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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Unquiet Africa

The recent military coup in Ghana, toppling President Kwame Nkrumah, was the seventh African government upheaval within three months, a fact which lends new urgency to the question: "Are African countries ready for self-government?"

How will fare the newest of the new nations when Bechuanaland becomes Batswana next September and applies for membership in the United Nations, as it surely will do if it can scrape up the money to send a delegation?

This is too true. Almost all of Bechuanaland's trade is with South Africa. About 20,000 of its natives work as laborers in South Africa each year.

It is hardly surprising, of course, that politics in Africa should not yet be orderly and stable. New governmental institutions are not popularly understood nor accepted.

Such is the result of the nationalist urge of the era. But as Lord Lugard, one of the greatest of Britain's colonial administrators in Africa said many years ago in describing the changes which had already taken place, "Their very discontent is a measure of their progress."

A Lively Conference

Quebec's new elite of technocrats is reported to have emerged "battered and bruised" from a recent going-over at the hands of some of the province's leading intellectuals.

But this idea was clobbered by Leon Dion, director of Laval's political science department, who allowed that there had been some change in social conditions in the past 10 years, but that it had been vastly exaggerated.

ed. He suggested that Quebec wore a conservative political mask 10 years ago, and a progressive political one today. But to argue that there had been some sort of social revolution in between was to pay too much attention to political slogans.

Gerald Fortin, director of the university's department of sociology and anthropology, agreed that much of the populace was still far from convinced that the new leadership groups should be followed.

This brought Laval graduate Rene Levesque, Quebec minister of welfare, into the discussion. Technocrats, he conceded, "have enabled the state to have muscle," but there was also the danger of them getting fed up with working through elected politicians and seeking to corner power for themselves.

Mr. Levesque said it was now generally accepted that, to a large extent, the Diefenbaker government had been "sabotaged" by the Ottawa establishment of senior civil servants.

We found this latter comment most interesting, having nursed the same suspicion ourselves regarding the fate of the Diefenbaker regime; but we had no idea that it was entertained so widely in Quebec circles.

Make Them Public?

Robert Cliche, Quebec leader of the New Democratic Party, was using irony as a weapon when he suggested that if the death penalty is to be retained, executions should be public.

Shocking? Of course it is. But there is a logic behind it that may help to clear our minds of cant on the subject. The main argument of those who demand retention of capital punishment is that its deterrent effect is necessary.

The fact is, of course, that the public can no longer tolerate—much less enjoy—the spectacle of hangings as it once did. The vast majority of persons today would be sickened by the sight of one.

This is self-defeating; the warning is lost. But no matter! The retentionists themselves would not have it otherwise. "They want," as the church paper puts it, "humane, secret executions, for somehow we have become civilized enough to recognize that whatever deterrent value there may have been, has been more than offset by the brutalizing influence of capital punishment on society."

EDITORIAL NOTES

A Cincinnati woman was accused of shooting her fiancé in the shoulder. He subsequently married her. The judge hearing the case dismissed the charge on the grounds "I would never marry a woman who shot me intentionally and I don't believe anyone else would either."

Toy of the year in the United Kingdom is less than a couple of inches long. It is a scale model of the famous James Bond car. It is complete in every detail with buttons that operate an armour-plated screen at the back of the car and two machine guns at the front.



PREVIEW OF 1969 MODEL

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Worried About Population Explosion

A great debate is shaping up on Parliament Hill on the subject of ensuring the most desirable size for the Canadian family. Many MPs and senators are pondering this, and discussing it together. They fall into two groups.

On the one hand are the realists, who recognize the grave problems attendant upon the worldwide population explosion. As far as Canada is concerned, they deplore the inadequacy of instruction in "family planning" leading to hardship among families in our lower income group and to the stigma of unwed motherhood.

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and officials of the Department of Justice. The heart of the committee's problem seems to be a section of the Criminal Code, which now reads: "Every one commits an offence who knowingly, without lawful justification or excuse, offers to sell, advertises, publishes an advertisement of or has for sale or disposal by any means, instruction, medicine, drug or article intended or represented as a method of preventing conception or causing abortion or miscarriage."

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ed with the methods and advertising which might ensue, the bad taste, the fraudulent claims the corruption of youth and the flooding of our market from other countries. Some feel that the law should be relaxed only if control is kept under doctors and consultants.

Dr. Rynard points out that a red flag of warning has been waved by the recent doctors' conference in Australia. There it was pointed out that, if that underpopulated country artificially restricts its birth rate, its present population might be swamped.

