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China—one nation whose important ambitions the world has most to worry about—will be a clear gainer from the ill timing and judgment of this warning to North Vietnam.

The Washington statement came, too, at a time when other major capitals were seeking a negotiated settlement of the Vietnamese conflict.

It is to be hoped that second thoughts will convince Mr. Johnston that there is much to be said for this proposal.

Strange Procedure

It is hard to account for the action of Justice Minister Favreau in issuing a statement, through the Prime Minister's office, challenging the truthfulness of a statement made under oath by Deputy RCMP Commissioner Lemieux before the Dorion court of inquiry.

This official testified that he had been informed by RCMP Commissioner McClellan that Mr. Pearson, last year, had told his then parliamentary secretary, Liberal MP Guy Rouleau, that the RCMP was planning to question him.

Opposition members have been told by both the Prime Minister and Mr. Favreau that they should let the inquiry take its course, and not seek to prejudice it in any way.

Whatever the merits of the statement in question, this plainly amounts to flouting the court proceedings, if not, as Opposition Leader Diefenbaker charged, to intimidating witnesses in the persons of the two top officers of the RCMP.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

The Town Council of Bridlington, an English seaside place, finally has approved of the sale of hot dogs on the seafloor, but only without onions.



AFTER THE FLAG SLALOM

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Premier Bennett's Long Tenure In B.C.

Premier W.A.C. Bennett of British Columbia recently set off a record, by holding that office for a longer span than any of his 24 predecessors.

The reason why the Bennett Social Credit government has been re-elected four times by the voters of British Columbia is obvious: the economic picture in B.C. is one of continuing boom, facilitated by the economic climate created by the Bennett policies.

In his recent Budget speech, Premier Bennett, who is also Finance Minister—said that last year "The British Columbia economy achieved record highs in all sectors of investment, production, personal income and foreign exports."

ALL DEBT PAID OFF

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Green Grass Production

Sackville Tribune-Post

Visitors attending the National Salon of Agriculture in Montreal, can see the production of green grass for livestock under winter conditions.

The problem of feeding stock through the winter season is one which has plagued farmers for generations. Now, after 25 years of research, a major breakthrough, it is claimed, has been accomplished.

With simple equipment, grain can be rapidly germinated and matured. On a surface of 12 by 12 feet, up to 30 tons of food, providing the succulence and freshness of green and tender grass, can be produced annually.

Spying For Everybody

Montreal Gazette

It is sometimes said that Soviet and Western societies are growing and more and more like each other; apparently, at some future date they are supposed to become indistinguishable.

Everyone has read the stories, usually told in a tone of moral revulsion and horror, of how the Russians bug hotel rooms, restaurant tables, embassy offices, houses, cars and practically everything else.

What has not been told in detail until recently, is that many American government agencies and private organizations do the same thing. The details are now coming out before a subcommittee of the United States.

600 Years A-building

New York Times

A news dispatch from Milan tells us that the famed Cathedral has been completed. Time did not fly in this case because the Italians started building the church, according to most authorities, in 1386.

The Visconti were to be thankful, Gian Galeazzo Visconti, the first Duke of Milan, was a Milanese prince before his time—crust, crafty, a keen intellect, no principles, no passions, no morality.

Of the 153 Canadians who have served as premier of a province, surprisingly only seven have made the come-back to serve a second term after defeat in a provincial election.

Stomach Cancer

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Mortality from cancer of the stomach has declined 65 per cent in the United States in the past 25 years.

Some credit is due to earlier diagnosis and better surgical technique. This is logical, except that gastric cancers often are silent until far advanced.

Many tell of having the desire to eat until they swallow one or two bites of food. This leads to a feeling of satisfaction or a sense of being uncomfortably full.

The exception to this story occurs when the cancer masquerades as a peptic ulcer. We do not refer to the nine out of 10 lesions located in the first part of the small intestine (duodenum) just outside the exit valve of the gastric pouch.

Most stomach cancers are diagnosed via X-ray. Surgery offers the only chance for cure.

Other tests may be suggested when a gastric ulcer is found, because some of these lesions are benign. Many physicians recommend early surgery regardless of the outcome of the tests.

Remembering India

Christian Science Monitor

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British Doctors' Revolt

Winnipeg Free Press

The British National Health Service is being shaken by a revolt of general practitioners who are asking for substantial increases in their remuneration.

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Our Yesterdays

(From the Guardian Files)

Twenty-five years ago (March 3, 1940) Bombing of the 8,441-ton British passenger liner Dorunda, with a probable loss of 108 lives, was announced by the Admiralty.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A judge's little daughter, who had attended her father's court for the first time, told her mother: "Papa made a speech, and several other men made speeches to 12 men who sat all together, and then these 12 men were put in a dark room to be developed."

To size up a man fairly well, add his mother's appraisal of him to that of his mother-in-law, and divide by two.

Kosygin's Position

By Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer

Soviet Premier Kosygin has acknowledged that he will go to London for talks with the British government. This seems to suggest his political position has solidified at home to the point where he can undertake hard bargaining with the West.

There is plenty on the world table for discussion with Prime Minister Wilson: the war in South Viet Nam; the United Nations financial crisis; the paralysis in disarmament and the constant threat that some accident could bring nuclear holocaust.

Opposing pressure from his own left wing, Wilson has supported the United States in South Viet Nam. Undoubtedly he would be prepared to attempt to influence the U.S. towards a more conciliatory attitude if Kosygin should indicate more readiness to yield from his own position of full endorsement of the North Vietnamese policy.

Britain also would like to see the 17-country Geneva conference on disarmament reopened soon and has even hinted the West might provide some concessions to reduce the number of on-site observation posts blocking the remaining ban on underground nuclear testing.

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