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Worth Remembering

We all have a right to identify ourselves with the grievances of that little man, the taxpayer...

That, come to think of it, is one of the important rights we enjoy under democracy...

If we ask too much from democracy—as we frequently do—it is we who are shortsighted...

It's troublesome—all right, and costly, and confusing, and frustrating...

Who wants that in Canada? Certainly not the angry little man parading under his "On Strike" placard...

France's Position

President de Gaulle's latest press conference provided further evidence—if any was needed—that France intends to keep both NATO and the European Common Market...

A writer in the London Spectator goes so far as to say that in an age of mass communications and instant reactions, the French have become an almost isolated people...

Good, tough thinking, hard-driving journalism has practically dried up in Paris. De Gaulle has brought the Common Market, Europe's greatest enterprise in peaceful co-operation...

The Spectator writer quotes one worried French observer as saying,

"The nation has been given an anaesthetic and put into a deep sleep." De Gaulle himself is described as now living—thinking and acting in a void and vacuum...

"We hardly belong to NATO anymore. We have closed the door of the Common Market to England, but shortly thereafter we began to move away from the Europe of the Six...

No Need To Worry

An Ontario exchange reports, on the subject of Premier Lesage's speaking tour of the West, that "a lot of worry-wart Liberals are hoping he'll lose his voice before he loses them too many votes..."

In Calgary, for example, he was given a breezy welcome by Mayor McEwan and presented with a pair of sterling silver cuff links adorned with the city's crest...

It read: "This here paper proves the Hon. Jean Lesage had the purely pleasurable privilege of visiting the only dad-burned cow town left in Canada, name of Calgary, and, having enjoyed exceptional amounts of genuine heart-warmin', back-slappin', neighbor-lovin', hand-shakin' Calgary hospitality is hereby deputized as an honorary Calgary White Hatter..."

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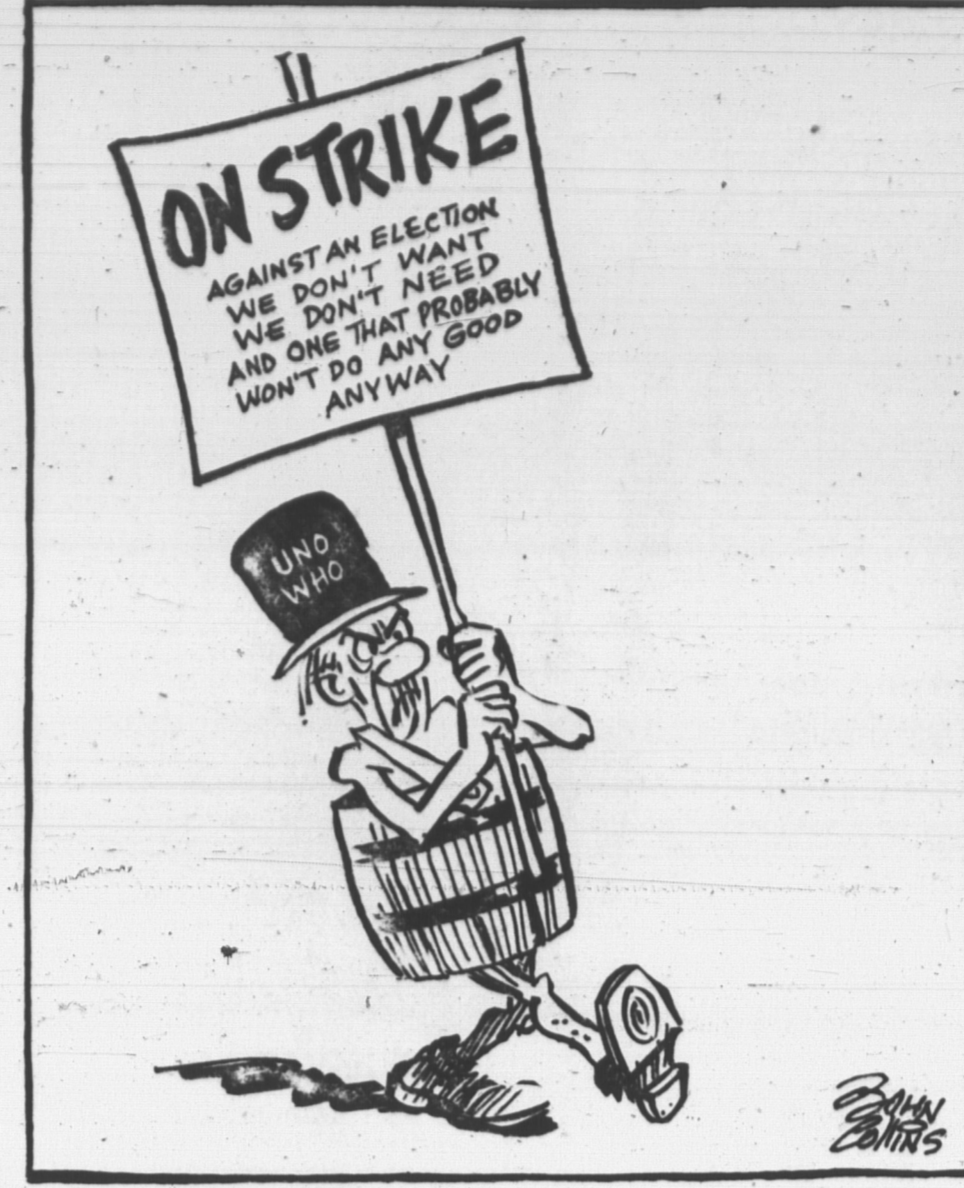
It was all very homey and didn't venture to say—do the Liberal cause any harm at all. Those Ontario worry-warts should forget about Premier Lesage and turn their attention to party problems nearer home.

