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Newsmen And China

At one time the U.S. State Department maintained a total ban on travel by Americans in Communist China. This had the unfortunate effect of depriving the American people of information...

There has been, however, a remarkable reversal of the Chinese attitude. In the old days they yearned for the company of American writers and indignantly denounced the obscurantism of the State Department.

Perhaps the reversal is not so remarkable as it seems. When the State Department granted its long-withheld visas to American newsmen, it tacked on a rider saying that this did not mean Chinese correspondents would be let into the United States without being individually checked.

It seems a silly procedure on both sides. It has been likened by the Christian Science Monitor to a game played in adjoining hotel rooms with connecting double doors, which are kept alternately closed, or partly opened.

"No matter how Peking's future intentions are assessed," says the Monitor, "it appears axiomatic to us that American ignorance of China and Chinese ignorance of America are dangerous and likely to become more so."

Even At Oxford

Even at Oxford University they have now resolved to make Latin an optional instead of a compulsory subject for admission. The decision is no doubt the result of pressure, perhaps inevitable in a missile age...

Ontario's election campaign, with less than two weeks to run, remains unexciting. The reason, says the Ottawa Journal, is a feeling by the average voter that basically it is not a clash between two historic parties...

Commenting on this phase of the question, a writer in the Toronto Globe and Mail makes the following observations: "The friends of Latin and Greek have in the past to some extent weakened their own cause by insisting on the merits of the classical languages as a mental discipline."

There are still embarrassing snags on the St. Lawrence Seaway. For instance, the Wall Street Journal reports that the Welland canal is a bottleneck, that 27 ships have queued up waiting their turn to go through, that pilots are scarce, that shippers are losing money through delays...

of the advantage of familiarity with a great civilization which he could have compared in its various aspects with his own, and whence he could have traced with real understanding the origin and development of many of the current political, legal and religious principles.

"It would indeed be a grievous thing if our future leaders and writers were to have only the distant and vague acquaintanceship with the past which comes from reading secondary and tertiary historical sources and translations. Latin is vital for a real understanding of language or literature. It must be kept available at least for the talented student."

The question is, whether it can be kept available on an optional basis for long. To expect even talented students to undergo its discipline, without encouragement or incentive, at an age when they should be, acquiring its rudiments, is expecting a lot.

Bonds Of Brotherhood

A few days ago an American newspaperman wrote of his feelings on seeing the Union Jack fluttering from a flagstaff in Africa. He reflected that although the British Empire had passed away, the British Commonwealth remained. The Union Jack, flying in an African country, symbolized the unity in democratic government and institutions that had been introduced under British imperialism and remained as a Commonwealth inheritance today.

The United States can look back over its own history and recall how much it also owes to the British inheritance of parliamentary and judicial institutions. While the flags may be different the colors remain the same—red, white and blue—each with its own symbolic meaning.

More will be heard of these things during the St. Lawrence Seaway ceremonies, when the Queen of Canada and the President of the United States will meet on the historic St. Lawrence River for the official opening. This meeting will focus world attention on Canada-U.S. unity and the great undefended border between the two countries, as well as on their ability to pool financial resources in joint undertakings to the benefit of both.

