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The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink

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Well Worth Repeating

An outspoken warning against what he termed "excessive regionalism or provincialism" which could lead to "the weakening and eventual disappearance of the Confederation" was given by Prime Minister Pearson in the course of an address last week. It was a timely utterance, for it followed on the heels of Premier Lesage's widely publicized statement that bringing Quebec MLAs' pay to the \$18,000 a year level of federal MPs was in keeping with "the concept of two nations in Canada, one of which is represented by Quebec."

This two-nation concept, however zealously it may be peddled by Quebec lobbyists, is certainly at odds with the concept of national unity for which Mr. Pearson was pleading. How, indeed, could it fail to result in "the weakening and eventual disappearance of the Confederation" and how could it be justified on any constitutional basis? If Canada is not one nation whole and indivisible, then what is it? A two-nation state is a contradiction in terms, however much we may subscribe to the idea of bilingual and bicultural equality within the state.

The Prime Minister's words are well worth weighing in this connection. Unfortunately, however, they weren't delivered in Quebec, or intended to be construed as a commentary on the Quebec premier's statement. They were spoken at a British Columbia Liberal Party meeting, and were interpreted by newsmen as being directed "straight at Premier W. A. C. Bennett, who has sometimes sounded like a provincial separatist."

Perhaps Premier Bennett needed that reminder, too. But we hope Mr. Pearson will take the first opportunity of repeating it closer home, among his Liberal friends in Quebec, where Premier Lesage and his cabinet colleagues will be within earshot and in a better position to digest its implications.

Space Race Aims

The record-smashing flight of Gemini 5 is hailed as a vital step in the peaceful endeavor to send a man to the moon. And the space laboratory which the United States is planning to launch in a few years has also been described by President Johnson as having "peace" as its aim. Let's hope it will be helpful in achieving this objective. We need to be under no illusion, however, as to the military nature of both these spurts in the race to lead the world in space flight.

As the Montreal Gazette points out in this connection, Gemini 5 carried out military experiments. For example, the visual sighting of the launching of a Minuteman missile was obviously in this category; the same is true of the emphasis on the visual identification of other objects on the ground. The space laboratory will merely refine things that are already being done, as well as test a few new things, such as the inspection, dismantling or destruction of an "enemy" (i.e. Russian) satellite in space.

In announcing the space laboratory decision, President Johnson mentioned that the United States was committed by a United Nations agreement to use space only for peaceful purposes. Wouldn't he have done better to have clearly admitted the military nature of the plans as well? The project will be developed and controlled by the American armed forces. There are already U.S. "spy satellites" of various sorts whirling about the earth, all allegedly for peaceful purposes; but the espionage they carry out is certainly military in nature. Needless to say, the United States

is not the only country which intends to exploit space for military purposes. The Soviet Union is doing the same thing, and has been all along. Space power is clearly fated to have just as much of a military aspect as air power. This, of course, makes it doubly important that our American allies should maintain the lead they have established in this field. Nothing is gained by camouflaging it as a venture in the realm of pure science, however.

The great Dr. Johnson gave good advice to Boswell on this subject of facing facts in the field of human motives. "Clear your mind of cant," he told Boswell when the latter was indulging in some of his banal moralizing. We can apply it to a good deal of the high-sounding platitudes our statesmen are inclined to drap their thoughts in these days, as well.

By Order-In-Council

At the time the new Canada Pension Plan was debated in Parliament, Labor Minister MacEachen insisted that there would be no coercion or compulsion used to get Canadians to register. It would be mandatory only for those covered by the Unemployment Insurance Act. It was on those terms that the measure passed. But government bureaucracy has willed otherwise. A number—consisting of nine digits—will appear on a social security card that all Canadians 18 years and over must apply for if they hope to benefit under the plan. Failure to obtain a card can deprive a person of pension coverage.

Deductions under the plan, which are compulsory, will start next January 1. The first payments to pensioners will be made on January 1, 1967. Those who don't register for a code number will still be forced to contribute to the pension fund, but they will get no credit for these deductions on their own pension.

