

come. Yet there is at the moment a rising chorus of concern in India over whether that food flow will continue in the volume held necessary. Particular concern is felt over what New Delhi believes is the inexplicable delay on President Johnson's part in signing the authorization for the shipping of an addition 2 million tons of U.S. food grains.

The Christian Science Monitor quotes American officials as saying that 700,000 tons of grain now await unloading at Indian ports. No one in Washington apparently doubts that the agreement will soon be signed and that the United States will do all within its power to help stave off famine in India. But as The Monitor points out, this is not, in fact, the main question. What is most seriously in question is how long the United States will be in a position to come so massively to India's help.

As is well known, the last several years have seen a startling cut-in what were once the vast agricultural reserves in American storehouses. Recognizing this, Washington has authorized a 15 per cent rise in wheat acreage. It is expected to authorize an additional 10 per cent before too long. But it is doubted whether this will be enough. And thus the pressure is rising in lands such as India to make even higher efforts in the direction of higher agricultural output even if this means sacrificing cherished plans of industrialization.

Canada, too, has its experts who are warning that our agricultural horn of plenty is not bottomless. In the meantime, however, it is felt that we could be contributing more than we are doing to the food requirements of other lands. India's predicament, certainly, leaves little doubt as to the urgency of the need in that quarter.

Super Snoopers

Electronic surveillance techniques are cropping up in all kinds of odd places nowadays. Take the Michigan State University, for example, where a certain number of valuable books disappear each year from college libraries. We have heard that complaint from other library quarters as well, but Michigan claims to have the problem licked. By placing an electrical charge on a metal plate inside every book that circulates, it's going to make book thieves as scarce as dodop.

Here's how it works. The library turnstile locks unexpectedly, bells clang and the sheepish student who has been caught in the electronic snooping device returns to the check-out desk with his energized book. If the book has been properly checked out, this harmless and undetectable charge is erased or de-energized. Otherwise the charge activates six-foot sensing columns on each side of the exit turnstile, and the bells going-a-ling. If the student dares to challenge the machine and deny that he is concealing a book, library officials will whip out a handy little electronic wand. The wand's needle-like antenna flicks about when it locates any energized library materials.

In another case of automation, electronic surveillance replaces guards whose duty it has been to examine briefcases and handbags. The new system is expected to be cheaper and more foolproof.

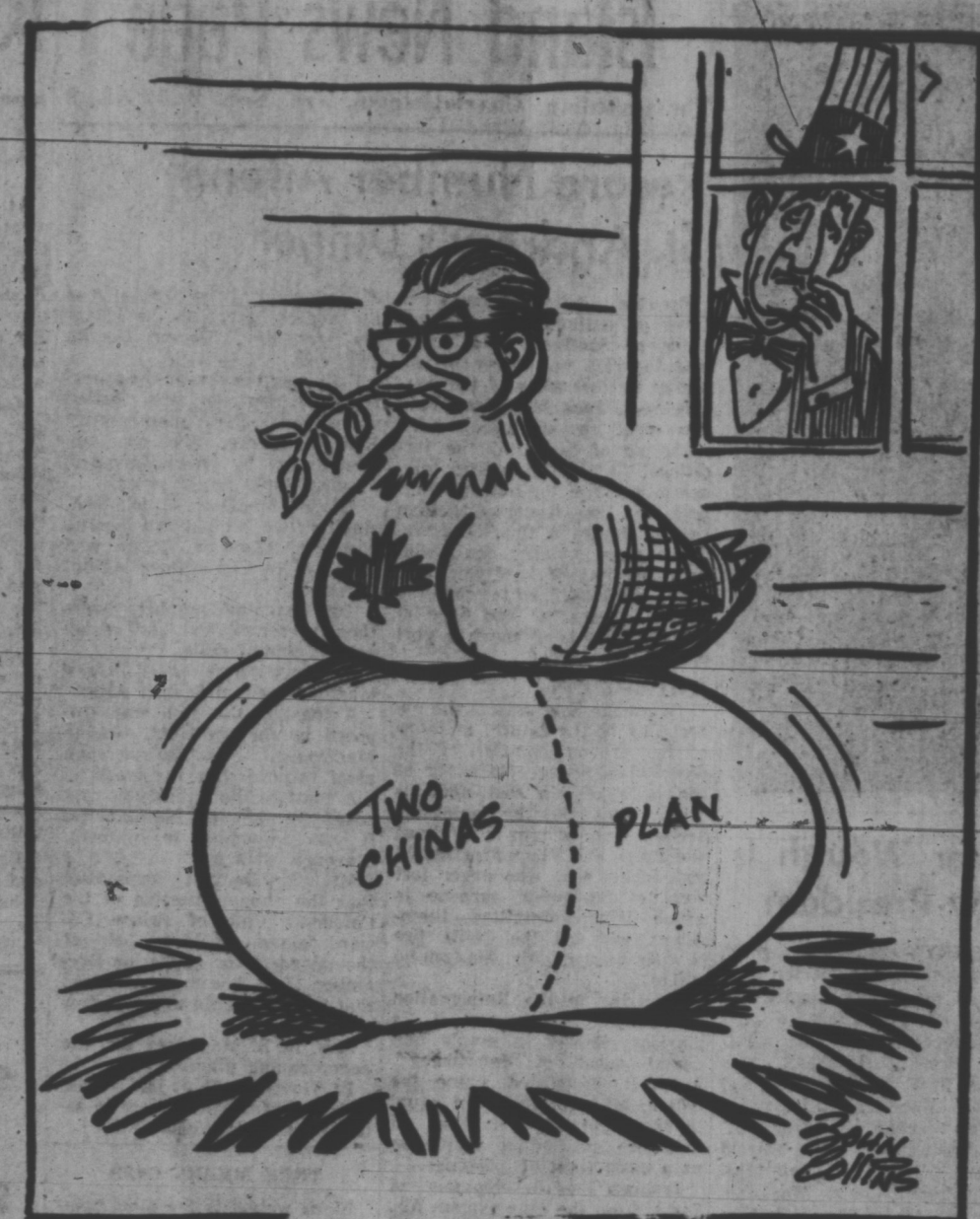
Looks as if we'll all have to toe the line in the brave new world the scientists are preparing for us.

