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Public Opinion

Vice President Nixon says he is "shocked" at the public's unfavourable reaction to the President's and Mr. Dulles' policy in the Formosa Strait.

Mr. Nixon is worried on two points, particularly. He is afraid that the people are not aware of the danger that might result from appeasement or of the President's responsibility to lead public opinion and not merely reflect it in official policy.

As to the first, if American public opinion is not by this time alert to all the pros and cons connected with the Far East situation, all one can say is that most Americans must be asleep. Never was there more said and written about any crisis. The fact is that the public does not regard a hands-off policy regarding the off-shore islands as "appeasement" but just as good sense.

As for the President's responsibility to "lead" public opinion and not merely reflect it, this is true to a point. It is the function of leadership to lead. It is true that at the beginning of both world wars the American people were opposed to participation. If they had not been, it is probably correct to say, in both instances, the United States would have joined the allies at the start.

To complicate matters in the present case, not one ally of the United States is in favour of defending the off-shore islands of China at the risk of all-out war. They are not saying much by way of opposition, for fear of embarrassing the President and Mr. Dulles in their negotiations with Peiping; but they are certainly not in favour of the Washington policy. That is as clear as day. The American people are aware of this; and that, undoubtedly, is one reason why most of them do not agree with the President and Mr. Dulles.

Youthful Honesty

Some time ago the following item was printed on the editorial page of the New York Herald Tribune: "Two refreshingly honest youngsters have just been turned up out in East Norwich, L.I. It seems that last week, while playing, they accidentally broke a small part of a steam roller. Instead of merely skeddaddling, they left their savings—\$2.62—to pay for the damage, along with an unsigned note explaining the 'accident'." The owner of the steam roller, impressed, finally traced them, returning \$1.62 (the repairs had cost only a dollar) and offered to reward their honesty with a day at the Mineola Fair, and a visit to the Westhampton races. No, said the parents; praise was enough reward and the extra treat might "set a bad example". Judging by the number of times we have seen this little item repro-

duced, it seems that it has been carried all over the United States and Canada. Why? Evidently, because it was considered news of first rate importance, as, of course it is, although we like to think that any number of boys in like circumstances would have done the same thing. But it is a little pathetic to realize that modern society is in such a state of disorder that a boy's simple honesty is something that merits front-page publicity. It is a pleasant story, nevertheless.

We think that the real heroes of the story are the boys' parents who apparently cling to the old-fashioned axiom that honesty is its own reward.

British Fruit Market

The United Kingdom's new \$5 million dollar allocation for fresh and processed fruit will give Canadian apple growers and processors the biggest chance to compete in the British market since before the war, reports D. A. Bruce Marshall, Agricultural Counsellor in London, in the latest issue of "Foreign Trade".

Some £2¼ million has been allocated for dried fruits, which includes evaporated apples; this will enable Canadian exporters to build up sales which have slumped to only a few hundred tons in recent years. Canadians can expect strong competition however, from British growers of cooking apples and also from the canned varieties. The £150 thousand allocation for canned apples is 50 per cent higher than the one set up earlier this year. Sales prospects hinge on the European cooking-apple crop, says Mr. Marshall. Last year the crop was short and the first shipment of North American canned apples since the war arrived on a receptive market. Nevertheless, the British catering trade will again seek the Canadian product if the price and quality are right.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The recent APEC meeting in St. John's, Newfoundland, has been described as "the best ever held". It, therefore, can be expected to produce more and better practical results than those which followed previous meetings.

The bullfight held at Lindsay, Ontario, some time ago put the Chamber of Commerce \$9,349 in the red. Excellent! That may discourage other organizations from trying a similar stunt. Bullfighting is something that Canada can very well do without.

What right, asks the Winnipeg Free Press, has Mr. Dulles to say that the Government of Peiping does not represent the people of China? It is quite true there has been no election in China since the Communists won the civil war. But it is equally true that Chiang has held no elections in Formosa or Quemoy. Why should his rule on Formosa be sacred to Mr. Dulles but the rule of the Communists in Peiping be unworthy of recognition?

A study of reading habits in an American university revealed that about 15 per cent of all students did not borrow serious books, from the campus library in the course of the school year. University officials consider this deplorable. So it is, of course. Just the same, considering the little attention that is paid to serious reading in the average home these days, it is surprising that 85 out of every 100 students take the trouble to borrow serious books.

Rev. A. Link, an Anglican Vicar in London, Eng. thinks he knows how to build up good international relations. Writing in his parish magazine he suggested that "if Khrushchev, Eisenhower, Nasser and the others had to cook a plum duff together round an open fire in the rain, they would end up with a closer understanding of one another and their own weaknesses". "Duff", incidentally, is a common English name for pudding.

Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland said that at the recent Premiers' Conference in St. John's some of the talks were held "behind closed doors" so that "we could let our hair down and be frank". The interesting thing is that, unlike the majority of politicians, each of the four Premiers has a fairly good crop of hair to let down—although in the case of Mr. Smallwood and Mr. Stanfield the political brow is beginning to recede toward the political neck.



THE NEW MODEL

OTTAWA REPORT

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Mr. A is 85 years old. He lives in Oshawa, and he is entitled to the Old Age Pension of \$55 per month. It is lucky that he is entitled to that, although both Mr. A and the welfare statisticians know that it is pretty hard for an old man, alone in the world, to get along on a paltry \$660 a year. For he has no other support at all.

Like everyone else, Mr. A. has made his contributions to the national pension fund, so he has a certain feeling of personal proprietary interest in the fund which his contributions have helped to swell.

Then there is the Old Age Security Tax of 2 per cent upon almost everything we buy. The exceptions are food, fuel and books. There are certain other items which are not taxed but which do not come into the budget of the average Joe, such as machinery to be used in manufacturing, and building materials.

Then there is the Old Age Security Tax of 2 per cent upon day when it said that neither direct opposition nor "evasive schemes" would be tolerated. UNHAPPY BOARD At the same time still another court was having its say. In Omaha, two federal circuit judges ordered the Little Rock board of education to retain control of the city high schools and to maintain their integrated status.

The Integration Struggle

By Joseph MacSweeney Canadian Press Staff Writer

After decades of effort to revive the Irish language, Ireland is torn by controversy over the results. Government leaders and educational authorities generally insist that their campaign has been a success and that they intend to continue it. But criticism of their methods is widespread and vociferous. Attacked especially are teaching techniques and the "forcing" of Gaelic on the people.

There is abundant evidence here that Gaelic, along with English, is the official language of Ireland. Road signs throughout the country are printed first in Gaelic, then in English. Public documents are in both languages, as are the titles of public officials, the names of public buildings and, often, the names of individuals. A knowledge of Gaelic is required to pass certain grades in school and to qualify for public office. Debates in the dail (the Irish parliament) often are in Gaelic.

Yet the visitor to Ireland finds that Irish Gaelic is rarely spoken in public except as a patriotic gesture. Many people profess to know something of it but instinctively turn to English to express themselves. FOR EXAMS The would-be civil servant crams for his examination in Irish. Once he passes it, however, he settles down to a usage of English. Many senior government officials and educational leaders, critics say, could not pass an elementary school test in the language.

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Mr. B is a former Member of the House of Commons. He sat in 23 sessions, spread over 14 years, before he retired from public life. Under the M.P.'s Pension Fund provisions, he was entitled to receive a pension not of \$660 per year, but of nearly five times that amount, or \$3,000 per year. Mr. B. incidentally is not 85 years old and incapable of further employment. He is a healthy and good-looking and clever young man of 46, with considerable professional earning power. I believe.

Now both Mr. A. and Mr. B. would like to make room in this overcrowded bustling land for other people. Both are quite willing to make the supreme sacrifice of saying goodbye to our bracing northern climate, and to go to live elsewhere. Mr. A. would naturally like to accept an offer to go to live with his only living relative a sister. Mr. B. has apparently decided to make his home and work at his profession in the attractive climate of Phoenix, Arizona.

But it does seem to be very unreasonable that Mr. A. and everyone else like him, who have contributed to the Old Age Pension Fund, are now "a prisoner for life" in Canada, without trail to quote his words. There are obvious arguments for and against. But the restriction on place of residence does seem unreasonable in the case of pension payments which are not ex gratia but contributory.

This came in the form of a restraining order, on the application of the NAACP. It remains in force until Oct. 6, when a three-judge circuit court of appeals hears the case for a temporary injunction. The unhappy education board had tried earlier—without success—to avoid all this by asking a judge whether its contemplated course of action was legal. The judge replied that he had no legal authority to give advice—"that is something for which you will have to depend on your counsel."

Ireland's Language Difficulties

By Neil MacNeil North American Newspaper Alliance

Prime Minister Eamon de Valera declines to one reason the use of Gaelic has not gained as fast as it should is the heavy emigration from the Gaelic speaking regions of Ireland, especially from the western counties, Galway, Sligo and Mayo.

On the other hand, de Valera says the thousands of Irishmen and women in the non-Gaelic speaking countries now have at least some knowledge of the language of their fathers.

