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We suggest that it is the other way about.

We want competition from the trucks, all right, but we are not getting enough of it. In the Central Provinces, where the competition is keener, these discriminatory rate boosts do not apply.

If truckers would give the same competitive service here as they are giving in the Central Province, they would get the business. The railways are as free as any carrier to charge rates lower than the maximum allowed by the Transport Board, but their comparative freedom from competition enables them to charge us all the traffic will bear.

Mr. Pickersgill's Opus

When queried in Parliament the other day about something said by the late Mr. Mackenzie King, Mr. Pickersgill, M.P., made the intriguing reply: "I am not going to yield to the Prime Minister's invitation to scoop my own book by saying anything about what I may know about what Mr. King thought, because I hope that every hon. member some two or three years hence will buy the book."

That is the situation, and now we do not really know where we stand. All will hope that Ottawa will accept the plan as proposed, and be satisfied with Health Minister Bonnell's assurance that it will cover a large proportion of our people.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A report from Washington reveals that 39 percent of those questioned in a recent public opinion survey did not know that Berlin is situated within Communist-controlled East Germany.

Freight Rates Again

The \$20 million subsidy which the Diefenbaker Government is giving as a temporary measure to offset the inequity of horizontal freight rate boosts is strongly opposed by the Maritime Motor Transport Association.

"It will encourage the eight provincial governments who have fought every freight rate increase since the end of World War II—in many instances, before they knew the railways' case—to believe that ceaseless political furor will produce ever larger discriminatory hand-outs from the federal treasury in place of railway freight rate increases.

There are, of course, a good many "taxpayers" in the eight provinces referred to, and most of them have intelligence enough to know that "shippers' costs of doing business" are reflected in the price of everything they have to buy.



RUNNING LOW ON FIREWOOD

OTTAWA REPORT

The Canadian Clause

By Patrick Nicholson

Ten years ago, Canada and eleven other nations situated around the basin of the North Atlantic Ocean signed the North Atlantic Treaty, Under Article Two of that treaty, called "The Canadian Clause" because Canada designed it and insisted upon its inclusion, the NATO allies agreed to be allies rather than rivals in trade and economic matters.

Ten years ago, Canada's then Foreign Minister, Hon. L. B. Pearson who was the parent apparent of the Canadian Clause, predicted that that clause would lead to the creation of an economic and perhaps even a political commonwealth of the Western World.

As this column has recently pointed out, Pearson's baby was left out in the cold, abandoned by parents and by its foster-parents in the other NATO governments, and murdered by neglect.

That economic and political commonwealth will never now stem from NATO. But the brilliant idea behind the Canadian Clause, conceived ten years before its time, is beginning to flower elsewhere, with Canada included out.

EUROPEAN FREE TRADE As a first step, six nations in western Europe have formed themselves into the European Common Market. France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg have set out on a voyage planned to make them an integrated economic unit within fifteen years.

With a joint population of day with tariffs already slashed ten per cent; with government aid and co-ordination in the wholesale modernization and replanning of their industrial and agricultural activities; they are on their way to become a United States of Western Europe.

Their economic integration is far more than a mere customs or tariff union; it is a step towards their political federation.

Yet fifteen years ago they were fighting each other. As soon as the great rival steel and coal industries of western Europe were co-ordinated and enabled to work together peacefully, the centuries-long rivalry between France and Germany vanished, proving that it is not mankind that makes wars, it is industrial companies.

The chief purpose of the Common Market is to compel a rationalization of industrial development; to force modernization of plants, greater specialization of production, and better division of labour.

In addition to these steps, the Common Market will foster a gradual removal of tariff barriers between its member nations; it will permit free migration.

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.

Surgery For Enlarged Nose

By Herman N. Redesen, M.D. DON'T shop around for a family doctor.

It is your prerogative, of course, to select the physician you want to care for you and your family. But once you select him, stick with him.

You are only being unfair to yourself if you go from doctor to doctor seeking different answers to the same questions and complaints.

DOCTORS ARE HUMAN Doctors are human and they don't know everything. Moreover, they realize it far better than you do.

If you aren't satisfied with the way treatment is progressing, resist the temptation to visit another physician. Instead, ask your own doctor to obtain the advice of another physician, if he thinks it is necessary.

Your doctor is interested in curing your ills. While he regards you as a human being, not as a business statistic, it stands to reason that it is his business to lose a patient.

REQUEST CONSULTATION I'm sure that your doctor would welcome the suggestion for a consultation with another physician, possibly a specialist, if you request it and he thinks it advisable.

Certainly you realize that two doctors can't treat the same patient for the same thing at the same time without knowing what the other is doing, or even that the other physician is on the job.

You are the one who is bound to suffer. Now there is another reason, too, why you should have one doctor and stick with him. Such a doctor—and I recommend as a rule, a general practitioner as a family doctor—knows the history of your past illnesses.

He knows how you would normally react in a good, healthy condition.