Now another autocratic step has been taken in this matter. Despite repeated assurances that no one would be forced to apply for a security card, the Cabinet recently passed an order-in-council making it compulsory for every working Canadian to obtain a code number before Sept. 2. If they still ignore the edict, Ottawa has two courses left open: it can assign a number to an individual, or it can prosecute an employer since the onus of having his employee register falls on him.

It is reported that 500,000 Canadians have so far refused to apply for security cards because code numbers smack too much of regimentation. They may be right or wrong in this contention, but Parliament was concerned about respecting their views; and it was taken for granted that Mr. MacEachen's assurance on this point meant what it said. Apparently it didn't. We have seen no explanation of this matter from the labor minister or from any of his colleagues, but surely it is time that one was forthcoming.

Salutary Lesson

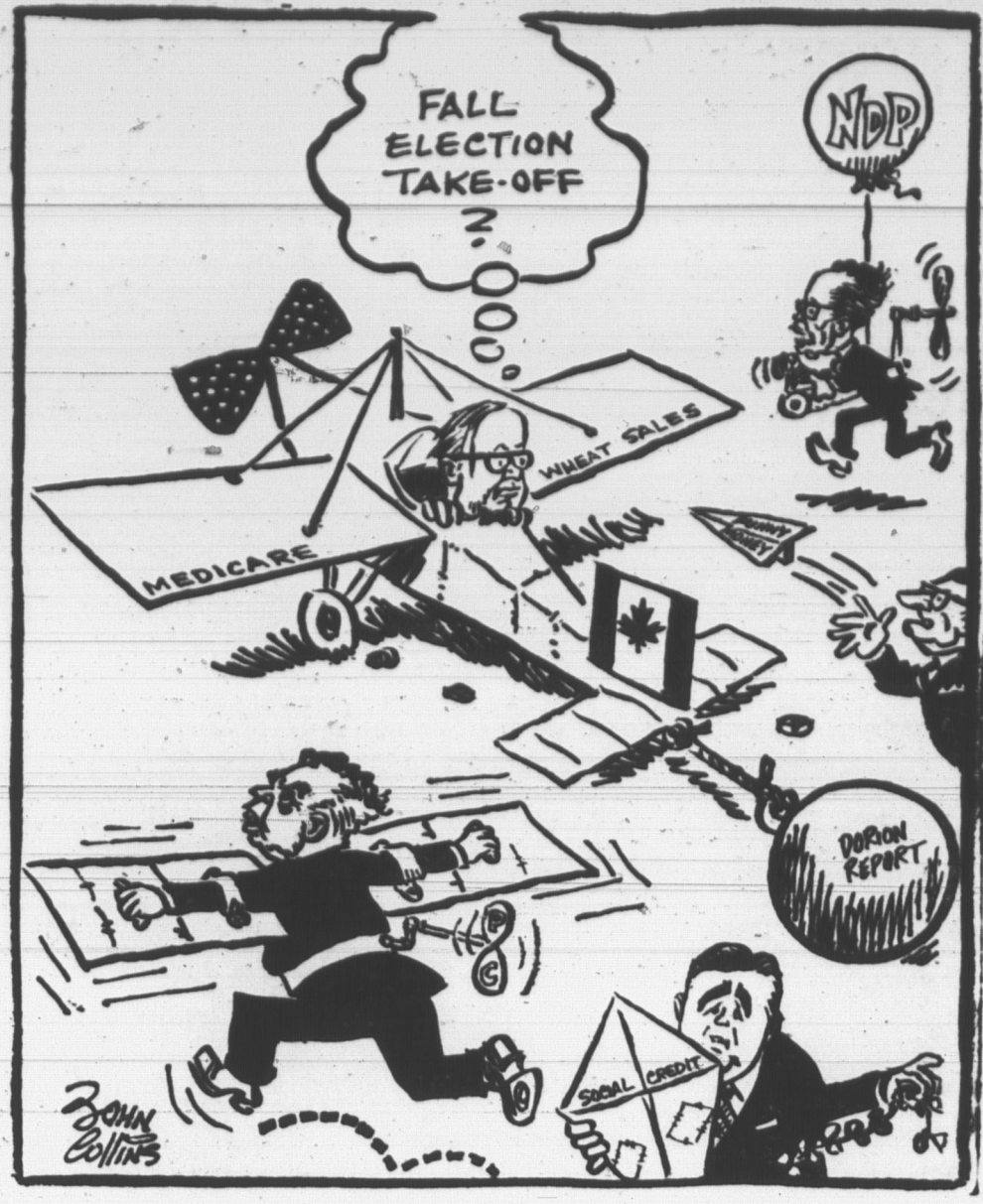
As if man didn't have enough troubles with his own kind, he still finds himself at war with the animal, bird and insect world. Some recent evidences to this effect have been gleaned by the Milwaukee Journal to show that even though scientists have revolutionized many aspects of our way of life, the conquest of nature is still anything but complete. There was that Soviet steamer in the Black Sea, for instance, which was attacked so ferociously by swarming mosquitoes that the crew was immobilized and the vessel forced to drift for two days until a cool front sent the pests packing.