The Catholic church in Ireland comes in for criticism from the lovers of Irish Gaelic. Many feel that the church could have done much more than it did to promote it. Before the Gaelic movement, only a few bishops and priests could speak Irish. Their number has remained about the same, and virtually no priestly services are conducted in Gaelic. On the technical side, however, substantial progress is being made. Irish Gaelic, like all other Celtic languages, is difficult. Much is being done to simplify and standardize its complicated grammar and strange spellings.

The Irish radio also is doing much to help the cause. It carries numerous programs in Gaelic. The Abbey theater encourages authorship in Gaelic by presenting Gaelic plays.

In July a symposium was held at University College, Dublin, to discuss what was wrong with the Gaelic movement. The talks were mostly in Irish and all phases of the problem were scrutinized. It was announced at the symposium that the ministry of education was setting up an advisory research bureau to study better methods of teaching the language.

New Drug Gets Good Reports

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. OUR regular monthly report on medical developments concerns four drugs which give promise of making life much more pleasant for countless Americans.

Trancopal is a versatile drug. Reportedly, it dramatically halts the vicious cycle of muscle spasm and pain, relaxes tension-ridden persons when properly used, has virtually no harmful side effects.

SAID TO BE SAFE Although it is not yet available to physicians, it has been used to treat painful muscle spasm and mental tension in more than 3,000 patients. It has been found to be about 90 per cent effective and "as safe as aspirin," according to investigators studying it.

It has been tested in treating cases of low back pain, sciatica, stiff neck, bursitis, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, pre-operative spasm, painful menstruation, asthma, ulcers, alcoholism, shingles, excessive sweating and other ailments.

TREATS HIVES Another tranquilizer, Atarax, is reported helpful in treating persons suffering from chronic hives stemming from emotional conflicts.

Investigators say the drug neutralizes the actions of substances apparently responsible for skin eruptions. It does not, however, cause undue drowsiness or impair mental alertness. Combination injections of this new tranquilizer and prantal, an anti-cholinergic agent, controlled severe flare-ups in chronic hives cases, the report states. The same combination with epinephrine, they say can be used to relieve asthma attacks.

A newly developed antibiotic, kanamycin, is reportedly successful in treating certain cases of mental disorders caused by high levels of ammonia in the blood.

This condition, causing hallucinations and often coma, occurs when the liver fails to perform adequately one of its functions, the removal of ammonia from the bloodstream.

The antibiotic is used to treat such psychotic states because of its ability to reduce the germs in the intestine which produce ammonia.

SIX MONTHS OF TESTING Kanamycin, first isolated in Japan in 1955, has been in experimental use for more than six months.

A new broad-spectrum antibiotic, has been developed for treating many common types of infections of the respiratory, gastrointestinal, genitourinary, cutaneous, surgical and ocular origin. It is available by prescription only.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Q: My physician recently prescribed an antibiotic for a virus infection. Could I take the same pill for an infection in an open wound?

A: Since many of the antibiotics are potentially harmful, they should never be taken without specific orders from a physician.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The telephone company has announced that a Canadian can now pick up the phone and call Borneo. So the 1958 version of the Wild Man of Borneo naturally is the one roused at 3 a.m. to answer a wrong number.—Hamilton Spectator.

The school inspector prepared to give the children an intelligence test. "Now children, close your eyes." The inspector made a noise like a dog panting. "Now open your eyes and tell me what I was doing." "Kissing teacher," came the reply from one of the boys in a back seat.—Cumberland Advocate.

Most persons probably would be hard put to define a "typical Canadian couple." Much is heard these days of "average" people, but who are they and what are they like? Despite the large measure of conformity that covers most of us, an "average" person is about as improbable as those fractional persons who crop up in statistics.—Edmonton Journal.

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London engineers are working on a television device which will enable a viewer to signal a Borex cheer to the studio when he dislikes a program. Looks like all those comics quit TV just in times.—St. Catherine's Standard.

Silence mingled with noise always creates something new, something that is neither quite the one nor the other. Silence may be deep as eternity, noise may be shallow as time. Yet perhaps time and eternity find an echo of harmony when noise is stilled into sound.—Montreal Gazette.

Bus drivers at Lake Louise get some fun out of their summer jobs in addition to tips and wages. There was the dear old lady who noticed the pipe that carries the water from the lake to run the hotel generator. She asked: "Is that the Trans-Canada Pipeline?" Then there was the other one who was impressed by the sight of "The Canadian" going through the spiral tunnels at Field. She asked: "Does the CPR do this in winter when there are no tourists to see it?"—The Printed Word.

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