

Canada And Cuba

Canada's trade relations with Cuba, about which the Liberals at Ottawa are so concerned, don't seem to be worrying our American neighbors. In fact, according to a Washington correspondent for Canada's leading Liberal newspaper, the Winnipeg Free Press, "in the highest reaches of the Kennedy administration there is a sensitive and prudent respect for Canadian opinion on the Cuban problem." There is no wish to challenge Canada's right to an independent opinion, no desire to start a campaign to bring Canada into harmony with the Organization of American States which has ruled that Castro's Cuba is incompatible with the security of this hemisphere.

What, then, is all the furor about? According to the Free Press writer, even a casual critic of a minor American official is magnified into a bitter indictment of Canadian policy by some sections of the Canadian press. In some instances, statements by Americans without political influence of any kind have been placed on the front pages of Canadian papers as if these men were speaking for the Kennedy administration.

The official attitude of the Kennedy administration to Canada, in the context of the Cuban problem, can be stated with authority and without obscurity, says this correspondent. "The administration is ready to acknowledge with gratitude that none of Canada's trade with Cuba has brought the Castro government its most urgent needs and supplies which it most urgently needs. There has been no trade at all in strategic supplies and military equipment."

Canada's trade with Cuba has the advantage of draining off Cuba's limited dollar reserves, thus making it harder for the Castro government to finance its illicit trade in strategic materials.

This illicit trade with various countries is causing more concern to the United States than anything done in the public trade with Canada. The United States recognizes that other governments may have ample reasons for refusing to follow the example of the U.S. in imposing a trade boycott on Cuba. In fact, Washington is hoping, with the co-operation of other NATO members, to impose a decisive strain on the Castro regime; but this co-operation must be a voluntary and independent act, since it would extend the NATO commitment beyond the present treaty obligation.

These are the facts, and they offer no excuse whatever for the carrying criticism to which the Canadian government has been subjected by political opponents on this issue.

Computers For Farmers

Over the past fifty years farmers' burdens have been considerably lightened by the use of more heavy equipment to till and plant their land and gather their crops. Soon another modern innovation—the electronic computer—may help strengthen the farmer's economic position. It will plan his most profitable crop combination for the year even before his ground is tilled.

At a symposium sponsored at Endicott, New York, by the International Business Machines Corporation, a University of Iowa agriculture professor, Dr. Earl O. Heady, suggested farmers could take advantage of the success that busi-

nessmen have had with this method to help decide how much inventory to keep, how much of a product to make, where to ship it, how many men to hire, how much money to pay them and the like.

How does it work? The farmer would feed into the electronic system complete information about the number of acres available, the yield of his land, the number of possible crops (wheat, corn, alfalfa, soybeans, for example), possible market prices, possible weather variations, the number of employees available, and a statement of his financial assets. Within a half-hour, the computer would start printing out a plan telling the farmer what to plant for the most profit out of all the possibilities.

Similarly, animal reproduction and feeding could be computer-controlled. Tiny electronic devices implanted under the skin of an animal would record such body data as temperature, metabolism rate and weight increase. This information, processed by a computer, would yield a printed report advising the farmer on the best feeding formula. Such devices are being used to transmit information on animals in space satellites to earth-bound data processing and monitoring equipment.

Other possibilities are suggested. Products could be automatically processed, graded and packaged—on computer command. Egg production, for example, could be monitored continuously and eggs electronically graded, cleaned and packaged. Environment and feed could be varied to control production as the market fluctuates.

Already a number of university and research farms in the United States are using computers as an aid to effective farm management. In addition, they have made their computer facilities available on a part-time basis to individual farmers. Outside the United States, at Oosterbeek, in the Netherlands, one such system is helping Dutch farmers to maintain the fertility of their lands by analyzing the data from chemically-tested soil samples. And on banana plantations in such Latin American countries as Colombia, Costa Rica and Panama, IBM data processing installations are speeding up the varied administrative tasks connected with harvesting, ripening and shipping a very perishable commodity.

