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choruses and instrumental music, and on May 10, 1946, the first festival opened. There were 84 entries in the children's classes, including 30 school choruses, while the adult entries helped to swell the total to 109.

A month later, at an enthusiastic meeting in Prince of Wales College, the movement was put on a permanent annual basis and its primary objectives—of discovering local talent and increasing public appreciation of music—have been kept in the forefront ever since.

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Embodied in the Speech from the Throne at Ottawa was the proposal for a royal commission to study the need for an ombudsman, a sort of citizen's defender who would stand on guard against bureaucratic injustice.

The Ottawa Journal takes a somewhat dim view of this idea, for reasons which we found interesting. There is, it concedes, an appeal for imaginative minds in the thought of a massive figure escorting widows and orphans through the labyrinths of government.

In this connection the Winnipeg Free Press notes that some Canadian politicians, who should know better, claim that Canada is fully committed to the deal and cannot force the manufacturers to cut prices.

Can't they handle complaints of citizens without authorizing an ombudsman's office which would breed flocks of deputy ombudsmen? demands our Ottawa contemporary.

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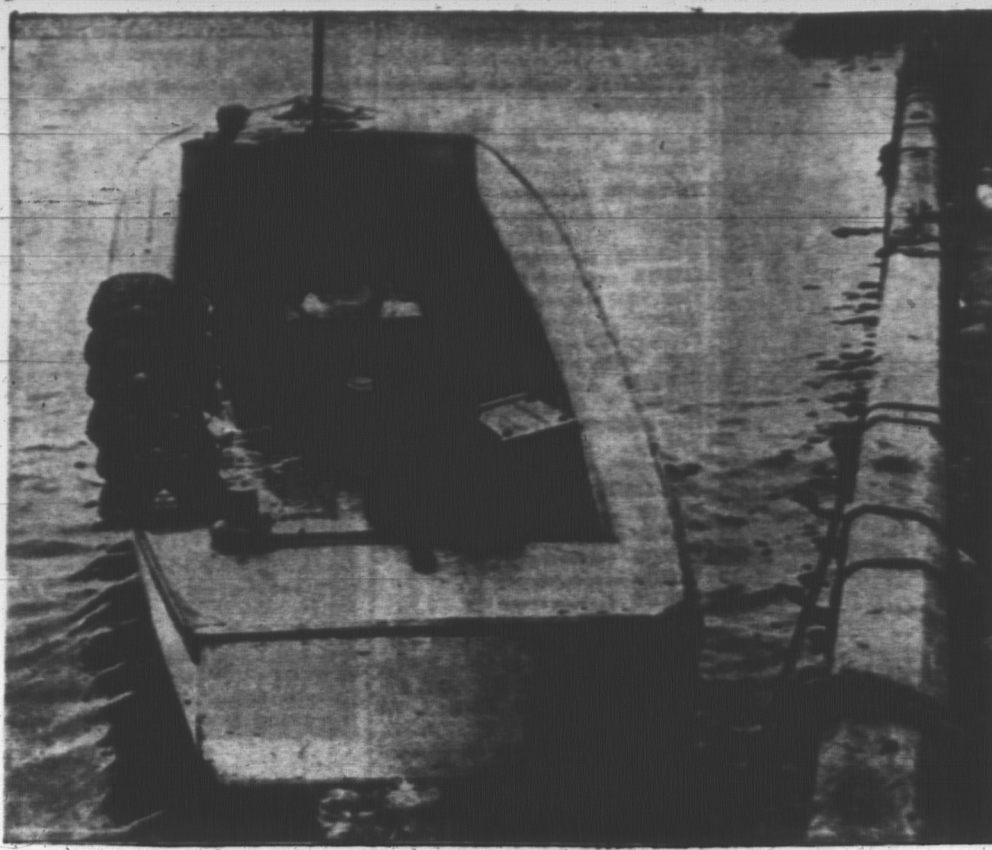
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OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Why Drugs Cost What They Do

The Government should heed the biblical advice to pay attention to the beam in its own eye. The speech from the Throne, outlining the unrealistically long program of business for this session of Parliament, announced as expected the re-establishment of the special committee on food, pesticides and drugs.

