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That Seaway Deficit

Readers will have noticed an advertisement in The Guardian calling attention to public hearings to be held at Ottawa next month by the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority on a proposed revision of the charges in the St. Lawrence Seaway tariff of tolls schedule, as established in 1959.

Main Canadian criticism is expected to be against the proposal for charges on the Welland Canal, from which tolls were removed in 1962. A revision of seaway tolls had been due this year under the Canada-U.S. agreement by which the seaway project was undertaken.

We have an interest in the matter in this Atlantic area, where shipping traffic has suffered by reason of the subsidized competition offered by the seaway authorities. Their gargantuan project cost the taxpayers \$457 million and under the construction agreement was to pay for itself out of toll revenue over 50 years.

The proposed new tolls, which apply to the seaway section between Montreal and Lake Ontario, were studied by the two agencies with the help of independent consultants. It was felt, and rightly so, that the tolls "should be related as realistically as possible to the financial requirements," though in fact the increase proposed—approximately 10 per cent—will not make the system break even.

But shipping firms are drumming hard on the theme that their interests should come first. A major campaign has been launched by the Great Lakes Waterways Development group, an association of 60 main Canadian users who claim they would pay dearly—particularly if the proposed lockage fees are charged on the Welland. These are the people who sought the canal in the first place—and on a self-sustaining basis. However, if they can induce the government to continue subsidizing them they figure it's worth the attempt.

Atlantic port interests will no doubt also be represented at the coming hearings. At least they should be.

Bombs For Viet Nam

A late Washington dispatch states that the U.S. has acquired 18,000 bombs from allies so far this year for use in Southeast Asia. It is not officially stated that these armaments are going to Viet Nam to boost what are described as bomb inventories now near minimum levels, but that is the general belief. It points up, dramatically, the fact that this is indeed a real war in which our American neighbors are engaged—taxing even their enormous productive capacity.

Secretary of Defence McNamara recently met disturbing reports of bomb and other shortages overseas with an emphatic denial. But the New York Times finds his statement unconvincing. Almost 250,000 U.S. troops and 100,000 tons of supplies, it notes, have been sent to Viet Nam from all parts of the world. There has been "draw-down" as the services call it, on military supply inventories throughout the world. Virtually all

ready combat units have been committed to Viet Nam or other foreign stations; the strategic reserves of the country have been reduced to training cadres. In a military sense the U.S. has been skating on thin ice for some time, and the danger is now ended.

In the past few weeks the evidence of strain has become pronounced. Seven hundred and fifty-pound bombs, sold as "surplus" some years ago to a German commercial traveller, have been repurchased by the government at more than ten times their sales price for use in Viet Nam. More than 33,000 officers, experienced non-coms and specialists are being transferred from Germany to Viet Nam or to units being trained in the U.S. They will be replaced by 18,000 green privates. Aircraft sorties in South Viet Nam have been materially reduced in recent weeks because of local shortages of bombs, matching fuses, tail fins and other ordnance. There are undeniable scarcities actual or impending—maintains The Times—for many military items, including trained military manpower. It is true, it concedes, that no war ever has been fought without some shortages; but Mr. McNamara does himself no credit by denying the obvious. Greater candor, it suggests, would provide greater assurance to the nation that the men who are doing the fighting and dying in Viet Nam get all the support they need.

Ontario Proposal

For years efforts have been made in the Commons and Senate to gain passage of bills that would afford protection to Canadian consumers by requiring full disclosure of interest charges on credit accounts. These efforts have failed for a variety of reasons. Now the Ontario government is making an attempt to meet the challenge on a provincial level, with two pieces of legislation which are receiving favorable comment in the Ontario press.

In prospect is the establishment of a consumer protection bureau, with authority to eliminate frauds perpetrated against consumers. More important, however, will be the legislation to compel full disclosure of the costs of borrowing. This would require the disclosure in credit contracts not only of interest charges in stated dollar amounts, but in terms of annual interest rates.

The bill will be introduced in the Ontario legislature this session, but will not be passed until that of 1967. This will give opportunity for all concerned to make their views known about it, probably before a specially chosen committee of the legislature. Doubtless there will be objections, which deserve to be heard, as to the difficulty of computing in terms of simple interest the various charges that in an array of installment arrangements constitute the cost of credit. But presumably the government has decided that this is not an insurmountable obstacle.

