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## Great Possibilities

It is fitting that in this Province, where the certified seed potato industry had its origin, the first federally approved and supervised elite potato seed farm in Canada should be established. "The best seed in the world for Island potato growers in a few years' time" is predicted as a result of the purchase by the P.E.I. Potato Board of a property at Cascumpec, West Prince. It is important to note that the site was selected on the advice of Mr. J.W. Scannell, head of seed potato certification for Canada, as meeting all the requirements for producing the nucleus of a disease free, high yielding, uniform stock of the very highest quality.

Our potato industry has been in difficulty in recent years, and the whole economy of the Province has suffered as a result. Nothing that provincial and federal authorities can do to offset the uncertainty of prices and markets should be left undone. But stopgap measures, however welcome in an emergency, are not the answer to the industry's future. If markets are to be assured and prices maintained, only quality production on the highest possible level will avail.

Planting is now in progress on the new seed farm, under rigid control methods, and the foundation stock produced here will be distributed throughout the Province for the benefit of all our growers. The plan was outlined by Agriculture Minister MacRae at the last session of the Legislature, and has elicited the fullest co-operation and approval at Ottawa. We may expect the results will be followed with close interest throughout the continent.

The very establishment of such a centre here is a big advertisment for our potato industry in itself. If it proves the success its promoters anticipate, it will open markets on a world basis to our product, and raise the prestige of our Island seed to a point where the price problem will take care of itself. What is needed now is the enthusiastic support of all concerned in the industry. Not too much, surely, to expect in view of the possibilities involved.

## A Bold Buckeroo

When Mr. Tommy Douglas is on the campaign warpath he doesn't miss a trick. He arrived here wearing a Scottish balmoral and the Prince Edward Island tartan tie which had been presented to him by admirers on his previous visit, and in which he looked pretty jaunty, too. And if some of our Irish citizens had thought of giving him a shillelagh, you can bet he would have shown it off to equal advantage, and been as proud of it as of his Scottish souvenirs.

Indeed—though Mr. Douglas can make no claim to descent from Old Erin so far as we know—a shillelagh wouldn't have been an inappropriate gift with which to have equipped him on this occasion; for he wielded one metaphorically in his O'Leary speech right and left, rapping now a Grit head, now a Tory bottom, with the butt end of it in lusty fashion.

Lest we get a tap from it ourselves, we'd better not say too much about the professional skill behind his tactics; the way he chose his arguments and illustrations to suit his rural audience, and played his role as an old farm hand to perfection. That poor hen standing with one cold foot in the snow and the other tucked beneath its feathers; the cream separator, and the other symbols he used to show how bad the oldline parties were and the need for a change—this was campaigning in masterly style, and good entertainment as well.

Just before he came here Mr. Douglas was in Quebec, where he put on an equally good show. This despite the fact that, according to a Canadian Press report, he was snubbed by the Quebec City area council of the Confederation of Trade Unions who refused to give him a hearing. Nothing daunted, he went on to Montreal. There he promised, if elected, to see that bilingualism in federal affairs would be respected, and to remit to the provinces up to 40 per cent of the taxation rights the federal government now holds. These would include income, company and succession tax rights; which leaves us wondering—watch that shillelagh!—just how such a pitch would go down here in the Maritimes, where these taxes are regarded as part of the revenue Ottawa needs to provide the less wealthy provinces with some measure of fiscal equality.

One thing in Mr. Douglas' performances remains constant, however. Whether it's on farm topics or high finance, the oldline parties get a sound cudgeling. It may not do them much good—they're beyond that, perhaps; but it does Mr. Douglas good. And as for his audiences, there's nothing more exhilarating than seeing a man at work on a job he thoroughly enjoys doing.

## The Poor Peacemaker

The lot of the peacemaker is traditionally a thankless one. The United States is finding this old maxim to be true in the current dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir. The dispute has gone on for fourteen years, and at the United Nations Security Council an American spokesman has been urging the two countries to get together and find an agreement.