Grim Statistics

Defensive driving is being emphasized by the Canadian Highway Safety Council, sponsor of Safe-Driving Week now under way. Statistics show that this annual week has achieved some success in the past, but the council hopes for wider cooperation on this occasion. It reminds us that in the average week during the last half of 1965, there were 114 road deaths in Canada. In Safe-Driving Week last year, there were 78 road deaths. The average traffic death toll for this week over the last 10 years was 59. The council makes no forecast of the likely toll in the week Dec. 1-7, but says there is every reason why it should be far below that average.

For every road death in Canada, 30 persons are injured and 120 property-damage accidents occur, causing an economic loss of \$120,000, says the council. The 1965 economic loss to Canada is placed at \$165 million or \$30 for every Canadian. Of Canada's 7,500,000 licensed motorists, approximately 1,600,000 are involved in accidents or brushes with the law each year.

Ample reason in these statistics to "drive defensively" not just this week but at all times.



THE DOVE AND THE CHINA EGG

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Still Dodging National Award Issue

Should there be an "Order of Canada" and a "Canada Medal", which could be awarded for outstanding service to the nation? Every year this column points out this lack in our panoply of nationalisms.

This subject was touched on indirectly by H.W. Herridge, the colourful socialist millionaire known as "The Squire of the Kookneys", in one of his many interesting contributions in the House of Commons. Thanks to his inquiring and alert mind, Bert Herridge is a modern-day Autolycus—whom students of Shakespeare will recall as "a snapper-up of unconsidered trifles."

The House equally hears many witty comments by the Secretary of State, Hon. Judy LaMarsh, who commends the skilled lawyer's ability to be witty off-the-cuff. These two combined in October to give the House this exchange:

Mr. Herridge: "Mr. Speaker, I wish to address my question to the Secretary of State. Did the premier of British Columbia communicate with her, as I understand it is customary, before he recently accepted a foreign order?"

Miss LaMarsh: "I did not know that the premier of British Columbia took orders from anybody."

PROVINCIAL SOVEREIGNTY I checked with the embassy of the Federal Republic of West Germany here, and learned that Premier Bennett had just been awarded the Order of Merit by the government of Bavaria, which is a province of that federation. Germany's constitution

gives provincial governments the power to create and award such orders. I asked Miss LaMarsh whether "Canadian" provinces have the same power; she replied that, being sovereign, they presumably do.

I discussed this with the ever-courteous Mr. Herridge. We pondered whether Mr. Bennett might borrow an idea from Bavaria. But we both scoffed at this thought—underestimating that colourful western leader.

Premier Bennett is a man who acts, swiftly. He created "The Order of the Dogwood"—named after BC's official flower to honour citizens who have made "a special contribution of worth to the development of the province." But, wisely, it may not be awarded to members of the government while in office.

