

Her Home Her Castle

Mrs. Kate Burgess, a 79-year-old widow who has only one leg, is blocking progress in Toronto. Worse than that, she can't hear money talk. "These are pretty serious offenses against public morality in Toronto today," comments The Telegram. "We probably ought to join her neighbors in getting cross at her refusal to sell her six-room house to make way for a multi-million dollar apartment and row housing development. But darned if we can."

The city's building and development committee have ordered the 478-suite project held up until someone can come to terms with the old lady, who helped her husband build their home 56 years ago and who says the only way they'll get her out of it is over her dead body. She gets along well enough on her old age pension and rent from three roomers. She doesn't need and isn't tempted by the \$40,000 the developers are ready to pay for the last house on Hillsdale Avenue to complete their big assembly scheme. And since they have no power of expropriation, they're in a quandary.

"Everything from the time I was 23 years of age is here," says Mrs. Burgess, with defiance in her eye. "All my ups and downs... I sandpapered every bit of the woodwork. Every brick they knocked down would be a drop of blood out of my heart. My whole life is wrapped up in this house."

The price offered is twice what her neighbors got for their houses; but what of that? "What is money when you compare it with happiness and contentment?" she asks. And as for holding up progress by her attitude, she has an answer to that, too: "There's poor kids living among rats in other parts of the town, yet they're pulling down good houses. I never thought Toronto would go mad."

What seems to shock the developers more than anything else is the lady's cool heresy that "money has nothing to do with it." How can that be possible? But there it is, and they'll have to make the best of it. As the Toronto paper remarks, her title, certified by love and work as well as the law, should stand for life against all comers.

Where Will It End?

According to a Soviet newspaper report, patriotism is taking a truly fantastic turn in Red China. It has gone on a Nazi-style book burning rampage with all schools closed and students hurling their "rotten" school books on huge bonfires. There is no evidence that "even one general educational school is now operating in China". Many of the pupils have joined the militant Red Guard. Only the writings of Chinese party chairman Mao Tse-tung can now be found on Peking bookshelves. Publishers are "working above their capacity in these disastrous days" to churn out more volumes of Mao's voluminous writings. Worse still, from the Russian paper's standpoint, "attacks on professors, teachers or educational establishments are always accompanied by anti-Soviet slander."

Certainly the extent to which adoration of Chairman Mao has gone is almost incredible. A recent issue of the Peking Review speaks for itself. The headline of the lead story says: "Nation elated by the Great Leader Chairman Mao's Inscription for the New Peking University Journal and for the Women of China Magazine." And the story beneath it explains:

"Chairman Mao, our great teacher, leader, supreme commander and helmsman, has recently written the three character inscription 'Xin Bei Da' (New Peking University) for the university's new journal, and he has

also written the title for the magazine Women of China... The revolutionary students, teachers and staff and other workers of the university, highly pleased, gathered for a celebration on August 22 when they received the first issue of the journal, on the front page of which the three large characters, written with powerful flowing strokes, were printed in red ink... They jumped for joy when they saw the name of the journal was in Chairman Mao's handwriting and that the first issue also contained a picture of Chairman Mao..."

And so on, and on; 34 printed pages of the most sycophantic balderdash imaginable. One article, which must have had Moscow gagging, describes how the Peking Song and Dance Ensemble, on a tour of the Soviet Union, extolled the virtues of Chairman Mao and was rudely treated, at its first performance in Donetsk, by "a Soviet political scoundrel" wantonly maligning the great leader of the Chinese people. In protest against the insult, the ensemble cut short its performance. "The sordid obstruction on the part of the Soviet revisionists," adds the article, "only served to throw additional light on their foul features; it could not affect the Soviet people's respect for Comrade Mao Tse-tung, the greatest Marxist-Leninist of the present era, and their profound feelings for the Chinese people."

The authors of this stuff are presumably educated, adult people. One thing at least can be said for them: that when it comes to propaganda they believe in going the whole hog.

In The Doldrums

Premier Johnson's performance at the recent federal-provincial tax conference has left the Quebec Liberals with a major problem in tactics. Thus reports a writer in the Montreal Gazette, who says that at the moment, the best answer to Mr. Johnson's tough line that Opposition Leader Jean Lesage can seem to come up with is a weak "me too." The Premier's demands on the federal purse, coupled with his hints of separatism if French Canada does not get its much heralded "equality," have made it impossible for the Liberals to go any farther in the game of nationalistic brinkmanship without tumbling right over the edge and into the outstretched arms of the separatists. On the other hand, a moderate approach by Mr. Lesage would open him to charges of being soft on Ottawa.

This dilemma was made obvious in a recent French-language television program in which the Liberal leader appeared, and in which he was quizzed by newsmen about his position on the Quebec government brief. He was careful not to do more than damn it with faint praise, and with the suggestion that a good many of its proposals had originally come from members of his Liberal government. When asked whether he agreed with Daniel Johnson's "two nation" concept, Mr. Lesage wouldn't go any farther than noting that the phraseology was very similar to his reference to Quebec as "the mainland of the French Canadian nation." Not once in the 30-minute program did he launch anything that might be interpreted as an attack on the National Union policies.