Predictions for the future are that farmers will be able to rent computer services from service bureaus, computer centres, farm management firms, banks and other institutions, thus solving the old problem, which is the most serious obstacle at present.

Chinese Reds Irked

Premier Khrushchev, like other politicians of lesser note, is finding truth in the old maxim that you can't please everybody, even your friends. His proposal for an 18-nation summit meeting seemed like good Communist propaganda; but his fellow-travellers in China don't think so. It will not accomplish anything," commented a young official Chinese Communist newspaper, the New Evening Post, which adds: "The only way to ensure world peace is to uproot imperialism. Troops and arms are only tools of war, and imperialism is the cause of it."

Other Chinese newspapers have interpreted Mr. Khrushchev's proposal as a deliberate attempt to isolate Communist China, which is not one of the 18 nations that will negotiate at Geneva. The papers report that Chinese Communist Vice-Premier Chen Yi had said any disarmament agreement without Communist China's signature would not be valid.

One of the papers described Mr. Khrushchev's proposal as a "slap at Communist China's face." Which is worse, in its implications, than the shoe-brandishing exhibition he put on at the United Nations Assembly in his wrathful attack on Western democracy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A Pennsylvania politician told an amusing story the other day about a well-meaning woman who rushed up to him after a speech and gushed: "Why, congressman, your speech was superfluous, just superfluous." "Why, thank you," replied the embarrassed speaker. "I'm thinking of having it published posthumously." "Oh, wonderful," the lady exclaimed, "and the sooner the better."



By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen (GOOD medical care usually is available in any city of any size. But a sick person who is alone or cannot speak the language may have difficulty in finding it. The traveler may be wary about consulting a strange physician or going to a foreign hospital. This is the chance he must take if he is to get medical care than to try to get home without treatment.



"TO BE OR NOT TO BE"

COLORFUL PAST RECALLED

THE Twilight Of "Golden Goa"

National Geographic News Bulletin

In a timely report to the National Geographic Society, the famous sea captain Alan Villiers describes the twilight of the Portuguese empire in India. Writing not long before the Indian invasion, Captain Villiers said, "Goa and Damão and Diu stand today a resplendent and colorful monument to the glories of the past, small spots in the limitless and picturesque East, rich in the history and triumph of another age. India now has taken over the enclave, and the age has ended. Captain Villiers, in his account, pictured the three fragments on India's west coast as already dated with the 'potion of change'—pervasive grief from new iron mines.

IRON-ORE DIVINE From his hotel balcony one morning in the capital, Nova Goa (Pangim), Villiers saw the wide, blue Mandovi River flowing from great hills east of the city. "The water here is like a silver river," he wrote. "They were adrift upon the surface of the horizon, like sailing sails, not like man-made things at all, and with some surprise that I recalled that they were iron-ore dross, their prosaic job to bring down the iron and manganese ores from the mines in the interior to the waiting po-belled tramp steamers at Mormugao, the port northward."

Villiers observed to watch the iron ore stain from his craft. "This dark brown color," he wrote, "was characteristic of Pangim and much of Goa. They may be even more serious."

It is often necessary for Western transport aircraft to fly at low levels. The Russian demand is aimed at Berlin and the West. The West has pointed out to Moscow that its right to the air corridors is based on precisely the same grounds as Russian rights in East Berlin or Eilat in the Sinai.

As for the West, it will of course continue to remain faithful to the agreements reached after the war. To do less merely because of Moscow's demands would be to surrender to threats.