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Color Blindness

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen A common myth is that the color-blind individual is insensitive to all colors. This is a reasonable misconception because the term implies total color blindness, a condition that exists but so far only 100 cases have been reported.

The most accurate test (modified by Ishihara) consists of a series of plates containing hidden numbers made up of color spots of various shades. These are set on a background which is made of spots of a confusion color, also of varying shades and sizes.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Review: A physician says hard work kills few people. It doesn't get the chance at many people.—Woodstock Sentinel.

Employee: "I have been here for one man's pay. Now I want a raise." Employer (slightly Scotch): "I can't give you a raise, but if you'll tell me the other two men are I'll discharge them."—Vancouver Sun.

Definition Social security, is what a teenager has when he's the only one in his crowd who owns a portable record player.—Jeanne Hill, in the Dousman Index.

A young man, married only a couple of years, was boasting about his wife. "Last winter she knitted me socks out of an old, bathing suit and this winter she knitted herself a bathing costume out of my old socks."—Iron County Miner.

Johnson's Disappointment

President Johnson's request that the leaders of both India and Pakistan postpone their trips to Washington can be seen as a subtle suggestion to the non-aligned countries that he's gone as far as he will go in modifying the United States position in Viet Nam.

As do most world leaders, the president glows under world praise. He likes to feel that his policies are well received and that he is loved.

But Peking and Hanoi backed away from the Johnson offer with such heat and abuse that even the non-aligned countries were stunned. The Soviet Union took a less determined position and there were well-advertised diplomatic hints in British quarters that Moscow really wanted to end the Viet Nam conflict.

However, it was soon evident that Johnson had lost diplomatic ground. The Soviet Union suggested there could be no negotiations while the U.S. pounded North Viet Nam.

On the evening that the march ended, the murder of a white woman who had volunteered her help to the marchers reminded everyone of the fierce opposition to equal rights.

Those of both races who participated know that they still have far to go in reaching their goal. But they have proved anew the seriousness of their purpose.

Students Refuse To Pay

From time to time, examples of racism in the Soviet Union, involving African students, become known to the Western world. This has now happened again, with the angry return to Kenya of 29 students who refused to stay any longer at their university in Baku.

These illuminating incidents, which keep occurring at frequent intervals, are not the only powerful industrial nation with racial problems to clear up. And this gives more than a touch of hypocrisy to loud social justice complaints about racial trouble in the United States.

According to one student "all the people hated us. They just didn't like the Black people. If we went into restaurants, they refused to serve us. They don't allow you to dance with White women and if we tried to dance with a Russian girl in a club we were beaten up."

A War Memory

London Observer

A romantic relationship has developed between Pravda and the island of Jersey.

It has its origins in a little known section of the war, when Jersey was occupied by the Germans, and when thousands of Russian prisoners were brought there (and appallingly ill-treated) to build fortifications and an underground hospital.

As a result of the article, several ex-prisoners made contact with Pravda to correspond with their former friends.

Now the ex-prisoners are hoping to arrange for a group of Jersey men to visit Russia.

Still A Bond

Hamilton Spectator

It might come strangely to the eyes of those who stick literally to political certitudes, to find the British Labor Party's Commonwealth Secretary Arthur Bottomley announcing that the prime ministers of the Commonwealth will be asked to consider establishing a Parliamentary Assembly next June.

A lot of this evolution was necessary and inevitable, as in Africa. A lot of it was brilliant compromise, as in the case of India and Pakistan.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

Twenty - Five Years Ago (April 26, 1949) The ferry steamer to ply between Wood Islands and Pictou is to be christened the "Prince Nova" when it is entered upon the Canadian register-out of compliment to the two provinces it will connect up Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

Ten Years Ago (April 26, 1939) Canada lost one of its greatest legal minds of its history with the death of Sir Lyman Duff who served as Chief Justice for 11 years and was instrumental in making the Supreme Court the highest in the land. He was 90 years old.

Susan Hayward, a movie star who always seemed to have control of herself, attempted suicide in Hollywood by taking too many sleeping pills and almost succeeded.

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