

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew... Wallace Ward... Managing Editor... Published every week day morning except Sunday...

insistence that the United States was the belligerent, and that it could stop the war at any time. Mr. Martin replied: 'The United States has offered to conduct peace negotiations in Viet Nam with no pre-conditions and we are working toward that end with every energy at our disposal.'

It is ironic that the parliamentary delegation Mr. Polvansky headed was part of a "bridge-building" process initiated between the two countries, a Canadian parliamentary delegation having visited the Soviet Union last year. And, of course, there was added hope of improvement in relations as a result of the recent spectacular sale of \$800 million worth of Canadian wheat to Russia.

But Canada cannot afford to be used as a sounding board for anti-American Soviet propaganda, and it was well indeed that Mr. Martin made this clear at the government-sponsored dinner. It is well, too, for Canadians to be reminded that falsification of current history is still being practiced at Moscow, especially where the United States is concerned.

Witness the treatment given recently to the 25th anniversary of Nazi Germany's attack on the Soviet Union. Articles in Russian newspapers blamed the German attack on Britain, and the U.S.—notwithstanding that Britain was then in the war and the U.S. obviously was aiding Britain if not yet actually engaged. Russia, on the other hand, having signed a non-aggression pact with the Nazis in 1939, was still nominally Germany's friend.

Again, Soviet Defense Minister Malinovsky is quoted as authority that it was the Soviet army, helped by the Mongolians and Chinese Communists, and not the American A-bomb, that defeated Japan. This distortion of facts goes on continually as a state policy, and it is not surprising that Mr. Polvansky should hold the views to which he gave expression at Ottawa. But holding them is one thing, and blurring them out at the time and place he did is another. It is to be hoped that the incident will now be regarded as closed; but that, of course, will be up to Moscow.

More Zany Questions
Now the "Bi and Bi" probes are off on another tangent. In the words of an Ontario exchange, they have decided that it is vital to the nation's development to determine just how often the Canadian soldier writes to his mother. To this end this much-too-well-heeled commission has distributed a questionnaire among armed services personnel asking this and a lot of other impertinent questions. All of course, at the taxpayers' expense.

It wants to know, among other things, whether the respondents are male or female and whether they would educate their children in French. Also high on the question list is the opinion of the individual holds of himself—whether he feels he, or she, is of the military class, the intellectual class, the upper class, the working class, or the middle class. As only one answer is allowed for this question, it must be assumed that the Bi-Bi Commissioners feel that a "military class" man cannot be an intellectual, or indeed that he can fit comfortably into any of the other classes mentioned. And why should unmoderated class distinctions of this kind be dredged up anyway?

For some undetermined reason the Commission is also apparently convinced that a man's desire to own a home in preference to going fishing, or doing something else, has an important bearing on national unity. One question asks: "Among the following possibilities, which two would you choose if you had the financial means—buy a residential property, buy a summer home, buy sports or leisure equipment, retire from work, buy or trade in a car, get married, item not mentioned above?"

Significantly there is no suggestion that perhaps a soldier might just wish to save some of his money, unless this comes under "unmentioned items." In any case, what earthly business is it of the commission's, and what right have they to pry into the private lives of our service personnel in this manner?

Surely Parliament, which unwittingly created this inquisitorial monstrosity, can put a stop to its antics before they get completely out of hand.



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MADE TO BLOOM

Reclaiming Vast Tracts Of Desert Land

National Geographic News Bulletin
Man's old dream of making the desert bloom is coming true. Orchards, vineyards, and forests are growing on former wastelands in many countries. Mammoth irrigation projects have reclaimed millions of acres. New conservation techniques are helping to revive elsewhere.

In Libya, for example, petroleum has helped transform sand dunes into lush oases. Water-bearing dunes were planted with eucalyptus and acacia seedlings then sprayed with oil to hold the soil. Trees planted only four years ago now stand 25 feet tall. In time the desert forest will yield a valuable hardwood crop.

