

Po Nan, the Nationalist Chinese delegate to the Geneva meeting of the advisory committee to the U.N. high commissioner for refugees, has charged that Britain's action in damming the flood of refugees is a violation of international law.

Since 1949, refugees from Communist China have more than doubled Hong Kong's population, to 3,200,000. Other countries have done precious little to help. During the first quarter of 1962, Canada accepted only 50 people from Hong Kong. The record of other countries is not much better.

Saskatchewan Prospects

Mr. Douglas exuded confidence on his visit to Prince Edward Island yesterday, as befits the leader of a bouncing new national party and his own well-earned reputation in the province as the saviour of Saskatchewan provincial politics. As premier there he was unbeatn, and as a gallant fighter at all times we salute him; but we are still of the opinion that his chances of playing the role of David against the Conservative and Liberal Goliaths in this battle are unpromising.

Briefly, the prospects in Saskatchewan are for the Conservatives running well ahead of the political pack. Some observers even predict a personal defeat for Mr. Douglas in Regina City, where the Conservative candidate, Kenneth More, won out by a hefty margin in 1958. That we shouldn't like to see, for men of Mr. Douglas's calibre are needed at Ottawa, regardless of where they sit in the chamber.

Mr. Diefenbaker may have lost some of his lustre, but he is still a popular figure in Saskatchewan, and his colleague, Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton—the province's other representative in the federal cabinet—has grown enormously in stature, due to his energetic wheat marketing methods and the disposal to Communist China of the great surplus which overhung the market for so long. A few days ago, while Liberal Leader Lester Pearson was promising the western farmer \$2 a bushel for wheat, what was actually selling at \$2.05 1/2 and \$2.06 1/2 at Churchill and Vancouver respectively. In 1958, the Conservatives walked off with 16 of Saskatchewan's 17 seats in the Commons—they lost only to Hazen Argue, then a leading member of the CCF, but now a proselyting Liberal—and the indications are that they will hold most of their gains.

Reports are, too, that the New Democrats have been hurt by the Saskatchewan marketing war with the doctor and by dissensions and desertions. Mr. Argue's charge that the NDP is under the thumb of organized labor may be unfounded, but there seems no doubt of the impression it has made in farm areas loyal to the old CCF movement which have viewed the new party with suspicion from the start.

Mr. Douglas will admit none of these things, and we don't expect him to. But they are the views of commentators of wide reputation for fairness and objectivity. We give them here for what they are worth.

Criticizing Britain

One of the saddest dramas in the world is being enacted in Hong Kong, where the British have had to turn back thousands of miserable, starving refugees who are trying to get out of Communist China. The refugees, who at first submitted docilely to arrest and deportation, are reported to be growing more truculent. If the influx continues, it will pose a dangerous problem, not only in maintaining law and order but from the public health standpoint as well.

The Nationalist Chinese government on Formosa has, during the past 10 years, accepted only a few refugees from Communist China. The British authorities in Hong Kong, on the other hand, have accepted over 1,000,000. Yet Mr. Chou

A Tragic Lesson

How many of those 37 deaths on Canadian highways over the Victoria Day weekend could have been averted—not by taking full precautions which might have eliminated them altogether, but by the use of just one safety device for which the members of the National Council of Women have a recently been campaigning?

These women, 700,000 strong, have launched a coast-to-coast drive for seat belts in motor cars. Their campaign has the backing of the Canadian Highway Safety Council and should by this time be familiar to every car driver in the country. Yet one sees comparatively few of these seat belts in use, and it is safe to say that many of the victims in the appalling death toll last weekend were unprotected in this manner.

The requests held into these fatalities might provide information on this score which could be of value in arousing the public from its apathy in the matter. It has been proven that seat belts do lead to the saving of lives in highway accidents. If we must have these accidents, surely it is compounding criminal negligence not to have seat belts in general use.

