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The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink
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Monday's Ceremonies

The formal ceremony in connection with the raising of Canada's new flag will be under military auspices here, and will take place Monday morning at 10 o'clock on the site of what was, until recently, HMCS Queen Charlotte.

The detailed program appeared in our issue of yesterday, and it was noted that, weather permitting, the ceremony will be held outdoors.

There is some confusion as to the course which some of the other provinces are following, but it is desirable that across Canada there be as much uniformity as possible.

It is to be hoped, now, that Canadians everywhere will forget the bitterness this issue has engendered, and work together as good citizens in healing the breach.

Let it not be forgotten, however, that a sacrifice is involved here, for many of our people, of feelings and emotions which run deep.

The Royal Canadian Legion is entitled to the last word on this point, and it has been made in a statement recently issued by Dominion President Fred O'Brecht.

Writing of the forthcoming ceremonies in The Legionary, Mr. O'Brecht says: "It will be a day of poignant sadness for many loyal Canadians who sincerely love the Ensign."

Troubled Affairs

A timely warning on a subject of international concern has been sounded by Prime Minister Pearson, in an address this week before the Canadian Club of Ottawa.

Mr. Pearson reminded us, in his address, that the Geneva arrangements of 1954 partitioned Vietnam and prohibited attacks from one side against the other.

the North through their own political and military efforts. South Vietnam has had massive U.S. assistance, but we cannot overlook the fact that U.S. policies in Vietnam seem to have no solid basis of support through a South Vietnam government of strength and popularity.

The best solution, Mr. Pearson conceded, would be to end foreign intervention and bring about a unified, independent, neutral Vietnam. But what chance has a unified Vietnam of becoming anything but a Communist Vietnam, not through popular decision but by Chinese imposition?

The Prime Minister had some timely reflections on another subject, that of the current crisis in the United Nations Assembly. The Communists there are less obstreperous, he noted, and the domination through numbers is becoming more and more African and Asian.

What will soon have to be decided is whether the UN is to become merely a social, humanitarian, and assistance organization, with political and security problems only for debate, not resolution, or whether, by revising the Charter or by agreement between the more important members, the peace-keeping functions of the United Nations can be made reasonably effective.

The time of decision, Mr. Pearson warned, is approaching. He added that it is becoming increasingly difficult for a limited group of middle powers—of which Canada has been in the forefront—to carry the burden of serving in peace-keeping forces while others of greater resources and power not only refuse to pay their share of the cost but insist that the operation itself is illegal.

Shetland Crisis

The Shetland Islands, north of Scotland, have been hit in a bad way. There has been a 50 per cent decline in the production of those durable, home-knitted garments known as "woolies," for which the islands are famous, and which have found markets in places as far away as Canada.

They are convinced, it seems, that television is to blame. BBC television first became available in the Shetlands about a year ago, and observers claim that the present crisis can be dated from the day the first set was switched on in this remote area.

There are more than 1,000 households in the islands turning out Fair Isle and other intricate garment patterns; but, according to word from Scotland, more people are switching on their TV sets, leaving their handlooms and putting down their needles.

Said one merchant, optimistically: "Many of our home knitters learned to work while they read. We are now hoping that they will learn to knit while they watch television."

The Winnipeg Free Press finds this a matter of concern on this side of the Atlantic. "It goes without saying," it says, "that woman all over North America, faced with the prospect of many more blustery days before the arrival of the first robin, hope that the charms of television wear off or that Shetland women improve their dexterity. The Shetland home knitting industry does little to ensure world peace but, for millions of women, it makes it possible to look smart and cosy without limiting the wardrobe to ski costumes and mukluks."

An achievement, after all, that outdoes a good many so-called successes in world diplomacy.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Best news of the week, says a dour exchange, was the report from Wellington, New Zealand, that the Rolling Stones, a Beatle-type singing group, were met by only two fans at the airport when they arrived in town for a performance. In addition to the fans, there were a number of policemen and police dogs on hand to combat "expected large crowds."



"WHICH ONE IS IT THIS TIME?"

THE VIET NAM CAULDRON

Involved In Diplomacy Of Prestige

The situation in Viet Nam becomes increasingly complicated, not only as a theatre of war, but from the way the great nations of the world are becoming involved in the diplomacy of prestige. Each of them sees something big in Viet Nam that may be gained, or lost.