Then there were the Australian troops along the Malaysian-Indonesian border who imported five cats to cope with a plague of vicious rats. The rats, ate the cats. And the police in Chippenham, England, who sought a large white dog which stole two carpets, two carpet brushes, a towel and a pair of trousers in raids on gardens.

And the herring gulls on Hatteras island in North Carolina which drop clams, scallops and other shellfish from great heights onto highways to crack open their food. The resulting mess plays hob with auto tires and has the state highway department in a dither.

And California's booming stalling population which is making scientists nervous and farmers downright glum. The omniverous birds devour cattle feed, figs, cherries, grapes, olives, dates, nuts and other crops.

Yes, sighs the Milwaukee paper, "we can take TV pictures of Mars, fracture the atom and orbit the earth but we still can't bend, all of its creatures to our bidding." A good thing too, perhaps, though it has its disadvantages.



MEN IN THEIR FLYING MACHINES

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Facts For Would-Be Election Debaters

Prime Minister Pearson's return to the Capital from his week long fishing and "fishing" expedition to the West will spur even more "Will he? Won't he?" election speculation here. No matter what one's belief about the propriety or prediction about the prospects of an early election, one can find someone here to argue the opposing stand. The following are the basic facts which constitute a do-it-yourself kit for any would-be election debater.

The British North America Act of 1867 said: "On the completion of each decennial census, the representation (in the House of Commons) of the provinces shall be readjusted..." The latest census took place at its regular 10-year interval in 1961. The consequent readjustment of representation, by redrawing constituency boundaries, has not yet been completed, but is far advanced and will be ready to be submitted to the Government in the House of Commons on about 22 January next. There is then an inexcusable time-table for procedure, leading up to the proclamation by the Governor in Council that the new boundaries are in force.

Assuming reasonable cooperation by the House and Government, and desirable planning by the Chief Electoral Officer, a general election might reasonably be held under the new order on Monday June 27 next. The earliest possible date would be four weeks earlier. But to defer the date into 1967, as Prime Minister Pearson has pessimistically predicted, would be the result of needless dithering and delay.

PUBLIC FORUM

LIQUOR STORE LOCATION Sir.—A recent article in your paper covering a meeting of the ratepayers of the Athena Regional High School quotes calls of "We might as well be living in Cuba!" Each one of those people present should thank their God that they are not living in Cuba and pray that the time will never come when such a government will rule P.E.I. They would be shot if they spoke out against the Government in Cuba and their high schools there don't enjoy the freedom from the military as ours do here.

I am a ratepayer of the Athena Regional High School and I pay my share of taxes. I have three children growing up who will attend this school and I am not scared or objecting to the new liquor store location. My children's morals can be just as easily corrupted at a theatre or watching some of the shows on TV.