This, as the Gazette writer says, may be a calculated ploy; but it appears more likely the Liberals are in a stew over what line they can take in the vital field of federal-provincial relations that will appeal to the electorate and still be different from the National Union stand to permit a confrontation. It would be unfortunate, on all counts, if their leader should be doomed to spend the next few years faintly echoing new administrative initiatives in this most important area.

EDITORIAL NOTES

According to an advertising expert, color television will result in better commercials and worse programs. Some viewers may question the possibility of attaining the latter objective.

Medical researchers at the University of California have found that there are no tears quite like human tears. The distinguishing mark is the abundance of the hormone lysozyme which is a mild anti-bacterial agent. The chemical makeup of the tears of a variety of animals at the San Francisco Zoo was compared with human tears. The researchers found that monkeys have a trace of human type tears and gibbons had more lysozyme than any other primate, thus showing a closer relationship to man. And what of crocodile tears? Crocodiles don't have any—neither do bears!



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NOVEMBER ECLIPSE

Will Draw Scientists To South America

A scientist specializing in eclipses leads a frustrating life. The phenomena can generally be observed well only from an expanse of empty ocean, a jungle-skirted mountain, or some other out-of-the-way place. The sun's eclipse on November 12, for instance, will be visible in its totality in a relatively narrow band that passes across the South Atlantic, central South America, and the western Pacific Ocean. A partial eclipse will be visible in the extreme southeastern portion of the United States.

Musical Motoring

For those who miss their Bach in stereo while driving to and from work, good times are coming. The Wall Street Journal reports that most 1967 cars can be fitted out with a system designed to give the motorist up to an hour and 20 minutes of listening pleasure. What makes this development possible is a plastic capsule, usually called a cartridge, which is so simple to play that one executive taught his three-year-old daughter how to do it.

Always Something New

When the sickle as a grain harvester was replaced by the cradle, it was probably thought that the last word in progressive agriculture had been spoken. That reflection was provoked by a news dispatch on the development of a cucumber plant which would enable cucumber growers to make use of a mechanical picker. People willing to pick cucumbers by hand are becoming harder to recruit.

Our Yesterdays

Star photographs made by a National Geographic research team during a 1962 eclipse of the sun confirmed that starlight can be bent by gravity. The photographs and later measurements tended to bear out a prediction of Dr. Albert Einstein. He contended that one of the proofs of his theory of relativity would be an apparent shift in the position of stars whose light rays pass through the sun's field of gravity.

Supports Einstein

All the discomforts, dangers, and disappointments of eclipse-watching have proved worthwhile, however, for a total eclipse gives scientists a wealth of basic data about the sun, moon, and earth. A Calgary woman, bent on finding out whether the Calgary Zoo is violating the Lord's Day Act by charging admission on Sundays, has already discovered that the job she has taken on is far from simple.

Mushrooming Meat

A research chemist with a Chicago meatpacking firm has described an "inexpensive" way of making reconstituted meat proteins out of mushrooms. Dr. Arthur Karler said the method, applied on a large scale, might help solve the world food shortage. He said mushrooms are able to grow on packinghouse waste products and convert them into a food that has a meat protein content as high as meat itself. It has the added advantage of higher calcium and vitamin content, lower fat percentage, less cook-out loss and reduced cooking time compared with ground meat, he said.

Swelling Of The Feet

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen A reader writes: "Why do some healthy young adults develop swelling of the feet? A 22-year-old friend of mine has no heart or kidney trouble, and no varicose veins or milk leg, yet she has this trouble especially after she is on her feet for some time. P.S. It is worse in summer."

The most logical explanation is gravitational or orthostatic edema. This is common in circumstances of physical inactivity and may, for example, explain why many people develop swollen ankles after sitting or standing for long periods of time. The condition is noted more often in women, especially in the premenstrual period. The best remedies are oral diuretics and a reduction in the intake of salt. Heat tends to aggravate the puffiness.

Some women have deposits of excess fat in the subcutaneous tissue of the legs, often associated with increased fluid retention under the skin. It is likely to be an hereditary disorder and often is associated with a recent gain in weight. Some of these women have pelvic girdle and thigh obesity. The fat does not extend below the ankle bones. Milk leg (lymphedema) usually stems from an obstruction of the deep vein or lymphatic passageways. Only one limb is likely to be involved. The swelling may disappear after resting in bed but returns on being up and about.

Lymphedema may follow an injury such as after spraining or breaking a bone in the ankle. The enlarged lower leg is not only unsightly and heavy, but subject to ulceration.

SPARE THE JOINT

P. C. writes: Is there any way to prevent an enlarging joint on the big toe from becoming a bunion? REPLY Yes, by eliminating pressure on that part of the foot. This can be done by wearing wide-fitting shoes, inserting pads between the first and second toes to keep the big toe straight, and learning to walk properly. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for leaflet on bunions.

