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And So It Goes

Recently in the House of Commons our senior MP for Queens, Hon. J. Angus MacLean, took occasion to remind the government of its pledges to establish a 12-mile fishing zone for the benefit of Canadian fishermen.

The only subject on which agreement was not reached was on the width of the territorial sea and exclusive fishing zones. At a second session, held in Geneva in 1960, this contentious question was almost settled.

Two years later, during a federal election campaign, the present Prime Minister addressed a meeting in the fishing community of Morell, P.E.I. and said that Canada should set a 12-mile fishing limit unilaterally if no international agreement was possible.

The Liberals did, after the election, introduce legislation known as the Territorial Sea and Fishing Zones Act in this connection, which passed with practically the unanimous approval of the House.

Last June External Affairs Minister Martin, in reply to a query from Mr. MacLean, said he was working "very hard," together with his colleague the Minister of Fisheries, on the matter; adding that it was "a negotiation that is proving very difficult."

Recalling Mr. Pearson's pledge in 1963 to produce a 12-mile fishing zone law "within a year of coming to office," this does seem a bit of a let-down.

The Quebec Stance

Gerard Pelletier, one of the so-called "new wave" Liberals in Parliament, has come up with the statement that it is Quebec that is upholding the constitution by insisting on doing those things which fall into its proper jurisdiction and that the real threat to Confederation comes from the other provinces which are "opting in" and thus transferring the balance of power to the federal authorities.

Certainly it has been a profitable fight that Quebec has been waging against "opting in" on many schemes that have been designed to enable the provinces to work together as a whole. Its budget will hit the \$2,305 million

mark in the fiscal year starting April 1, which also is expected to be an election year. This figure includes \$180,403,000 federal contribution to shared-cost programs and \$61,161,200 in other federal contributions and repayments.

Mr. Pelletier says that Quebec has only moved into a federal power vacuum, and has a right to demand and exercise her constitutional authority to the limit. But even if this were so, is he right in charging the rest of us with being defaulters because we haven't followed suit? Surely there is an obligation on every province of making its contribution to the country as a whole.

Doors Closed Again

Forestry Minister Sauve has called a National Forestry Conference in Montebello, Quebec, Feb. 21-24 and invited representatives from the provinces, industry, public and private economic and research groups, professional associations and related departments.

The conference delegates are to consider three important questions: What is the present demand for Canada's forest resources and what will it be in 1975 and 2000? What is the present state of the forest resources? What must be done to ensure that these resources will effectively meet the demand in 1975 and 2000?

The questions, as the Toronto paper says, do not suggest that important federal, provincial or industrial secrets are going to be bared, or that dramatic and far-reaching policies are to be shaped.

There have been many complaints recently about the increasing amount of government business done behind closed doors. Prime Minister Pearson has recognized these complaints and has wondered out loud if there is not some way in which the press could sit in on some of these meetings without destroying their effectiveness.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Prime Minister Pearson has given assurance of the government's hopes of bringing in legislation, later this session, extending unemployment insurance benefits for farm workers. This was a Liberal pledge in the last election campaign, and his opponents have been reminding him of it.

From Scotland comes the cheering news that the industrial economy is booming—at the fastest clip since World War II. The Board of Trade office says more companies decided to build manufacturing plants there in 1965 than ever before.

At a recent meeting of the Northwest Territories Council, plans for a new Canadian province were discussed. At present the population of the entire area is only 26,000, but the council members are looking ahead to 10 or 12 years from now.



HAWAIIAN SURFBOARD

"UNATTACHED" ISLANDS

Markets For Canada In West Indies

Every year at about this time, when snowdrifts pile up outside the house as the fuel-bills pile up inside, Canadians tend to dream wistfully of the magic islands of the West Indies.

Carried away with the vision of golden beaches and shimmering sapphire seas, they toy yet again with the prospect of incorporating these unattached island paradises into Canada as a sort of detached province.

Forget it! The West Indies is a world away from Canada, separated not only by barriers of space and race but by vast differences in outlook and way of life.

It would be physically impossible to attempt to maintain the standards accepted as the Canadian norm in every aspect of our society in a West Indian atmosphere.

Let's face it: the West Indies are different, and vive la difference! OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

But while it would be a sheer impossibility to attempt to impose the Canadian way of life, with its technological demands its social responsibilities and its rapid pace on the leisurely Caribbean community, there the other and more feasible associations open to us which could be of very real benefit to both Canada and the West Indies.

For Canada has an expansionist industrial economy which could well find markets in the West Indies, while Canadian capital, granted the security of an economic link between the two Commonwealth sisters could readily develop new industries in the islands themselves which would do much to advance the retarded standard of living in the Caribbean.

