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Another Embroilment

The United States is sending 4,500 more troops to the revolt-stricken Dominican Republic, bringing the total of U.S. marines and army men to 14,000, ostensibly to guard the safety of 2,000 U.S. citizens in the country.

Latin-American reaction to the presence of U.S. marines in their area is understandable. The last time the marines were sent to the Dominican Republic was in 1916, and they didn't entirely pull out until 1934.

The issue, too, is anything but clear. The state department says the Dominican Republic's two Communist parties and a Castroite group are participating actively in the rebel effort.

To sensitive Latin-Americans the principle of collective action through their organization is all-important in matters of this kind. President Johnson sent in the marines without consulting them.

The situation, from the propaganda standpoint, isn't helped by the fact that there are large United States business interests in the Dominican Republic, and these interests are now being threatened.

The Wrong Approach

Now, from Quebec, has come the demand that the federal government withdraw from the employment service field in that province. Voicing this demand last week was Provincial Labor Minister Carrier Fortin.

Mr. Fortin, and presumably his colleagues in the Lesage cabinet, apparently feels that a national employment service which keeps Quebec workers informed about job opportunities in other provinces runs counter to some right of the Quebec government to keep its workers at home.

advocate, and it is not surprising that it has met with a diverse criticism from other parts of the country.

We in the Atlantic Provinces, where the unemployment problem is more serious than in any other part of Canada, can well understand the need for policies that will build up regional employment opportunities that will discourage the exodus of our people to other and busier centres of activity.

There have been legitimate criticisms as to the actual working of this service, but this is the first time a question has been raised as to the duty of the national government in providing such an organization.

British Reaction

Officials in London report a flood of requests from companies wanting information about selling in Canada under the new budget provisions. It must, indeed, be a matter of satisfaction to British exporters that our trade barriers have been lowered by the budget, especially with regard to the valuation-for-duty rules that decide whether goods are being dumped or not.

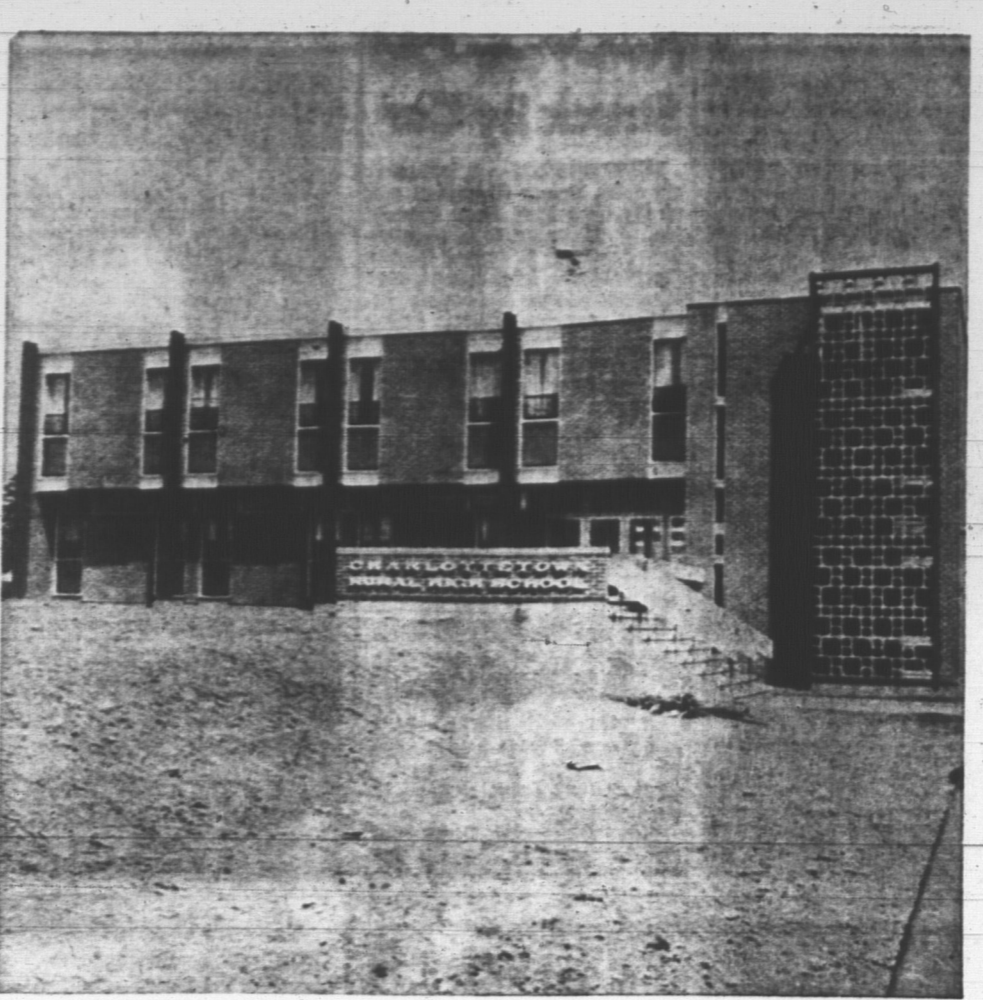
In one important item, however, the new arrangement is still unsatisfactory. It doesn't cover automobiles. Ottawa says the U.S.-Canada auto "free-trade" agreement was based on the status quo and it would be a breach of faith with the U.S.-owned Canadian auto companies to change the rules now.