The Church In Russia

Kozmopolitka Pravda, the Soviet Union's major newspaper for young Communists, has a story about a disturbing Young Parents in Vladimir, who have been taking their children to church. More unsettling, some parents in a nearby town have been carrying big baskets on their heads, bound for the market to buy soap. "In the evening church bells tolled for evening prayer, and Hindu gongs and drums throbbed while the Moslem muezzin summoned the faithful to prayer, being carrying voice, the faithful to the mosque. "Villiers' guide told him: 'Goa is an amalgam of many races. Down these past centuries we have been distinct: we are Portuguese—but there is an Aryan, a Dravidian, Arab, and a Hindu. The local language we speak is Konkani, but we write it with Marathi characters. Or English. We use English, too, because of the long that was the official language of India, where many Goans migrated and speak Portuguese, of course.' Captain Villiers attended a festival and found Moolam and

Physical Check Said Good Idea For Travellers

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We are asked frequently what measures to take when going to Mexico or Europe. The question of vaccines also comes up. Some are required by law, whereas others may be advisable because of the itinerary. One of my patients required by law having his appendix removed before taking a trip around the world.

A complete physical examination is suggested for those planning to go to a tropical area. Findings and tests should be packaged in the luggage—just in case.

Meanwhile, the individual is immunized against disease prevalent in the areas where he will travel. Prophylactic drugs should be obtained to avoid infections for which we have effective procedures. Examples include suppressants for malaria and certain sulphonamides and antibiotics for dysentery.

What are the drugs that ought to be brought along for relief of minor ailments? This includes aspirin or APC tablets for pain, an antacid (Cremalin, Maalox, or ordinary bicarbonate of soda), Pro-Biotin or Trol for indigestion, along with nasal drops, antihistamines, and a simple laxative.

Include also a sedative and a motion sickness remedy, such as Dramamine, Meclizine, or Bonine. A cold remedy such as Triaminic or Ornade and a stomachic may prove handy and bulky. Avoid liquid products for this reason, and because of the danger of spilling.

(Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.)

YACKETY-YAK L.O. writes: I was a quiet-as-a-mouse person for years but now, at 43, can't stop talking. I'm losing my friend and my husband's love because of this. I can't help myself and wonder if a psychiatrist could help me?

REPLY Possibly, but a psychiatrist will charge for listening.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The better a merchant knows the ropes of his business, the less the danger that he'll be tied down.—Chastain News.

A British MP is embarrassed by an accusation of sleeping on the floor of the House of Commons. The embarrassed one should be the member whose spouse is in a coma to sleep.—Ottawa Journal.

The Summit Proposal

By Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer

While shades of difference have flared up in the replies of Britain and the United States to the Soviet summit appeal, American authorities maintain the differences are minor and whereas others may be advisable because of the itinerary. One of my patients required by law having his appendix removed before taking a trip around the world.

The suggestion in Macmillan appears to be a bit more audacious for a summit meeting than President Kennedy but that in all likelihood the British would be more in favor of summit than the American public and that British authorities traditionally employ summits more skilfully than their American cousins.

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DIFFERENCES ASSAYED So there is caution in American quarters about showing early enthusiasm for a meeting of East-West leaders. American officials believe this caution is not shared to the same extent by Britain; that the British public may be more in favor of summit than the American public and that British authorities traditionally employ summits more skilfully than their American cousins.

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OUR YESTERDAYS From the Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Under the auspices of "The Willing Circle of the King's Daughters" of Trinity United Church, a very interesting and informative lecture or travelogue was given last evening by Mr. Edwin Johnston. He gave a graphic description of his pilgrimage to Vimy, with 6000 Canadians.

MISS Ruth Robinson of Augusta has left to join her friends, the family of Professor Earle McPhee of Toronto, on a trip to London, England. She expects to remain in England for at least three years. Miss Robinson was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson as far as Halifax, where she will attend a party on sailing Sunday night.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 1, 1952) A message bringing home to all present the principles of Kingsmanship was a delivered last night by Bill Burt, Governor of District No. 7, as he spoke at the annual Founders' Night dinner of the local Kinsman Club at the Charlottetown. Accompanied by his wife the Governor, he warmly welcomed the members from the local club members.

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