Similar treatment of dunes has been successful in Texas, Argentina, Australia, and India. KARA KUM RECLAIMED. Black sands of the Kara Kum Desert cover almost 90 percent of the 188,400 square miles of the Turkmen Republic in the Soviet Union.

An old Turkmen proverb says, "When a bird flies over the Kara Kum Desert, it sheds its plumes, and when a man walks across it, he loses his legs."

Now, this forbidding desert has been subdued by one of the biggest irrigation projects in the world—the Kara Kum Canal. The 496-mile-long waterway has converted arid sands into cotton plantations and orchards.

Water from deep wells and a branch of the All American Canal made parts of the Coachella Valley in southern California into a rich garden. Today the valley produces 90 percent of the dates grown in the United States.

Date palms may play a crucial role in one of man's most ambitious undertakings—reclamation of the Sahara. The desert covers 3,500,000 square miles, an area nearly the size of the entire United States. As dates are a staple of nomads, countries of the Sahara hope to reforest old and new oases with huge groves.

A WALL AGAINST HUNGER. The United Arab Republic is erecting the Aswan High Dam as a wall against hunger. The dam's tremendous reservoir can hold the Nile's entire annual flow—will increase cultivated lands by a third. The project will provide water for two million now-barren acres in Israel, the Negev Institute.

Our Yesterdays (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 2, 1941) Soviet Premier Stalin in a broadcast, relayed on all Russian radio stations said German forces had occupied Lithuania, the greater part of Latvia and the western parts of White Russia and the Ukraine.

Strong rumors in Chinese circles, said that Hitler's price for yesterday's Axis recognition of the Japanese-sponsored Wang Ching-wei Nanking Government was a Japanese blockade of Vladivostok, Siberia.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 2, 1956) Scout George Raymond MacLean, 14, 7th Charlottetown Troop was one of forty to receive honours and awards announced by His Excellency, the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, Governor General of Canada and Chief Scout. He was awarded the Certificate of Merit for Gallantry for his presence of mind in rescuing William R. Hamby who had fallen through the ice at the Fish Hatchery Pond at Southport.

Speaker Bone Residua under opposition fire for a month submitted his resignation from the Commons chair to gain his full freedom of speech.

EDITORIAL NOTE Ontario is now conducting a \$600,000 investigation of Great Lakes pollution, and according to figures given U.S. Interior Secretary Udall by Mines Minister Pepin, Canada will spend about \$1,000,000 this year on research in the Great Lakes and by 1970 will be spending \$5,000,000.

Tanning Is Protection

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
Some persons never tan (hello phobes), they redden, blister, and burn. This group is sensitive to the rays of the sun and should accept this fact. The majority are the Nordic type with smooth, soft, light skin; they have blue eyes naturally blond hair, and a deficient supply of the pigment needed for tanning.

Some can now achieve a light brown without burning by utilizing a psoralen—a pigment stimulating drug. These products are tricky and should never be used unless prescribed by the physician. The psoralens encourage the dermis to retain protecting against light sensitivity, and promoting a tan. A good sunscreen ointment also helps. Anyone going on a vacation or fishing trip should try to get a tan first and not take a chance on burning after reaching the holiday site.

Tanning is nature's way of protecting the body against too much sun. Once acquired, burning rarely occurs even though the person remains out of doors for hours. The responsible agent is melanin, a pigment that is manufactured in the deepest layer of the epidermis. Blondes have only a small amount and albinos, none. The heliophobe has so little he burns long before he browns. Freckling occurs when the pigment is collected in spots. This is a normal response to sunlight. The spots can be camouflaged and products are available to bleach or minimize the pigmentation.

Mother Nature never intended that we make burnt offerings of ourselves. Office workers are not so susceptible as those who receive a double dose by working out of doors. The end result of too much Old Sol is coarse, dry, leathery skin as is evidenced by studying the hide of an old sailor, rancher, or farmer. Furthermore, cutaneous cancer is on the increase and many authorities believe that ultraviolet plays a role. Blondes should be most concerned along this line.