As a result of the new arrangements in the budget, it will be up to the Minister of National Revenue, not his officials, to make valuation decisions. This could cause delays or, alternatively, if Canada has taken the political decision to help British exports, it could lead to speedy action every time someone applies.

EDITORIAL NOTES

British army officials have given up another tradition. Eliminated is that paragraph that said: "The hair of the head will be kept short." The Army Secretary has told the British House of Commons that the soldiers' haircuts must still be tidy—whatever that means exactly—but what he termed "the military crop" is a thing of the past.

What has happened to that legislation, passed nearly a year ago at Ottawa, authorizing the cabinet to protect Canadian fishermen by expanding territorial waters with straight baselines? This question was put in the Commons last week by Lloyd Crouse, PC member for Queens-Lunenburg. But he got no reply.



A FINE EDUCATIONAL ASSET

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

How Reports On The Budget Get Written

The presentation of the budget is one of the highlights of the parliamentary year entailing unusual restrictions and activities in the interests of secrecy and urgency. Journalists could not digest the complicated proposals without explanations, nor report them accurately and swiftly, just by listening to the Minister of Finance delivering his budget address in the Commons.

Members of the Press Gallery, reinforced by the visiting financial editors of some big newspapers, are admitted into the huge Railway Committee Room several hours before the Finance Minister begins to speak. There, sworn to secrecy until release time, and locked in until the Minister begins his speech, journalists may obtain advance copies of the whole speech. And to explain the arcane financial mysteries, the deputy minister of the Finance Department and several of his departmental experts are present.

Room Sixteen, a green and gold echo-drome which looks like a cross between a harem and a Turkish bath. We were greeted by the Minister, and again those departmental experts, so over an excellent lunch of soup, steak and fiddleheads and fresh fruit salad, washed down by a good French red wine, that informal discussion took place. After coffee, Walter Gordon rose to his feet at 1.45 p.m. and offered to answer questions—an offer which was avidly taken up to keep him busy fending curve balls until the bells rang to announce the opening of the House at 2.30.

Why PM Stays Home

What is apparently the real reason why Mr. Pearson called off an Easter recess visit to Canadian servicemen in Germany, France, Cyprus and the Gaza Strip has come out. It seems that it was not, as was announced, because of pressures of parliamentary business, but the prospect of being drawn into the Greek-Turkish feud over Cyprus.

Europe's Superhighways

Europe is entering the era of superhighways, toll booths, and motorways. With a 10,000-mile network of roads projected for 1970, and some 4,500 miles of it already in use, European countries are combining efforts to build the finest highway system there since Roman times.

PUBLIC FORUM

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WORLD PEACE

What are the prospects of world peace? The writer regrets very much that he is compelled to say they are very slim indeed. A glance at the daily papers reveals that. Before the dawn of history, war has been the scourge of mankind. Its destructive effects have been seen down through the ages. It looks as though it will continue to plague the human race until the Prince Himself comes again.

TO NORTH CAPE

Modern machinery, much of it made in the United States, is extending ribbons of concrete to unlikely places. Tourists in Norway can take their cars to North Cape, a point beyond the Arctic Circle. A speedway in Belgium caps over busy coal mines. High-tunnels burrow beneath the snow-capped passes of France's Mont Blanc, western Europe's highest peak, and a lower point in Italy's Pennine Alps just to the east. The Mont Blanc tunnel shortens the Paris-Rome road trip by 120 miles as compared to the old Riviera coastal route.

FEAR NOTE LACK

Australia's federal treasurer, Harold Holt, says there may not be enough new dollar notes ready by February 1966 for the change-over from pound currency.

WORK—THEN PLAY

By long tradition also, when the Commons adjourns for the day at 10 p.m., the Minister, with his ordeal behind him, visits the lounge of the Press Gallery where light banter, serious questions and a needed scotch-and-soda provide a thirty-minute postscript to an eventful day.

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Limit TV For Child

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Normal youngsters seldom allow TV to interfere with studies and rarely lose sleep over a good show. In this respect, viewing television is no more harmful than reading or listening to the radio.

Parents of pre-adolescents should limit TV, especially when the youngster begins to show signs of anxiety. According to the Medical Tribune, a United States air force pediatrician found 30 such instances among his young patients over a period of 3½ years.

