

Of Major Concern

The parliamentary furore over the Gerda Munsinger case has served the Pearson government's purpose—temporarily—of distracting attention from matters more embarrassing to its prestige, if indeed it has any prestige left.

It took a Toronto newspaper man to discover that the woman involved had not died of leukemia in East Germany, as alleged by Mr. Cardin, but was living in a Munich apartment in West Germany, where she has been a storm centre of rumor since she was first interviewed on Thursday.

More important, from the national safety standpoint, is the fact that for the first time in 20 years there will be a thorough judicial probe into the question of espionage and counter-espionage activities in Canada.

Canada's last such inquiry was precipitated by the defection of Igor Gouzenko from the service of the Soviet Union with a bundle of documents about espionage in Canada.

Serious Dairy Problem

Warning has been sounded by our dairy industry spokesmen that not even the federal government guarantee of \$4 per 100 pounds of milk is expected to halt the decline in milk production in Canada.

With the continued increase in food prices in recent years, this is going to be a hard problem for the consumers to handle. But the fact must be faced, as Agriculture Minister MacRae has pointed out in this province, that the immediate dairy production outlook is not optimistic.

Nor is the prospect any better across the line, where the U.S. Agriculture Department's economic research ser-

vice says there is little chance that last year's decline in the nation's milk output will be stemmed this year. It may fall about 2 per cent below the 125.1 billion pounds produced last year.

In an attempt to halt this trend, the department has moved to prevent a seasonal price drop in producer prices of fluid milk sold in 72 federal milk order marketing areas.

Still another factor in the U.S. situation was a decline of 5.6 per cent in the number of dairy cows in 1965, the largest annual percentage decline on record.

The fact that the problem is so widespread should spark further concern at Ottawa as to the threat it is posing to one of our major farm industries.

A McCrea Memorial

A brief news item from Ontario states that some admirers of Colonel John McCrea are trying to raise funds to buy his cottage birthplace as a memorial. We wish them success in their efforts.

It is fifty-one years since Colonel McCrea's 15-line poem appeared anonymously in a Paris newspaper, mourning the Canadian and British soldiers who died in the fighting at Ypres, 1914-15.

It is difficult for those who have not lived through the period to realize the impact this poem had at the time. It became known and loved throughout the Commonwealth, almost overnight.

A writer in the San Francisco Chronicle gives it this praise. He adds that to the sophisticated the poem was the outpouring of the naive, and this was in a measure true.

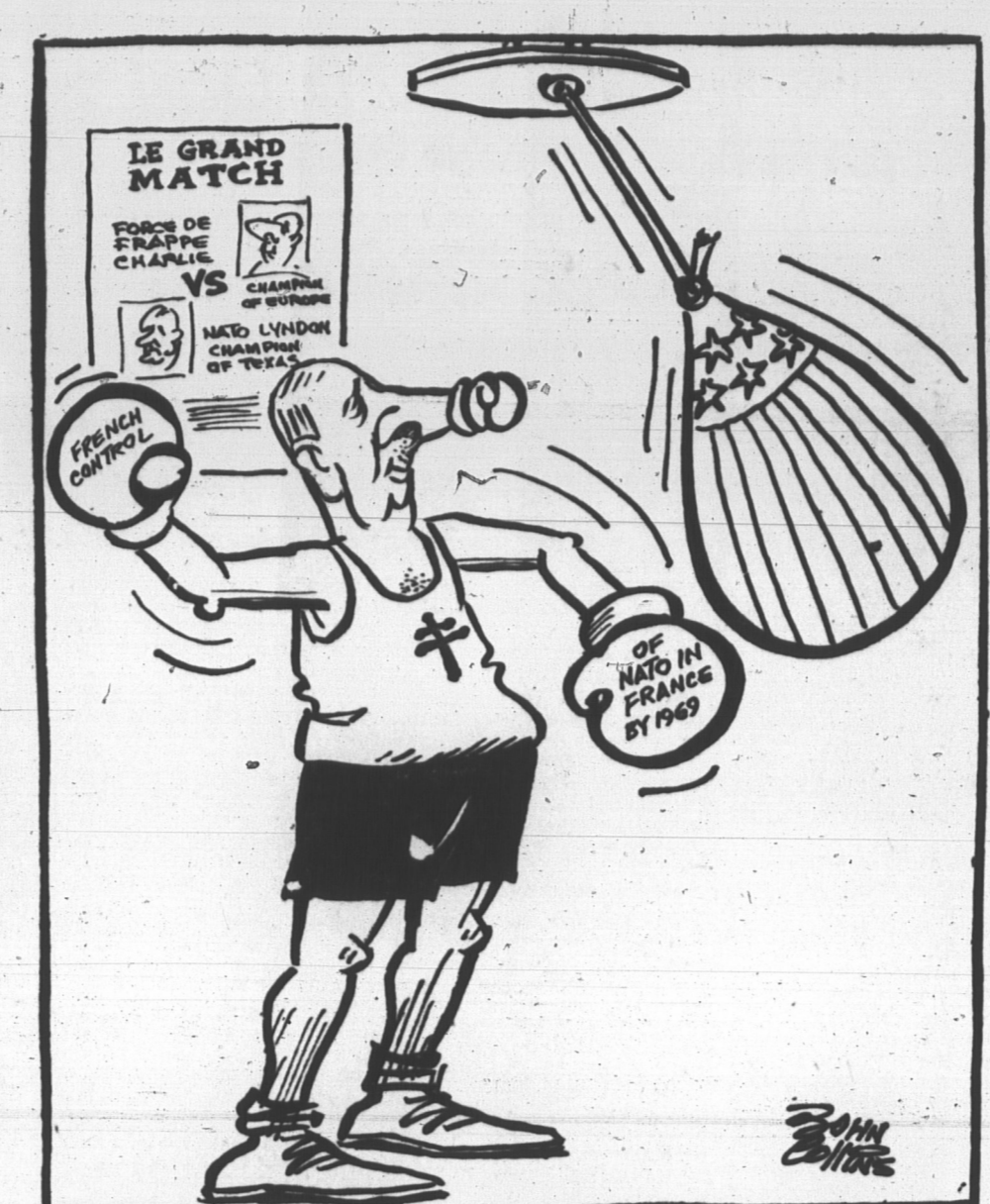
By this time poets, like the people who begot them, had become cynical, or at least lacked some deep urgency about the universal tragedy. For it is a stunning reality that the Second World War produced not one verse of lament and warning comparable to "In Flanders Fields."