Well Answered

The squawk about the expense of building our causeway that came recently from British Columbia—from the minister of industry in the B.C. government, no less—prompts the Moncton Transcript to recall a bit of Canadian history.

It points out that one of the main factors governing the entry of the West Coast province into Confederation was the completion of the iron ribbon—the railway—right through to the coast. Also that a province that was so dependent upon such a vital link being constructed should be the last to show intolerance towards a sister province that has had to wait a hundred years for a similar promise to even come near to being fulfilled.

"The fact of the matter," says our Moncton contemporary after going at length and with gusto into the subject, "is that a permanent link between the mainland and the Island has been delayed far too long. If the crossing had been built years ago, as it should have been, it would have cost a lot less. And the economy of this region might today have been richer for it. Since it is no good crying over spilt milk, we'll forget that angle. But the causeway must be built as promised, starting next spring. And those rich, Heaven-blessed provinces, with their lumber and minerals and secondary industries, should not begrudge this."



EVERYBODY ELSE IS DOING IT POLITICIAN'S NIGHTMARE

Moslem Faith Links Divided Pakistan

Geographically, Pakistan is a politician's nightmare. The uneven halves of one of the largest Moslem nations on earth lie separated from each other by nearly 1,000 miles of hostile India. West Pakistan with its harsh deserts and mountains seems an extension of Arabia. Flat, waterlogged East Pakistan is a part of monsoon Asia—a world of bayous, swamps, and rice fields.

West Pakistan has 85 percent of the nation's land but less than half of the 100,762,000 population. Ethnic groups vary from light-skinned Pathans to dark-skinned Dravidians. The population is 86 percent Moslem.

Two Languages. West Pakistan's inhabitants speak mostly Urdu and related languages. In the East they speak Bengali. Urdu and Bengali are by no means mutually intelligible, but English serves as a bridge.

Despite their disparity, West and East Pakistan are linked by bond—the Islamic religion. Basic differences between Islam and India's Hindu faith make it difficult for the two peoples to work together for example, Hindus regard the cow as sacred; Moslems eat it; the differences led to the division of the Indian subcontinent in 1947.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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GRAVE TRAFFIC DANGER

Sir—As one who is very interested in the welfare of our children and students who go to the different schools in Charlotteville and surrounding districts, especially the high school students, may I call attention to a problem of grave concern.

The writer had occasion to drive out to the Sanatorium on business at approximately 3.30 in the afternoon, from North River Road to Queen Charlotte High School. As I drove along in these areas, at about five miles an hour, I observed students walking six and seven abreast from the sidewalk out on the street, ignoring the traffic, and if you blew the horn they just looked and laughed.

It occurred to me, in connection with the traffic danger above mentioned, that teachers might welcome the suggestion that they try to instruct their pupils to be more careful. We all know that there is a terrific amount of traffic at that hour of the day if such action could prevent an accident or save a life, it would be well worthwhile.

Impaired Hearing

By Dr. Theodore R. VanDellen. IMPAIRED HEARING IN children is more likely to escape detection than visual defects. Blindness is noted within a few weeks after birth but deafness may be overlooked for months because the youngster appears normal.

It is important to make the diagnosis early, preferably before the age of 2, to determine whether the defect is amenable to treatment. The responsibility for this rests with the parents and begins when they become suspicious that Johnny is hard of hearing.

Many symptoms offer clues that the child's hearing is inadequate. Up to age 1 he does not react to a sudden, loud noise like the backing of an auto or a dog's barking.

ELONGUATED UVULA

The soft palate never falls or droops but the uvula, that hangs from its end, may be longer in some persons than in others. Swelling due to inflammation may be a contributing factor.

