

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew
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The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink

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Another Problem

Defense Minister Hellyer has announced that he has attained, ahead of schedule, his aim of reducing the strength of our armed forces. But in doing so he has given grounds for complaint in another direction.

The unencouraging atmosphere is felt not only in the regular forces but in the militia. The Montreal Gazette quotes in this connection a recent statement of Leslie Crooks, president of the Canadian Corps Association's Ontario command, that militia morale is at its "lowest ebb."

Admittedly, it is hard for the defense department to cut down on the services and at the same time create the public impression that service life is attractive. But that is what it undertook to do.

It is maintained that under the reduction, service careers are still good and prospects for advancement at least as bright as ever. But it remains hard to make such arguments convincing.

The Great Divider

With all the beefs, pro and con, that are being aired before the bilingual and bicultural commission these days, one can appreciate the comment in the Christian Science Monitor that language threatens to take the place of religion as the most baleful divider of men.

Not only in Canada is it speech which divides us into two main and uneasy blocs, but it is speech which has caused periodic rioting in India and has kept the German-speaking South Tyrolean an unassimilable lump in northern Italy.

Basically, as in Canada, the Belgian problem is one of different cultures. Speaking their Germanic tongue the Flemings tend to feel that their ties run northward into the Netherlands.

Of late the situation has changed. A higher birthrate has given the Flemings an increasingly heavy majority within the country.

ter have become edgy and inclined to resist Flemish demands.

"It is obvious," reflects The Monitor, "that for the long, foreseeable future, many lands will have to put up with linguistic divisions. Approached in a positive and conciliatory manner, it can be turned into a great national advantage.

Here, in a nutshell, is about all our b. and c. commissioners will be able to offer us in the way of sound advice when they reach the end of their long and costly inquiry.

N.B. Taking Action

New Brunswick is re-planning its governmental affairs in a big way, and is considering, among other things, important changes in the administration of justice.

Scheduled for oblivion are the county jails, which would be replaced by a new system of correctional institutions. One feature of this would be the establishment of "classification centres" where persons, on being sentenced, would be confined long enough to determine the type of institution in which they should serve the rest of their terms with the best chance of rehabilitation.

Isn't it time we took another look at our own discredited county jail system in Prince Edward Island and at the complaints which have been voiced from time to time with regard to overcrowding and the lack of even proper sanitary conditions, not to speak of facilities for correction and rehabilitation?

What It's About

The successful launching of the satellite Alouette II has been hailed as a big Canadian achievement, but the technological jargon in which the news was wrapped prevented us, heretofore, from saying anything intelligible about it.

Mainly, it's about investigating the inosphere, the topmost layer of the earth's atmosphere and the home of a variety of radiation phenomena which are still very imperfectly understood.

So, in addition to being useful in a country plagued with long-distance radio communication problems, the achievement has added to Canada's prestige in the space age.

EDITORIAL NOTE

I have found that only two things are necessary to keep one's wife happy. First let her think that she is having her own way. And second, let her have it.—President Johnson.



"LET ME PROTECT YOU"

COWBOY'S LAMENT

Mr. Hays Comments From The Sidelines

Arthur Blakely in The Montreal Gazette

The first intimation Ottawa had that Agriculture Minister Harry Hays was (and is) a man of unusual parts was when he released for publication a biographical sketch which waxed ecstatic in detail and at considerable length about the remarkable talents which Mr. Hays had brought to bear on his job.

Since then, in Parliament and outside, Mr. Hays has never looked back. He has put together a "solid reputation for saying, straight out, what is his mind, whatever the consequences. Sometimes, the consequences have been impressive.

Defeated in the late election, Mr. Hays has, predictably, revealed himself to be an ungraceful loser. That's not to say that he's a bad loser. But he loses hard, as they say in the trade.

What was in Mr. Hays' mind, it turned out, was that, the Pearson Government and the Liberal Party had fought the election with a campaign of indifference.

Mr. Hays, apparently dismissing these judgments as humbug, says bluntly that the Liberals made serious mistakes. He was critical of Mr. Pearson's decision to largely ignore the scandal.

The Liberals, he said, should have fought back. They should have told the voters what kind of a man Mr. Diefenbaker was. They should have told some home truths about the Tories.

Guiana Independence

London Free Press

Forbes Burnham, as first minister in coalition, along with a financial group led by Peter D'Aguiar.

Without representation from Jagan's People's Progressive Party it was announced that will be headed by a governor-general appointed by the Queen. The constitution carries important provisions guaranteeing the freedoms of the individual, protection of minorities and for an independent judiciary and public service.

No doubt Mr. Jagan will oppose the terms but they are largely the demands he made when he first sought the colony's independence.

The Magic Of The Cell

Montreal Star

The smallest seed, and some are comparable in size to a grain of dust, is composed of a multitude of cells. It is one of life's marvels that a seed encloses a plant in miniature. It is a greater marvel that a single cell can demonstrate the same capacity.

Yet it is only reasonable that it should be able to do so, since every cell in every living thing contains the "blue-prints," in its chromosomes, for a complete organism of the kind from which it came.

In the latest issue of Science, two plant pathologists working at the University of Wisconsin, report on work they did carrying to successful conclusion earlier studies they and others had done on cell potentiality.

Colostomy On Bowel

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen MARY was a fastidious socialite of 50 or so when she developed changes in her bowel habits. The physician suggested X-rays and found the symptoms were caused by a tumor that was partially obstructing the lower part of the large intestine.