The progress of the measure will be followed with interest in other provinces, and doubtless at Ottawa. It may even crop up as an election plank, somewhere—who knows?—before it gets a chance to become law in the province of its origin.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Nostalgically, the Ottawa Journal comments that to the middle-aged, it is astounding that a farm boy today may grow up knowing nothing about horses and baffled by the talk of hames, traces and martingales.

Between January 1 and July 31 last year, Canada imported \$84 million worth of fresh and processed fruits and vegetables "which can be produced here in this country," according to Douglas Williams, chairman of the Ontario Food Council. He is also authority for the fact that 30 per cent of the Canadian apple crop was deliberately destroyed as surplus in 1965, although \$3,121,000 worth of fresh apples was imported from the U.S. Something wrong here, and calling for explanation.

An American exchange notes that whatever the truth may be in angry exchanges between Red China and the Soviet Union, it is apparent that both camps are guilty of excessive "ismism." Each has accused the other of adventurism, splittism, Trotskyism, nationalism, dogmatism and great-power chauvinism. One says the other has not stuck to Marxism-Leninism and has not done its best to fight imperialism, colonialism and capitalism. In the circumstances, it is suggested that "the free world's pessimism should change to optimism by Communism's apparently unanimous devotionism to schismism."



SOUVENIR OF FLORIDA

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Parliament And The New Cardinism

Friday, March 4, 1966 was more than just the day when Justice Minister Cardin pitched the manure into the parliamentary fan. That will be looked back on as the day which originated the most deplorable damage which has ever been perpetrated against the democratic parliamentary system of government, in Canada or in any other country so governed in the world.

Who had lunch with Gerda Munsinger? Did the RCMP bug a bedroom? Was that "femme fatale" the Mata Hari of the Cold War? These are questions whose answers will quickly be forgotten.

But our democratic government and impartial justice will never fully recover from the wounds inflicted by this grudge case.

LETTER SPARKED IT

The key document in the Munsinger enquiry, the prime reference in the Government's instructions to the Commissioner, is a letter written to Prime Minister Pearson by Justice Minister Cardin on March 11. The key phrase in that key letter reads thus:

"I have indicated that Mr. Diefenbaker, when Prime Minister of Canada failed to place the file on this case before the law officers of the Department of Justice for their advice, that the information given him concerned a case in which security risks were involved. I have alleged that he mishandled this case."

The free speech permitted by our democratic system allows any citizen, even a back-bench opposition MP as Cardin was at the Munsinger time, to "indicate" or "allege" any criticism of our government. Collectively Canadians enjoy the ultimate sanction of kicking out a government whose conduct displeases them. That indeed was the ultimate verdict upon the Diefenbaker Government by the highest voice in the land, the voice of the electors.

But when subsequently one of those critics becomes, as Mr. Diefenbaker aptly commented, "dressed in a little brief authority," it is not our tradition that he should inaugurate a scavenger hunt into the files of a previous government, smearing—all its members by innuendo, and setting up his second-hand judgment against that of the then tribune of the people. This is the new Cardinism.

More so, he surely should not appoint a judge from an inferior court to rule upon the judgment of the leader of the nation's highest court, Parliament. But that has now been done. This is a sorry novelty. Criticism is one thing; but this ranks with Star Chamber impeachments in the Middle Ages. Today only Banana Dictators

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 27, 1941)

The Royal Air Force dumped cargoes of Britain's powerful new bombs on Hamburg, Germany's biggest port and second city, which left a half-mile area "a huge, heaving mass like a volcanic eruption."

Athens, one of the great cities of antiquity and the governing seat of modern Greece, fell to Hitler after 21 days of fighting. The vanguard of Nazi motorcyclists roared into the centre of the city at 9.30 a.m.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 27, 1956)

Mr. James C. Montgomery of Charlottetown was officially appointed as representative of Investors-Scandiate of Canada.

Rocky Marciano retired as heavyweight champion of the world—unbeaten in his 49 professional fights.

ABUSE OF COURTESY

But equally regrettable is the new Cardinism, the practice of snooping back into the files left by a previous government, and using them as partisan political ammunition. An outgoing government leaves its files to assist its successor, to permit continuity in the affairs of the nation. To use such files for Cardinism flaunts accepted practice and could necessitate disruptive bonfires on any change of government.

