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"The strongest memory is weaker than
the weakest ink."

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Awaiting Her Majesty

Burns' familiar comment on the in-jertitude of men's best-laid plans applies even to Royal schedules. Bad weather conditions in Newfoundland may necessitate some change in the carefully worked out preparations for greeting Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip at Torbay this afternoon, and airports at Argentinia, Gander, Stephenville, Sydney and Moncton have been designated as alternatives. In any case, there will be no lack of warmth in the welcome by the Governor General and Prime Minister Diefenbaker on behalf of all our people as the Queen once more sets foot on Canadian soil.

Today's welcome will be the prelude to heartfelt demonstrations of loyalty to Her Majesty as Queen of Canada as she begins her arduous program that will take her to all parts of the country after participating in the St. Lawrence Seaway ceremonies. Here, indeed, is an example of the "pageantry of history" of which the Commonwealth affords so many striking examples. The pomp and ceremony will be televised, broadcast, and featured in newspaper headlines across the world. But there will be occasions of informality as well, and above all the opportunity of expressing the affection and esteem of a whole nation for their Sovereign as a gracious and lovely lady.

Nowhere will Her Majesty and Prince Philip be more enthusiastically welcomed than here in Prince Edward Island, where also plans have been carefully prepared for their visit. Rain or shine, it will be a gala occasion for the Province and for all our citizens. Meanwhile, we shall follow with the keenest interest the Royal tour as it progresses, participating in spirit in the cheers and demonstrations.

God Save The Queen!

Geneva's Fading Hopes

Russia and the West, in the words of British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, have come "full circle" in the diplomatic struggle that began last November over Berlin. The prospect for even small progress is dim and Western planes have been alerted to stand by to take the Western statesmen home at any time.

The reasons for the Western reaction are, of course, the Soviet ultimatum which, as amplified by Mr. Gromyko, comprises three separate demands. The Soviets threaten to answer the rejection of any one of these with a Berlin blockade. Here, as analyzed by the New York Times, are the stipulations which the West regards as "monstrous and impudent":

First, the Western powers must force West Germany to agree to an all-German committee providing for equal representation for the 54,000,000 free West Germans and the 17,000,000 Communist-controlled East Germans, and charged with working out within a year an "undictated" German "peace treaty" to be signed by the two German states or a confederation of them, with the four powers working meanwhile on the same lines. Acceptance of such "peace" terms would result in a dismembered, neutralized and defenceless Germany that would shatter NATO defenses.

If the Western powers accept the first ultimatum, the Soviets will then, and only then, permit the Western powers to stay in West Berlin for the "peace-making" year on condition that they reduce their troops there to merely "symbolic" proportions and drastically restrict West Berlin's freedom of speech and action, including acceptance of refugees, without infringing on the "sovereignty" of East Germany with its one-million-strong military, "police" and paramilitary organizations.

Finally, if the Western foreign ministers fail to agree to this program, the Soviets demand a summit meeting so they can present the same ultimatum to the Western heads of government. If the West rejects the first proposal the Soviets threaten to sign a separate "peace" treaty with East Germany which in their mind

would end Western rights in Berlin. If it rejects the second ultimatum the Soviets will refuse to "confirm" the Western occupation regime. And if they reject the summit ultimatum, they will "take responsibility for the consequences." The threat to start a squeeze on West Berlin is obvious.

The Western powers still try to get at least an unlimited standstill agreement on Berlin, to permit further negotiations. There were some signs, yesterday, of Soviet weakening; but it would be unwise to gamble on anything beyond the fact that the West now faces grave decisions that will require all the unity, firmness and wisdom it can muster.

Dividing The Waters

Settlement of the 12-year dispute between India and Pakistan over the waters of the Indus river basin has apparently been achieved. Both India and Pakistan have agreed to a proposal by Eugene Black, governor of the World Bank, who is now working on plans for financing the projects necessary for proper diversion of the river water.

In the partition of India in 1947 the arid Punjab district was divided. India got the area where the headwaters of six rivers lie. Pakistan got 80% of the irrigated area, dependent upon the rivers. Pakistan feared that India would cut her off from water.

The plan now is to give Pakistan the water from three of the six rivers. It will require canal, dam and other construction. Much of the work will have to be done in Pakistan, but India will have a major share of the financing—with the help, Mr. Black hopes, of the Bank, the United States, Great Britain, Canada and Australia.

Settlement of the Indus issue will end one of the major discords between the two nations. It may lead to settlement of other issues—issues which keep both underdeveloped nations from concentrating on vital economic problems.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In 1961, South Africa will follow India and Japan into the company of nations using decimal coinage. The new monetary unit, the rand, will be worth 100 cents, like the Canadian dollar. The penny will be called a cent; a shilling will be 10 cents; a pound, two rands. Bank notes and coins will have their values expressed both ways for some time, to reduce confusion.

For five months Canada's cost of living index dropped steadily from an all-time high of 126.3, recorded on November 1, until on April 1 it stood at 125.4—nineteenths of a point below the November peak. Last week, however, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics announced that the graph has again resumed an upward curve, the index for May 1 set at 125.6, one-fifth of a point above the April low.

As of 1958, there were 8,000 general medical practitioners in Canada, according to an estimate prepared by the Department of National Health and Welfare. This figure, exclusive of Northwest and Yukon Territories, represents one family doctor for every 2,120 population. The ratio is similar in all provinces except New Brunswick where it falls to one in 2,950 and notably in Newfoundland where it is only one private general practitioner to 6,750 population.