There are shows such as a recent CBC production called "Room at the Top," where there is a lot more "sex" and liquor drunk than they will ever see around the liquor store or around the playground area for that matter. And if people can be murdered in their own homes and three-year-old children attacked, then 15-year-old children are hardly safe inside the high school itself.

As far as a petition being circulated, it must be of benefit for the town people only as there never was such a paper passed around here. (Maybe ratepayers in the country don't count.) It seems to me the town of Summerside is worrying a lot about something that only partly concerns it. Or is it the tax money they want? They are sure making a political football of the issue anyway.

They talk about the "winos" hanging around. The RCMP will not be so tolerant of them as the Summerside police seem to be. In closing I say worry more

about the cost of students going to the Vocational School instead of the location of a liquor store that most of the ones who are hollering patronize. If my children can be corrupted by the sight of a liquor store or a drunken man, Heaven help them as I will have failed as a father and parent.

I am, Sir, etc., HARRY G. GILLIS Ellerslie, P.E.I.

IN APPRECIATION Sir.—Words alone cannot express the thanks of the entire membership of the Katahdin "Rangers" for the wonderful treatment afforded the unit during their stay in Charlottetown. The cooperation of your personnel and the outstanding response of the general public to the unit at all times has never been matched in all of our travels throughout the past few years.

Our heartfelt thanks to you, your committee members, the personnel of the YMCA and the Basileia Recreation Centre, the police department, Mayor Cox, John Butler and the thousands of others who made our visit to your community one which we shall remember and cherish.

Upon departing from Charlottetown on Saturday morning we made a very interesting and pleasant tour of your beautiful island and arrived home safe and sound Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. A very tired but happy group of boys, girls and adults. The people of your community are very fortunate. They have managed to retain the desire and the initiative to roll out the red carpet to visitors, something that few communities of today can still manage from the heart. The Good Lord must surely smile when he looks down on Charlottetown.

I am, Sir, etc., WILLIAM E. MILLIKEN Director, Katahdin Rangers Drum and Bugle Corps, Millinocket, Maine

START POSTAL UNION BONN (AP)—The postal union between the six Common Market countries, France, West Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, now is complete. Mail is delivered anywhere within the ECM for local rather than foreign-rate postage.

Criminal Detention

By Farmer Tinsington Special Correspondent, Ottawa The power and influence of voluntary citizens' groups on government policy is being tested here through protests over plans to construct four special detention units for dangerous and hostile penitentiary inmates.

Some time ago the Department of Justice announced its intention to build four such units but so far, only one, at St. Vincent de Paul, is underway. Construction of the other three, in New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan, may be delayed by protests from the Canadian Corrections Association and the John Howard Society.

These groups of well meaning citizens are concerned about the psychological effects of windowless cells on prisoners. They have already demonstrated that they can exert considerable influence on government policy. A year ago the Corrections Association, John Howard and Elizabeth Fry Societies combined to halt plans for a new women's penitentiary at Cornwall on the ground it was not a suitable location.

Now they are arrayed against the Canadian Penitentiary Service whose commissioner, Allen J. MacLeod, is fighting a stiff battle to persuade justice minister Lucien Cardin to proceed with the other three units. Mr. Cardin will probably allow the Quebec unit to be completed but may delay a start on the other three or decide to abandon the entire concept.

The Penitentiary Service doesn't like to criticize the penitentiaries' groups because they perform valuable services in the field of penology. But some other voices are not so cautious. The Civil Service Association, which represents most of the penitentiary officers, has come out bluntly on the side of the units.

"The Association is particularly disturbed that much of the criticism of the new units has come from sources lacking practical experience in the day to day care, custody and training of inmates," president Cal Best says.

He points out that since 1962, three officers have been killed as the result of inmate violence, there have been murders of inmates by other inmates, injuries to officers and inmates and much damage to public property as the result of prison riots. Commissioner MacLeod pleads for the special units as a means of segregating the violent three per cent of the penitentiary population from the well behaved, prisoners who can be rehabilitated. He says the prisoners will spend only ten hours a day in the cells, most of this asleep, and the cells have a skylight and a window in the door, but no view of the outside world.