Once a proper trading atmosphere had been created, Canada might well consider the provision of technical aid and economic assistance which are badly needed in many fields of West Indian life.

Canada should undertake this work in this particular field as an alternative to its present policy of dissipating its aid indiscriminately about the world.

Such aid could be put to far better use in the limited field of the West Indies than in the vast areas of Asia and Africa, which currently suck up Canadian millions as a tiny drop of water in the vast desert of Asian-African need.

Let Canada stay Canadian, the West Indies, West Indian. But let us work out an agreement which will allow us each to do business with the other on a preferred terms, to our mutual advantage, and let us concentrate our government's overseas aid in the West Indies where it can produce the most benefit.

The West Indies needs dollars; let's make them Canadian dollars!

PUBLIC FORUM

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY Sir—I would like to discuss a very important subject: responsibility of parents to children. I am not, in any way, an authority on such an important factor in family life. I wish only to express an opinion and help give to parents an idea of the amount of greatly needed help children require from parents.

I don't wish to give anyone the impression that I think all children, especially teenagers, are wild and uncontrollable. On the contrary I have a lot of teenage friends and I consider it a privilege to be their friend. I am chiefly discussing those teenagers and younger children who greatly require help and guidance to establish a future for themselves.

A child's failure in life cannot and should not be blamed entirely on a parent. There are, no doubt, many reasons for such failure and it might even be the child's fault alone. This is failure to accept help and guidance when parents offer it. But the responsibility is there, and it is the obligation of parents to fulfill that responsibility to the best of their ability regardless of how difficult the task is because they hold the future of our world in the family they build.

So many parents today fail to accept the fads and fashions of the modern teenager. By doing this, children find it difficult to come forward and discuss with their parents a particular thing they want advice on. If parents would give their children a chance to explain why they like a new fad or new fashion—if they would try to understand their children's feelings towards their own way of life, then maybe parents could find some purpose in it and present their own views and advice on it instead of continually denouncing it.

This is all teenagers are asking from their parents, a little understanding and a chance to discuss with you their own way of life and ask for your advice because you hold the gift of many years of experience from which your children can obtain a great deal of wisdom.

I don't approve of many of the fads and fashions teenagers have today myself. But, I also don't approve of the birth control pill or the electronic computers. Yet, we are being faced with new changes every day and it is becoming more and more difficult to adapt to these changes. There is fear, instead of hope building in the minds of children today. Fear of what life is going to be like for them when they are adults.

But a parent's responsibility is far greater than just understanding the fads and fashions of

Herpes Zoster

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Herpes zoster (shingles) has a feature in common with polio. Both are caused by viruses invading the nervous system. The herpes organism prefers the sensory nerves whereas the polio virus strikes the motor nerves of the spinal cord and brain.

The symptoms of herpes zoster follow the distribution of the involved sensory nerve. The branches most commonly affected usually emerge from one side of the spinal cord; a nerve between a rib is a favorite site. The initial manifestations are a burning, prickling, or stabbing sensation along the route of the infected fibers.

Healing may take place within three weeks but older persons may be left with a residual neuralgia that plagues them constantly for months. This is described as a burning sensation accompanied by frequent shock-like pain in the involved area.

There is no specific treatment for herpes zoster. The steroid hormones such as ACTH or cortisone are the most popular remedies. Warmth, via an electric pad brings comfort. Relief also is obtained with anesthetic ointments and lotions.

The usual attack is not serious unless blisters form over the clear cornea of the eye. This is a sensitive area and the pain is excruciating. In addition, the lesions may leave scars that retard vision.

Idoxuridine (IDU) eye drops also is said to be of value in herpes simplex, but time will tell whether it will solve this problem.

VITAMINS AND SKIN Deficiencies cause dermatitis of the hands and feet? REPLY

Too little vitamin A may lead to rough skin; deficiencies in the B complex vitamins may do the same. This is particularly true of niacin; a shortage may lead to pellagra, in which the eruptions of the hands and feet look like gloves and boots.

NEURITIS Mrs. O.B. writes: What is the cause of infectious neuritis? REPLY

In the past, infectious neuritis was often blamed on a hidden focal infection in the teeth, tonsils, prostate, or other organs. But the modern medicine is likely to question this theory.

ICEBOX RAIDER Mrs. C. writes: Is the body harmed by eating late at night before going to bed? REPLY

Only if the habit leads to obesity, which tends to aggravate existing disorders and thus shorten life. Icebox raiding may cause indigestion and, now and then, interfere with sleep by producing dreams or nightmares.