Sunburn can be serious and every year hospitals admit hundreds who were foolish enough to overexpose themselves. Those who suffer from ordinary sunburn should rely on cleanliness and moist compresses. Petroleum jelly also helps.

ITCHING Mrs. N. E. writes: "Could itching be a symptom of an ailment other than a skin disease?" REPLY: Yes, itching occurs as a symptom in many diseases including diabetes and liver disorders. In other instances, it is traceable to nervousness.

EXCESS PROTEIN Mrs. M. writes: "Is taking too much protein in the diet dangerous?" REPLY: Lopsided diets ultimately upset the chemical balance of the body and it is unwise, therefore, to exclude fats and carbohydrates entirely.

WORKING OFF PEEVES T. M. writes: "Will engaging in boxing help a person who has many resentments and much hostility?" REPLY: This sounds logical but pick an easy fellow because the pain may backfire if you lose.

HAMMER-TOE K. L. writes: "Does hammer-toe of two years' duration necessitate surgery?" REPLY: Only if it hurts or is bothersome enough to interfere with walking.

Health Hint — Brush the teeth after eating. (Note: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

NOTES BY THE WAY

There are men who can pilot space crafts, men who can operate electronic brains, and men who can design cantilever bridges, but show us a man who can walk into a closet and untangle the clothes-hangers. — Chicago Daily News

The young lawyer, trying to feel prosperous, hung a sign on his door as he went to lunch. "Back in an hour." When he returned, his rival across the hall had added: "What for?" — Gall Reporter

The Conservative executive council at Bramley, Kent, has reshuffled its newly re-elected Tory MP, Mr. John Hunt, for eating chips with Mr. Eric Lubbock, the Liberal MP for adjoining Orpington, during a value-for-money survey of local fish-and-chip shops. — Sunday Express

Nearly one-third of the Canadian population is said to be under 15 and another third drive like it when they get on the highways. — Hamilton Spectator

"I see you have your arm a sling," said the inquisitive passenger. "Broken, isn't it?" "Yes, sir," responded the other passenger. "Meet with an accident." "No, broke it while trying to get myself on the back." "G o o d heavens! What for?" "For minding my own business." — Financial Post

Replacing The Plow

From Tim Inimemorial preparation of soil for seeding or planting has begun with plowing. Before man came along, seeds fell to the ground and grew, sometimes, despite the lack of cultivation. Someone, at some time, noticed that seeds that had fallen where the ground had been loosened grew unusually well, and farming had been established, in brief. It is only comparatively recently that agriculture has been studied seriously enough to turn up the fact that in some situations the most destructive treatment you can give soil is to "work it."

The possibility of preparing soil for seeding, that is, getting rid of weed growth encumbering it, without the plow is one benefit apparent from the recent introduction of two related agricultural chemicals, herbicides, or weed-killers, paraquat and diquat.

The control of weeds that appear later without cultivation, which may injure the root system of what you are trying to assist, is another. Dispersing with cultivation means that seed can be sown when soil is too wet to be dealt with in any other way, or that soil on slopes whose angle rules out machinery can be seeded.

Unlike many other agricultural chemicals, paraquat and diquat produce no side-effects. They are inactivated on contact with the soil, and are not taken up by roots of plants. They have no detectable effects on microfauna in the soil, and the health and vigor of earthworms seem to be promoted by them. They are, in short, almost too good to be true.

The hunger of many underdeveloped countries could be overcome if they were in position to bring their agriculture up near Western levels. One way to telescope that process immensely would be to supply them with paraquat and diquat.

Right Of Sanctuary

Winipeg Tribune
Refugees from persecution have traditionally had right of asylum in Britain.

Not until the post-war period and the membership of the British Empire did it become apparent that this right in Britain was being threatened by states retaining membership in the Commonwealth.

