

Avoiding The Issue

Prime Minister Pearson isn't going to descend to smears and scuttlebutt in this election campaign...

"We Canadians," Mr. Drury explained to the press, "do not take kindly to attempts by public figures in the United States to influence our policies..."

In a previous statement the minister had said that the Canadian government does not control and has no authority to set prices in industry...

After all, there has been a \$50 million reduction in excise taxation for the automobile industry. Did the manufacturers get this as a bonus...

This lofty attitude does nothing to remove the suspicion that there is something fishy about the deal. There is no reason why it shouldn't be fully discussed in this campaign...

Nuisance Legislation

The chickens are coming home to roost a little earlier than was anticipated when the Pearson government put through its legislation designed to "protect" Canadian publications against foreign competition...

According to C.B. Ablard, vice-president of the U.S. Magazine Publishers Association, U.S. publishers are at a loss to know how to keep within the prescribed five per cent limit of Canadian advertising...

According to reports, discussion is now going on between the government and the U.S. publishers as to what constitutes "Canadian" advertising. Apparently if a U.S. manufacturer inserts an advertisement in a U.S. magazine...

urer inserts an advertisement in a U.S. magazine, and the advertisement contains a list of outlets where his product may be bought in Canada...

According to Mr. Ablard, Canadian officials recently asked U.S. publishers to send them one recent issue of their magazines, to be examined for Canadian advertising content...

Mr. Ablard is reported as saying that this kind of thing "has created more hard feelings and misgivings among American publishers about Canada than anything else..."

Of Prime Concern

It has been estimated that each year almost 200,000 products on the Canadian markets find their way from the grocery stores and pharmacies to the home...

This week is being observed as National Poison Prevention Week in Canada, and the Prince Edward Island Pharmaceutical Association is promoting a worthwhile campaign in this regard...

Attention is called to the fact that we have poison control centres in both the hospitals in Charlottetown, and there are over 200 of these centres across Canada which furnish information to inquiring physicians on the ingredients in trade name products...

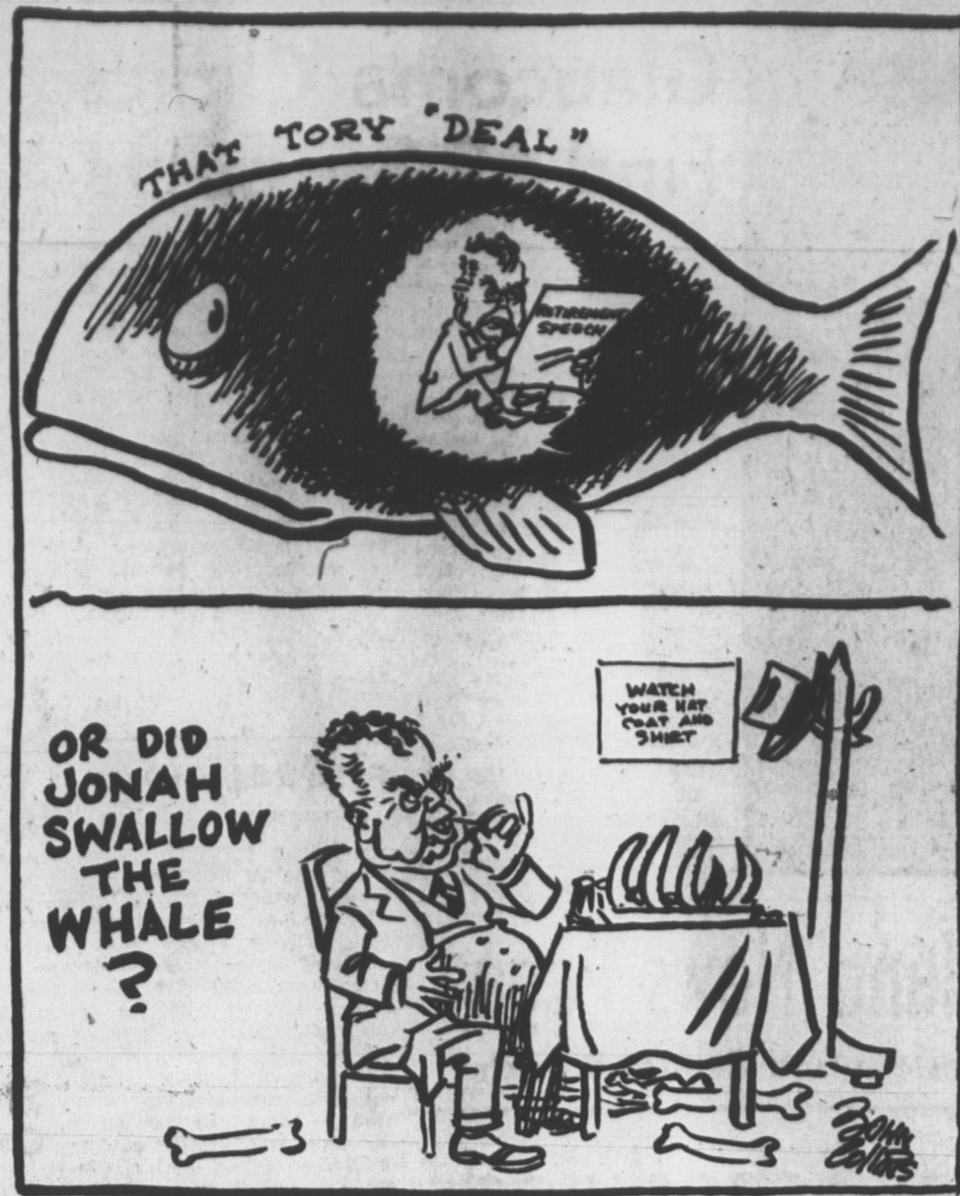
But it is emphasized that none of these centres, however complete, and no program, however thorough, can prevent needless poisoning. Parents have the first and major responsibility to see that potentially harmful substances do not find their way into the hands and mouths of curious children...

