

Governs Prince Edward Island Like The Dew
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We do hope the minister will get around, as soon as possible, to explaining how the "maximum" progress so necessary to completing a job of such magnitude can be achieved by eliminating "summertime employment" on that part of it which requires a spring and summer climate, and postponing it till the fall.

Ended With A Bang

It can't be said of our legislative session that it ended, as the late T. S. Eliot foresaw our civilization ending, "not with a bang but a whimper." The "bang" came on Wednesday, the day before prorogation, with an all-out opposition barrage against some of the government's industrial and fishermen's loan transactions, in which it produced evidence of what it claimed was political interference and demanded a judicial inquiry, "away from politics," and an external audit to boot.

It was all very dramatic. But the closing proceedings on Thursday were carried out in the usual sedate manner, and the expected announcement of an early election date did not materialize. Indeed the Premier, in a press statement, disowned any intention of making one, either then or over the weekend, and "perhaps none for a good time after that."

Which, of course, doesn't mean that he couldn't change his mind on the subject. But we think the government would be well advised if it found means of presenting its industrial advancement activities in a clearer light before seeking a fresh mandate from the taxpayers. This is a major part of its policies, and there is no question of it being of major importance to the province. There may be difficulties in the way of meeting all the demands for information that have been raised. But if it is innuendo and not facts that the opposition is relying on to discredit the government's record, as the Premier alleges, then surely the more light that is thrown on the matters in dispute the better.

There is an old saying about the procedure in our law courts that it should not only provide for justice being done, but for being plainly seen to be done. It should, in short, be above suspicion by being administered in as wide-open a manner as possible. There are court cases that must be held "in camera," and there are governmental transactions which, in their initial stages, may require to be conducted with a measure of secrecy. But the rule holds good in law and politics, that the more the public sees the less it is inclined to harbor—or be misled into harboring—doubts that breed suspicion and mistrust.

First Of Its Kind

An international gathering that may prove of widespread importance—and certainly to Canada in view of its Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act—is the first World Land Reform Conference, scheduled to open in Rome on June 20. At least 60 nations will be represented, and the delegates will be professional land-reform experts. They will compare notes on the success or failures attendant on the various systems of land distribution in many countries designed to benefit small farmers.

Discussion is expected to centre on the best methods of reassembling land after oversized farms are broken up. A difficulty is that theoretical land reform often runs counter to the trend of modern farm economics, which, in the interests of efficiency, demand mechanical planting and harvesting of vast acreages.

Experts may also investigate what land reform does to other development programs in poorer nations. Does it keep the right people on the farm? Are the best-suited workers heading for the factories in search of employment? What credit programs permit impoverished new landowners to get a proper start in modern farming?

The conference will have a heavy agenda. United Nations experts are hoping it will be an efficient clearing house for a lot of practical knowledge that has long lain fallow. Canada, let us hope, will be competently represented at its deliberations.



CULT OF PERSONALITY

EASTER'S DATE

A Problem For Many Centuries

All Christians celebrate Easter as a day of joy, but for centuries they have disagreed over fixing its date. In the early years of Christianity, the faithful observed Easter on many different days. The Orthodox Church's Easter generally varies from that of other Christian churches though in 1966 it comes on the same day, April 10.

Easter can fall on any date between March 22 and April 25. It occurred on March 22 in 1818, but will not be so early again in the 20th century. Easter fell on April 25 in 1943, but will not do so again until 2038.

Fixed Date Sought: "Secular groups have long urged that Christian churches assign Easter to the same date each year, or at least shorten the time span. The variance from year to year affects the flow of trade, court sittings, and school holidays. A group of British schoolboys once petitioned the Home Office to delay Easter and the usual holiday, so they would have more time to study for examinations."

Perplexity over the date for Easter goes back to the second century. Christians of Jewish origin wanted Easter celebrated in conjunction with the Jewish Passover. Gentle Christians wanted Easter always celebrated on what is now called Sunday, regardless of the day of the month.

The Council of Nicea in A. D. 325 declared that Easter must be celebrated by Christians everywhere on the Sunday following the 14th day of the Paschal full moon after the spring, or vernal, equinox. To simplify calculations, the Council decreed that for ecclesiastical purposes, March 21 should be regarded as the vernal equinox, though in fact the date may vary by a day or two. Similarly, the traditional Paschal full moon does not always coincide with the astronomical or actual, full moon.

Our Yesterdays

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 9, 1941) A Berlin despatch to the Popoli di Roma, Rome, said the Suez Canal would be the Axis goal if Yugoslavia and Greece are conquered.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 9, 1956) National Research Council Scholarships were awarded to D.C. Santry of Charlottetown and James Earl Bruce of High Bank, in the amount of \$2,000 for Mr. Santry and \$1,600 for Mr. Bruce.

Former intelligence chief Ot- to John, who made world headlines by fleeing both ways across the Iron Curtain within 18 months was almost a forgotten prisoner in a West German jail. Officials said it might be three months before the handsome, broad-shouldered German was brought to trial on charges still then to be specified.