Suppose the Commission finds that Gerda was indeed a "security risk"; then Cardinism

Cousins For All That

London Sunday Times

Ever since the Pilgrim Fathers stepped ashore at Plymouth the most fertile of the special relationships between Britain and America have been the family links spanning the Atlantic. Sometimes they are more than academic importance.

Harold Macmillan, for example, was not just a friend of President Kennedy. He was also an uncle by marriage—though the White House was never too keen about publicizing the dynastic implications of the link.

The oldest link of all, however, is that between George Washington and the Royal Family. Recently, dedicated American genealogists have proved what had long been suspected—that the Queen and the first president of the United States are cousins.

To be precise, the Queen is sixth cousin twice removed from Washington, thanks to a Warner, a 17th century Virginia landowner. The links may seem

He's Badly Needed

Minneapolis Star

Apparently Marcus Lipton, a Laborite member of the British Parliament, has small appreciation of fables, myths, superstitions and such.

He has drawn a bead on the Loch Ness monster, which is almost comparable to taking aim at the Easter bunny.

This matter-of-fact and unimaginative MP wants the legendary monster to fish or cut bait, so to speak. He thinks it high time that fact displaced fancy.

Myth Of The Superman

New York Times

Early in the Second World War people in France, Britain, Canada and other Allied countries were stunned—almost petrified—by the efficiency of the onrushing Nazis. So mythical were the Germans that they even put infantrymen of the same blood groups into the same platoons to speed up transfusions. How could such a highly organized, farsighted enemy possibly be beaten? Though human failings were obvious early on, the myth of the Nazi superman was not finally destroyed until the last days of the war.

Adults have a perverse capacity to conjure up images almost the way a child turns shadows into bogeymen. We did the same with the Japanese, considering them so fanatic and suicidal that they would never give up the fight until the last of them was killed. We imputed to the Chinese in Korea a super

would urge any future non-Liberal government to hound Jack Pickersgill as the Immigration Minister who admitted that security risk to Canada as an immigrant.

And if old records are to be combed for old dirt, suppose a former Defence Minister had a weakness for alcohol, suppose another key minister indulged in extra-marital sex, suppose... but why go on. Were those also security risks? In 22 years of Liberal rule, the closet became so choked with skeletons that it would prove, under Cardinism—a rich hunting ground for any future non-Liberal government.

HAIR REGROWTH

Mrs. L. writes: My little boy's platelets pulled out my son's hair in a fight and this left several bald patches. Will this hair regrow?

REPLY Yes, the nude patches will fill in because hair is not "pulled out by the roots" as the term implies. What appears to be the root is the bulb at the end of the hair shaft. This part fits into the follicle, or root.

NUMB LIMBS

H. A. writes: If a person awakens with numbness of the right arm and leg but without loss of reflexes, is this likely to be a stroke?

REPLY The physician who tested the reflexes is the best one to decide this point. Numbness of one arm and leg occurs occasionally when the circulation in a brain artery is reduced temporarily.

FLUID COLLECTION

D. R. V. writes: Does hydrocele become increasingly worse if nothing is done for it?

REPLY Some do and others remain the same size. A hydrocele rarely if ever disappears spontaneously.

But now the family tree has sprouted the oddest branch of all. A 19th century manuscript reveals that the Earl of Strathmore was a genealogical link between Queen Elizabeth and Alice Liddell, the girl who inspired Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Charles Liddell, "was a cousin of the Earl of Strathmore," according to the manuscript. Queen Elizabeth II is related not only to America's first president, but her fourth cousin twice removed is Alice in Wonderland.

Sties And Chalazions

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen The sty is the best known lesion of the eyelid. It is somewhat like a boil in that both are abscesses and involve the glands and hair follicles beneath the surface. Treatment follows a similar pattern in that both respond to hot packs.

The sty begins as a red swelling near the lid margin. When it assumes the size of a pea it comes to a head, with pus on top. The affected area is tender to the touch and throbbing and aching ensue as the purulent material accumulates. Drainage of pus is followed by relief and within a few days the wound closes and healing is rapid.

The lesion terms with bacteria and some victims are plagued by one recurrence after another or this reason the first one needs early and expert care. Best results are obtained with hot compresses and the use of an ointment containing sulfadiazine or an antibiotic like penicillin. Lancing may be necessary when the covering over the sty is tough.