On 18th November, celebrating BC's 100th birthday, Premier Bennett was authorized by Order in Council to bestow the Order of the Dogwood upon the first five recipients.

Contrast that speed of action with federal inaction. Prime Minister Mackenzie King created in 1948, and even had eight specimens struck by the Mint. But none was ever awarded, and two specimens mysteriously disappeared from government safekeeping. Subsequent governments have toyed with the idea of creating a Canadian Order, agreed its desirability, yet failed to act.

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Ringworm Of The Scalp

By Dr. Theodore H. Van Dellen A few years ago we received the following letter: "My sister's daughter has ringworm of the scalp. My children are invited to a party she is giving for her youngster. Her doctor said the condition is contagious and she is quite put out because I won't let them go. Would you advise me to expose my children to ringworm?"

No, because the causative fungi are easily passed from child to child. Some ringworm organisms also are transmitted by animals and, in rural areas, certain cereals harbor the fungi. At any rate, to keep peace in the family we hope they postponed the event until the disease was brought under control.

Ringworm of the scalp occurs mainly in school children but is found occasionally in infants and adults. The circular patches are bald or studded with broken hairs. Although the skin is red, scaling, and crusted, the lesions do not burn or itch.

The diagnosis is easily made with a Wood's light that emits a monochromatic ultraviolet ray. When infected hairs are exposed to these rays in a darkened room, they emit a greenish-white fluorescence. Direct microscopic examination of the affected hairs is a more specific test and may be needed in questionable cases.

Griseofulvin tablets have revolutionized the treatment of infections of the scalp by all species of ringworm. The medicine is taken for 10 days to three weeks. An anti-fungal ointment also may be recommended to eliminate the organisms on the dead hairs. Some physicians suggest shaving the scalp after a few weeks as an added precaution to prevent the spread of the disease to other members of the family.

TENSE MUSCLES H. E. writes: You say that psychogenic rheumatism is pain in and about the joints, muscles, and tendons without evidence of arthritis. Does your emotional make-up have anything to do with it?

REPLY Yes, the word psychogenic means of emotional origin. Most victims of this condition develop pain during periods of stress and strain. Symptoms are less noticeable when stressful situations abate.

TENDER SHINS L. H. writes: What causes tenderness of the shin bone? I do not recall any bump or bruise.

REPLY Spontaneous bone hemorrhage, neuritis, and bone infections are possibilities. Occasionally injury is so trivial as to be overlooked. Generalized aching also occurs during infections such as influenza. Now and then athletes develop thin spindles after running on hard surfaces.

BRACES OR BELTS F. E. writes: Which is better for pants support: suspenders that leave the abdomen free or a belt that compresses the internal organs?

REPLY There is no particular advantage in giving the abdomen its freedom, nor will a belt injure the internal organs by pressure. Most men follow their own preference—that is, they use whichever holds up the trousers better.

A Warning To Nasser

By Carl Nellis Canadian Press Staff Writer

Intensified brinkmanship in the Middle East threatens to tip the area into a war that some of the local rulers want.

But the heightened danger may well act as warning to leaders such as Egypt's Gamal Abdel Nasser to draw back. The crisis could result in power shifts that serve to reduce tension—providing warily leaders can keep control.

Israel's punitive attack on Jordan Nov. 13 which provoked the present crisis, was widely seen by Western experts and even some Israelis as a political and military mistake.

The Hebron raid incurred the censure of the Security Council last Friday and has caused anti-Husseini rioting in Jordan that threatens to remove one of the few moderate Arab voices on Israel's frontier.

While some of the increasingly-frequent Arab commando raids on Israel had come from Jordan territory—including one the day before Israel's Hebron attack—the real culprits as far as Israel and others are concerned are in Syria. Jordan's King Hussein, despite harboring more than half the 1,300,000 Palestine Arabs who claim Israel as home, had acted to halt border violations from his own country.

Cairo and Damascus propaganda organs have been heaping abuse on Hussein, thus encouraging anti-Husseini rioters in Jordan.

But some Western Diplomats believe Nasser would stop any or active support for revolution in Jordan. An uprising might well be a signal to Israel to annex the enclave of Jordanian territory west of the Jordan River in self-protection.

That would almost certainly drag Egypt into a showdown that Nasser has made clear Egypt now should avoid. Egypt is in financial trouble and almost half its army is tied down in the Yemen civil war.

The danger of full-scale war also may cause Nasser to step up efforts—behind a veil of Israeli anti-Husseini propaganda—to curb the activities of commandos.

