

"Like Roman Emperors"

A great deal of American money has gone to bolster President Nasser's regime in Egypt and as head of the United Arab Republic. Some of it, no doubt, went into paying for the red carpet treatment President Nasser gave Soviet Premier Khrushchev in Cairo on Sunday, where he addressed "a cheering crowd of 100,000," praised the Egyptians for having "rejected the capitalist system of repression," and denounced British intervention in Arab disputes in Yemen.

The Yemen revolution has been spurred on by Nasser, who has reportedly gathered 40,000 troops in the area, equipped with mortars and automatic weapons. South of this area lie the port and tiny British colony of Aden, and a British protectorate embracing many small sheikhdoms and sultanates. Huge investments of oil bearing territories are involved, and Britain fears the issue portends another costly military commitment on her hands.

This of course is grist to Mr. Khrushchev's mill, and he is making the most of his Cairo visit to inflame his auditors against British "imperialism" and Western "exploitation" generally.

Washington, as the phrase goes, is "playing it cool." American oil interests are not at stake. Yemen is not Cuba. Nasser is too far away to become another Castro. Nevertheless, American officials must have had some qualms in reading of the "giant youth rally" staged by the bumptious Arab leader in the Soviet leader's honor, of the towering portraits of Khrushchev and Nasser, "bathed by floodlights," which dominated the Cairo stadium from high above the presidential box, and of the two cronies making their entrance "like Roman emperors of old." It was the first spectacle of its kind ever held for any visit in the Egyptian capital, and if it had any meaning at all it spelled trouble for all the Western powers.

It was at a similar spectacular get-together, it will be recalled, that Hitler and Mussolini consolidated their alliance, with results that finally convinced even Washington that they were up to no good.

A Big Occasion

As indicated in our news columns, the commencement exercises at St. Dunstan's University today will mark the graduation of 62 students, including 33 with bachelor of arts degrees, 16 with bachelor of science degrees, nine with bachelor of education degrees and four with bachelor of commerce degrees. In addition to the degrees awarded, three students will receive diplomas in engineering and two in secretarial science. This affords striking evidence of the progress St. Dunstan's has made over the years in meeting the demands of higher education in the province.

Worth recalling by comparison, is the fact that when the institution was opened in January, 1855, only 18 students were enrolled—this being all the college could handle. Further accommodations were made during the summer of that year, however, and the enrollment began to increase gradually.

On July 15, 1856, when the college had its first public closing, surplus was expressed in the press at the progress made in so short a time. The public examination—the custom of those days—showed marked proficiency in Virgil and in

Caesar's Commentaries, as well as great facility in French. This emphasis on the classics was common at that time. It developed, at St. Dunstan's, into a well balanced curriculum in which the "humanities" have continued to play an important role, despite the diversity of courses now being offered.

"The justification for a university," wrote Alfred North Whitehead some years ago, "is that it preserves the connection between the young and the old in the imaginative consideration of learning. The university imparts information, but it imparts it imaginatively. At least, this is the function which it should perform for society. A university which fails in this respect has no reason for existence. This atmosphere of excitement, arising from imaginative consideration, transforms knowledge. A fact is no longer a bare fact; it is invested with all its possibilities. It is no longer a burden on the memory; it is energizing as the poet of our dreams, and as the architect of our purposes."

This well sums up the achievement for which St. Dunstan's stands, and it is one in which all concerned may well take pride.

Today's ceremonies will also see honorary degrees conferred upon a distinguished Prince Edward Islander, His Eminence James Cardinal MacGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, upon U.S. Senator E.M. Kennedy, a brother of the late lamented Prince Keppel, and upon Mr. Jean-Louis Levesque, a prominent Quebec financier who graduated from St. Dunstan's thirty years ago.

It will be an important occasion indeed, another red-letter day in the history of an institution that has given Prince Edward Island an enviable status in the academic world.

Mr. Hays' Answer

Hon. Harry Hays, Federal Minister of Agriculture, admits that as a rancher, livestock auctioneer and former Mayor of Calgary he had little political experience before getting into his present job. He has been subjected to a good deal of criticism for his amateurish approach to some of his ministerial problems. Nevertheless, he criticizes the other day to critics who were complaining in the House of Commons about the employment of lawyers by the Farm Credit Corporation processing farmers' applications for loans.

"My instructions," he said, "are that no matter what a lawyer's politics are, if he cannot cut the mustard and service these loans for the farmers, then he is to be replaced. Our main concern is that the farmers be taken care of first, and that all appointments be made on merit. These are my instructions, as Minister of Agriculture."

If Mr. Hays sticks to this approach to partisanship in his department—making the farmers' interests his first concern and disregarding political claims in the way of appointments—he will probably run up against more criticism; but he will be doing his job. And he will be setting an example that is badly needed in some other departments as well.

His words were well spoken. If will be for Opposition members to see that he follows them up with action.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Householders will be interested to note, on the authority of a big sugar refinery manager, that the refinery price of sugar may increase slightly in the next two months but will decline in September with the advent of the world's beet crops.

In 1962-63, there were approximately 133,000 students enrolled in Canadian universities at the undergraduate level. At the same and in the same year, there were between 4,000 and 5,000 Canadians studying at American universities. In relation to the total, this might seem a fairly small number. But at the highly important post-graduate level, a very different pattern emerges. Some 8,400 students take their post-graduate training in Canada. But no fewer than 2,500 Canadian students prefer to go to the United States for postgraduate studies.

re-introduced the Diefenbaker Bill and urged the then Prime Minister to have it implemented, but without avail.

