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New ARDA Agreements

Farmers here and throughout Canada will be interested in the announcement by Federal Forestry Minister Maurice Sauve that a federal-provincial conference will be held late in August or early September to work out new terms under the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act. The minister estimated that there would be some 35 or 40 changes in the present agreements, although it is not known yet whether the law itself will have to be amended.

He made the announcement during the course of a day-long press briefing on progress to date in the ARDA pilot region of the lower St. Lawrence and Gaspe. The briefing, which was conducted by officers of the Eastern Quebec Development Planning Office, was attended by Quebec Agriculture Minister Alcide Courcy as well.

The latter had called for an extension of the ARDA program to cover a wider range of projects than at present, and had suggested that the new agreements—replacing the existing ones which expire March 31, 1965—should provide for Government expenditures on such projects as tourist centres, camping grounds, beaches, research into land use, etc. The ARDA programs, he maintained, have been going through a "transition period" up to now, and the time has come to revise them.

Mr. Sauve said he had been meeting with representatives of all provinces to determine what changes in the program they would like to see, as a prelude to the upcoming conference. The federal proposals for a new agreement, he added, will be sent to the provinces "within a few weeks" in order to allow time to study them before the meeting.

The federal minister also stressed that Ottawa intends to leave all administration of the ARDA program completely to the provinces, and will not intervene at any time. The Federal Government reserves the right to final say on the acceptability of any project, however.

Flowers Of London

It is to be hoped that the Commonwealth leaders, in conference in London, will take time off to enjoy the great city's Arts Festival, now in progress, and also its Festival of Flowers, which is really something worth seeing. With the Lord Mayor of London as its patron, the Festival of Flowers is being promoted by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners, one of the city's ancient guilds of craftsmen, whose Master, Lord Nathan—he is also chairman of the festival—has called for "a blaze of color in every street and ally."

For 13 days in July this festival will be in full swing. Many thousands of blooms are on display, providing a tribute of flowers for some of Europe's most celebrated buildings— St. Paul's Cathedral, the Bank of England, the Mansion House (home of the Lord Mayor), the 15th century Guildhall and the Tower of London, the great fortress of William the Conqueror begun on the north bank of the Thames nearly 900 years ago. There are striking displays, too, at many of the city churches such as St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Peter's, Cornhill, both of which were designed by Sir Christopher Wrenn, the architect of St. Paul's.

There is a special reason why the citizens of Britain's capital should co-operate wholeheartedly with the Worshipful Company of Gardeners in a festival of this kind. A British Services release recalls that in 1945 London was a drab place indeed. Many of its buildings had been bombed, leaving gaping holes in the skyline. All that is changed now, but people remember that it was the bomb sites which provided an occasional touch of color in the war-torn city.

They provided also a clue to the way in which its appearance could be improved. For seeds, blown by the wind or dropped by the birds, took root and blossomed amid the rubble. Cherry, apple and pear trees pushed their way through the broken masonry, and small orchards grew from pips and stones thrown on the lunch bags of clerks and typists.

Today's Festival of Flowers recalls the heartbreak of those years, and the hunger for beauty amid desolation, which the wayward touches of nature helped to appease.

Castro's Olive-Branch

Cuban Premier Fidel Castro has extended an olive-branch, of sorts, to the United States, which it is to hoped will not be thrown aside too contemptuously. In an interview with a New York Times correspondent he suggested a resumption of talks between the two governments, with Washington taking the initiative—for he holds Washington to blame for the present state of relations. However, he said Cuba is prepared to take certain steps immediately in an effort to ease existing tensions.

He would pull back his Cuban guards around the Guantanamo Naval Base at a distance of several hundred yards, as "a contribution on our part to avoid incidents." Cuba would cease immediately its material support of Latin-American revolutionaries if the U.S. and its allies would agree to withhold support of Cuban exile activity against the island. He would also release as many as 90 per cent of the political prisoners now held by his government.

During the interview Castro said the U.S. would do much better to purchase Cuban sugar than to try to expand its sugar-beet industry. Likewise, he said, there were many things that Cuba needed to purchase from the United States.

Cuban sugar has been selling at low prices to Communist-bloc nations since the United States cut off its massive purchases. Another reason for Castro's interest in a rapprochement may lie in the fact that an Organization of American States meeting at Wasington is in the offing, called to take action on Venezuela's charges of Cuban agression.