The defence agreement between Egypt and Syria was seen by Western diplomats as an attempt by Egypt—inspired by Russia—to gain a measure of control over Syria's reckless provocation both in Israel and among anti-Husseini factions in Jordan.

An emergency meeting of the Arab League Defence Council called for Cairo next Wednesday, will give more sober Arab leaders a chance to organize a strain—at least for the duration of the current crisis.

The Arabs have bitter memories of the way commando raids led to Israel's invasion of Sinai 10 years ago and how an unprepared Egyptian army was left by its Arab neighbors to fight alone.

Penny Candy Days

Ottawa Journal

One of the tenets of the democratic system is that a man who earns his money by honest labor can spend it as he wishes. Half a century ago when the family drove to the village on Saturday evening for the weekly trading, a lad with a nickel to spend was faced with problems.

Decisions, psychologists agree, are difficult for many. When a 13-year-old looked over the array in the candy counter with his curved glass, fly-specked front, he had to make up his mind. Basically, it was a choice between candy that gave immediate pleasure and more lasting types that would spread satisfaction over a longer period.

Soft chocolates were delicious but had practically no lasting value. It was better, experience had taught to concentrate on other types. A long stick of gum in its red wrapper for a cent was a standard item.

There was Chicken Corn, 10 for a penny, candy buttons, marshmallow bananas, miniature bean pots with sugared peanuts, chocolate cigars with golden bands, coconut flags, all day suckers, and lozenges with humorous or sentimental messages. Hard sugar candies with various flavors deserved consideration.

Finally a choice was made and the elderly storekeeper placed the candies in a red and green striped bag with an extra dividend. Not particularly high priced, but many boys, pondering the best use for their money, learned fundamental lessons of finance at the candy counter of the old general store.

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Another Tory Rumpus

Many backbench Conservatives, who are still bewildered over the squabbling that took place at the recent party convention at Ottawa, and the manner in which its leader was founded and publicly lacerated by an insurgent element of the party, will be inclined to say, with regard to the new rumpus which has broken out over the exclusion of anti-Diefenbaker MPs from the party executive, "a plague on both your houses."

Among other things, the party's caucus of MPs took the unusual step of rejecting on a secret ballot the recommendation of PEI MPs that David MacDonald, MP for Prince, be named to the national executive in place of Hon. Angus MacLean, the senior member for Queens. Mr. MacDonald says he is not personally upset at not being elected, but is disturbed by this attempt to railroad through this choice of executive members, which excludes the viewpoint of some 30 per cent of the party's members in the House.

He was referring to the fact that 24 MPs had not signed the declaration of loyalty to Mr. Diefenbaker while 71 had done so last week. Only one of those opposed to the present leader was elected; he was Gordon Fairweather of New Brunswick whose election became automatic when two other MPs withdrew voluntarily. Mr. MacDonald suggested that Mr. MacLean, who was not present at the caucus to confirm his desire to withdraw in person, might still decide to do so. In any case, he felt it a bad precedent when someone outside the province became involved by making nominations.

One can sympathize with his point of view, but one can also appreciate the irony of having the decision, in this case, made on a secret ballot—a voting principle which, as Mr. Camp and his followers have insisted, is the only democratic way of assessing the still more important question of the party's leadership. The same system was followed in reelecting Mr. Camp to the national presidency of the party. Why shouldn't it apply to caucus selections to the national executive?

In this case, of course, the system worked against the anti-Dief element among Mr. Diefenbaker's so-called supporters in the Commons, and not the other way around. And there is no doubt that it was adopted deliberately by the pro-Dief majority to get rid, on the executive, of colleagues whom they regard as renegades, and on whom they feel that they can place no confidence in carrying on the work of the Opposition under Mr. Diefenbaker's leadership. Why, indeed, should they feel otherwise? They would have been wiser, probably, had they acted more diplomatically in the circumstances; but diplomacy is the last thing to expect from either side in this domestic quarrel. It was carried beyond that stage at the cannibalistic orgy out of which the rumpus arose; and there, one fears, it will remain for a long time.

Concern In India

As we approach the Christmas season in the midst of unparalleled material blessings, it is not amiss to remind ourselves that there are vast areas of the globe where the human situation is sadly otherwise. The case of India has been cited as a striking example in this connection. It contains an estimated 450 million people and is deemed to be growing at the rate of 10 million to 12 million new mouths yearly. For several years a number of its richest provinces have been undergoing one of the worst droughts in India's history.

Only an endless flow of food from without can apparently tide the Indians over until the season for another (and hopefully better) crop has