The surface of the planet Venus may be a blazing desert swept by great dust storms. On the other hand, it may be a huge ocean without continents or islands.

Some scientists envision Venus as a world where life is just beginning. The Venusian atmosphere, having more carbon and less free oxygen than that on earth, resembles the air the earth is known to have had long ago.

Other astronomers feel life may once have existed on Venus and been wiped out. "Venus is somewhat closer to the sun than is the earth," explains Oran W. Nicks, director of Lunar and Planetary Programs for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

In 1962 the Mariner II spacecraft launched by NASA flew past the planet at a distance of 21,648 miles, giving man his first close-up look. (This craft is not to be confused with Mariner IV, now speeding toward Mars on a similar mission.)

Our Yesterdays

An electronic telephone system being installed in part of New York City has been called "the greatest step forward in telephone communication since the introduction of the dial telephone." According to a telephone executive, the new system can do "almost anything."

Not Advisable To Neglect Gout

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Atticus, Kublai Khan, Queen Anne, Cromwell, Pitt, Franklin, Darwin, Walpole, Goethe, Milton, Luther, Calvin, Wesley, and many other notables had gout.

Gout induces intense pain. The individual goes to bed, sleeps quietly until 2 or 3 a.m., and is awakened by pain, usually in a large toe. It throbs and is so sensitive, the weight of the sheet and blanket hurts. One of the historical figures said that when he had gout, it felt as though he were walking on his eyeballs.

Gout is treated successfully, and treatment is strongly advised because the disease can endanger health and even life, if neglected. The usual attack lasts 14 days or less. The initial bouts disappear spontaneously, but in time they come on more often and last longer.

Calcium Disturbance W. R. writes: What is the cause of a low blood calcium? The doctor tells me I lose calcium through the kidneys.

VITAMINS FOR AGED F. C. writes: Do old people need vitamins? Yes, provided the diet is inadequate. This occurs most frequently among older men and women who live alone and are not interested in cooking good meals.

BLOOD DISORDER A. T. writes: What will be the effect of the hereditary blood disease, thalassemia, on a small child? Those who harbor the trait are not bothered but persons with the disease have a severe anemia requiring blood transfusions.

HEART ENLARGEMENT Mrs. L. writes: Can an enlarged heart be cured? Only if the cause is remedied, as when heart trouble stems from anemia, an overactive thyroid gland, or high blood pressure.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Abnormal thirst is a symptom of diabetes. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

NOTES BY THE WAY

If ladies' styles follow their present trend, the next evening may be the gownless evening strap. Community Press, Seymour. The optimist says the glass is half full; the pessimist says it's half empty. The realist notes that neither statement increases or diminishes the contents of the glass.—Galt Reporter.

The old U.S. Army sergeant's voice was unusually calm and consoling as he spoke to the rookie. "You know, Jones, you and General Eisenhower have one achievement in common." "We have?" "The brown-beaten recruit brightened. "Yes. You've both reached the highest rank you'll ever get in the army."—Toronto Star.

We were talking to a rather cantankerous senior citizen the other day, discussing his long sojourn in the city and commenting on the many nice changes that he must have witnessed. "Yes," he said gruffly. "I witnessed many changes and was against every one!" Mellen Weekly-Record.

Viet Nam Stalemate

The second American retaliatory air strike against Communist North Viet Nam concludes round two in the deadly tit-for-tat military cycle. U.S. and South Vietnamese planes 150 strong pounded northern sites after another heavy guerrilla blow against U.S. servicemen in the south.

But the basic issues and dilemmas remain, for the U.S., the Soviet Union and the U.S.S.R. STALEMATE THEORY At the most optimistic reading, the U.S. can continue air retaliation without drawing direct Russian or Chinese intervention.

Make it difficult enough for the enemy and he will want to negotiate eventually, the stalemate concept goes. Meantime, the spread of communism in Southeast Asia is slowed.

These efforts may include Soviet Russia. Sir Alec's Future Montreal Gazette Canada's Conservatives are not the only ones wondering whether they should change their leader.

There are now two principal objections to retaining him as leader. First, there remains resentment over the democratic way in which he was selected to the exclusion of more obvious candidates.

neck and neck with Labor. In the event, they lost the election only by a narrow margin. This might have happened whoever succeeded Mr. Macmillan. But it nevertheless gives Sir Alec a source of strength.

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