In any case, it is regarded as possible that the Castro overture will provide a platform for a greater exploration of Washington's attitude towards Cuba than has been possible up to now. This would be all to the good. As Arkansas Senator Fulbright said in a memorable statement last March: "We must learn to explore all the options and possibilities that confront us in a complex and rapidly changing world... We must learn to welcome rather than fear the voices of dissent and not to recoil in horror whenever some heretic suggests that Castro may survive..."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Members of the House of Commons spent two hours debating whether they should add five and a half hours to their work week to handle unfinished business. That, comments an exchange, explains in part why they need more time to complete their work.

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The "frightening prospect of a continuous urban unit" stretching from Manchester, in the north of England, to Milan, in northern Italy, was envisaged by a delegate to a conference on regional planning in urban development in Western Europe. He contended that once the English Channel is bridged, or tunneled, only government intervention would be able to prevent it.

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A survey is progressing in Scotland to determine if the decline in numbers of the golden eagle is general. Experts have suggested that the species—found mainly in the west and central Highlands—might become extinct in Scotland if the present poor breeding trend continues. The trouble is thought to be caused by the widespread use of chemical pesticides.

MENDING THE CRACK IN LIBERTY BELL

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Needs Larger Budget To Check Waste

Max Henderson, our competent and courageous Auditor General, claims that he needs a larger budget to permit him to perform an effective watchdog job over the expenditure of our tax dollars.

The total cost for his staff of 180 auditors last year amounted to less than $1½ million. That is a modest price for the careful checking with which his thinned-pencil army audits government spending on close on $7 billion. In his annual survey of the accounts of government departments and crown corporations, Max Henderson always fearlessly points out—and hence hails— extravagances and irregularities. This should result in lower taxes.

I think that he should now be given the money to hire the larger staff which he is asking for.

Then maybe he would detect many of the still unexposed irregularities and, even more important, make prospective spenders of our tax money run scared of his detections. This could save the taxpayer plenty over each twelve month period, by eliminating the spirit of wantonness with which the taxpayers' money is scandalously wasted.

LAX HOUSEWIFERY

He might, for instance, ask about that apparently extravagant car pool operated by our defence forces in Ottawa—limousines driven by uniformed chauffeurs who have been expensively trained and equipped to defend Canada, not to drive taxis. What runs do those cars make each day? How many wives and children of the taxpayers employees are ferried to and from shopping centres, hairdressing saloons and even schools?

And those Cabinet Ministers who each have a soldier and a car at their beck and call day and night— do they also have the gall to draw the $2,000 per year tax-free allowance for "car" which is paid to all ministers out of the taxpayers money? Wouldn't taxies be cheaper than a pool of cars driven by sergeants and corporals?

Why did army car Number 28804F drive a stenographer to her work in the Parliament Building at 8.42 a.m. on a June morning? Are all stenographers employed by the government entitled to free transportation in a sergeant-driven car to and from work? And what is the function of that smart and costly Buick, licence E3504S, with a driver wearing Bank of Canada uniform? What bank business was it conducting parked outside a grocetria in a neighbouring city at 12.50 p.m. on a recent Saturday? Do Bank of Canada employees work a 5-day week? Is overtime paid for work on days when the Bank is closed?

Max Henderson might also compare the cost of government departments hiring their manual workers, and an outside private company being contracted for such work. For instance, on a recent morning, Prime Minister Pearson wanted MPs to see "Mike's Maple" hoisted on a flagpole outside the Parliament Buildings. There are a dozen or so flagpoles there already, but of course a special one had to be put up for this one occasion; so up drew a government truck; then I noted seven government employees concerned with the job—1 supervising, 1 sawing, and 5 "sidewalk-superintending."

Then I would like to see Max make a safari to the site of "Expo 67", the projected World's Fair in Montreal, where money flows like the dirty water of the surrounding St. Lawrence River. I had a letter from Expo 67 recently; so did some 130 other members of the Press Gallery. Contained a lot of costly publicity guff; made a deep thud as it hit the garbage can. But on it was $1.01 in postage stamps, so I checked with the post office officials.

It weighed 32 ounces and had been sent as first class mail; if it had been left unsealed it could have travelled as printed matter for just 10 cents. That minor extravagance— it cost "only" 130 times 82 cents— typifies the carelessness with which the taxpayers' money is treated too often.

When I was a small boy, my thrifty parents drilled into me the saying: "You take care of your cents, and the dollars will take care of themselves." Don't employees of the taxpayers have parents too?