Small thanks he is getting for it! Each nation suspects that the United States favors the other. C. S. Jha, chief Indian delegate to the U.N., says that India is not about to negotiate the Kashmir question, and that the United States is not going to "pressure" his country into it. United States press and public opinion, which favor settlement, anger him. He says: "The United States lost China 12 years ago by sheer folly, and they may lose India the same way. If India goes, all of Asia goes."

American commentators are pointing out that United States didn't lose China, of course, because it never had China. It doesn't have India, either, nor does it want to. But that doesn't placate Mr. Jha; he's giving Uncle Sam the back of his hand anyway, and telling him to mind his own business.

Nor is the reaction any less hostile on the other side. The Pakistan government feels that if the United States was really a friend it would boost military aid to Pakistan and cut economic aid to India. Partly to show its displeasure, it has invited Russian help in oil exploration and is sending a mission to Communist China to discuss border matters.

The fact that the Kashmir dispute is wasting the resources of both countries and endangering their internal security is, it seems, beside the mark. This is their row and they resent interference, especially from the United States to which they are both indebted for much more than they have the gratitude to admit.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

In Moscow, says the Russian newspaper Izvestia, when you meet a man garbed in a new furlined coat, fur cap and Winter boots, you can tell it's springtime. And, says, the paper with what surely must be irony, "the man's heart is singing a song of gratitude to the workers of trade and industry who provided him, on this sparkling Spring day, with a full set of Winter clothing."

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With the excuse that the present nuclear tests by the United States make a new Soviet test series necessary, Russia apparently is preparing to embark on another program of this kind. What is most disturbing is that this threat is taken for granted in the United States and other countries. No hope seems to be entertained that a test-ban treaty will now be possible until a new Russian series, as well as the present American series, is completed. Pious hope is expressed that it may then be possible to call a halt; but will it?

INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER

## QUICK LOOK AT THAILAND

## Famed For Temples, Elephants & Opium

National Geographic News Bulletin

Thailand, into which American forces have been sent in a show of American concern about affairs in neighboring Laos, lies in the very center of south-east Asia. It is south of China and borders Burma, Malaya, Laos and Cambodia. It is a bit smaller than Texas but is every bit as flamboyant and, in many ways, as unbelievable.

Once this land of glittering gold and porcelain temples, elephants, opium, and politicians who take a cut on business and vice, was called Siam. It has never been occupied except when Japan invaded it in World War II. The Thais have been a free people ever since they poured into the rich rice growing land, driven from south China before the hordes of Kublai Khan.

The north borders of Thailand, along Burma and part of Laos, are formed by high and densely wooded mountains. Much of the border with Laos is formed by the hard driving Mekong river. This is the area with which the American and Thai military forces will be most concerned.

**A ROUGH COUNTRY**

It is rough country, excellent for guerrilla type warfare. The weather will make it rougher, for the rainy season normally lasts from May to September.

Thailand is a kingdom. King Bhumibol Adulyadej sits on the throne in a fairyland palace complex well known to any who have read "Anna and the King of Siam." A series of generals has long run the country, succeeding each other for the most part in nominally bloodless coups.

It has not been politics that has brought falling outs between the generals. It has been graft, differences of opinion over who should have the opium concessions, who the smuggling, who other brands of vice.

Even the boxing business—and to see a Thai boxing match is to watch a combination dance, prayer, ritual, slugging and kicking bout and mayhem — is controlled by and for the police.

**UNTAPPED RESOURCES**

The Thais are a happy people. Most of them—and they number some 25,000,000, including 3,000,000 Chinese—are Buddhists. Fish are plentiful. So are rice, cotton, copra, exotic fruits, rubber and forest products. There are untapped sources of minerals and precious stones.

The United States and Thailand have had diplomatic relations since 1833. They are both members today of SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization). When the United Nations fought in Korea the Thais made a direct military contribution.

If fighting breaks out, if there is a Communist invasion or infiltration from Laos, the going could be rough. Beautiful Thailand is no thing of beauty from a military maneuvering standpoint, particularly along its northern border.

## PUBLIC FORUM

**LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Sir,—In the April issue of the Reader's Digest, there appeared a story by Lester Velie, "How Tucson drove the hoodlums out of Town." It was done by good men organized to rid the town of undesirable big-time gangsters; watched by the police, ostracized socially and blocked in business, these people of the underworld found no refuge in Tucson and departed. The town was greatly enriched by their absence.