EDITORIAL NOTES

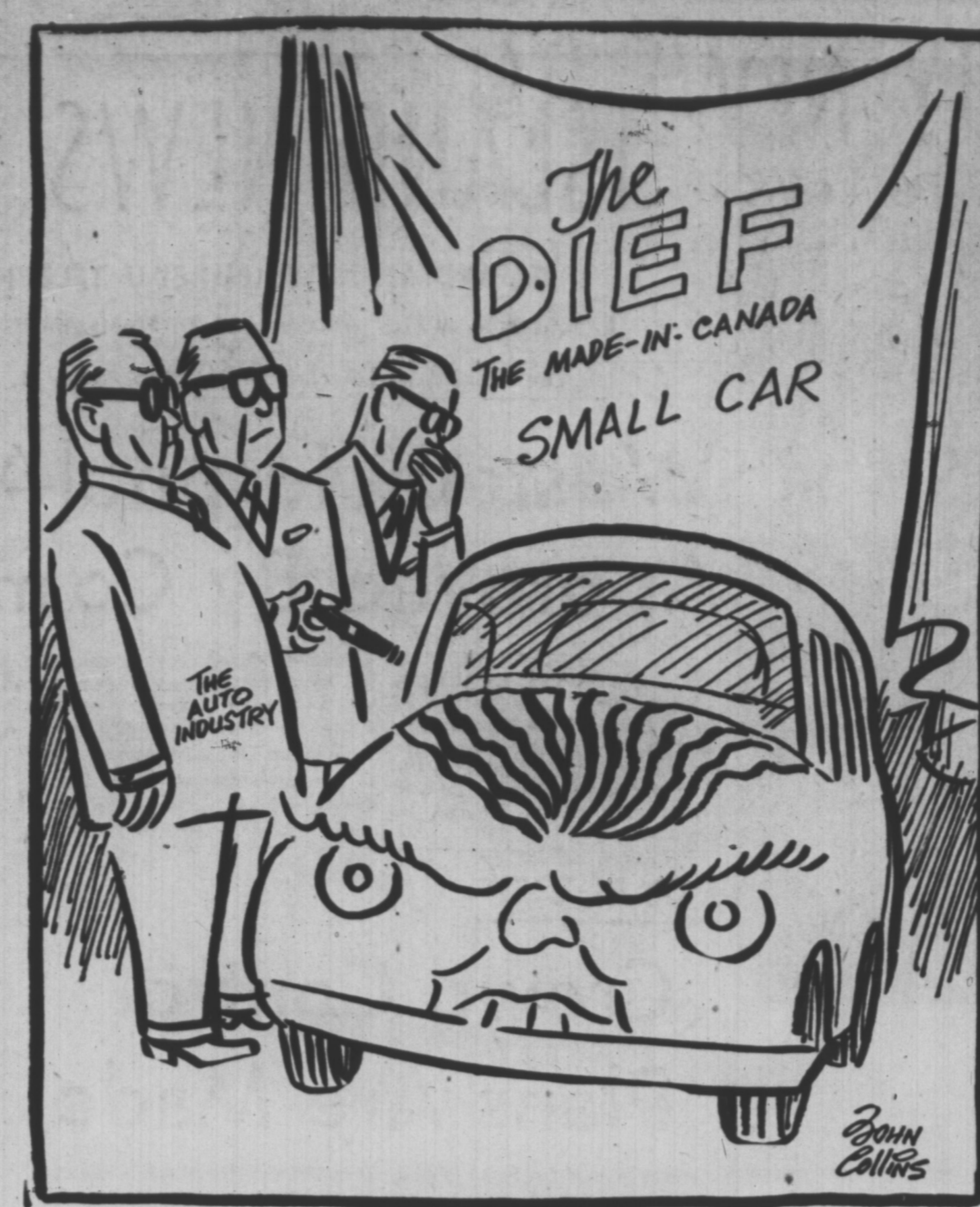
Izvestia, which ranks next to Pravda as the chief government organ at Moscow, has a new editor, Alexei Adzhubei. He is said to be quite a live wire on his own account, but he has another claim to Communist distinction. He is Premier Khrushchev's son-in-law.

In Tokyo there, is an electronic computer that tells people how far they can go by train and what accommodations they can expect for a certain amount of money. One inquirer in a facetious mood asked how far he could go for nothing. Out came a card saying "the best place for you is a hot bath."

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OTTAWA REPORT

The Quebec Situation

By Patrick Nicholson

The latest polls of public opinion give us a vivid cross-section of current political thinking in our French-speaking province. Approval of the job being performed by Prime Minister Diefenbaker is lower in Quebec than in any other area of Canada; and if an election were to be held today, the Conservative Government would suffer shattering reverses in that province, losing no less than 39 or the 41 Commons seats it at present holds there.

This arithmetical calculation, based on the 1958 voting and the recent opinion poll, reflects the discouragement so widely felt in that province among Conservatives and even among former Liberals who voted for Diefenbaker candidates last year. This discouragement has been noted variously behind the scenes moves, such as the rumored intention of three M.P.'s to resign at once, the stated intention of several others not to seek re-election, and the ambition of one Cabinet Minister to be transferred promptly to the Senate.

Quebeckers take their politics very seriously, much more so than other Canadians. And they play that serious game by rules which are significantly different from those recognized elsewhere. Like their blood-brothers, the citizens of France, they must have a strong and prominent leader, and they must have an emotional cause, to bring out their best support.

Over the past half century, the Liberals have cleverly always

produced outstanding leaders for their Quebec wing. Laurier picked himself; then came Lapointe. Louis St. Laurent was then "created" by Mackenzie King; and now Lionel Chevrier, who is not even a Quebecker, is being brilliantly built-up to inherit the role and the status of Laurier.

