invisible to the naked eye, are being microscopically observed in the study of a harmless bacteria used to assume the role of war-battered humanity.

Dr. Nancy W. Walls, of the Georgia Institute of Technology who is conducting the experiment, noted that most of those organisms that have received an anti-radiation substance survive the onslaught unscathed. Those without it perish.



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## Your Money's Worth

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**Insurance Industry's Answer To Medicare**

With over \$600 billion of life insurance in force, Americans are the most life-insured people in the world.

Are we over-insured? While in terms of the premium load, many policyholders would probably answer a resounding "yes." Life insurance in force among all U.S. families averages only \$10,800. A little known point is that in recent years benefit payments to policyholders themselves (in the form of cash redemptions, health and disability payments, annuities, etc.), which insurance people like to call "living" benefits, far outnumber death benefit payments. In 1961, out of a total \$8.8 billion in benefits paid to U.S. families under various types of life insurance policies and annuities, \$5.2 billion went to policyholders themselves and only \$3.6 billion to survivors.

Here, from Gilbert W. Fitzhugh, the new president of the nation's largest insurance company, Metropolitan Life, are other points about the insurance industry's problems and outlook today.

**Porter:** What is your answer to Medicare?

**Fitzhugh:** Voluntary efforts must find ways to provide needed care for the aged and actually there are many plans in existence now. "New York 65," a cooperative effort covering over-65 residents of New York state, enrolled 110,000 people in one month on an experimental basis late last year. There are similar plans in Connecticut and Massachusetts and others are contemplated. Also many companies have plans of their own, both life insurance and casualty insurance companies. The number of people over 65 with coverage is rising rapidly.

Our long-range answer to medical care for the aged is group insurance plans. Around 70 per cent of our own group plans now offer continuing benefits after you retire. The trouble is that people who retired 10 years ago didn't have this kind of coverage. We feel that it doesn't make sense to put in a huge compulsory program to meet this temporary problem. Naturally we should do what we can to fill in the gaps, and insurance companies are offering more comprehensive medical plans all the time.

**Porter:** What is the biggest challenge facing your industry now?

**Fitzhugh:** To keep up with the tremendous change in our market, primarily the immense bulge which is coming in the family formation 18-24 year age bracket. This is a prime market for life insurance.

The population also is shifting to the suburbs and increasing its earnings - both of which mean new ambitions for children, higher living standards and increased need for insurance protection. Today every man knows he needs insurance, but we have to persuade him to spend enough money to cover his basic insurance needs.

**Porter:** What about your competition from savings banks, mutual funds and the stock market?

**Fitzhugh:** We must expect more and more competition from all sources, but we honestly feel that the value of guaranteed life insurance are coming more and more into their own. During the post-war inflationary upsurge, when stock prices were climbing constantly, it was hard to convince people that it couldn't last, but since the market crash we look a lot more alluring. In this way competition has helped us.

In cost per \$1,000 of insurance coverage, life insurance is one of the few things in which you get more for your money today. This is because mortality rates are down, interest rates we receive on our investments have been at record highs and expenses are not up enough to over-balance gains from these two areas. The major complaint about life insurance benefit dollars is that they won't buy as much as they used to, but it's not our fault that the dollar's buying power is down. The benefits are guaranteed.

**Porter:** What about the problem of investing your funds?

**Fitzhugh:** The supplies of savings have somewhat caught up with demand and there is now more competition for investments. But we are finding good investments and are pioneering in new channels. We are increasing our percentage of investment in mortgages, and these will probably command a rising share of our investment dollar as formations of new families grow rapidly in the years ahead.

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