We read that the Town Council of Summerside is to take the necessary steps to rid the Town of its bootleggers. We had understood that the relaxation of liquor laws would do the job, but apparently this has not been the case. Perhaps another relaxation might do it, but we doubt it.

Of course these gentlemen of distinction, who ply their illicit, profitable and nocturnal trade greatly rejoiced when they learned that more liquor would be available to them: what cared they about breaking the law, or their patrons causing annoyance of law-abiding citizens by foul language and disorderly conduct? People outside of Summerside have been plagued by the same sort of disturbances and unless strict measures are undertaken, things will continue to deteriorate.

How long will the citizens continue to allow impossible situations to continue? Until we register our objection in a concrete and positive way to stop the increasing flow of liquor, until an alert police force takes action and until the law-abiding citizens of the province get behind public spirited officials who desire the best for their town and province and give them wholehearted support in their drive for a better town in which to live.

A bouquet for the Summerside Town Council.

I am, Sir, etc.,
(REV.) ANGUS BROWN
Summerside.

**THE P.M.'s MEETING**

Sir:— The large number of people that greeted our Prime Minister on his recent visit to Prince Edward Island indicates the strong feeling of esteem and admiration that is in the hearts and minds of our Island people for our national leader. According to press reports thousands were in attendance to hear him speak at the Charlottetown Forum, but I like to imagine that the audience was much larger than that. I like to think that there was a huge number of listeners there that could not be counted by human eyes.

It is very easy to believe that the spirits of our forefathers were among those present when Mr. Diefenbaker made that dramatic announcement that the causeway would be built by 1967 because for many years, far into the past, our ancestors have fought and pleaded in vain to the heads of many governments for the same kind of assurance of a road to the mainland that was given by Mr. Diefenbaker at the Charlottetown meeting.

Regarding the fact that the Prime Minister did not mention the Liberal Government in connection with the success of the causeway is a matter, I believe, of very little importance. If the Liberals have any credit due them on the building of the causeway I believe they are quite capable of of making that fact known. If Mr. Diefenbaker was to give credit to all the governments that talked about and promised a causeway he would have to go back much farther than the last Liberal government. In fact it may be said that all governments since Confederation have in a more or less degree given a solid link with the mainland some attention, but only one Prime Minister has ever announced that a causeway would be built and that one of course was Mr. Diefenbaker.

I am, Sir, etc.,
C. DAY,
Montague, P.E.I.

**"MINDING THE KIDS"**

Sir, — I wonder if many mothers were faced with the same problem as I? Not so long ago, I was asked by a daughter-in-law of mine, to take over her two children, while she went out to work. Now I love my grandsons very deeply and would love to have them with me every day, but after much thought, I said "no — definitely no, I wouldn't look after them." If she or her husband were ill that would be a different matter.

You see, I think, that a grandmother who steps in and takes over young children, so that their mother may leave the home, has such a lot to answer for, both in this world and the next. When young people get married, they should realize they are not going to be on a big pink cloud all the time. There will be illnesses, debts, and worries; and if they are not mature enough to face them, then they shouldn't be married to begin with!

Too many girls can't see any farther than the church aisle and visions of a white dress, bridal veil and "heaps of presents," as one young miss put it aptly! Instead of buckling down and learning to save and to cut corners by baking, sewing, etc., they blissfully proceed to eat out of cans, buy cakes, cookies and bread, then when bills pile up, the only solution they have is — "go to work." Poor misguided girls! I wonder how much they really help?

If young wives knew they just had to buckle down and learn to stay in the home there would be fewer divorces and much happier people. But Susie or Tillie or Sally know that "good old Mom" will take over the kids while they shuck their responsibilities to be "one of the girls" again. It doesn't seem to matter that their own children may need them a thousand times a day, the main thing is get out and get clear of it all. Let someone else look after the kids!" '

I'm glad to say that the daughter-in-law who wanted me to take over, has decided she wouldn't save too much anyway, and that she is going to earn a bit at home in her own skillful fashion. There is always a way to earn extra at home! Everyone has some talent they can develop. I know one young mother who loves to make sandwiches. And now she makes all sorts to sell to visitors, to truckmen and just to school children.