EDITORIAL NOTES

Premier Manning recently told the Canadian Police Association that "the worst thing that ever happened to Canada was the loss of the woodshed." Now there's an education plank for any party that's looking for a hot one to run on!

Minnesota, "Land of Ten Thousand Lakes," has exactly 13,871 lakes of 10 acres or more in size, according to a recent survey by the state's conservation division. It was the first time the lakes were fully counted in more than 100 years of statehood.

Labor Minister MacEachen, notes the Ottawa Journal, attended a St. Francis Xavier University in full dress, and spoke Gaelic. "The Gaelic," it concedes, "would be no benefit to the House of Commons but Parliament would be better for a kilt or two, silk hats for non-Scots on great occasions, a French-Canadian song or two and a bit more of the Irish dash and greenery on other than St. Patrick's Day."



DID THE WHALE SWALLOW JONAH?

AID TO WEST INDIES

Sees Caribbean Role For Canada

Montreal Star

It is a pity that John Compton, chief minister of St. Lucia, did not get to meet any of the nation's politicians during his first visit to Ottawa.

In recent years relations between Canadian and Caribbean leaders, particularly in the dependent territories, have not been what they deserve to be. The West Indian premiers want much closer ties with us in preparation for the day when they will be cut loose from Britain.

But Canada seems strangely reluctant, at least at the government level, to take a more active part in island developments than the external aid program provides.

Things are rapidly coming to a head in the southern British area. Trinidad—Tobago is off on its own. So is Jamaica.

British Guiana, with a hopeful measure of temporary stability, is chafing for independence and its official correspondence even now refers to the country by the name it will assume when "the day" arrives—Guyana.

Barbados, which has been considered as the logical centripetal force in a new attempt to federate the islands wallowing in the wake of the wreck of the West Indies Federation, is being steered in the direction of solo independence as well, although Premier Errol Barrow's ambitions are by no means solidly supported.

TREATY POSSIBILITY What Mr. Compton wanted to talk about in Ottawa was the possibility of a treaty with Canada.

PUBLIC FORUM

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A TROUT DEATH-TRAP

Sir,—The trout season being ended for another year, it might be a good time for the Government representatives to come to the newly built Arsenal Pond, Tignish, and do something concrete to save the trout situation before another fishing season rolls around.

This dam built under the AR-DA program is a concrete trap for trout, and ardent sportsmen who come to fish at the pond are quick to air their disapproval at the way the dam was so constructed. The Fish and Game members should certainly go to bat in strong protest, and not let until something definite is done.

There was strong talk of putting a fish ladder in the trout death-trap, so the trout could get up into the pond; but at the rate they have been killing themselves, there will be no trout left in the spring.

This pond is one of the best trout fishing ponds in Prince County, that attracts a large percentage of our sportsmen, and still this slaughter of trout has been allowed to go on and on, when we hear so much talk today on the conservation of our trout.

The road over the dam is a mud trap and impossible to cross in the fall and spring. Gravel was promised to help eliminate this situation, but for us who must wade deeper into the mud "No such luck." The dam poses two problems, how long must we wait for a solution? When will it come, before November 8 or after?

I am, Sir, etc. MRS DOROTHY PEDERSEN Tignish, P.E.I.

The Nature Of Herpes

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen The virus responsible for cold sores (herpes simplex) is capable of invading the brain and producing encephalitis. Of the cases reported in the medical literature, most victims were bothered with fever blisters several times a year and the brain involvement appears to be a switch from one to another location. This is unusual because herpes tends to recur in the same spot. The lips are the favored area.

The herpes virus hominis is one of the most common viral agents that infect man. Blood tests show that 80 to 90 per cent of all adults have had the disease and the majority were not aware of being ill. The attack took place in childhood or was forgotten because it was mild.

There are two stages of this condition. The first or primary infection consists of slight fever of a week to 10 days, with the typical blisters on the lips, gums, or other mucous membranes (herpes labialis) that line the body openings. These small vesicles rupture and the open lesions may sting, burn, or bleed. Complete healing occurs but the causative virus remains dormant at the site of the initial infection.