INFRARED LIGHT

J. L. writes: I've used an air purifier and recently a nurse told me the infrared light in it can cause cancer. Is this true? REPLY No. Infrared light is a heat ray and in this respect differs from ultraviolet—a carcinogenic ray. Some air purifiers have ultraviolet but there is no harm because the rays are not directed on the individual.

STATIC ELECTRICITY

P. DeM. writes: Does magnetism of the hands in a 75-year-old male mean anything? I don't handle anything electrical except the lamp switch but my hands attract paper and hair. REPLY You have acquired static electricity through the friction created by walking on a rug or rubbing your hair or a piece of wool material.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

A. O. writes: My bachelor uncle, 60 years old, is going to marry a woman 30 years his junior. Will there be any repercussions as to health, social relations, or otherwise? This comes under medical, doesn't it? REPLY Yes. Many marriages at this age level and differentiation have turned out to be successful companionships.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT

Driving is most dangerous at dusk.

Thant's Unique Position

The one opinion common to almost every policy speech in the current General Assembly session is that U Thant should remain in office as secretary-general. But Canada's external affairs minister, Paul Martin, who knows the Burmese diplomat well, has warned that "Any attempt to draft him for a second five-year term would be the wrong way to approach this man." He has made this point during two trips here in the first two weeks of the assembly session.

It seems that Martin's advice is being followed, and is likely to produce the result Canada wants—unqualified acceptance by Thant of a second five-year term. An expected Asian movement to draft Thant has failed to materialize. While delegate after delegate rises in the blue and gold assembly chamber to praise Thant, there is no evidence of any plan to confront him with a united appeal or request to remain in office. The pressure on him is taking quite a different form. It is the absence of any serious effort to find a successor.

Late Thursday, the Security Council issued a statement to the effect that its 15 members, which includes the big powers, have confidence in Thant and "it would fully meet their desires" if he accepted another term. Shortly afterward, Thant said through a spokesman he appreciated the expression of support and "will, of course, give this matter serious consideration." There can be little doubt that if Thant sticks to his decision to retire Dec. 31, the world organization will be plunged into a struggle over the succession and many fear it would find the Soviet Union and the United States on opposite sides. Quite possibly, the Soviet proposal for a three-headed leadership, raised at the time of Dag Hammarskjöld's death in 1961, would be revived again. It would still be as unacceptable to the United States, Canada, Britain, the majority of African countries and others as it was then.

Thant's first term ends Nov. 3 but he has said he will stay on until Dec. 31 if the UN's 119 member countries haven't found a successor. Unless a totally unexpected consensus emerges from the vast corridors and comfortable delegates' lounges here, he is likely to leave the world organization in the lurch if he sticks to his decision to retire.

There has been a distinct leave-if-you-like-but-we-cannot-win-without-your-attitude expressed in a number of delegates' speeches. Thant is being praised to the skies and made to feel like an international hero for even thinking of retirement in such terrible times. The fact that these times haven't grown any less terrible has, of course, had something to do with his decision. In particular, he cited lack of progress towards ending the Viet Nam war and towards resolving the dispute over how to authorize and finance UN peace forces.

At no time, however, has he said progress must be made in these matters before he will reconsider his decision. For this reason, most observers think the door to reconsideration has been left ajar. Thant is widely admired for his diplomatic skills, intellectual scope and sense of justice. UN members also believe the easiest way to avoid a fight about who should be secretary-general is to keep the one you have. Martin may have had both points in mind when he held forth on Thant's virtual indispensability as a man at this time.

Canadian Studies 'Anyone?

There is something both depressing and encouraging about the news that Harvard University has decided to set up a chair in Canadian studies. It is depression because it is news. Canada is the closest neighbor of the United States, its most important trading partner and its biggest outlet for foreign investment. It might have been thought that, as a result, there would be a brisk demand in the United States for accurate information about this country, and that many American schools and universities would long ago have set out to supply it. Yet in fact, courses on Canadian history, geography and economics are almost as rare as hens' teeth. Many universities have chairs or departments of Latin American studies, South East Asian studies and even in defiance of the State Department Chinese studies. But Canadian studies have rarely been considered worth the attention of professors and students. This has contributed to the extraordinary ignorance of Canadian realities which is found in all parts of the United States and among all classes of people, and which has done so much to aggravate difficulties between the two countries. It is encouraging therefore, to find Harvard establishing a new chair of Canadian studies. We hope its example will be followed by more universities. Then, perhaps, there may be some modification in the traditional American belief that Canada is a snowy wilderness inhabited only by Indians, trappers and Nelson Eddy singing "Rose Marie."

GETS ADVISER'S POST

TORONTO (CP)—Janine Smiter, public relations and information officer for the Art Gallery of Ontario, has been appointed public relations adviser to the National Gallery for the centennial exhibition, Pageant of Canada, to be held in Ottawa from October, 1967, to January, 1968, it was announced Friday.

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