Refugees from persecution in the new states of the Commonwealth could find no refuge in Britain as the laws governing such matters were not applicable.

Three years ago Chief Enahor of Nigeria was sent home to Nigeria to face trial and possible death for what the Nigerian government claimed was treason.

Had he been an alien political refugee he would have received asylum. Because he was a citizen of a Commonwealth country he had to be deported.

The British government in co-operation with the other Commonwealth governments, is now moving to restore the ancient right of genuine refugees will now be protected against automatic deportation. The Fugitive Offenders Act, which under the old empire was a charter of freedom for those fleeing from foreign oppressors, is to be amended to cover all such cases.

Wheat And Gold

Hamilton Spectator
It would be ridiculous to believe that the Soviet Union would buy wheat from the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Winters or anyone else if it did not need it badly. These sales are part of the bounty that is Canada, and not due to any special astuteness on the part of the Conservatives who began them in 1963, or the Liberals who have inherited the connection.

The deal is worth \$800 million, a bumper shot in Canada's economic arm. There is always a payments in these big deals. Not that there is any doubt about the soundness of their "account." Payment has always been made in hard currency, Canadian or American dollars or British pounds.

But where does the money come from? Certainly not from Soviet-Canadian trade. That is relatively trifling and unlikely to get much bigger in spite of all the good intentions expressed by Mr. Winters and Soviet representatives in Moscow. The

size of Soviet gold stocks has always been a matter for speculation in the West. It is a well-kept secret. Guesses have ranged as high as \$10 billion.

Whatever its size, it has been sharply reduced in the last two years and more selling of gold can be expected in the next few months as payments for wheat shipments fall due.

Free Speech For The Troops

Toronto Telegram
Canada's soldiers will be overjoyed to learn, from no less an authority than Defense Minister Hellyer, that any time they want to make a speech they can do so, after obtaining permission.

As with all matters in the army, the procedure is disarmingly simple. The soldier will be paraded before his commanding officer and make his request.

"I desire, sir, to enunciate a few profound opinions on the sergeant-major, a man who has won my deepest respect and for whom my esteem would be even higher were he discharged from the army or, at least, posted to another regiment."

"Yes, my boy," the CO will reply, "we pride ourselves on freedom of speech in the army, but unfortunately your valuable services are required on the gun-park detail."

"Sir," says another soldier, after giving considerable thought to matters which possibly have escaped your notice, I should like to deliver a speech on reveille, which is too early on the food, which is lousy; on the pay, which is too low; on leave, which is not enough; and on pack drill, which affronts my human dignity."

"Certainly, my man," the CO will reply, "but I regret that your valuable services are required on the cookhouse detail."

"Sir," requests Private Jones, "my New Democratic Party colleague has asked me, as the chairman, to address the regiment on the question of diverting funds from the services to social welfare, or recognizing Red China, and on collective bargaining rights for the troops."

"You cannot imagine how interested I would be to hear your views on these matters," replies the CO, "but unfortunately your valuable services are required on the latrine detail."

Wrong In Tactics

Windsor Star
If Ontario dairy farmers are unhappy enough about the price of milk they can express their dissatisfaction by withdrawing their services, just as the trade unions and industry do. No group should be permitted to seek its own ends by attempts to intimidate the state, as the farmers are doing in their highway demonstrations.

The price of milk is essential to an economic matter between the farmers and the milk buyers with government having an interest in the general public good. Whatever argument there is about the price should be settled according to economic considerations, not by cluttering up public highways with slow moving trucks.

TUBERCULIN TESTING AND X-RAY SURVEY, 1966
Red Point and Surrounding Area
July 14th—Testing and X-ray
July 18th—Reading and X-ray
Time 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and 6:30-8.30 p.m.
The courtesy you extend to your canvasser will indicate your interest in the health of your community. This service is offered through the facilities of the Provincial Department of Health and the P.E.I. Tuberculosis League.

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