Mrs. George Vanier, wife of the Governor General, has issued an appeal in this connection from Government House, Ottawa. "If every woman in Canada would insist on the use of seat belts in cars," she says, "many tragedies would be avoided." It is not too late to make the next holiday less shocking in its tragedies by following her advice.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is interesting to note that exports of farm products from Britain, although minor compared with total industrial exports, showed a sharp rise, from \$42,250,000 in 1960 to \$49,500,000 in 1961. The increase was almost entirely in raw, not processed, products, by far the biggest increase being in shipments of cattle for slaughter.

Unlike most birds, whose feather coloration distinguishes the sexes, male and female pelicans look so much alike that under usual conditions only another pelican can tell them apart. Last week British officials in London's St. James Park had to confess as much, with respect to a pelican which had lived there for ten years under their care.

Housing starts in Canada in the first four months of 1962 remain on a par with the corresponding period of 1961 but National Housing Act loan approvals have fallen sharply. There must be some explanation for this, but Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation gives the figures without comment. The January-April approvals were down 25.1 per cent from the 18,578 figure a year earlier.

Andre Malraux, distinguished French Minister of State for Cultural Affairs, paid a fine tribute to the United States on the occasion of his recent visit to Washington. He testified in these words: "The only nation that has waged war but not worshipped it, that has won the greatest power in the world but not sought it, that has wrought the greatest weapon of death but not wished to wield it... may inspire men with dreams worthy of its actions."



THE ELEVATOR OPERATOR

BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION

Berlin Settlement In Perspective

By W. N. Kerr, United Kingdom Information Service

The idea of an international control of the lines of communication between West Berlin and Western Germany was first thrown out by President Kennedy as a possible contribution to a "Berlin settlement." More detailed suggestions for such a system have been made during the past few weeks. A series of reports, rumours and speculations about deep discussions between the Western Powers. Now it is beyond dispute that there have been differences of opinion. Both Chancellor Adenauer and President de Gaulle have expressed their views. It is clear that they are by no means enamoured of the idea. At the same time, however, it does not seem clear that they have any objection to the United States Government examining the possibilities.

PUBLIC FORUM

POTATO MARKETING BOARD Sir—How many potato growers realize they are supporting a potato marketing board? I mean I would say less than 25 per cent do. And this is not strictly correct, for the board is not a marketing board, it is a price control board. It is a board that makes up its own mind as to what price it will set for potatoes. It is a board that makes up its own mind as to what price it will set for potatoes. It is a board that makes up its own mind as to what price it will set for potatoes.

SAUCE FOR THE GANDER Sir—While shopping in Charlottetown I was surprised to notice a group of people gathered on the sidewalk. They were talking and laughing and seemed to be in a good mood. I asked one of the men what was going on. He said they were celebrating a wedding. They were celebrating a wedding. They were celebrating a wedding.

Mr. Hamilton's Appeal Ottawa Citizen

Mr. Hamilton is warranted in appealing to the public because of existing 'world demand' but there is a big 'if' in his appeal. The statistics suggest that targets will be nearly reached if this year's wheat crop is about 1,000,000 bushels. The 1961 average of 303 bushels to the acre. Those were the days when the wheat crop was something well short of 30 bushels to the acre. It is not in prospect. The most urgent need is for more grain storage. Mr. Hamilton rightly stresses these two points. There will be a big 'if' in his appeal. The statistics suggest that targets will be nearly reached if this year's wheat crop is about 1,000,000 bushels to the acre. Those were the days when the wheat crop was something well short of 30 bushels to the acre. It is not in prospect. The most urgent need is for more grain storage.

Eating For Two Not Suggested

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen A PREGNANT woman should eat the food to which she is accustomed. It is not suggested that she eat too much weight. There is no justification for "eating for two." A woman on a balanced variety of foods including meat, green vegetables, fruits, cereals, and dairy products should gain 25 to 30 pounds in weight during pregnancy. Excessive weight is highly undesirable. It is unwise to gain more than 25 to 30 pounds. Women are ahead of the game if they keep it down to 20 pounds. This requires discipline from the beginning of pregnancy. The results are worth the trouble because it means much to the health of the mother and child. In addition, the figure is preserved.