Thus, when he is called upon to treat you, he goes to work with a background of valuable information.

This is especially important in an emergency.

HELPFUL KNOWLEDGE For example, you may have a weak heart or an allergy that another physician wouldn't know about. In an emergency, a doctor seldom has time to check into your medical history.

Isn't it much better to be treated by someone who already knows how you will react to various drugs?

Because of this, I suggest you carry the name, address and phone number of your doctor along with your own identification papers. In an emergency, some one can summon the doctor who best knows how to treat you.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Mr. J. G.: What would cause gray hair in a 17-year-old girl? Is there a deficiency of some sort?

Answer: Gray hair in a 17-year-old is probably an hereditary characteristic and does not ordinarily indicate a deficiency of any kind.

fort was in the direction of restoring the economy of the Federal German Republic, and later came the move to arm the West Germans and bring them into the NATO Alliance.

CANADIANS ON DUTY Today Canadian servicemen are on duty in West Germany, and our country is pledged to come to the aid of this nation if it should be attacked. Twice in a generation were our countries sworn enemies. Today we are committed allies. Now the decision has been taken not only to arm West Germany, but to make available the more modern and deadlier type of weapon which has come into production in this modern nuclear age.

There may be lingering doubts in the mind of some as to the wisdom of placing our trust in the German people, whose record in modern times has not been such as to bring cheer to the heart of fr. om-loving people. What is the answer? It would seem to be that we have no alternative but to trust the West Germans and certainly under their present leaders they would appear to have proven their case and their qualifications for membership in the group of nations standing guard for the kind of western freedom we cherish.

ECONOMIC PROGRESS Whatever we may think of the German political development, there can be no doubt about the tremendous progress in the economic field. One has to be in this country only a short time to receive the impression of enormous vitality and vigour. The wheels seem to turn at a rapid pace with the bustling traffic of the Rhine, with the railroads, the production figures in the factories, the expansion of export trade, are all signs of one of the most dynamic economic recoveries in modern times.

This German nation, with its ancient capital Berlin separated from it by 110 miles and with twenty million of its people behind the Communist barricade, has nevertheless become an industrial giant, and the recovery of Germany is a great tribute to the energy and ambition of its people. Although it should not be forgotten that their release from defence commitments and the assistance of their former enemies, has had much to do with this great success story.

AGAINST MANY ODDS It proved impossible to get to Berlin under our very narrow schedule. This was a cause of great regret, for I would have greatly appreciated an opportunity of seeing this wonderful city struggling manfully and successfully against so many odds. Although it had not become the

NOTES BY THE WAY

The little foreign cars are easier to park, but the energy saved in parking can be lost in unwinding and crawling out of them.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

OUR YESTERDAYS (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 4, 1934)

His Worship Mayor Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy held a very delightful reception at their home yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6. Upwards of 500 called to pay their respects to the Mayor on the occasion of his first public reception since assuming office.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the P.E.I. Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association, Mr. James J. Leightizer was appointed as Manager and Secretary-Treasurer to succeed Mr. George Leightizer who recently retired after serving the Association since 1915. Mr. Leightizer's appointment is effective as from April 4th.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 4, 1949)

Skipping the first and only dragger registered in Prince Edward Island, "Land" Lace, 23-year old hero of the "Marie Brenda" sea rescue near Isaac's Harbour Light, N.S., some two months ago, is busy with his crew fitting out the 40-ton "Winnie Ann" at the Marine Wharf.

The five Lunenburg seamen arrived in Charlottetown last evening and are already at work preparing the ship.

Mr. Herbert H. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Cox, Morell, has been appointed general manager of Malareto Gold Mines in Halet, Quebec, one of the largest producing gold mines in Canada.

The 39-year-old Islander has won rapid promotion since he entered the employ of the company eight years ago.

center of the crises which now exist, Berlin last summer as it has been for many summers, was a major area of concern, and contact between the so-called Eastern and Western worlds.

What will happen if any serious move is taken by the Soviet Union to destroy our foothold in this city? Neither the West Germans nor their allies will allow West Berlin to be swallowed up. In the attempt to prevent this, an incident may occur which would touch off events too dreadful to think of.

Germany, the defeated enemy, has become the great prize for which the former allies contend. The people of West Germany years for re-unification, and the Eastern area have the same feelings. But after fourteen years Germany is still divided.

The Peace Treaty has not yet been signed and its capital city stands dangerously within the Communist orbit; a bright fire of freedom in a vast dark desert of political subjugation.

The most hopeful possibility in the present crises is that some over-all settlement of the German question may be achieved. The Rapacki Plan and the suggestions of Kennan would bring about an arms-free area in the center of Europe which would include both Germany. There are many who believe that such a situation might reduce tension between the major Powers and remove various frictions and contact which have explosive and dangerous possibilities.

Whether this will come is a matter of uncertainty. But whatever is in store, the people of Germany will need strong nerves

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