LOBSTER BOATS AT ALBERTON

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Great Lakes Problem of Long Standing

It's official — the federal cabinet is governing Canada. Literally in the words of that colourful old nautical phrase "by guess and by God."

The menace of a shortage of pure fresh water is something which farmers habitually have lived with in the Palliser Triangle and elsewhere on the Prairies; but in this country, which has 50 per cent of the world's fresh water surface area, a momentary universal famine. The once crystal clear lakes and rivers are now turbid, and the water is often so low that the only sea marinas along our coast are being used as harbours for the fishing boats.

So it was a potentially important motion when the Conservative Opposition in the House of Commons condemned the neglect of the Liberal Government for failing to establish a co-ordinated national policy to remedy the lowering in water levels in the Great Lakes, and the loss of this essential natural resource through pollution and excessive use.

PUBLIC FORUM

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CIVIC ASSESSMENT

Sir,—Our City Council hounded in their direction the assessors, by insisting that the assessment provide for a certain figure regardless of the money actually obtained in the way of distribution.

As the plan is now conceived, a man may have a higher rate than a maximum pension of \$104. He may also be able to take his old age pension for a year or two, or his \$51.47 if he is eligible for the old age pension their income is less than \$51.47. This would give them a total of \$206.60 a year.

Older Workers

House of Commons Hansard Marvin Geller (L-York South): There are a number of unemployed older workers. About 33 per cent of the unemployed persons are aged 40 years or over.

grow older their ability to learn decreases, and it is therefore more difficult to keep pace in new industrial methods and techniques. There is a myth that people over 40 are not as productive as they were at 20. The myth of the older worker has a firm basis in fact. Psychological age is not a sound foundation on which to build hiring decisions. It gives no indication of a man's ability or his skills and knowledge, the important factors in hiring. He is considered when people are hired.

The Bouncy Adolescent

By Dr. Theodore R. VanDellen The teen-ager leads an active life but does not have a bouncy or a bumpy adolescence. While parents recognize this limitation and lay down the law when signs of teenage angst appear, they insist upon more rest for the youngsters, an unwise policy when it interferes with social activities.

Most adolescents in high school students have a busy schedule. They carry a heavy academic program and numerous extracurricular activities, including athletics, band, or a part time job. Homework occupies their evenings, leaving the week-end for rest and fun. Afternoons are made to order for this purpose, unless there are better reasons.

A thorough physical examination is suggested when the young person appears to complain of weariness. He may have kidney disease, anemia, low metabolism and chronic infection in the nose, throat, or teeth. The adolescent may put on a bold front, but when tired when it means missing an important examination or a baseball game.

On the other hand, nature conspires to the rescue by making young persons appear particularly when there is nothing special to do or the given task is so monotonous that the majority prefer listening to the radio or watching the lawn and looking at a TV set cleaning the basement.

POT AND KETTLE BLACK

However, mutual recrimination won't correct this wrong. That something can be done should be made highlighted in the best speech never made during last week's significant debate. Heber Smith, former Conservative M.P., told the House of Commons that he was the only speaker crowded out by the short duration of the debate.

Pensions and Inflation

One of the most interesting aspects of the proposed Canada Pension Plan is its built-in hedge against inflation. The importance of this factor will be attested to by everyone who now lives on a pension. Over the years they have seen the value of their pension erode as a result of government policy, so that today pensions may be worth only a fraction of what they were when they were first drawn.

The proposed pension plan's benefits will be adjusted upwards annually to take care of increases in living costs up to a maximum of two per cent. If this is necessary it will, of course, be equally necessary to demand higher contributions to keep the scheme solvent. And on the basis of the experience of 1944-45, it certainly will be necessary.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Dutch air force officials were enthusiastic when a science magazine encouraged interest in airplanes among children by asking them to submit descriptions of aircraft they see. The air officials were not so happy when the results were printed. Security men reported that information was so detailed that it would be of value to spies.—Amsterdam Press.

A survey team was in town last week asking all the housewives a lot of fool questions about how modern their appliances were. One asked about Hawkins what kind of garbage disposal unit she used and also asked her back "four legs". —The Woodville Leader.

Spring's Cheating Crocuses

The cheating crocuses on the slope of Parliament Hill and in the greenling grass around the National War Memorial have showed ahead by heat tunnels and everyone knows it. But it is a pleasant deception which gets us more easily over this fickle, chancy time before nature catches up with us. —The Woodville Leader.

More warm days and we won't need the precocious crocuses. The elms and the maples are heavy in bud and May is beginning to feel the tulips, except those in the shady half of the yard, are not only through but budding. Sporty robins are investigating new pastures and the mourning doves are again in the air. —The Woodville Leader.

One finds a countryside still brown, ditched with water and grey-black snow in cold corners. Streets are still grimy with winter, a heavy frost or even snow may come.

Pension Costs

The proposed Canada Pension Plan has met with wide public approval and may turn out to be one of the most popular social reform measures ever undertaken in this country.

There is one aspect of the plan, however, which Canadians should view with considerable anxiety in the future years. As it now stands, the plan is to be financed by premiums averaging three per cent of income up to \$8,000 per year. This level is said to be sufficient not only to produce pensions at 65 up to \$194 a month after ten years but also to accumulate a fund of \$4 billion or so.

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