Sties often are confused with chalazions because both represent swellings of the eyelid. The chalazion is called, stem from obstruction of a different type of gland (Meibomian) located in this region. It is not inflammatory in nature, hence is painless. Even after the opening is blocked, the gland continues to secrete its substance and the round, firm swelling that results is a collection of oily material produced by the structure.

Should obstruction clear spontaneously swelling subsides but this is not the rule. Most blind sties must be opened; the area is anesthetized and a tiny slit is made through which the accumulated grease escapes. When a chalazion becomes infected, it resembles a sty. Chalazions are more common in adults and sties in children.

DOMINICAN ANNIVERSARY

By Boris Miskew Canadian Press Staff Writer

The ghost of United States intervention in the civil war in the Dominican Republic a year ago loomed large as Dominicans celebrated the first anniversary of the Caribbean country's civil war.

The undercurrent of hostility toward the U.S. action was displayed in Santo Domingo during peaceful demonstrations which marked the start of the four-month revolt aimed at restoring deposed president Juan Bosch to power.

Thousands of former rebel fighters and sympathizers marched during the weekend through the streets to downtown Parque de Independencia, nerve centre of their cause in the 1965 civil war.

Speakers during the three-hour rally denounced U.S. intervention and called for the departure from the Dominican Republic of the 8,000-member force of the Organization of American States which replaced the U.S. marines ordered into the country by President Johnson at the outbreak of the revolt.

DEEDED CONSTITUTION

The rebels who called themselves constitutionalists because they said they were the defenders of the constitution under which Bosch was elected—failed to restore Bosch to power after the civil war.

But they did succeed in playing an instrumental part in the overthrow of the military junta of Dr. Donald Reid Cabral which had been installed after Bosch's downfall—and paved the way for the June 1 Dominican election in which the former president is a major candidate.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A lazy man doesn't have a bigger garden than his wife can take care of. — Marion Advertiser.

If a man owns a big new automobile it doesn't prove that he has money. It only proves that he had money. — Review Plymouth.

Film Magnate (entering studio) "Who's that?" Director — "Why that's Napoleon." Film Magnate — "Why did you get such a little man to play such an important part?" — Montreal Star.

A St. Louis real estate operator has identified the chief problem in slum housing here as low rents. He may be on the verge of something profound if only he can relate that to the chief problem of tenants low income. — St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"Have you any alarm clocks?" inquired the customer. "What I want is one that will rouse father without waking the whole family." "I don't know of any such alarm clock as that, madam," said the shopkeeper. "We keep just the ordinary kind that will wake the whole family without disturbing father." — Hamilton Spectator.

A candidate for Congress from a certain New England state was never shy about telling the voters why they should send him to Washington. "I am a practical farmer," he said boastfully, in the course of an address to an agricultural group. "I can plow, reap, milk cows, shoe a horse—in fact, I should like for someone to tell me one thing about a farm which I cannot do." Then, in the impressive silence a voice asked from the back of the hall: "Can you lay an egg?" — Montreal Star.

Britain's House of Lords has ruled that the famous Grand National race course at Aintree can be sold for the development of a housing project. In this era of change no institution is sacred. — Ottawa Citizen.

A cat owner, after taking her pet to be wormed for the umpteenth time, asked the veterinarian how to prevent the cat from getting worms again. The vet's advice was short and simple. "Boil his mice," he said. — Kansas City Star.

It was feared in Washington and in a number of Latin American capitals at the time that the Dominican Republic under Bosch's leadership was heading toward the installation of a Cuban-type government.

Consequently, when the revolt began to restore Bosch to power a year ago, Johnson ordered United States troops into Santo Domingo to foil any attempt by Communists to assume power during the crisis.

HINDERED CAUSE The U.S. intervention hindered the rebel cause but did not end the civil war. As fighting continued between the rebels and the right-wing military junta, U.S. marines were joined by forces from the OAS and later became part of the OAS force.

Bosch, head of the moderately-leftist Dominican Revolutionary party, took a cautious attitude toward the anniversary celebrations. Last week he forbade his followers from participating in the affair.

This led to accusations from the pro-Castro 14th of June Movement, the only extreme leftist party allowed to participate in the election, that Bosch had destroyed the unity of the rebel cause and that he had sold out to the United States.

But although Bosch has turned down the endorsement of the 14th of June Movement as a presidential candidate, the movement urged its followers to vote for him nevertheless.

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