New Hope For Cirrhosis

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Alcoholic cirrhosis is a serious liver condition and the fourth most common cause of death among males under age 40. Until recently very little could be done to correct the disturbance or to treat the complications which include hemorrhage from the upper part of the stomach, distention of the abdomen with fluid, and coma. Something can now be done for all of these.

The liver, a huge vascular sponge, is the body's largest organ. It performs about 70 vital functions of which six or more are needed for survival. The organ enlarges initially due to fat deposits. When the individual continues to drink and eats poorly, the structure shrinks and hardens. Trouble begins when blood circulation through the organ is blocked.

A safe diet, diuretics, spironeolone, albumin infusions, and the corticosteroids help to control the fluid. An operation to bypass the liver also is available. Meanwhile the body tries to re-route blood around the liver by enlarging certain vessels near the entrance of the stomach. These esophageal veins become varicose and rupture when irritated by food and acid.

Bleeding occurs in more than a half of those with varicose veins and one-third die from sanguation. Today many are saved by vessel ligation. A potential remedy was recently suggested when it was found that lymph flow also is impeded and by venting the thoracic duct or enlarging its connection with a vein in the neck, the liver becomes smaller, followed by disappearance of ascites, and cessation of bleeding from varices. This is an important breakthrough.

VIRAL PNEUMONIA P.P.T. writes: Is virus pneumonia more serious than old fashioned pneumonia? REPLY: Prior to the discovery of the sulfonamides and penicillin, the older type of pneumonia was more serious. In some forms, one of every three patients died. Now that the bacterial pneumonias are tamed, viral pneumonias are more serious.

D. E. writes: Is the seven year itch contagious? REPLY: Highly so. CLOSING OFF TUBES Mrs. D. C. writes: Can the tubes be untied once they have been tied? REPLY: Theoretically, yes, but the procedure is difficult and the results are so uncertain that most gynecologists do not consider it practical.

DEFIES BUSINESSMEN

SPALDING, England (CP)— Mrs. Lian Hardy is a farmer's wife with a grudge against the profit-making middleman because she says cabbages are sold directly to the public.

RUSK LIKES BOND

WASHINGTON (AP)— State Secretary Dean Rusk likes to relax reading spy stories. Rusk discussed in a television interview program that for a half hour before retiring at night he reads history, biographies, sometimes poetry, and novels. "I do enjoy mystery stories," he said. "I've read all the Bond stories."

Peace Talk Hopes Dimmed

By Boris Miskew Canadian Press Staff Writer UNITED NATIONS (CP)— The inability to mobilize the International Control Commission to help bring about Vietnamese peace talks has cast a shadow across United Nations headquarters.

UN Secretary-General U Thant Wednesday expressed pessimism and disappointment with the failure so far to open peace talks on the Vietnamese question despite a Canadian initiative to use the commission to bridge a gap between recent UN efforts and a suggested Geneva conference.

Canada's External Affairs Minister Paul Martin, made a special trip to UN headquarters in mid-February to discuss a possible role for the commission with Thant and U.S. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg before going to Washington for talks with U.S. State Secretary Dean Rusk.

OVERSEAS AGREEMENTS Canada, Poland and India are members of the commission set up to oversee the 1954 Geneva agreements which paved the way for French withdrawal from Indochina and left South and North Viet Nam divided. The secretary-general said at a press conference Wednesday the idea of using the commission to help bring peace to

RANSOM RAISED

MIAMI (AP)—The kidnapper of 18-year-old Daniel Goldman now can collect \$45,000 for the youth's safe return. The youth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Goldman, say they have the \$25,000 ransom money ready, friends have raised \$15,000 and the Miami Herald has offered \$5,000 for his safe return.

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A THOUSAND DAYS

One of the main ingredients of President Kennedy's special magnetism, during his brief days in office, was his family. The second of a four-part Weekend Magazine serialization of the best-selling book, "A Thousand Days," details the warm and informal family life that went on in the White House when the Kennedys were there.

Holland's Glad Hatters

Alkmaar, Holland is famous for more than just its cheese market. Women's Editor Doyle Klyn visited Alkmaar to see the cheese auctioned and was just as fascinated by the gaily-hatted men of the various cheese guilds. You will see why in her column, "According to Doyle" this week in Weekend Magazine.

Blue Egg is a Good Egg

Blue eggs are the latest! Food Editor Margo Oliver says that there is now a special breed of chicken that lays blue eggs. But she prefers brown ones and perhaps you like white. However, regardless of their color, Margo's recipes for this week use plenty of eggs—for delicious desserts or eggstra special dinners.

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EGG-PHOTOGRAPHER

Birdwatching is a hobby with many people but few concentrate on watching the eggs. Dr. George Peck, Oakville veterinarian, is probably the only man in North America who makes a specialty of photographing birds' nests—and especially their eggs. The frustrations and rewards of this unique hobby are told by Robert Marjoribanks.

Long-distance swimmers are a breed apart

Long-distance swimmers are a breed apart, says Sports Editor Andy O'Brien. And Canada's Regent Lacoursiere is one of this exclusive club of athletes. He told Andy what it was like to swim the 34-mile endurance test that is the Mar del Plata course held among shark-speckled waters in Argentina.