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The I.F.U.C. brief goes on to suggest specific proposals as to how such a research agency might be organized and financed.

Rail Rates & Revenues

The announcement that the Canadian National Railways is looking forward to slicing its deficit this year by a considerable amount is good news.

As the Globe and Mail points out, the railways' response to declining revenue or wage increase demands has usually been to apply for more freight rate boosts.

What the Toronto paper fails to take note of here is the inequity involved in this process. Since the Turgeon Commission reported eight years ago, the railways have continued to ask for, and have received, substantial horizontal rate increases.

What we cannot understand is why the Transport Board was permitted to disregard the Turgeon Commission recommendation of 1951 that rates should be equalized between the various parts of Canada.

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Farm Policy Research

Since the turn of the year Canada's major farm organizations have renewed their requests to the Federal Government for support and assistance in establishing an independent farm policy research agency.

The suggested policy research should investigate policy issues on a broad level to make sure the relevant facts are ascertained, careful analysis carried out, trends identified, and future possibilities clarified.

The research could be financed initially by an assignment of funds from the Undistributed Payments Account of the Canadian Wheat Board for a study of policy relating to wheat, and by the addition of further grants from governments or other interested groups or organizations.

Here is an approach to the farming industry's many problems which is both constructive and practical. With the advances being made in science and technology, with specialization and mass producing methods becoming more pronounced, and with the growing complexities encountered in the field of foreign trade on which farmers are so dependent, there would seem to be real need for a research agency of this kind.

EDITORIAL NOTES

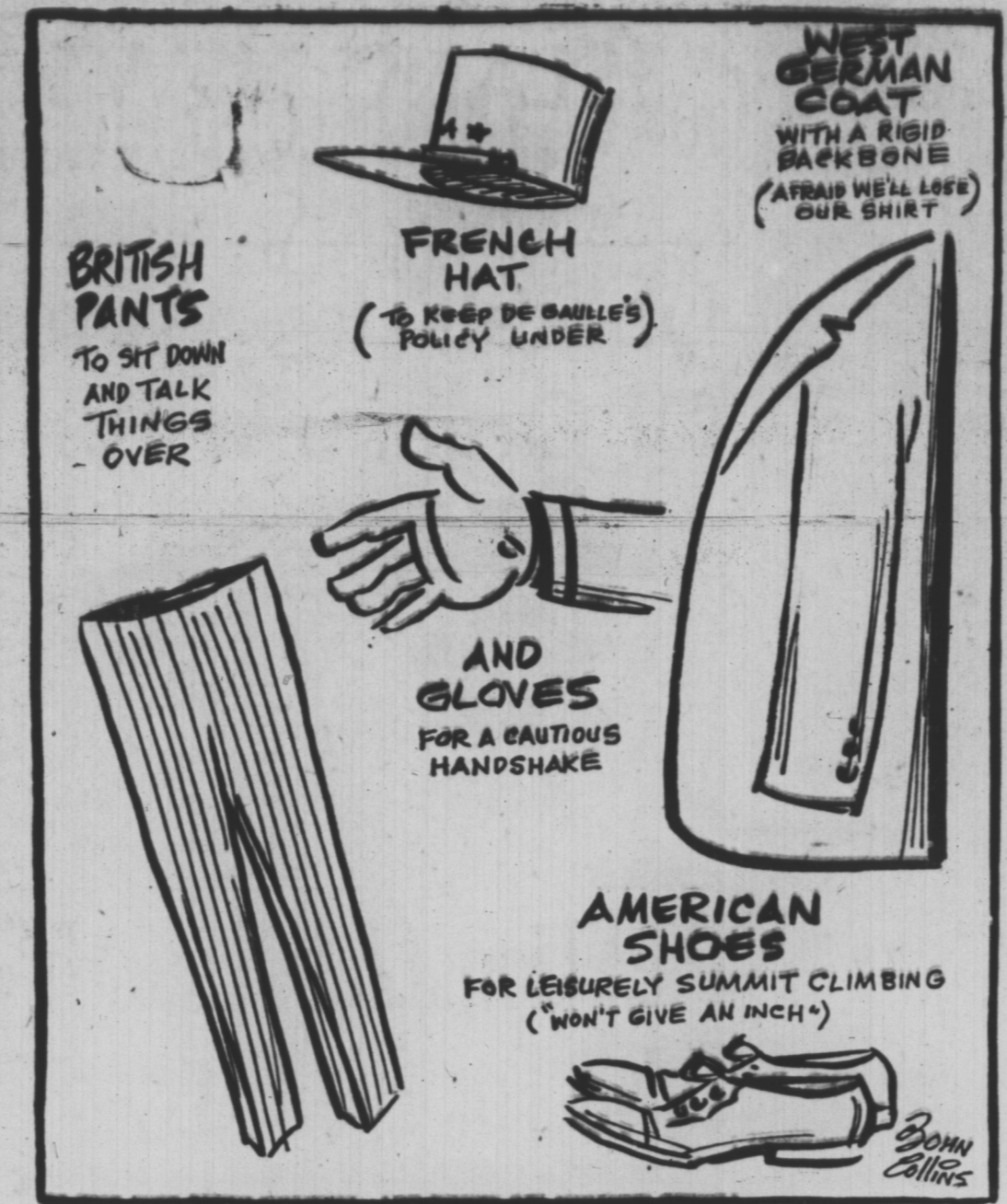
The world's largest corporation in terms of earnings is the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. It's net earnings last year amounted to more than \$850 million.