Swords Into Scholarships

Ottawa Journal

Many young men thus will be given a hand up. While their higher education will help the Army, which needs more men with science, languages and mathematics, it will also help the nation as a whole. The PPCLI man gains a pride in regiment and country that never fades and when he lays down his sword and retires from the army, his learning remains with him, an asset in civilian life.

Brave, often- wounded Hamilton Gault used to tell his men it was an honor and privilege to bear arms. Higher education can be regarded as an honor and privilege, too, and who can more be trusted with honor and privilege than a PPCLI man?

Virtue Of Simplicity

Cape Breton Post

The first phase of a planned programme to change the name of Canada's national airline to Air Canada has been accomplished with more ease than was expected. Congratulations are due the company for efficiency in carrying its programme forward and to the public for the acceptance of a change that seemed bound to arouse resentment among an incalculable minority of Canadians.

The initial hurdle was overcome when Parliament authorized the change of name without controversy, in a nonpartisan spirit most unusual in parliamentary affairs nowadays. In putting politics aside in this enactment, Parliament did wonders in preparing the country to accept the change amiably.

As a matter of record, the name Air Canada is not new to the airline. Since as early as 1953, the name had been used in conjunction with TCA in some parts of the route system, notably in Quebec and in Europe. By 1960, both the name of Trans-Canada Air Lines and Air Canada were being used simultaneously throughout the airline's network.

When the nationally owned and operated airline began functioning in 1937, the name Trans-Canada Air Lines was entirely appropriate. But today, the airline operates over 37,000 route miles across Canada, to the United States, the Caribbean, the United Kingdom and continental Europe.

Today the world's ninth largest airline, competing with other airlines across the face of a quarter of the globe, Air Canada is descriptive of the internation- al operation, of the airline as Canada's national flag carrier. The name is as readily understandable to English- speaking as to French- speaking Canadians and is easily grasped by people of other languages. The virtue of the new name is in its simplicity.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to enter into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

CENTENNIAL FEATURE

Sir,—A very worthy project is nearing completion; it is the centennial re ownership of land in Prince Edward Island. Mr. Lincoln Dewar should receive the fullest cooperation of owners of land which has been held in the family name for one hundred years or more, in making this feature of our centennial year a success. They should lose no time in applying to him for application forms.

I am, Sir, etc.,
FRED W. BAGNALL
Charlottetown.

Preparation For Leisure

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

Our world is accelerating so rapidly, it seems to have no place for the subject of leisure. But we might as well face the fact that the work day is shrinking, and more older people are maintaining their creative ability because of better health. What will they do when their productive days are over?

Dr. Alexander Reid Martin believes we should concentrate less on the underprivileged, exploited, overworked, and the poverty stricken and turn our attention to the leisure stricken. This means preparation for leisure. He subscribes to the philosophy that "only those fit for work and leisure survive as creative individuals. The others will exist as sterile robots, alienated from life and from themselves, living vicariously, and so deadened that they compulsively seek overstimulation from the extreme, the lurid, the bizarre, and the macabre."

The man of the future may be forced to put his capacity for leisure on the same level as his capacity for work. This is difficult to accept because most of us have grown up with the concept that leisure is earned through hard work— a reward for a job well done.

In addition we consider time for leisure and leisure as the same thing. They are as different as merely existing and really living. On the other hand, should complement leisure and those who have the capacity for both are fortunate.

A hobby should not be a substitute for work; it keeps the individual and his mind busy because he cannot stand to be alone or does not know how to enjoy his free time.

The person who retains his capacity for leisure usually possesses excellent emotional traits acquired through good mental health. It is difficult to enjoy leisure when plagued with compulsions that have a must or an imperative quality "I must work" or "I must get ready for tomorrow's task" only serves to interfere with relaxation, reflection, marveling, and the other expressions of leisure necessary for creative growth.

CHRONIC HEPATITIS

L. G. S. writes: Why do some cases of hepatitis become chronic?

REPLY

This is the nature of the disease. We can assume some people have less resistance to the causative virus or that the liver is not healthy when the disease is acquired. Lack of treatment or disregard for the symptoms may play a role.

ULCERATIVE COLITIS

W. E. writes: Is ulcerative colitis caused by infection?

REPLY

The cause of the disease is unknown. It has all the earmarks of a severe bacterial infection of the bowel, but no causative micro-organisms have been found. Hypersensitivity, emotional factors, and nutritional inadequacies are possible causes.

FLUID AND PILLS

Mrs. A.M. writes: Would it be advisable to take diuretic pills to get rid of the water accumulated by the use of contraceptive pills?

