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territory was comparable to the commitment to defend West Berlin. The newspapers reported this warning as a matter of major news. Weren't they supposed to? Weren't they indeed obligated to by reason of its implications?

It is a fact that one of the officials, later identified as Secretary of State Rusk, had said that China and North Vietnam should leave their neighbors alone or face war with the United States. And in a speech on June 28 President Johnson spoke of U.S. readiness to explore all paths to peace but warned that in order to preserve the peace the U.S. was "prepared to risk war" wherever necessary.

Another statement which the newspapers could scarcely avoid giving emphasis to.

Communist China responded vigorously with counter-threats. The tension rose. Alarm was created in the U.S. and among Washington's allies. Then, in the course of last week, the emphasis shifted. State Secretary Rusk explained that peace "ought to be possible in Southeast Asia without any extension of the fighting," that peace was not to be obtained in this region "by going and looking for war."

Asked if the Administration was not confusing the country by "blowing hot and cold" on Southeast Asia, Mr. Rusk fell back on the old tactic. If there was any impression of changeableness, he said, it had come from "the way in which speeches are reported."

As the New York Times remarks drolly in commenting on this statement, the way speeches are reported generally reflects the way they are written.

A Good Appointment

There will be general approval of Prime Minister Pearson's action in naming the Hon. Roland Michener, former Speaker of the House of Commons, as Canadian high commissioner to India. It has the merit, among other things, of being a non-partisan appointment, for Mr. Michener is a prominent Conservative. He has defeated in the 1962 general election his Toronto St. Paul's riding in his Liberal opponent, Ian Wain. A few months after his election defeat, he was named to the Canadian Privy Council by Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

Prior to the last election, Mr. Michener was a Commons Speaker from 1957 to 1962, and won respect from all parties by his impartial conduct in the chair. He should prove a valuable addition to the nation's top diplomatic service.

This was the Pearson government's second appointment of prominent Conservative figures—former Trade Minister George Hees last year, being named a director of the 1967 World's Fair Corporation last year. Mr. Hees resigned later, after his appointment as president of the Montreal Stock Exchange; but the gesture made by his former political opponents remains on record, and is worth recalling with approval.

Unfortunately, such gestures are still the exceptions to the general rule of maintaining the political system under governments of both party stripes at Ottawa. Such fact-plans as Senatorial appointments, for example, are still usually reserved for the party faithful. Mr. Pearson has shown no inclination to break with tradition here, any more than Mr. Diefenbaker did when he was in office.

EDITORIAL NOTES

According to an Ottawa report, Mr. Pearson is expected to make a request at the Commonwealth conference in London that will take some of the heat out of the flag issue at Ottawa. He will ask the prime ministers to approve the Union Jack, with a gold crown at the centre, as the Commonwealth flag, to be flown by all members on Commonwealth occasions.

Blaming The Press

After three weeks of alarm and dire warnings on both sides of the struggle in Southeast Asia, it seems that neither the United States nor Communist China wishes to push matters any nearer the brink of a wider war. Washington officials are now implying that the newspapers were responsible for suggesting such a thing in the first place.

The same old alibi that politicians find useful everywhere! But it is a fact that the same Washington officials, in "background" statements to reporters, had warned that the U.S. commitment to prevent a collapse in Laos (where the Communist Pathet Lao had seized more



OTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Obstacle To Canada's True Independence

Parliament Hill is a pasture-land for too many sacred cows, too many vested interests to be trod the knee in obedience. "There's not to reason why..." wrote the poet. Temporary, but it is past time when we should all ask the reason for respecting and even worshipping these sacred cows.

One of the ploniest of these is that the "royal" form of a one called Foreign Capital. We need huge bankrolls of capital, far more than we can provide ourselves, to finance the development of the immense riches that lie on our shores.

The citizens of 5th Kings should be treated as first class, not second class citizens. This district is now represented by two very strong members of parliament and I am sure those who will take their place from another country will not match their own people and also Hon. B. Pearson may not honor the original promise made by Her Majesty the Queen.

Emblematic of our country is the Indian peoples, therefore, a picture or profile of an Indian should be placed on the upper right hand corner of the flag, or something similar, to honor the people who once walked this land proudly.

CRITICAL COMMENT Sir, — As a former "islander" now living in Montreal, I felt it was my right to express some observations not heard at a recent trip to P.E.I. The country looks lovely as ever, but why don't the people of Charlottetown and Summerside paint their houses? I don't think I have ever seen so many ill-kept looking houses surrounded by so much natural beauty.

CENTENNIAL EFFORT Sir, — The centennial effort in Alberta is to be complimented on their excellent centennial effort in the re-enactment of the arrival of Jacques Cartier on Island no. 1.

attached clipping from the Kelowna "Courier" of British Columbia has been sent to me, and I pass it to you as being worthy of space in your paper.

the white man first set foot on this land, he raised his flag and told the Indian that the flag represented the land of Queen Victoria who lives across the ocean. This flag which has been planted on this land will represent law and protection.

For the flag, the mothers of tribes in India led their sons to go to war, to fight for the flag, and in the course of war, many of these sons died for the flag, because we may suffer should the flag fall before the enemy.

Under this flag a lot of great treaties and agreements were made between the Indian and white man. The promise made were as long as the flag flew, the river flowed, the sun rose

NOTES BY THE WAY

The British have traded a Russian spy by the end of a spy the Russian's expansion. Who says that isn't expanding? — Fort Arthur News-Chronic.

Ecological jobs urgently needed for after dinner speech. — Adv. in The Times.

Little Common Market Milwaukee Journal The success of the European Common Market has stimulated formation of similar economic groupings in the globe. One that shows signs of progress is the Central American Common Market (CACM) which includes El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

Started in 1960, CACM is designed to become a nearly unit market by the end of 1968 when products made in one country will be exempt from duties and charges in other member nations. Already 85 per cent of the duties have been eliminated with the result that goods are being sold at market prices and serve as a shining example of what small, developing nations can do to help themselves.

Liberal Failings Ottawa Journal

Mr. Peter Newman, not only a pro-Conservative, writes in Maclean's that in the day-to-day business of government the country the Liberals are falling short of even the most basic democratic principles. He says that the administration control events and shape the course of national affairs.

This question has serious connotations and should be answered by your physician. It is not whether your liver function has returned to normal.

Let's Not Be Smug Toronto Telegram Now let us, with all, rise and with eyes uplifted, and hearts folded, chant: "All the world are one and the same, and sometimes I think there is a little queer."

It takes determination. Try salt substitutes in the table. A tranquilizer may help overcome the nervousness until the salt table is broken.

BOOKWORMS AND VISION Mr. C. writes: Both my children are nearsighted. Both are avid readers. Will you mail reading glasses to them?

THEATRE DRAWS WINNIPEG (CP)—The Manitoba Theatre Centre has a attendance of 135,000 for its eight productions in the 1963-64 season.

Modern Knights Errant

A bit of what the authors of popular romance can do to cover, come to think of it, that a wayward lance-nerd discovered of the law, one of the eyes of the great intestine.

to finance the purchase of land, buildings, and equipment or other expansion programs... to provide additional working capital or replenish funds spent for fixed assets... to acquire businesses or start new ones. Funds available in amounts of \$25,000 to \$1,000,000 or more, for terms of 3 to 10 years.

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