I am, Sir, etc.,
HAPPY GRANNY.
Hunter River.

## The U-2 Again

Christian Science Monitor

President Eisenhower's experience with the U-2 was not unlike President Kennedy's with Cuba. Both men endorsed clandestine operations about which they were troubled.

There is a moving quotation from Mr. Eisenhower in the detailed U-2 material now being published by Look magazine. He realized he would have to take responsibility if a plane went down. "The world will be in a mess," he said.

Mr. Kennedy is less emotional when "making a judgment," as he so often puts it. But the detailed accounts of White House conferences when the decision was made to go ahead with the landings in Cuba leave no doubt that he was on the rack. He quickly and publicly assumed "full responsibility," as his predecessor had for the U-2, when the fiasco came.

These are the burdens of holding the Communist conspiracy in check. They go beyond traditional espionage which has become an accepted illegality. Democracies are handicapped in many ways in dealing with a system which pretends to reputable behavior while justifying and using violence when it seems profitable.

In a cold war conflict of such intensity, the President of the United States sometimes finds himself persuaded to "do the necessary" when it seems unlikely to be discovered— at least not until something has been achieved for the security of the free world.

No easy verdicts are possible. Success does not necessarily make a clandestine venture right, nor does exposure have to mean failure. But it does give pause to know that both Presidents were more than usually troubled. Without being arbitrary, it is likely that free men are normally stronger and most nearly invulnerable when their conscience is their guide.

**TEAMSTERS CERTIFIED**

OTTAWA (CP)—The labor department Wednesday announced certification of local 987 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (Ind.) as bargaining agent for 35 employees of Tiger Transfer Limited of Calgary.

## Hope Of Drug For Bronchitis Is Increasing

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

THE INDIVIDUAL with chronic bronchitis usually coughs at least three months of the year. There are periods when the lungs are better and hacking is confined to cleaning out the bronchi in the morning and a few times during the day.

But coughing recurs, especially when the victim catches cold. Hacking and expectorating last several weeks and often are blamed on a persistent respiratory infection. "I just can't shake this cold" is a common expression.

This is understandable because the true cause is overlooked. When bronchitis stems from allergy or too much smoking, hacking is more persistent and is likely to get worse unless the offenders are eliminated. In time, the periods of coughing get longer and longer and the periods of improvement shorter and shorter. The individual ultimately develops complications such as emphysema and shortness of breath.

This sequence is not mentioned to frighten anyone but to predict what is in store for the increasing number of people with chronic bronchitis. We refer to those who refuse to do anything about the causative factors. Those willing to co-operate can be helped.

A team of Baltimore physicians treated 32 bronchitics with one of the tetracycline drugs for periods of three months. During this time there was less cough, sputum, and shortness of breath. In addition, there were fewer recurrences of new respiratory infections of the type causing a return of chronic coughing. This type of drug may have its greatest usefulness for these individuals when taken at the first sign of a cold.

More than an antibiotic is needed to relieve cough permanently. This is true for the heavy smoker, the alcoholic, and for those exposed to industrial dusts and gases. The sensitive person also must eliminate offending allergens. Additional relief may be obtained from other cough remedies such as drugs that dilate the bronchi and liquefy the sputum.

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

**TURNED IN TOES**

Mrs. B. writes: If a 1 month old baby's toes turn in, is this pigeon toe? Does he need a brace? Will vitamins help? Is this rickets? Will lying on the stomach help? Does he need an orthopedist? Is this due to bad diet during pregnancy?

REPLY

The answer to your question is a series of No's. So long as the baby's feet and toes are flexible and can be straightened out with the hands, there is no need to worry. Should this condition continue much longer, bring it to your physician's attention.

**STRETCHING BRINGS CRAMPS**

R. R. writes: All my life, whenever I stretch, I get leg cramps. This happens even when sleeping and I have to pop out of bed and stand on my toes until the cramp leaves. Why is it that I can't indulge in this good exercise?

