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Still In Dispute

News that a "promising area for oil exploration" has been found off the Nova Scotia coast comes as another reminder that the question of jurisdiction over such areas is in dispute.

In Nova Scotia's case, the promising oil area has been located near Sable Island, 200 miles east of Halifax in the Atlantic, and on the slope where the continental shelf drops into the ocean depths.

B.C.'s Liberal leader Ray Perrault, while supporting the province's right to its offshore areas, claims that the government, instead of coming up with its "blustering effort," should be using its time to prepare a strong case before the court.

Mr. Perrault, however, isn't running affairs in British Columbia. Premier Bennett is, and it is still too early to say just what the effects of his government's action will be on this very important issue.

Graft In Viet Nam

The thorough job done by a team of Associated Press reporters in surveying graft and corruption in American aid to Viet Nam is said to be having a decided impact on Washington and the country.

This figure is disputed at Washington, but its official announcements have been confusing on the subject, and the AP estimate is likely to receive public credence unless it can be convincingly disproved by an impartial congressional investigation.

The vital point, argues the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, is not whether illegal diversions of aid amount to six or nine or 20 per cent.

They," it says, "that the volume is so substantial as to explode the whole official myth of a brave little nation valiantly struggling for its independence and with our aid happily building a revolutionary democracy behind the shield of American military power.

Whatever ground there is for such criticism—and other influential papers are voicing it as well—the staggering cost of the war is coming home to the American people. The count of battlefield dead and wounded is mounting steadily.

Plugging The Leaks

Watch out, everybody! The national revenue department is beefing up its staff to crack down on tax evaders. But it is the big-time dodgers it will be after this time.

To check them, Revenue Minister Benson is setting up three branches, each run by an assistant deputy minister. One of these branches will be known as "Compliance," and it will supervise the uniform application of income tax and Canada Pension Plan regulations and develop new weapons to combat "tax avoidance schemes."

Mr. Benson has complained several times in Parliament recently about the increasing sophistication of big-time tax dodging. Techniques involve the creation of dummy and offshore companies and dividend stripping under which profits can be drained out of businesses without the government getting its share.

In the past, the loopholes were not plugged until millions had been drained out through them by the sharpies. Now the special squads will be trying to find the openings first and plug them before they can be used.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Costs involved in the production of Expo 67 continue to mount. The latest word on the subject is to the effect that \$450,000, no less, is being spent on buoys to mark the route to Expo for pleasure boats in the St. Lawrence river.

The defense department has revealed that there are 705 Canadian army, 89 air force personnel on the United Arab Republic-Israeli border and 20 officers, basically observers, in the unit supervising the truce over the borders of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Israel.

It is not difficult to see why we are asked for more and more tax money. Let us hope the full story is made public.



THE TIGHT-ROPE WALKER

FUTURE TELEPHONES

Direct Dialing On Worldwide Basis

National Geographic Society

Sometimes in the early 1970s, an American will be able to telephone almost anywhere in the world without the help of an operator. Groundwork for worldwide direct dialing has already been laid.

Countries are grouped into large geographical zones: North America is 1; Africa, 2; Europe 3; South America, 5; South Pacific, 6; USSR, 7; North Pacific, 8; Asia, 9.

The first digit in a country's code number is the number of its zone. Argentina, for example, has the number 54; Venezuela, 58.

Direct dialing all over the world is only one of many changes in store for telephone users. Dialing itself will become something of a nuisance.

There is no particular advantage for the consumer in such a change, it would help the dairies. Most of the machinery used in Canada for bottling and cartoning milk is manufactured in the U.S.

PUBLIC FORUM

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PREMIER COMMENTED

Sir,—It is indeed gratifying to know that at least one man in the governing faction is concerned over the apparent waste of taxpayers' money. I refer of course to our present Premier, Alex Campbell, and his handling of the Georgetown debacle.

