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The "strongest member is weaker than the weakest link."

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A Principle At Stake

It is hard to understand why there should be unfavorable reaction by the federal authorities to the requests for continuance of aircraft repair work at the Charlottetown plant of Enamel and Heating Products Limited.

It was in the early fall last year that the Russians made their approach for Canadian wheat, which led to a 239 million bushel sale of wheat and four worth \$500 million.

Not only is there obvious need for continuance of the employment provided at this plant, but there is a principle at stake here which cannot afford to let go by default.

It is no answer to say, as Defense Production Minister Drury is reported as saying, that the Sabre jets overhauled at the local plant are being withdrawn from service and no more are requiring inspection and servicing.

WRONG POLICY—It is not denied that the local plant has qualified personnel and that its work has been quite satisfactory.

In this connection, that the Montreal area alone receives about 75 per cent of all the main Canadian contracts for aircraft, electronics, instruments and ships.

Unlike private enterprise, which to survive has to locate in the most advantageous centres or else perish under the assaults of competition, the placing of government contracts is not adversely affected by such things as freight costs.

"NO MORE COSTLY"—"Furthermore," says our Moncton contemporary, "military equipment is being shipped all over the nation anyway.

"The Maritimes are striving mightily to uplift themselves. That they could use any help they can get goes without saying.

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In this regard on his colleagues at Ottawa. It is not just a local grievance, but one that has Maritime-wide implications.

Trade With Russia

Canadian grain officials are said to be engaged in "a prolonged guessing game" on the wheat-buying intentions of the Soviet Union.

The mid-summer harvest of the Russian winter wheat crop should clarify the Soviet supply picture.

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A repeat order of this size is but a remote possibility. The belief is that Canada will get another Russian wheat order, but on a much smaller scale.

A Goldwater Platform

An exchange notes that Senator Goldwater not only got the nomination at the Republican convention in San Francisco this week; he also got the party's platform written to suit himself.

While there are a few notes of moderation in the platform, and while it is more elegantly written than most of Goldwater's perverted diatribes, its contents reflect direct continuity with the Arizona senator's views over the years.

This is especially so in the statements on foreign policy, which can scarcely be described otherwise than as a policy of aggression.

Perhaps it was this that prompted President Johnson, when asked for comment on the convention at a recent press conference, to say: "I think the Republican party has enough problems without my adding to them in any way."

EDITORIAL NOTES

About 35,000 Canadian servicemen have earned United Nations campaign medals and ribbons, and 1,200 more are earning decorations for serving with the UN peace force in Cyprus.

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ISLE OF DREAMS

ABOUT THE BNA ACT

Not An Act Imposed By Britain

The Gazette, Montreal

A number of readers have written perplexed letters about conflicting statements some political speakers have been making lately about the British North America Act, which serves Canada as a constitution.

The role of the British North America Act was drawn up in 1867 without a division or vote at any stage of its consideration.

The movement is now for the total "repatriation" of the British North America Act. It is a repatriation which would bring wholly within Canadian authority the power of amendment.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondence of questions of general interest.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CLARK—Sir—His wide circle of friends throughout the Island will regret to learn of the passing of our esteemed senior citizen, Russell C. Clark.

Malaysia's Case

Winipeg Free Press

While Premier Khrushchev was playing the jolly uncle in Scandinavia, talking of peace and co-existence, his close collaborator, Anastas Mikoyan, was in Indonesia recently.

Canadian Trainees

External Aid Office, Ottawa

Eighty Malaysians of Malay, Chinese and Indian origin are taking up a two-year course in the Federal College in Kuala Lumpur.

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Freedom Gained Through Beard

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

This is the feast day of St. Uncumber, who was able to disengage himself from the unwanted savior by growing a beard. Although hagiologists place the beard in the catalogue of saints, the legend of his ability to help women rid themselves of unwanted mates has been popular in Europe for a long time.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Two many people fall to remain at the scene of an accident. And too many more are seen at the scene of a crime. Mother scolding her little boy: "When that naughty boy threw stones at you, why didn't you come and tell me instead of throwing stones back at him?" To which the youngster replied: "Well, what good would that do? You couldn't hit the side of a barn."—Stoughton Hub.

Russia And Southeast Asia

By John Best

The tense military situation in Southeast Asia has served to bring sharply into focus a crucial problem now confronting Russia, which country to a crucial and fear some, the United States and Great Britain.

In a sense, Russia's position is not a prime mover in Southeast Asia. It is a passive player in the Viet Nam and Laos which is denied the power of direct initiative.

Its policy therefore must be limited to one of response to the actions of the other powers, neither of which is likely to state, still the U.S.S.R. are taking steps to bring about a Soviet-led leadership who like to have the controlling hand in international relations.

Russia's response to developments in Laos has centered on a three-party attempt to Maximize Communist-controlled parts of the jungle kingdom.

CAUTIONS REACTION The Soviet Union's reaction to developments in Viet Nam has been marked by both caution and ambiguity.

On the one hand it has delivered carefully-phrased warnings about the "consequences" of Chinese intervention in U.S. committment; there criticized the ambassadorial appointment.

EXERCISE AND ARTHRITIS MR. WRITES: Isn't it harmful for a woman with crippling arthritis of the hands and feet to do her son's laundry every day? Isn't it also harmful to wear two or three English parishes?

Only when he actively aggravates the condition. But many victims of arthritis are helped by such types of exercise as CIRRHOIS AND ALCOHOL RB writes: If an alcoholic gets out of hand, he is likely to develop cirrhosis of the liver?

THIS is a most question because cirrhosis develops in alcoholics who eat well as in those who subsist on booze and coffee. The current opinion is that the full power don't neglect their meals are less likely to develop cirrhosis of the liver?

ALLERGY MORE LIKELY MR. Y writes: Would smoking and drinking aggravate eczema?

REPLY This is doing too much alcohol may increase conception of the skin.

REPLY Will a man have to wear a support of any kind to a RETIRED? Not after the wound has healed.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Discard food in unopened building containers. (Note: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to Dr. Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

and organized the college in 1962 in consultations with Malaysian colleagues. Under the plan, Malaysians trained at the college and in Canada under the guidance of Manitoba authorities, will graduate as chemists, engineers and teaching duties. In addition, Canada has supplied school equipment and books.

To commemorate two years of hard work and to give significance to the jubilee, the Minister, S.P. Dicoite, of Winnipeg, who is currently principal of the college, has invited authorities to depart from local practice by granting diplomas of honor.

C.E. Gaudy, Canada's high commissioner to Malaysia, who attended the graduation ceremony, reported on the enthusiasm of the new teachers facing "the challenge of the days ahead when they will do their part in nation building."

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