Colonel McCrea was a medical officer in the Canadian army. He published other poems, but nothing that lived, and he died in the 1918 influenza epidemic.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It's come at last. An Ontario exchange cites the case of a motorist whose car was damaged when he hit a pedestrian in a congested traffic area and is suing him for reckless walking.

Even before we get the bad fiscal news for 1965-66, a tax foundation has estimated that the fiscal deficit for the following fiscal year will be between \$438 million and \$588 million.



GETTING IN S. H. A. P. E.

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Queens MP At Waterloo University

Heath Macquarrie spent seven years as a schoolteacher in his native Prince Edward Island, eight years as a professor of political science at universities in Quebec, Manitoba and New Brunswick, and now for nine years has been on Parliament Hill as Conservative MP for Queens, P.E.I.

Carrying garbage out, or picking it up after neighbor's dog gets into it, or tending one's own dog after neighbor's garbage gets into it, are things that give garbage (and dogs) a bad reputation.

The pulverizing business ranges from simply smashing and grinding garbage into "an end product resembling chopped up crude refuse" to highly selective processes that enable manufacture of compost for agriculture.

The picture of the poor auto mechanic having to fumble with different sets of wrenches to match the nationality of the car on the grease rack illustrates perfectly the idiocy of our system of weights and measures.

Our Yesterdays (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 14, 1941) German air raiders dropped clusters of fire bombs on London last night and early today in a renewal of their nocturnal assaults on the city.

Supplying a story book finish to a game that was apparently lost midway through the second period, Walter Lawlor's Junior Royals raced to their third straight Maritime title as they defeated Truro's Junior Bears 9-5 to take the round and title by a 13-10 score.

Fractures Of The Hip

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Hip fractures are most common after the age of 50 and are five times more likely to occur to women. The victim usually slips on a scatter rug, curb, ice, or in a wet tub, and falls on the hip.

Forty years ago this type of fracture was almost a death sentence. Fifty per cent died from the ill effects of prolonged bed rest and the broken bones failed to knit in half the survivors.

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The victim should not bear weight on the fractured extremity until there is X-ray evidence of a bony union. This may take three months but meanwhile the person is ambulatory with crutches.

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Red China's Lamentations

By Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer

The cockiness China showed after the fall of Nikita Khrushchev appears to be slowly giving way in Peking to a feeling of uneasiness and self-pity.

The ravings against China now are rising to a crescendo in the world," says the official People's Daily in reciting what it calls abuses against China by imperialists, reactionaries, modern revisionists, landlords, rich peasants, counter-revolutionaries, bad elements and rightists.

It would seem from the Peking view that virtually the whole world has risen against China through no fault of those who direct Chinese policy. But rather than admit self-error, China's leaders comfort themselves with the narrow view that those revolutionaries who attack China will simply suffer the fate of Khrushchev—they will be disowned.

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Now It's Anmatter

National Geographic Society

Astronomers now believe that much of the universe may be composed of antimatter—a substance that once seemed fantastic even by science-fiction standards.

Particles of antimatter resemble ordinary matter except that they are opposite in electrical charge and annihilate ordinary matter they touch. A space man landing on an antimatter planet would disappear in a huge burst of pure energy.

No one knows whether there are antimatter planets. Scientists have succeeded, with enormous difficulty, in making a few tiny bits of antimatter. None lasted long, for antimatter on the earth almost immediately collides with matter and disappears.

ANTIMATTER UNIVERSE? The tiny bits of antimatter have proved that the substance is real, and have spurred speculation that huge masses of antimatter may exist somewhere in the universe.

Astronomers are searching space for evidence of antimatter. They have found none so far, but the hunt has barely begun. Conceivably, the universe known to man might have its counterpart in a whole universe of antimatter.

The existence of antimatter was predicted about 1928 by the British physicist P.A.M. Dirac on the basis of mathematical calculations he made while working on the properties of the electron.

Two years later, American physicist Carl Anderson of the California Institute of Technology detected an anti-electron—the particle predicted by Dirac—in material knocked out of lead atoms by cosmic rays.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

MR. H. R. MURPHY of Kentville, Nova Scotia, has joined the Board of Seven-Up-Sussex Limited. Mr. Murphy is Vice-President, Sales of M. W. Graves & Company, Limited, and was for many years in charge of beverage sales when the Seven-Up franchise for the Maritimes was owned by the Graves organization.

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