The recommended diet during pregnancy should include a minimum of one serving of meat, fish, or chicken; one egg; one pint of milk; one ounce of dark, whole grain, or enriched white bread; two or three servings of vegetables; one raw and one green or yellow; one or two servings of fruit; and one or two servings of fortified margarine. Some physicians also suggest a serving of live yogurt. The basic diet. Add sufficient additional foods to satisfy appetite without gaining too much weight. Protein and iron are most important because they supply the building blocks for fetal development. The vegetable sources are found in beans, peas, and wheat cereals.

This basic diet also contains the calcium necessary for the development of the fetus. Milk contains calcium and phosphorus and is a good source of the latter. Calcium rather than increases the level of calcium in the blood. This is the lead element in the calcium during pregnancy. This means an excessive milk intake is not necessary so long as calcium gluconate tablet is taken. A multiple vitamin product is also recommended. (Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, addressed to: Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, 1000 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.)

BALLOON BLOWING Mr. C writes: I blow up some balloons for my children and since then I have had pain in my chest. What damage did I do to it?

REPLY Examination will be needed to answer this question. Blowing the balloons increased pressure in the chest cavity and throat. Some of the secretions may have been forced into the ear canals. It is this "backflow" into the inner ear. The air may be trapped in the ear cavity or in the middle ear.

MORNING BRUSHING Mr. M writes: It is more hygienic to clean the teeth before or after breakfast?

REPLY After the chance of developing cavities is minimized by eliminating particles that adhere to the teeth. This process begins shortly after eating. The teeth should be brushed or the mouth rinsed after each meal. The mouth should be clean by the morning if the teeth were brushed after eating the night before.

X-RAYS AND ARTHRITIS T. N. writes: Does arthritis of the spine show up on X-ray?

REPLY No, but there seems to be no relationship between symptoms and the severity of the process as seen on an X-ray film. Arthritis is a degenerative arthritis, according to the X-ray, but never had a backache or stiffness.

PREGNANCY IMPOSSIBLE Mr. X writes: Can a woman become pregnant after the uterus is removed?

REPLY No, because there is no place for the sperm and ovum to meet. Today's Health—When driving, never allow your child to stand up on the front seat.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Another line that is extremely difficult to define is the one between antiques and junk—Sorb-bury Star.

It has long been lamented that typewriting ruined handwriting, and now, says a man who employs airplane accident writers, something seems to have ruined typewriting—Calgary Herald.

The fancy designers in supermarkets have created a real problem for shoppers with little self-control. —Stratford Beacon-Herald.

One of the most remarkable bits of detective work applied to the cases of airplane accidents recently came to light in the report of the investigation into a crash at Boston in the fall of 1960 that took 11 lives. Early in their probe, the investigators suspected that starlings not only caused the crash but also might cause others. The problem was to find the key to the appearance of the birds. This led to this particular model of aircraft.

Yet no other airlines appeared to experience this hazard. This led to a study of the sounds made by various types of aircraft engines. The aid of biologists was enlisted. And thus it was discovered that the noises emitted by the type D one type only, contained a high-pitched twitter like that of swarmed crickets in late summer. Starlings feed on crickets.

It seems to explain the reported crash. The engineers on take-off steps to alter the sound frequency of the engines so that they will no longer have the attraction for starlings. This one more step has been taken to make air travel safer. But vigilance may be called for the development of new planes will no doubt bring with it new and unsuspected hazards.

FOUND DEAD TORONTO (CP) — J. Alan Savage, 35, manager of the radio and television department of the Cuckfield, Brown and Company Ltd. in the advertising agency, was found dead at his home Monday night. His death was attributed to coronary thrombosis.

WHAT'S THE RECORD ON THE ACROSS CANADA?



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