REPLY

This can be done but seldom is necessary unless large amounts of fluid accumulate.

SULFUR DIOXIDE

C. H. writes: I like stewed dried apricots but the label says "prepared with sulfur dioxide." Is it safe to eat these products?

REPLY

Yes. This substance is added for its bleaching and preservative qualities.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—

Trampolines can cause serious injuries.

(NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, co The Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

NEW MP SWORN IN

OTTAWA (CP)—Carl Legault, 41, was sworn in Monday as member of Parliament after his June 22 byelection victory which retained the Northern Ontario seat of Nipissing for the Liberals. Mr. Legault, a furniture dealer from Sturgeon Falls, succeeds John Garland, former revenue minister, who died.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"Mother, how much do people pay a pound for babies?" "Babies are not sold by the pound, darling." "Then why do they always weigh them as soon as they are born?"—Montreal Star.

The mother who manages her children with dispatch is one who manages to send them to play with the kids next door before they can come to her house.—Gulf Breeze.

The Canadian Tourist Association says it is bad for the business community when a waitress tells a tourist, "There ain't nothing doin' here." Impeccable English wouldn't help matters much either.—Ottawa Journal.

It is reported that the latest computers are so human they blame their mistakes on others.—Calgary Albertan.

The Making Of An Angler

Pembroke Observer

Ever wonder why some fishermen are able to examine a strange lake and tell what kind of fish it likely contains, how to fish for them, and at what depths they are likely to be caught? It's all education, says the department of lands and forests Algonquin Park bulletin, The Raven.

The physical, chemical and biological effects of the surrounding land upon the water is the first key, says The Raven, since it has an important bearing on the lake's fish populations. The character of the water is largely determined by the type of country in which it lies, whether it is forested or open, rocky and what kind of rock, sandy, swampy, marshy. The educated fisherman can examine the water of a lake and say what kind of fish would thrive there or by examining a fish say what kind of water it had lived in.

The changing seasons are a second key to the good fisherman's knowledge. The wide range of temperatures bring about profound changes in the lakes, influencing the distribution and habits of fish. Trout fishing is usually best soon after the ice goes out, when there is a uniform cool temperature to the water, about 39 degrees throughout. This makes fishing for lake trout in shallow water possible in May and early June but not in the summer months when this fish likes to be in the coldest water near the bottom. Brook trout, which like to be cold but not too cold, will be found within 10 to 30 feet of the surface. At various depths in the warmer surface layer there will be sunfish, pike, bass and the members of the minnow family.

It is knowledge that separates the good fisherman from the host of his eager but often frustrated brethren, knowledge on the effects of land and climate upon water, and of water upon fish. There is a lot more to a full creel than just fisherman's luck.

Journalists In Africa

Milwaukee Journal

Perhaps no area more than Africa needs seasoned and responsible journalists to report events accurately and interpret them intelligently.

In the emerging nations south of the Sahara particularly, there is lack of understanding of government and economics. Too many of the people expect full employment, free education and a higher standard of living to flow automatically from independence. Grave danger exists that the thin layer of personnel now running the governments may be overthrown. The result could be chaos — a fertile ground in which communism could take root and flourish.

To help train journalists, the International Press Institute has established two training centres —one in Nairobi, Kenya, for eastern and central Africa, and the other at Lagos, Nigeria, for English speaking western Africa. The IPI is an association of leading editors. It has no ties with governments.

The African training courses last six months. Response of the trainees has been rewarding. In Nairobi the working day had twice had to be lengthened at the insistence of the students.

Reporting to the IPI at its recent convention in Istanbul, Turkey, the director of the African program, Tom Hopkinson, said that African governments initially feared that courses might be slanted toward propaganda.

"This fear," he said, "has been overcome, partly through personal contacts, partly through the reports of students who attended the first course in each place, and we are now receiving the most friendly co-operation, particularly from the government of Kenya and Nigeria."

Next in prospect is a pilot course expected to be financed by women journalists of Sweden. It would train a half dozen African women for journalism and help meet what Hopkinson called the "tragic lack" of women to express the hopes and formulate the desires of their sex in Africa.

TWO DIE IN CRASH

MADRID (AP)—An American pilot and his Spanish Air Force officer passenger were killed Friday in the crash of a new supersonic U.S. jet fighter during a demonstration flight. Witnesses said the Northrop F-5B Jet crashed alongside the main Torrejon runway either while attempting a landing or making a low pass over the field.

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