The surgeon explained that thousands have colostomies and live a normal life. It might be necessary to wear a colostomy bag initially but some learn to control the evacuations through daily irrigations and diet.

We receive many letters from persons who have had a colostomy or an ileostomy. Some tell me about recent advances in this field; others file a complaint against something we said on the subject. These individuals are well organized. Many belong to ostomy clubs (35 in various cities). They meet to discuss mutual problems and to discover that wearing a colostomy bag does not prevent employment, traveling or curtail an active social life.

HEART ENLARGEMENT G.G. writes: What would cause enlargement of the heart in a 35-year-old man who never went in for exercise?

REPLY High blood pressure, anemia, or a previous attack of rheumatic fever that escaped detection might be considered. We now know that strenuous physical activity is not responsible.

ILLNESS AND APPETITE B.B. writes: Why does a sick person lose appetite?

REPLY Appetite is a complex process which, unlike hunger, is influenced by a variety of emotional and physical factors. It is easily lost by such trivial incidents as an unpleasant thought, smell, or sight. During illness, this reaction is accentuated, and more so, when the person is toxic or in pain.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(December 4, 1940) The Daily Mail, in London, in a page one dispatch under a Washington dateline, said: "The United States government are placing 150 American merchant ships at Britain's disposal immediately."

The Rumanian army and the Iron Guard apparently were headed for a clash, Rumanian refugees claimed as they swarmed across the border into Hungary. They expressed belief that the Rumanian dictator Gen. Ion Antonescu, unable to reconcile the warring factions of the Iron Guard had determined that the army must take over the rule of Rumania.

TEN YEARS AGO

(December 4, 1955) Dr. E.J. Barras, Minister of the Tricon Baptist Church returned from Toronto where he attended the annual meetings of the Canadian Temperance Federation as delegate from P.E.I.

RAILROAD MAN DIES

KANSAS CITY (AP)—William Neal Deramus, 77, renowned as a railway operating genius and a major figure in Kansas City's civic life, died Thursday. Deramus had been associated with the Kansas City Southern Railroad for more than 50 years, beginning as a telegrapher at Pittsburgh, Kan., in 1909. He was president of the line from 1941 to 1961 and was chairman of the board at the time of his death.

NOTES BY THE WAY

With today's hairdos, it's pretty hard to believe that there was a time when a girl who bobbed her hair was considered wild and wicked. —Door-County Advocate.

The president of a large business concern bought a number of signs reading "Do It Now", and had them hung around the office, hoping to inspire his employees with promptness and energy in their work. In his private office one day soon afterwards a friend asked him how the scheme affected the staff. "Well, not just the way I thought it would," answered the proprietor. "The cashier skipped with thirty thousand dollars, the head bookkeeper eloped with the private secretary, three clerks asked for an increase in salary, and the office boy lit out to become a bank robber." —Montreal Star.

An elderly Chilton woman was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in a distant city. Postmaster Sparky "ber examined the heavy package carefully and inquired it contained anything breakable. "Nothing but the Ten Commandments," was the quick reply. —Chilton Times-Journal.

A father had been lecturing his young hopeful upon the evils of staying out late at night and getting up late in the morning. "You will never amount to anything," he continued, "unless you turn over a new leaf. Remember, the early bird catches the worm, father?" "How about the young man, isn't he rather foolish to get up so early?" "My son," replied the father, "that worm hadn't been to bed all night. He was on his way home." —Montreal Star.

U.S. Aid Policy Shift

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff, Washington

WASHINGTON (CP) — The United States since 1954 has distributed \$15,400,000,000 worth of wheat and other farm commodities to 114 countries, a White House conference on international co-operation heard this week.

But the honeymoon is over, as President Johnson has made exacting plain. The U.S. feels there are strong domestic and international reasons for making a fundamental policy shift in food and other foreign aid.

Nations in need can still count on U.S. food, including the United Arab Republic and India where perilsous shortages exist. But the pattern of the entire aid program is being shifted to emphasize the do-it-yourself approach. And the U.S. intends to exact undertakings of good behavior from the beneficiaries, not only in their domestic conduct of applying the aid but in their foreign affairs attitudes to the U.S. and other nations.

QUESTIONS ON CHINA Pakistan has had about \$3,000,000,000 in U.S. aid—mostly military which it used to attack India. It has, in U.S. eyes, tended to use the economic slice of the aid wisely but President Johnson will ask, before any new economic aid is forthcoming, how seriously Pakistan is flirting with China, officials here say.

Shastri is due early next year—perhaps January—and is facing what Indian officials call a "natural calamity of a magnitude unknown in recent times."

India, in short, has grown to lean on one-fifth of the annual U.S. wheat crop of about 1,300,000,000 bushels and now needs more than that. India may have to show much more flexibility than it has shown heretofore about settling the Kashmir question.

Food and economic aid to India and Pakistan has been cut to a piece-meal basis despite the annoyance of those nations. Military aid has stopped and seemed unlikely to resume for a long time.

Behind the U.S. new line is the domestic overhaul of farm subsidies. American farm surpluses are vanishing.

The new approach is to increase the flow of U.S. technical aid which in agriculture's case would be designed to make India and other have-not countries self-supporting. It would include much more birth control assistance too but some food aid is expected to go on for years because there is no alternative.

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