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Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 30, 1940) Thousands of citizens at the Exhibition Grounds tendered an enthusiastic welcome to His Excellency, the Earl of Athlone, Governor General of Canada, and his Royal Consort, the Princess Alice.

The Air Ministry announced that the Royal Air Forces' bag of Nazi planes for August had passed the 1,000 plane mark.

TEN YEARS AGO

(August 30, 1955) Dr. John B. Downing of Summerside was elected president of the Canadian Medical Association, P.E.I. Division, at the closing of a two-day conference in the auditorium of Prince of Wales College.

Mr. Dean M. Robinson leaves next Friday morning for Madison, Wisconsin, where the next two years he will continue post-graduate work in plant Pathology at the University of Wisconsin. He expects to obtain his doctorate majoring in vegetable diseases.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

One reason experience is such a good teacher is that she does not allow any dropouts.—Chang-ing Times. When a girl asks a man to teach her to swim, if he isn't careful, he'll get into deep water.—Galt Reporter. "How about a real old-fashioned kiss?" he asked. "O.K." she replied. "I'll call my Grandmother."—Galt Reporter.

Those who complain about TV are reminded it could be worse. There could be reruns of summer programs—Algoma Record-Herald. "Get your hair cut," I told my 11 year old daughter. "Do you want to look like a boy?"—Door County Advocate. We're thankful that we have free speech in this country—and equally thankful that there's now-law requiring us to listen to it.

Customer: "Where is the owner of this restaurant?" Waiter: "He's out to lunch, sir."—Toronto Star. The Beatles are reported a little peeved at suggestions their popularity is waning. However they can always get some consolation by taking a look at their bank books.—Fort William Times-Journal.

Adolescence no longer exists, a French psychiatrist avers. Now that it's been repeated, what do we call that dizzy spell?—Wind-sor-Star. With reference to gardening, the green thumb receives credit that should go mainly to elbow grease.—Guelph Mercury.

British Withdrawal Feared

By Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer

Britain's withdrawal of one regiment of nuclear missiles from its Army on the Rhine and plans to call out a second next year has caused a political explosion in West Germany, where the suspicion still lingers that Germans would be sacrificed in any East-West atomic showdown in Europe. Konrad Adenauer, the former chancellor who still is politically active as the chairman of his party, maintains this is "an overwhelming blow" which would destroy German confidence in their allies. The fiery former defence minister, Franz-Josef Strauss, says continued nuclear discrimination against Germany may give rise eventually to a new dictator promising and giving Germans their own nuclear weapons. Bisected by the Iron Curtain, Germany worries about the first battle ground in any new European war or, alternatively, that it would be demilitarized and neutralized in any eventual European settlement.

It is not likely, however, that these arguments will convince the Germans. It is well known that Britain is attempting to reduce its overseas defence spending as part of the effort to defend the pound. It is also well known that the British government favors a drastic revision of existing NATO strategy in Europe, with emphasis on conventional rather than nuclear weapons. The British action has not been ignored by the Russians. Semyon Tsarapkin, the chief Soviet disarmament negotiator at Geneva, suggests the British action was taken because of the financial burden of nuclear weapons. But he also argues that the British action is a good thing if it is taken as a first step in the demilitarization of central Europe. British officials quickly denied any intention of taking any unilateral move towards nuclear disengagement in Europe.

DEFENCE ISSUE

Germany now is in the midst of a tense general election campaign in which military security is a prime issue. It is therefore puzzling why Britain should pick this particular time to make such a sensitive move. British officials maintain the decision to withdraw the nuclear missiles and re-equip the army with conventional weapons was made some time ago, and was reached with the knowledge and approval of the supreme NATO commander in Europe, U.S. Gen Lyman Lemnitzer.

They also argue that the Corporal missile, with which the 4th is equipped, has become obsolete, and that Britain's total fire-power on the Rhine is not being reduced, since a sister regiment is to get more launchers for its own missiles.

SOMETHING To Think About . . .

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