The other side of the argument, which perhaps underscores the need for this draft bill, protests that our underprivileged families tend to have their problems aggravated through their many children, and calls for higher baby bonuses to offset this social injustice.

New English Welcome

To add to parental concern over the "new math", now comes the "new English." It hasn't arrived yet, but it appears to be on the way. It is being introduced in the United States and may soon find its way into Canadian schools.

misleading because what is being taught is not new. It is that the methods and techniques that are being used to teach it are new. And a common goal is sought— a better way of teaching English.

PUBLIC FORUM

NEED FOR MORE CARE Sir.—A table stock potato grower shouldn't be fined for planting his own seed. He is not guilty of tramping on anyone's toes. He doesn't sell seed; if he did he might be. If he discovers any rot in his crop it would be much to his advantage to inform the Inspection Department and get cleaned up.

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Why is there so much more ring rot in some sections than others? Careless seed growers with an axe to grind and seed to sell is the answer.

FOOD PRODUCER Freetown, P.E.I.

THAT THRONE SPEECH Sir.—Who was responsible for the final editing of the "Speech from the Throne?"

One can suspect that His Honor, a former teacher, must have squirmed at times when he read "that instrument" which was put in his hands.

Here are only a few examples of the atrocious grammatical errors it contained:

"The total value of agriculture in production in 1965 reached an all time high, due to improved quality, etc. "Due to" is an adjectival phrase and what is needed here is an adverbial phrase such as "because of" or "owing to."

Recognizing the serious shortage of dentists in the province financial assistance will be extended. . . . Isn't this a "real dilly" of a dangling participle?

"In order to thoroughly examine and . . ." There is actually no need for a split infinitive here.

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Surely there must be someone who could have spotted these blunders in the government!

I am, Sir, etc., GRADE XII STUDENT Charlottetown.

A WASTE OF MONEY Sir.—We are told that it will cost millions of dollars to place a man on the moon. What a terrible waste of money. That money could be used to give food to the thousands upon thousands of children who are going hungry in the world today.

Oh, yes, he could do some "moon-shining" there. Help the poor old moon to shine brighter. Well! It is no joke, but it is a senseless waste of money.

Man, your place is down here on earth as long as you are in your fleshy tabernacle. Readers will recall the men who attempted to build the tower of Babel, and what happened to them. God was greatly displeased with them; and He manifested His displeasure by confounding their language.

Bangs Cause Fringe Acne

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen A London physician was puzzled last August by a number of young girls who consulted him because of acne. The lesions were confined to, or most marked on, the forehead. His patients had only one thing in common—the popular hair style with a fringe coming down to the eye brows (bangs).

Sunlight improves acne and these girls were not getting the full benefits of nature's best remedy for blackheads and pimples. The forehead was covered with enough hair to act as a sunscreen. The doctor failed to mention whether the forehead was clean or oily.

During adolescence the sex and skin glands become active. The oily or sebaceous material is more abundant on the face and scalp, behind the ears, on the chest, back, beneath the breasts, and genital areas. The most disturbing symptoms of acne are oiliness and greasiness of skin and scalp, enlarged pores, and pimples.

Blackheads (comedones) occur when sebum is retained at the opening of the glands and, in this respect, they come from within. Exceptions occur when certain ointments and salves are applied that plug the pores. The blackhead is a thin layer of dirt on top of the plug.

Acne is a natural phenomenon of growing up. The condition varies from time to time and the eruptions disappear when the skin becomes mature. This happens sooner in some and the top age limit usually is '26.

There are treatments galore, but in general squeezing worsens the lesions. It also increases the chance of infection and unsightly scars. The face should be cleansed thoroughly, preferably with a medicated d soap. Avoid any foods that make the condition worse.

SWOLLEN LEGS Mrs. K. writes: After my son's birth 12 years ago, I had milk leg and the extremity remains swollen. Will it be this way the rest of my life?

REPLY The longer swelling exists, the more scar tissue develops and the less likely is the chance for cure. Best results follow the use of bandages and elastic stockings. Now and then the swollen tissue is removed surgically to reduce the size of the leg.

HAIRY TONGUE E. J. writes: Is a growth of hair on the back of the tongue dangerous? I never heard of this condition until our son developed it.

REPLY No. Hairy Tongue often is difficult to remedy. It is a fungus growth.