REPLY

Because overstretching a muscle is one of the causes of leg cramps.

**ARTHRITIC POPULATION**

M. B. writes: Does nearly everybody get arthritis as they grow older?

REPLY

Yes. More than 90 per cent of those over 40 have some evidence of degenerative joint changes. But only 5 to 10 per cent have symptoms of arthritis.

**SCIATIC PAIN**

J. A. T. writes: Is sciatica a nerve or a muscle ailment?

REPLY

Sciatica refers to pain along the sciatic nerve, which usually is felt at the back of the thigh. Pressure on the nerve in the lower part of the spine usually is responsible.

**Today's Health Hint**—

Nothing is more comforting than a good word for everybody.

## NOTES BY THE WAY

When the waste baskets are full and the back porch is littered, its a wise youngster who voices no complaint that he has nothing to do. — Chatham News.

When a fellow starts talking about a hole in one, it doesn't necessarily mean he's a golfer. He could be a bachelor talking about his socks. — Welland Tribune.

## Seeking New Solution

By Harold Morrison
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The United States is working on a new solution for Laos under which they hope the jungle country would be truly neutralized by the maintenance of balanced factions and forces and the withdrawal of the ferocious North Vietnamese to Hanoi.

Policy-makers say the U.S. will make it clear it won't withdraw its small band of military advisers from Laos unless the Communists also agree to withdraw the North Vietnamese who apparently have shown overwhelming superiority over the Royal Laotian defenders.

In fact, as one official described it, the Royal Laotians are so afraid of the Vietnamese that on hearing of the approach of the black-uniformed attackers, the Royal officers are the first to get into their jeeps and flee.

So the American idea is to get these well-trained attackers out of the country as part of any final East-West deal to neutralize Laos under Prince Souvanna Phouma.

And when this is done, and the Americans also withdraw, the troops that support the pro-Red Pathet Lao, the neutralists and the pro - Western Royal factions would remain in their present environment—the Reds in the North and the pro-Westerns in the South.

Further, the planners visualize the key defence ministry of the neutral regime in the hands of a neutral, with three ministers of state under him, representing each of the troop factions.

This kind of balancing would continue for many months or even years while efforts continue to reduce and eliminate rivalries among the Laotian princes so that the troops could be integrated gradually.

This, the Americans consider, would be less than the "ideal" but would be sufficient to guarantee a measure of stability and prevent the reshaping of Laos into a Communist spearhead against South Viet Nam and Thailand.

While this is the plan the Americans have in mind, there is a great deal of question in official and unofficial quarters on whether it would work. One American observer, on becoming acquainted with the idea, said it seemed like a U.S. fallback position, a strategy based on weakness.

There would be no guarantee that a government under neutralist Souvanna Phouma would not deteriorate into a government highly influenced by the Communists. And since the Royal Laotian troops have shown no taste for war, there would be no guarantee they would become an effective balance against the Reds.

## OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**
**(May 25, 1937)**

The Prince Edward Island Light Horse will go into camp at the Provincial Exhibition grounds, Charlottetown, July 6 to 15, under the command of Lt. Col. L. T. Lowther, V.D., with 20 officers, 175 N. C. O's and troopers, and 130 horses. This is the largest number the unit will have trained since 1921.

Among the graduates in medicine at McGill this week is Philip Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Doyle, of Georgetown. Dr Doyle has had a brilliant college career. He was the youngest graduate from St. Dunstan's University in 1931 and received his B. Sc. degree from St. Francis Xavier in 1932.

**TEN YEARS AGO**
**(May 25, 1952)**

Word has been received of the award of the Canadian Forces Decoration to Major A. H. Peake, Brigade Major of the 21st Armoured Brigade. Major Peake is also the Provincial President of the Canadian Legion and in civilian life is a member of the firm of Matheson, Peake and Nicholson of Charlottetown.

W. Farrell Gaudet of Charlottetown has recently been appointed Public Relations Manager of Maritime Central Airways. Mr. Gaudet is a son of Mrs. Gilbert Gaudet and the late Gilbert Gaudet, K. C. of Charlottetown. He is a recent graduate of the University of Western Ontario School of Business Administration.


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