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"The strongest remedy is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Tory Eggheds

Our esteemed Liberal contemporary, the Winnipeg Free Press, takes critical note of the fact that the same Conservative convention which overwhelmingly endorsed Mr. Diefenbaker's leadership...

This, it adds, "may be a formidable undertaking because it probably did not escape the Conservative leader's attention that Mr. Heath Macquarrie, generally accounted one of the remaining Conservative eggheds, was a proponent of the secret ballot at last week's convention."

That John Diefenbaker, P.C., Q.C., M.A., LL.B., LL.D., D.C.L., F.R.C.S., as an "egghed" is being seriously propounded in Peter Newman's book, "Renegade in Power", but there is a difference between snobbery and intellectualism, and we find this strikingly revealed in Mr. Newman's criticism of the Diefenbaker regime.

Neither Mr. Camp nor Mr. Macquarrie, we fancy, would subscribe to the idea that one is necessarily an anti-egghed for the reasons given.

If the convention of "Conservative thinkers" is to be a convention merely of the snobs of the party, it won't matter much how it goes. But we gather that it is intended to be something else entirely, having nothing whatever to do with the cult of downgrading the rank and file of the people—among whom, indeed, there are quite as many capable "thinkers"—"eggheds" as you like—there are among the "well-heeled" sophisticates of the plush urban areas.

Trade With Cuba

Despite all the lecturing Washington has given Canada, Britain and other allies on the iniquity of the trade they do with Cuba, the United States seems quite willing to sell food and medicine to that country on a profitable basis.

The figures for 1962, before the missile crisis but at a time when the United States was already trying to impose sanctions, are equally revealing.

Washington approved exports of U.S. goods to Cuba worth \$13.4 million, while Canada's exports amounted to \$10.8 million and Britain's were only \$5 million.

We take these figures from the Toronto Globe and Mail, which charges the United States with putting itself in an absurd, not to say hypocritical position, in this matter. It is apparent that there is no validity in the U.S. complaints against its allies, and the suspicion must be that they are made largely for home consumption—to convince the U.S. electorate that the Administration is not "soft on Cuba."

Winter Warriors

While digging ourselves out of the worst snowstorm of the winter, let those of us who only have to do that and don't have to spend all our waking hours on emergency jobs that the storm has created—in keeping open our lines of transportation and communication, servicing our food and fuel requirements, and whatnot—spare a grateful thought for those who do.

All our community facilities that can be affected by adverse weather need staffs of expert workers on call day and night at this time of the year, and last Sunday night's storm hadn't blown itself out on Monday before many of them were on the job.

This goes particularly for the personnel of our car ferry and railway services, our snowplow operators and telegraph and telephone linesmen. But there are many others—mailmen, taxi drivers, truckers of necessary commodities—right down to the brave youngsters who set a fine example in delivering our local newspapers in Charlottetown yesterday.

A salute to all our citizens, young and old, whose jobs keep them outdoors on our behalf in sleet and snow and freezing temperatures! Their skill, their hardihood and devotion to duty are what enable the rest of us to sit comfortably at home, or attend to our businesses, and grumble if the trains are a little late or the roads not promptly cleared.

New Stamp Issues

With Ottawa planning special stamp issues for our Confederation centennial observances, perhaps more attention should be given to recent developments in this field of designing, of which there are noteworthy examples in recent stamps issued by two of the newer Commonwealth countries.

One is the new set of Tonga stamps. Where stamps usually are square or rectangular—on occasion triangular or diamond-shaped—the new Tonga issues are perfectly circular, and they are printed on gold paper. The result is a great demand for the islands' stamps—even before they reached Tonga from the printing firm in Britain.

The second country to break with philatelic traditions is Sierra Leone. This African nation's new stamps, issued on February 10, are not regular-shaped at all, but are the same shape as the country. Furthermore, they do not have to be licked. Pressed on to an envelope, they stick by themselves. This innovation, according to the firm responsible for the advice, is the first major variation in philatelic design since the first stamps were issued in 1840.

"All of which," comments the Winnipeg Free Press in calling attention to these innovations, "makes Canada's efforts at commemoratives look a bit drab and stereotyped."

EDITORIAL NOTE

"Study Abroad", an annual publication by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, has some interesting information about the manner in which the Soviet Union is wooing foreign students with free tuition and medical care, cheap housing and up to \$2,500 a year in spending money.

The United States tops that by giving some fellowships that pay more than \$6,000 a year. The Soviets, however, keep trying despite the trouble they had last year with African students in Moscow, especially the w.i.g.s. w's



THE WRONG END OF THE BUCK

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Rising Hostility Noted Against Extremists

Parliamentarians returning here for the new session are bringing back their impressions of the mood of the nation, fanned during two months of Christmas recess spent with their ears to the ground.

From all parts of Canada the same story is reaching Ottawa, sympathetic to reasonable requests by Quebec, but is growing increasingly opposed to excessive demands. The Ontario colony in Manitoba lines up with the same stand taken by the United Kingdom and German population on the Prairies, by the Scandinavians in Alberta where French is the first language, by the Highland Scots of the Maritimes, by the Italian colony in Toronto, by the Dutch and Germans in B.C., and by the Poles in the Atlantic provinces.

PUBLIC FORUM

Our Yesterdays (From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO (February 18, 1939)

Reporting a rapidly growing industry, the fish and shell fish through central and inland waters.

The program here when King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visit the province during the coming summer was discussed by Dr. E.H. Coleman, Under Secretary of State and Deputy Registrar General of Canada with His Honour Lieutenant Governor George H. DeLois, Premier Thane A. Campbell and local officials today.

TEN YEARS AGO (St. Dunstons University Debaters have won their third Maritime Cup in Maritime Debating Championship in five years.)

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1 in 5 Women Have Fibroids

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Fibroids of the uterus rarely occur before the age of 30. They are capable of growing enormously and may cause serious complications.

Tumors of this size cause marked abdominal swellings, a more pronounced than during pregnancy. Pressure within the abdomen leads to discomfort and the majority of women with large growths can hardly walk without becoming exhausted.

Removal of large fibroids to hazardous and takes time. Numerous transfusions are required in reaching the tumor.

There are other aspects, very important aspects, of the more extreme Quebec demands, but the objection to being forced to use French seems to be the most widespread reaction.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Some wise children complain that the only way of learning how to write is anyone can read it is that teachers find out they can't spell.—Ottawa Journal.

Who can be harder to get along with than President of the Communist Party, as of Gaule is finding out.—Milwaukee Journal.

Italian scholars are producing on computer punch cards a concordance, or index, to the approximately 15 million words St. Thomas Aquinas wrote in his lifetime.

Seaborg reminded his listeners that the renewed Roman Catholicism is a student of the universe was composed of atoms in perpetual motion.

Use of radioactive carbon-14 dating methods has established the actual age of the Dead Sea scrolls, fixed the age of the great monuments at Stonehenge.

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