Recently, someone fired at Governor J. Lindsay Almond of Virginia. Luckily, the attempt at assassination failed. The Governor dismissed the incident in a philosophical manner.

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Most of the federal government's budgetary deficit may well have been eliminated by this time next year, according to the Bank of Montreal's Business Review for April, just issued. This now seems possible because revenues are likely to mount steadily as the year progresses.

Governor Rockefeller of New York has added to his popularity with the ladies. He has just signed a bill allowing life insurance companies to subtract three years from women's ages and sell them insurance at lower premiums.



FOREIGN MINISTERS' COSTUMES

OTTAWA REPORT

Wise Words In The Senate

By Patrick Nicholson

Our Upper House of Parliament, the Senate, performs functions which in the popular mind are perhaps best described by those words of our Confederation's first and greatest Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of current events of general interest.

TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM

Sir—I wish to commend The Guardian on its aggressive and forthright editorials regarding our transportation problems.

NEW SENATOR SCORES

Last week the Senate heard one of its newest members, Hon. Gunnar "Solly" Thorvaldson of Winnipeg, deliver a well-informed and closely-reasoned speech in introducing a motion that the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate should examine Canada's role in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

New Nuclear Test Plan

By E. W. Ewer, United Kingdom Information Service

The British and American representatives in the Three-Power Geneva Conference on the banning of nuclear tests have put forward a new proposal. It may be misunderstood. It will certainly be misrepresented, for that is the way of the world, so I want to make clear what it is and what it is not.

It is not in any way put forward as a substitute for the comprehensive banning of all nuclear tests under an effective system of inspection and control. That remains the purpose of British and American policy; and the objective of the Geneva negotiations. That is made entirely clear in the proposal as tabled.

But the Conference in its six months of existence has run into difficulties, partly political partly technical, which were not foreseen by us when it opened. And they were of a kind which indicate that a lot more work will be needed before there can be an agreement on an effective system of inspection which would cover all possible nuclear tests.

CHOICE FOR THE SOVIET That being so, the British and American Governments have offered the Soviet Government two choices. Either the Soviet Government change their attitude on procedure for inspection—in which case negotiations could go ahead for a comprehensive agreement—or, if they are not willing to do that, to try for an agreement by phases.

The British and American Governments now offer in brief that there should be an immediate agreement to stop those tests which are at present capable of being controlled; with, at the same time, an agreement to press forward with all possible speed with the work that still has to be done to provide a system of control for all tests.

Hidden Sodium Sources In Diet

By Herman N. Bandesen, M. D.

SOMETIMES you can't see the sodium for the salt. Nevertheless, it's now fairly simple for those of you on sodium-restricted diets to keep away from table salt and foods with obvious high sodium contents.

USED IN FOODS

Often sodium is used in preparation of foods. You can't always expect to know when. Here are some examples of hidden sodium:

Baking soda is used to leaven breads and cakes. Sometimes it is added to vegetables in cooking. Of course, sodium bicarbonate of soda is used at times as an aid for indigestion.

Monosodium glutamate, which is sold for home use under various brand names, is used to enhance the flavor of some foods. Restaurants and hotel kitchens often use it. It is used in some canned, packaged and frozen foods.

FREEZING AND CANNING

Brine is used in various foods to inhibit bacteria growth. It is used in cleaning or blanching fruits and in freezing and canning some foods. It also is used for flavor in such foods as sauerkraut, corned beef and pickles.

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Also sodium alginate, which is used in many chocolate milks and ice creams for smooth texture, and sodium benzoate, used as a preservative in some condiments such as sauces, relishes and salad dressings.