TOP POLITICAL WORKER Just as General Wolfe's victory on the Plains of Abraham has been negatively by subsequent achievements by the losers, so the victory of Yvon Tasse, who reversed Louis St. Laurent's majority of over 20,000 votes to beat Maurice Lamontagne in the riding of Quebec East, is now subverted by being negated by the loser. For Maurice, like his namesake Maurice Duplessis, is becoming a great power in Quebec, albeit behind the scenes.

Lamontagne now works for the Liberal Party organization in Ottawa; officially he is "economic adviser," as he was to former Prime Minister St. Laurent. He is by any yardstick the most brilliant and the most effective political worker in any party headquarters in Ottawa. More regular in his attendance in the Opposition Gallery in the Commons than most M.P.'s are in their own pliance, he advises on political strategy and on parliamentary tactics; he performs research work and he writes speeches. But above all, he composes and distributes a steady stream of propaganda aimed at creating a powerful and popular new leader of the Liberals' Quebec Wing.

The fruits of his labour are daily evident in the press splash accorded to Lionel Chevrier, especially in Quebec Province. There comes the next leader designate of the Liberal Party. NO TORY LEADER IN QUEBEC The Conservatives however, even with five Cabinet Ministers have no true leader of their Quebec wing. The customary amount of patronage in that province, which even the upright St. Laurent permitted, is still being distributed; but in the absence of a leader to control it it is being misdirected by skillful fifth columnists into enemy hands. Uncontrolled by a leader, the opportunists are running free. Huge sums of money are changing hands in open traffic in promised political plume, which frequently fail to ripen yet promise plum-sized scandals. Organization is non-existent, while people who neither speak the language nor understand the Quebeckers are playing ducks and drakes with the greatest measure of support which that province has ever given to the Conservative Party since Confederation.

The Liberal Party, whose organization is not built around vain amateurs, has not failed to recognize and to make use of this situation. The measure of its success is a contribution to the public opinion poll. If the Conservative Party can in effect lose 77 per cent of its seats in Quebec in 18 months, how many will it lose in the remaining 39 months or so before the next election? Therein lies the great challenge to Tories and to Griffs; for it begins to look as if Quebec will be the crucial battleground in the 1962 general election.

British Economic Move

By Dave Oancia Canadian Press Staff Writer

Britain's relaxation of dollar import curbs is a clear indication in the economic progress the country has made since the end of the Second World War.

The country now presents an impression of unprecedented prosperity a sharp contrast with drearier times of post-war social revolution and recovery. The signs of this prosperity are rising personal incomes, expanding production and increasing gold and dollar reserves.

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trade and industrial power among the new seven. But there can be no illusions that the proposed arrangement would be more than a second

Aerial Photography

National Geographic Society

Aerial photography has become a vital tool of modern science. To archeologists, it is almost as important as the pick and shovel. Explorers and geographers find it invaluable. So do foresters, geologists, traffic experts, real estate men, and soil erosion experts. Armies would be literally lost without it.

Modern archeologists examine aerial photographs for telltale signs of buried ruins. In Italy centuries ago, the city of Spina disappeared under mud and water, possibly during a Po River flood. Spina remained lost until aerial photographs located the outline of the city beneath modern canals.

"OPEN SKIES" PROPOSAL Improved aerial pictures are essential to President Eisenhower's dramatic "Open Skies" proposal. Under its provisions American and Soviet planes would make pictures of each other's territory as insurance against surprise attack.

The effectiveness of such a plan is illustrated by a photograph obtained 45,000 feet above a Texas city. Under a magnifying glass, it revealed two golf balls and a cup on a green! During World War II, vast amounts of knowledge about enemy operations were derived from aerial photographs. The same was true in the Korean War.

Present aerial surveys are made by cameras specially mounted to minimize vibration. The cameras generally use long rolls of film to provide a series of photographs along the line of flight. Infrared film is used for long-distance and high-altitude work and to detect camouflage. Aerial photography is the

Allergic To Penicillin

By Herman N. Suedness, M.D. PENICILLIN has saved countless lives. There is no doubt about that. Yet more and more persons seem to be becoming allergic to this valuable drug and this presents a sizeable problem. It is estimated that injections of penicillin cause reactions of one sort or another in 2.5 per cent of the children to whom the drug is given, to 5 per cent of non-allergic adults and to 15 per cent of allergic patients.

Moreover, the number of reactions appears to be increasing by about one per cent a year. Naturally, serious allergic reactions to penicillin occur more often after repeated intramuscular injections.

IMMEDIATE TYPE Reactions take various forms. Anaphylactic shock, for example, is an immediate type of reaction which may even cause death. And delayed reaction, characterized by skin eruption and fever, might take as long as two weeks to develop.