R COMPLEX

One or more of the vitamin B fractions are found in almost every food. The richest sources are meat, fish, poultry, eggs, cheese, cereals, bread, yeast, molasses, nuts, fruits, and vegetables.

TALLER OFFSPRING

Yes and during the last three decades this trend has been evident. Most of the credit goes to improved nutrition.

PREGNANCY AND MENSES

Yes, but fertility involves more than regularity of the menstrual cycle.

PLENTY OF PROOF

There already is plenty of scientific proof that carbon dioxide is accumulating in the air surrounding the planet.

DEFENCE HEAD DIES

Jacobs de Villiers, South Africa's secretary for defence for the last 10 years, died here Saturday after a heart attack. He was 58.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Wife: "How can I cure my husband from snoring?" Doctor: "Easy. By good advice, co-operation, kindness, and stuffing an old sock in his mouth." — Toronto Telegram.

"Here!" said a man angrily to the railway official. "I got a cinder in my eye from one of your engines, and it cost me five dollars for a doctor to have it taken out and the eye dressed. What are you going to do about it?" "Nothing, my dear sir," the official replied suavely. "We have no further use for the cinder and you are quite welcome to it. From the legal point of view, the cinder was not yours, and no doubt you could be proceeded against for removing our property. But we will take no steps in the matter." — Montreal Star.

The U.S. Defence Department recently announced plans to bring out a new publication. In a town over-supplied with government pamphlets this would have caused no stir except for two things: Its subject: How the Defence Department has saved the taxpayer's money. Its cost: \$50,000 for 40,000 copies. — Greenville News, N.C.

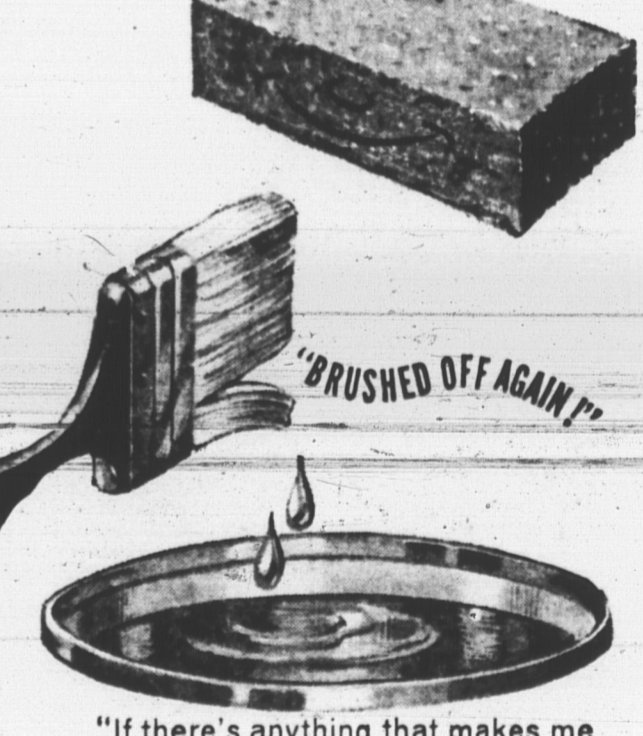
A London marriage counsellor says honeymoons are unnecessary. Of course the lady is right as to the need, but she gives the impression that she has never had one herself, or else had one and didn't enjoy it. — Galt Reporter.

China's Bungled Policy

The cost of the India-Pakistan war, in human sacrifice and material destruction, is yet to be assessed. Both sides may find it is more than they can afford. Yet the war and the United Nations' called cease-fire have their positive sides—they have given the world another chance to judge the value of the UN.

China wisely did not make good its threat. It seemed to have concluded it can get its way merely by threatening attack, though the tactics adopted would seem to suggest China's bark is worse than its bite. Moreover, the view among many Western commentators is that China bungled its foreign policy, thrashing around ineffectively in a way which could only raise a question in reasonable minds whether a rival UN force under China's guidance could be trusted or could wield any major influence.

In a way, therefore, the world should be grateful to China, for its actions have increased international concern for a forum which could show peaceful consensus and judgment. The UN has been given a new chance to show what it can do. And the outlook seems moderately hopeful for even such a critic as France, which virtually cold-shouldered the UN in the past, decided to send its foreign minister to the UN General Assembly in New York for the first time in three years.



"If there's anything that makes me bristle, it's a brick... especially when it's stuck with a lot of other bricks on a house or a factory or a church or even a wall.

"Bricks make me feel unwanted. Bricks don't need paint protection. Bricks don't need coloring—it's baked in them... reds, greys, blue, pink.

"Mind you, I'm in good company. Bricks don't have much to do with termite, maintenance men, insulation.

"In fact, when you come right down to it, the only things that like brick are people!"

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