WRINKLED NECK Mrs. E.W. writes: Can plastic surgery do anything for a crepey, wrinkled neck? REPLY

Yes, but it is easier to hide, or cover the structure with necklaces, scarves, fur pieces, and cosmetics.

Middle East Problems

By Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer The shape of the Arab world is beginning to solidify into two strong, somewhat opposing political camps whose ambitions may be influenced by gradual decline of British Middle East power within the next two years.

Confronted by the need to conserve diminished financial strength and unable to come to terms with bomb-throwing guerrillas, Britain is reported to have accepted the view it would be better to close her big land base in Aden and concentrate what remaining Middle East forces she can afford in her Persual Gulf Island base at Bahrain.

SHIFT IN EMPHASIS Bahrain is small and rather remote from the strategic Red Sea shipping lanes, which Aden overlooks. But by 1968, Britain may no longer be in Aden and whatever military influence she could wield because of that base may have to be made up by intensified political strategy.

That strategy undoubtedly will be based on two significant points: Britain cannot hope to erase easily the suspicion and enmity of President Gamal Abdel Nasser, borne by the futile 1956 Suez invasion.

The President of the United Arab Republic can no longer hope to be the unchallenged leader of the Arab world. The new contender is King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, who dreams of uniting Moslems not only in the Middle East, but elsewhere into an Islamic league, firmly linked to the holy city of Mecca.

In the British view, Faisal is a deeply religious, rather conservative ruler, inclined to political moderation in contrast to the more radical socialism of Nasser's Cairo-based forces. Faisal, whose country has great oil wealth, has obtained substantial military equipment from both Britain and the United States. He is seen as a friend of the West, while Nasser appears more comfortable with the Soviet Union and China.

REACH AGREEMENT The opposing ambitions of Faisal and Nasser came to a head in Aden's neighbor, Yemen. But the Republicans, supported by Nasser, failed to crack the royalist line. Last August Nasser came to terms with Faisal. Nasser's force would withdraw. He wanted nothing but peace and friendship with Faisal.

But so far these forces have not withdrawn. Faisal has talked of calling an Islamic conference in the spring, though the meeting may not come off until the end of the year. Cairo has grown suspicious that Faisal intends to push his own centralized Moslem leadership under Mecca.

In this whirlwind of ambition, Britain may find itself more and more on Faisal's side. After all, Saudi Arabia is next door to the supposed South Arabian Federation, in which Aden would be the capital and the central political force.

Co-ordination of British-Saudi Arabian policies would not be without its problems. Arabs in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere want the chance of a better life—more welfare and more security. Faisal may have to lean a bit more to the left to strengthen his own position and ensure the prospect that the royalists will remain faithful.

Air We Do Not Breathe

Fort William Times - Journal William "Breather" Knowles, who has helped 100,000 persons to use their lungs properly in the past 30 years, is the subject of an article in the Reader's Digest which brings out the point that most people breathe too often.

Knowles believes that most of us should take far less than the 14 to 18 superficial breaths we draw per minute. He takes only four. Fewer breaths mean deeper breaths, he says.

One key to proper breathing is to exhale fully. Try this to test your own capacity: With your mouth open, exhale all you can. Now purse your lips and blow. Chances are there was lots of air left, indicating that you're allowing stagnant air to accumulate in your lungs.

To help increase your capacity for blowing out, try reading a paragraph aloud each day. Notice how far you get the first day, then gradually increase the number of lines you can read without inhaling.

FAVORS COMMISSION OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson told the Commons Friday he still favors the appointment of a royal commission to study the desirability of appointing a Canadian ombudsman. He told New Democrat Leader Douglas the matter is complicated by the division of powers between Ottawa and the provinces and more study is needed. It would take some time before a decision was reached on the appointment of the royal commission.

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Our Yesterdays

STRESSING THAT Japan was seeking "economic expansion" by peaceful means, but refusing to rule out a resort to force, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, new Japanese Ambassador to Washington, said there would be no American-Japanese war unless the United States took the "initiative."

National Defence Headquarters announced an increase of 10 cents a day in pay of reserve recruits training under the four-month compulsory plan. The same increase brings reserve army pay to \$1.30 per day, the same as privates in the Canadian (active) army receive.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 19, 1956) Last night the Little Theatre Guild was awarded the Calvert Trophy and \$100.00 for their Regional Drama Festival-winning play "Angel Street," directed by Mrs. W.E. Scantlebury of Charlottetown.

Rose MacDonald won first prize for entries over 16 years of age at the ice carnival at Souris. She was dressed as a valentine.



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