These five to nine-year-olds had a variety of symptoms that were traced to anxiety. Some were tired, jittery, nervous, and unable to sleep. Others had no appetite, vomited, or complained of abdominal pain. Many parents observe their children crying, nail biting, sweating, and hiding their faces during certain programs. The pediatrician, Dr. Richard M. Narkevich, called the condition "tired child syndrome" and found that all were avid TV viewers. They spent three to six hours watching programs on weekdays and six to 10 hours a day on week-ends.

Many were caught in a vicious circle. Their anxiety interfered with sleep and made them more tired. In time they became, too fatigued to do anything except watch television. Some developed TV addiction during an illness, but the majority had an emotional make-up conducive to excess viewing. They were introverted, quiet, sensitive, and moody.

Their parents were advised to abolish or limit television viewing. Tranquilizers were given to promote relaxation and rest. Fathers were encouraged to spend more time with their offspring. Results were excellent when this plan was carried out. Dr. Narkevich suggested that parents limit TV to less than two hours a day. The anxiety returned in 11 of 13 who again were permitted unrestricted television viewing.

BEES STING

H. E. H. writes: Last September I was stung by a large black and yellow bumble bee on the back of my knee. I used drawing salve for three days and it seemed to be all right until now. The sting seemed to be coming back. Please tell me what to do?

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Stranger: "Say, mister, do you have a criminal lawyer in town?" Native: "We think we have, but we can't prove it."—Vancouver Sun.

Every successful general in history has had to survive the weapons of his enemies and the memoirs of his allies.—Calgary Herald.

Judge: "You admit breaking into the same shop three times. What did you steal?" Prisoner: "A dress for my wife and she made me exchange it twice."—Guelph Mercury.

Typewriter salesman (entering a city office): "I have come about an attachment I have for your typewriter." Clerk: "Well I'm sorry she is out and, what's more, she and I are engaged."—Toronto Star.

"How is Simpson getting along in business?" "Wonderfully; but he's terribly discouraged." "How's that?" "Well, they're so busy filling and shipping orders they haven't any time to hold a conference."—Montreal Star.

Seeing a car rolling down the street without a driver, a man dashed from the sidewalk, clambered into the driver's seat and slammed on the brakes. A second man appeared from the back of the car, puffing and yelling: "Get out, fathead! I'm pushing my car to a gas station, and you're the third quick thinker I've met in the last two blocks!"—Galt Reporter.

A certain business man was in a Pullman smoker when the general post approached him and attempted to start a conversation with this question: "How many people work in your office?" "Oh," replied the quiet gentleman, getting up and throwing his cigar away, "I should say, at a rough guess, about two-thirds of them."—Montreal Star.

Women are doing most things once reserved for men only. They drive cars, play golf and go bowling. Soon they'll even want to do the dishes.—Hamilton Spectator.

The value of international trade in fish and fish products in 1963 was \$1,686,000,000, an all-time high. About one-third of the year's catch of more than 50,000,000 tons went into international trade.—Ottawa Journal.

A teacher reports one of her students saying that Milton's affliction was not that he was blind but that he was a poet.—Windsor Star.

No matter how the dime has deteriorated as a medium of exchange, one value of the coin will remain constant—it can always be used as a screw driver.—Elkhorn Independent.

The Word According To CF

The Canadian Press is not only a news gathering agency but an arbiter of English (or at least Canadian) usage more influential perhaps than H.W. Fowler or one's high school English teacher.

CP (caps, no periods) has put out a "Caps and Spelling" book listing the most troublesome "words, proper names and abbreviations." The men of CP who acted as a kind of English Academy clearly had their hands full. But they render their verdict with a cool assurance, as if there could be no doubt at all that "co-education" requires the hyphen while "coexistence" goes plain.

"Bible" takes a capital; "biblical" does not. All personal pronouns referring to the deity are capitalized except "who," "when," and "whose." A member of a provincial legislature is an MLA in every province except Ontario where he is an MPP. It's the Middle, not Near, East.

We don't have much trouble in this part of the world with "Smiths Falls" (no apostrophe) but what a relief to have it from CP that it's "Gods Lake, Man." and that "Illecewaet, BC" is the authorized version. There will also be general rejoicing to know that the Baathist party of Iraq rates a capital letter.

CP strikes a powerful blow for "dissociate" (not "disassociate" and "preventive" (not "Preventative"). It's "disfranchise" and "dispatch," not "disfranchise" and "despatch."

CP's general philosophy of spelling and capitalization is to follow simple rather than fancy style. It avoids the digraphs "ae" and "oe" wherever it can thus, "pediatrician," "Medieval" and "ecumenical." Apart from proper names, CP prefers lower case wherever an option exists—"Royal Canadian Navy" but plain "navy" when the full name is not given.

As long as a language is alive, there will be some points of divided usage. Everyone has his own ideas of what constitutes correctness. Yet the ideal is to

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