Other reactions may produce a rash on the hands, feet and groin from one to three days after administration of the penicillin.

Penicillin, of course, saves many, many times more lives than it takes, but it is estimated that there have been approximately 1,020 fatalities following administration of the drug.

Skin tests, unfortunately, are not too reliable a way of determining whether a person is allergic to the drug.

ANTI-HISTAMINES TRIED To combat the problem, doctors tried giving anti-histamines along with the penicillin injections. However, they found that this doesn't prevent immediate reaction because there just isn't enough time for the drug to exert any protective action.

Thus far, the best answer to the problem seems to lie in the administration of oral penicillin instead of by injection, whenever advisable.

LOW RATE The estimated reaction rate to oral penicillin is only about 0.2 per cent, a very low rate.

When reactions do occur following administration of penicillin by mouth, they usually develop slowly enough to permit effective treatment to combat them.

QUESTION AND ANSWER B. E.: Is there any way of preventing baldness? Answer: No.

mist named J. Nicéphore Niepce produced the first permanent photograph. But many years lapsed before aerial photography was developed. One of the first pictures was made from a balloon over Boston just before the Civil War. The advent of the airplane advanced the technique, and in 1911 Wilbur Wright himself made a few shots of the landscape with a simple camera.

First COLOR PICTURES In 1930 aerial photography passed another milestone when Melville Bell Grosvenor, now president and editor of the National Geographic Society, went aloft in a dirigible and succeeded in making the first aerial photographs in color.

Aerial photography continued to probe deeper into the sky. Captain Albert W. Stevens, conducting scientific observations for the National Geographic Society took the first photograph in the stratosphere. The picture showed dramatically the lateral curvature of the earth. By the early 1950's rockets traveling at more than 2,500 miles an hour were carrying cameras a hundred miles up. Now science aspires to send television cameras to the moon.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The easiest way to be satisfied with your lot is to build on it a home that turns out to be a happy one.—London Free Press. If absence really made the heart grow fonder a lot of people would miss church more than any place in the world.—Arcadia News-Leader.

The chief difference between creditors and debtors is that creditors have better memories.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Why do I stress the importance of having a black sheep in the family? Simply because I think he is the most moral influence we could possibly have. The blackguard makes the rest of us look so white and feel so right by comparison. Indeed, how could we know about virtue if we hadn't that lovely and terrible example of vice in front of us?—BBC Overseas Service.

It is not so long ago that victims of gout were depicted as crochety, obese, rich, aristocratic, and somewhat dissolute men addicted to port wine. It never was a true picture. Modern science is finding the traditional picture less and less true. One can get gout (and many do) even if one never has tasted port wine or indulged unduly in other spirituous liquors.—Windsor Star.

Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things he hath done for you.

OUR YESTERDAYS (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 1, 1934) Two sections of the province have been menaced by wood fires this week, both of which are now reported to be under control. At Dover, about three miles from Murray River, a wood fire has been burning for three days, traversed two miles of country, and reached the commercial road. At Cardigan, a two day fire was brought under control yesterday.

Lt. Col. H.M. Davison was elected president of the Provincial Rifle Association at the annual meeting held in the Board of Trade rooms last evening. Other officers include Lt. Col. D.A. MacKinnon, Mr. J.B. Poole, Dr. A.W. Leard and Lt. Col. C. Leigh.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 1, 1949) Some thirty applications to attend the first Canadian Scout Jamboree to be held near Ottawa July 16th to 25th were considered at a meeting of the Jamboree Committee last night. Mr. R.C. Parent, Provincial Commissioner, presided. A pre-jamboree provincial camp will be held at Upton Farm where the Scouts will be coached and given instruction in the jamboree program.

Several members of St. Dunstan's University Canadian Officers Training Corps left for summer training at Camp Shilo, Manitoba, Tuesday morning. They were Hugh MacPhee, Kevin Howlett, Elmer Murnaghan, Leo Atkins, Gerald Lannan and William Ready.

APPLE BLOSSOMS BLOWING The petals drift like ash from the fire of spring, Languid on the warm air, floating and blowing. The wheel turns slowly, imperceptibly: Where flame was, now is ember, greenly glowing.

Beauty revolves into its second stage: The robin's nest is built, the eggs are laid; The small hard fruit follows the fragrant flower; The leaves prepare a canopy for shade.

The petals dance and pivot on the wind, Then drop to feed the roots of the parent tree That gave them fine high moments of her spring: The fire lives on — burning its destiny.

—Alma Roberts Gordian in the Christian Science Monitor

MAXIMS A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices.

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