PSORIASIS SITES B.B. J. writes: Is psoriasis contagious? I have had it on my legs and now it is on my scalp.

REPLY No. Psoriasis usually appears in more than one place, hence the lesions did not spread from your legs to your scalp.

TONSIL TICKLING P. W. writes: Can enlarged tonsils cause tickling of the throat?

REPLY Yes, particularly when associated with sore throat and enlarged uvula (the tip of the soft palate).

SAME THING U. K. writes: Is arrested tuberculosis the same as inactive tuberculosis?

REPLY These terms generally are used interchangeably.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Occasional insomnia is not harmful.

Concern Over China

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff, Washington

WASHINGTON (CP)—Awareness of China is rising steadily in the United States. The Chinese appear to have superseded the Russians as a threat to peace, in official thinking here.

The basic question is whether China, which exploded its first nuclear device in October, 1964, will lash militarily in Viet Nam against the U.S.

No one can say. Senator J. W. Fulbright's foreign relations committee, having performed a nationally-televised debate on Viet Nam, today is to start a series of hearings on China in the hope of promoting better understanding of the Chinese people.

Fulbright, sharing a view taken by some highly-qualified American observers, says certain U.S. government hands feel "that the Chinese leaders themselves expect to be at war with the U.S. within a year and it is clear that some of our own officials also expect a war with China."

Fear that the U.S. and China are on a collision course in Viet Nam dominated much of the debate on the undeclared war, both inside and outside the U.S. Congress.

President Johnson and spokesmen have sought to discount this possibility as at most a calculated risk. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara told Congress last week:

"It would be irresponsible for me to say that we run no risk. No efforts have been spared . . . and none will be spared . . . in direct and indirect diplomacy, in public and in private, to communicate to the leaders of Communist China

that America's limited objectives pose no threat to them." But, say government critics such as Fulbright and Roger Hilsman, a former assistant undersecretary of state, China in fact is being asked to test American sincerity on that score. While a military containment ring grows around her, she grapples with serious internal problems and her foreign policy of subversion has ruined in Africa, Cuba, Indonesia and elsewhere.

There is a lot of caution in official American circles about espousing a softer line with China—one which at this stage would undoubtedly be rejected harshly.

VISION IMPAIRED The long blackout on direct American knowledge of the new China still impairs U.S. vision because there is no political, economic or cultural contact.

American press reports are strained through second-hand listening posts such as Hong Kong.

There are periodic sterile diplomatic exchanges continuing at Warsaw. But the Chinese, predicating their unyielding stand for the last several years on American abandonment of Nationalist Chinese-held Formosa, have rejected any U.S. offers of preliminary wangling-up steps.

Amounts To Confiscation

Winnipeg Free Press

A gross unfairness in the operation of the Canada Pension Plan has been brought to light by the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce. It is described in a recent bulletin of the organization.

The pension plan requires that all employers must deduct CPP contributions from their employees' earnings, and pay an equivalent share to the plan—even though the employer may be aware that similar deductions are being made, or have been made, by other employers for the same individual.

The unfairness arises from the fact that while the employee may claim a rebate on such overpayments when he fills out his income tax form, the employer cannot. His contribution stays in the fund.

To give an example: A man works for a company for part of a year. Because of the rate at which payments into the CPP must be made, his annual contribution is made within the period he is with this firm. He then leaves this firm and goes to work for another. He has made his contribution to the CPP.

But the pension legislation requires that his new employer must start making deductions for the man when he begins work, and must also make his contribution to the fund. The man may get a rebate on his overpayment, but the company for which he now works may not, because no provision has been made for this in the legislation.

Another example would be a man who is a director of, say,

half a dozen companies. Each makes payment to the CPP on his behalf and deducts from his remuneration the amount the individual is required to pay. He can claim a refund on what he has over-paid, but none of the six firms can.

The reason given by the minister of national revenue for this anomaly is that it would be too complicated to set up a system whereby firms could claim a refund on overpayments they have made on behalf of an individual.

What this means, simply, is that the government confiscates these funds. The individual on whose behalf they are paid gets no benefit. The firm making the contribution simply loses the money. It is little wonder that chambers of commerce, employers and employees' organizations have vigorously protested this injustice.

MANY KEEP BEES QUEBEC (CP)—The provincial bureau of statistics estimates the 1965 honey crop at 2,392,000 pounds, worth \$646,000. This is \$2,000 less than last year's. Reports covering 62 per cent of the hives in the province were turned in by 959 beekeepers.

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