Still another is sodium hydroxide, which is used in processing foods to soften and loosen skins of ripe olives, hominy and certain fruits and vegetables. It is used also in preparing Dutch-process cocoa and chocolate, but the amount is insignificant.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

G. S. M.: Could noises in the head be caused by high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries, and is there any cure?

Answer: There is a possibility of noises in the head being caused by high blood pressure. The treatment is best determined by your physician.

The Poet's Corner

BEETHOVEN SYMPHONY

Sweet sound, of beautiful music, do not cease! Reject me not into the World again.

MAXIMS

The condition upon which God has given liberty to man is eternal vigilance.

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

The second presents technical difficulties. We are faced by the fact that unless and until the scientists have caught up with the problem, effective control to ensure that there are no "out-pace tests" is at the moment equally impracticable.

The British and American Governments hold the view that it would be quite wrong to sign an agreement stopping tests which did not in fact provide sufficient control to give everyone a reasonable assurance that the agreement was being fully observed.

A ban on atmospheric tests would have many advantages. It would be a beginning. It would give experience of co-operation in the working of a control system—which could be useful in other than the nuclear test field.

Among the most important of these restrictions is the Soviet delegation's insistence on a comprehensive right to veto decisions in the control commission, including the despatch of teams to inspect events which would be suspected of being nuclear explosions. So because of these

NOTES BY THE WAY

The easiest way to be satisfied with your lot is to build on it a home that turns out to be a happy one.—London Free Press

The giraffe has been found to have the world's highest blood pressure and the world's softest arteries. So where does that land the theory that high blood pressure goes with hardened arteries.—Bramford Expositor

"Turn Again our captivity, as the streams in the south." In this familiar Psalm—the Hebrew word translated "south" is "Negev." Today, as in Biblical times, streams are none too plentiful in the Negev, and perhaps nothing is more vital to the future of Israel than its plan to bring water to this arid southern region.—Montreal Gazette

We have deluded ourselves into believing we no longer need to work hard. Like the grasshopper in the fable, we would rather dance than knock down to the tremendous tasks of the moment. We must awaken to the peril to which our complacency is leading us. In our own heedlessness, we are sowing the seeds for our downfall.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph

"The best price I've been offered for my straw is fifty francs for ten pounds," complained a French farmer. "At that figure I might just as well burn it." The farmer's five-year-old son overheard the remark, delightedly ran for the matches and quickly set fire to the entire crop. One hour later the fire department reported that the barn was a total loss.—Depeche du Midi, Toulouse

In these motorized days the good old-fashioned habit of walking to and from church has been almost entirely forsaken. Today some people living two or three blocks from the church, feel that for the sake of keeping up their prestige or not to endanger their dignity they must go by motor. And so often when they reach the church they have to drive an extra couple of blocks to find a parking place.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

Nobody fumes around in Sweden when it comes to the enforcement of the law which says one cannot drive a motor vehicle after having an alcoholic drink. Suspected drivers must submit to blood tests. One who is found to have had, say, 0.06 of one percent of alcoholic concentration in his blood stream is fined \$250 and loses his licence to drive for six months. If the test shows a concentration of 0.15 or more, the sentence is three months in a prison work camp and the loss of the driver's licence for one year.—Fort William Times-Journal

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Dr. P. A. Creelman, Medical Superintendent of the Provincial Sanatorium, was elected president of the Gryo Club of Charlottetown for the coming year at the annual meeting held at the annual meeting held at the evening. Other officers include Gordon MacDonald, 1st, vice-president; Kenneth MacKenzie, 2nd, vice-president; Dr. B. C. Keeping, secretary; and Mr. H. M. Simpson, treasurer.

Mr. L. A. MacDougall was elected president of the Maritime Rifle Association at the annual meeting held last evening at the Drill Shed. Mr. Ralph Jenkins was named secretary and Mr. Kelsie Burhoe, was elected treasurer. The executive includes William Seaman, Douglas Mayne and Everett Ferguson.

TEN YEARS AGO

Plan to have a contingent 32 First Class Scouts represent P. E. I. at the First Canadian Jamboree to be held near Ottawa, July 16 to 24 were announced yesterday following a meeting of the Provincial Council. The Scouts will assemble near Charlottetown for a few days pre-jamboree camp where they will be broken down into patrols.

Mr. Earle Ings, first vice-president of the Maritime Winter Fair and Mr. S. C. Wright, Department of Agriculture, will attend the meetings of the Maritime Stock Breeders Association in Amherst, N.S. next week. It is expected the directors from the Island will be in attendance.

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