INDIA'S RISING GENERATION

In some respects, the wave of unrest and even violence among students in India fits into a world-wide pattern. An example was reported in August, when some 14,000 students in Orissa boarded trains being to travel to state capitals to travel to the sea capital for the India Independence Day parade.

Toys Spark Creativity

By Dr. Theodore S. Van DeBora. Toys should stir the imagination, encourage creative ability, and train the child for better living. This is a big order because not many playthings are developed with these ideas in mind.

Ideally the adult should select toys from manufacturers who consider child development. The age, interest, and mental and physical abilities must be taken into account because the proper and sense of accomplishment. An air rifle, dart game, sharp knife, or chemistry set is too dangerous for children who do not understand the hazards involved.

When selecting toys for babies and toddlers, avoid marbles, coins, beads, and any small plaything that may find its way into the mouth. The same applies to stuffed animals with button eyes, whistles with removable mouthpieces and pull toys with parts that may become loose.

ULCER HEALING. C. A. writes: How long does it take for a stomach ulcer to heal? REPLY: From months to years, depending upon treatment and how well the victim cooperates with his physician.

HEART POUNDING AND STAIRS. P. B. writes: Should the heart of a 39-year-old woman pound after she climbs the subway or "L" stairs? She has to rest on reaching the top.

ARM NUMBNESS. V. G. writes: What causes the arms to fall asleep while a person is driving a car? REPLY: There is pressure upon the nerves or blood vessels of the upper extremities when the arms are held in the driving position.

PROBABLY NOT, BUT A THOROUGH CHECKUP IS WARRANTED IN A CASE LIKE THIS. TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Every woman should have a Pap test periodically.

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TAP EARTH'S HEAT. The Soviet Union is planning to harness hot gases from the earth's interior to produce electricity at a quarter the usual cost.

India's Rising Generation

handle students "as if they were their own children" now proposed voluntary and selective national service for young people. It would seem that a large proportion of the younger generation of Hindus are surrendering to timelessness, hopelessness and utter nihilism.

Freedom has, seemingly, not even begun to solve India's problems. Independence—which the Indians had a right to demand and which the British were wise enough to concede—is not the answer to the problems of this teeming land.

So long as the great, almost god-like over his devoted followers, his presence blunted their frustrations and disappointments. Now his daughter faces the challenge to rekindle—especially in the topheavy and lethargic Congress Party—a sense of purpose, direction and responsibility among the young.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"But, my dear," blushed the poor little hen-pecked husband, "you've been talking for half an hour, and I haven't said a word." "No," suggested his wife, "you haven't said anything, but you have been listening in a most aggravating manner, and I'm not going to stand for it."

Jeanne, aged four, was fishing with her father, who was wearing his fishing licence on the back of his hat. Not having a great deal of luck, Jeanne offered the following suggestions: "Daddy, turn your hat around so the fish can see your licence."

Flaw In Gaullist Campaign

President de Gaulle, for all his avowed devotion to political realities, could be undermining his own crusade for a settled and prosperous Europe, free of outside interference, by his earnest courtship of Soviet Premier Khrushchev's favor.

The joint declaration at the end of Khrushchev's visit to France placed great emphasis on stability in Europe, to be based on the example of the new Franco-Soviet co-operation.

De Gaulle's vision of a friendly Europe extending from the Atlantic to the Urals takes in the Russian region of the Soviet Union but evades the obvious fact that the Soviet Union is a super-power with a global outlook.

FLAWS ADMITTED. Fewer and fewer authorities quarrel with de Gaulle's insistence that post-war military, political and economic arrangements in Europe no longer accord with the facts of life.

Our Yesterdays. TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 12, 1941). The United States announced that Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, reported that navy planes scored bomb hits on a Japanese battleship of the Kongo class off the coast of Luzon.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 12, 1956). The national Progressive Conservative leadership convention will be asked to endorse a new platform based on a proposed \$165,000,000 boost in social benefits.

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