Recurrent herpes simplex, the second stage, usually occurs at the same site as the primary infection. The reactivated virus produces blisters containing a sticky fluid that forms a yellow crust on drying. The attacks are triggered by exposure to the sun, a respiratory infection, injury, or an allergy to shellfish or fruit.

Herpes-virus encephalitis is serious and occasionally is fatal. The victim develops fever, malaise, headache, confusion, loss of memory, and stiffness of the neck. Antibody tests on the blood for viruses known to cause encephalitis are negative except for the herpes virus.

The usual antibiotics and sulfa drugs are of no value against the viruses. Newer products such as 5-iodo-2-deoxyuridine show promise for infections involving the eye and perhaps the brain.

C. H. writes: My age is 56. I was awakened in the night from what seemed to be a severe electrical shock going through my entire body. It was a frightening experience. What could be the cause?

REPLY This common experience is difficult to explain except that it must stem from a sudden stimulation of certain centers in the brain. There wasn't a short in the electric blanket or sheet, was there?

FALL GUY Mrs. G.O. writes: I have a child who does well at school but falls down a great deal. Is there any reason to worry about this?

REPLY You have a normal grandchild.

USUALLY BY MOUTH V. F. writes: Can medicine for high blood pressure be taken by mouth or must it be injected?

REPLY The majority of preparations for hypertension come in tablet or capsule form, to be swallowed.

EXPERIMENT FIRST D. R. writes: Will a dry climate help a chronic running nose?

REPLY Try it for six weeks. There is no other way to find out.

R. T. writes: What exercise would you suggest to make the calves of the legs larger?

REPLY Walk, run, jump, and dance. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

Cuban Refugee Problem

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff, Washington

President Johnson and Premier Castro each has more to gain than lose in a program of Cuban refugee entry to the United States.

President Johnson had no alternative in accepting the Cuban leader's twice-made proposal to lift the sugar cane curtail, it is suggested here.

The announcement of his decision Sunday tied in with ceremonies at the foot of the Statue of Liberty in New York as he signed drastic revisions to the Immigration Act. Skills have been substituted for race as the basic qualification for entry to the U.S.

Acceptance of Castro's refugee offer, in which the U.S. stands to get the better of the propaganda harvest, added some icing.

Another assumption is that Castro knows what he is about. A preliminary estimate is that as many as 30,000 Cubans might leave for the U.S. if the exchange is set up—perhaps more. But many will be the young and the old who want to join relatives among the 270,000 Cubans who have left since Castro took over.

LOSS SMALL These are not economic assets to Cuba. If political malcontents are added to the list by Castro,

his loss is still minimal. As well, he can use the action to counter American claims that he runs a police state.

Other Communist countries have shown similar leniency in the past at times.

East Germany, for example, imposed the Berlin wall only after the human drain to the West had begun depleting its young, able-bodied population.

Similarly when China's great leap forward was in trouble three years ago, thousands of Chinese were allowed for a short period to cross into Hong Kong, presumably due to food shortages.

But observers here doubt that Castro's offer signals any marked deterioration of the Cuban economy.

LEAVE COUNTRY About 1,000 Cubans a month are estimated by American authorities to have been leaving the country via Mexico, Spain, by small boat to Florida or through individual defections at such spots as Gander Airport in Newfoundland.

It is also estimated that Cubans wanting to join relatives may run between 15,000 to 20,000 and that another 25,000 political prisoners exist. Estimates by Cuban exile groups run much higher.

In any case, President Johnson says \$12,600,000 will be set aside for accepting the Cuban exiles. The mechanics remain to be solved. Castro has rejected Johnson's proposal that the International Red Cross play a role.

Castro wants the Swiss embassy in Havana, which is the medium for what U.S.-Cuba relations still exist, to be the contact. There is not much optimism that the refugee project will lead to any improvement in relations openly at least. The political climate in the U.S. in the wake of the Dominican revolt is not favorable.

UNIFORM HAS HISTORY The frilly white bit of the Greek royal guardman is supposed to have developed from the tunic worn under Greek or Roman armor.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(October 6, 1940)

Unfamiliar quiet cloaked bomb-scarred London early today as hour after expectant hour passed without a sign of the German bombers which have besieged the city for the last 29 days and nights.

Brig. Gen. Lord Croft, under secretary for war, predicted that Britain's armies will counterattack and drive the Nazis into Germany after the RAF has wiped out their air force and levelled their war factories.

TEN YEARS AGO

(October 6, 1955)

The Princess Royal, Mary was granted an honorary doctor of laws degree by McGill University, in Montreal, at its Founder's Day convention.

Twenty-four travel worn generals of Hitler's Second World War army returned to West Germany after a decade in the Soviet Union as prisoners of war. They were the first of 9,625 prisoners of war whose freedom was promised by Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin at the September conference in Moscow with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Confederation Centre

CONFEDERATION CENTRE CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

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