In Canadian and American newspapers, the spelling of Soviet Premier Khrushchev's name presents no difficulties; it has been standardized. It is different in England, however, where London's Mail, Sketch and Herald spell it "Khrushchev", the Mirror and Express "Khrushchev", the Telegraph "Khrushchev", and the Sunday Times, the News Chronicle and the Observer, as in this country. Incidentally the Soviet News spells it "Khrushchov."

According to an Ottawa report, the Government will have to "twin" all single locks in the Welland Canal if it is to fulfill its potential as a link in the St. Lawrence Seaway. Three of the four locks are already "twinning", each having a lock parallel to it. To provide for unimpeded upbound and downbound traffic, the remaining four locks will require similar facilities. This "twinning" is estimated to cost 125,000,000 to 150,000,000—twice the cost, or more, of the causeway that is needed to implement the terms of Confederation with this Province.



FALSE ALARM, OR WHAT?

OTTAWA REPORT

Broadcasting Inquiry

By Patrick Nicholson

The special committee of the House of Commons on Broadcasting is mining an apparently limitless lode. It is bringing to the surface more information about the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation than has been vouchsafed to the public view by the total of the fourteen previous Commons committees. This is in marked contrast to the surface scratching of trivialities by velvet-gloved hands, which was all that our M.P.s were permitted to do under the "keep the lid on the C.B.C." policy of the former Liberal Government.

House Leader Howard Green, who is responsible for organizing the time-table of work in the Commons, recently asked chairman Ernie Halpeny M.P. how soon his broadcasting committee would complete its probe of C.B.C. costs and performances.

"By July 15th, I hope," he replied. "Of what year?" was Mr. Green's reported supplementary question—which, if this story is correct, vividly exemplifies the omniscience of Mr. Green. For under the new "picture-window" view of the C.B.C., each committee session discloses fresh avenues of enquiry, a shocking number of which reveal extravagance and inefficiency in our publicly-financed broadcasting system.

FREQUENT ERRORS
The first such avenue was the strike of the 76 producers employed in Montreal by the C.B.C. It is reported here that the basic cause of the strike was the C.B.C.'s action in setting up a new Central Casting Bureau, which not only took the responsibilities of casting away from those producers, but also took away from them the attendant perquisites. Mr. Noel Dorian, M.P. for Bellechasse, brought these reported perquisites, as well as what he called "the habitual immorality" of the C.B.C. before the committee.

Then came the C.B.C.'s scandalous treatment of the story of the Mother Superior of the Grey Nuns, which the C.B.C. now admits to have been "a complete failure" and "off colour", and which was expected to "shock holy souls".

It is extraordinary that this offence should have been offered to French-Canadian Catholic viewers, on the very day when the Mother Superior was being beatified in Rome, by a body which might well be called "Oumet, Oumet and Oumet". Bearing that French-Canadian family name is the C.B.C.'s president, Alphonse Oumet; the C.B.C.'s deputy-controller of broadcasting, Marcel Oumet; and, until he resigned recently, a top official of the French network was Andre Oumet.

WASTEFUL AND WRONG
The programming and economic blunders of the C.B.C. are keeping the committee busy. The latest, which we will hear a lot about, was the broadcast covering the results of the Ontario election last week. For ninety minutes, an army of C.B.C. headlines and hired commentators gave the audience a selection of inaccuracy and partiality. Typical of the former, Liberal leader Wintermeyer was twice described as a Conservative, and his victory was recorded as a Conservative win on the C.B.C.'s misleading table of results. As for the latter, Ontario's premier Leslie Frost has already publicly criticized this.

And all this costs you and me \$69,641,975 in taxes, plus \$33,000,000 in advertising appropriations, according to estimates this year. More of the taxpayers' tax payments will go to the C.B.C. this year than is spent by seven important Government departments. Of course, had the House of Commons been permitted the new "picture window" view of the C.B.C. under the Liberal Govern-

ment, the costly empire-building tendency of the C.B.C. would have been trimmed by public insistence many years ago.

But now the time has come when the Broadcasting Committee should lift its eyes above the proven daily detail, and study the important basic questions. Is the C.B.C. effectively and efficiently performing the job for which it was created? Could not a better job be achieved, and at a substantial and attractive saving in taxes, by selling the C.B.C. broadcasting stations to private television interests; by dismantling the whole extravagant C.B.C. empire; and by limiting tax-financed activities in this field solely to the creation of Canadian programs?

Reward For Job Finding

Toronto Globe and Mail

The Hon. "Mike" Starr, our Minister of Labour, was honoured by the invitation to preside over the six-week conference of the International Labour Organization, now being held in Geneva, Switzerland. But with the House of Commons here still in session, Mr. Starr considered—rightly—that his parliamentary duties had prior call on his services, and he regretfully declined this honour.

However, another and perhaps greater honour has been paid to our hard-working Minister of Labour, and this is one which he will be able to accept. The International Association of Personnel in Employment Security will open its annual meeting in Boston, U.S.A., on 23rd June. The Association will present its Citation of Merit to Mr. Starr on that occasion.

This Citation is awarded to the person who is considered to have contributed most to employment service operation in any of the member-countries during the past twelve months. It will be awarded to the Minister in charge of our National Employment Service in recognition of his work "in reactivating the Canadian employment services, in fulfillment of his expressed determination to strengthen our National Employment Service's contribution to the economy of Canada"—a determination vividly exemplified by the much appreciated increase in employment across Canada. This Citation of Merit was awarded to President Harry S. Truman of the U.S.A. in 1951.

CANADIAN ACCLAIMED
Ireland is about to launch its first television service. A government commission, under the chairmanship of the prominent Irish Judge, Mr. Justice Murnaghan, is now studying television practice in Canada and other countries, and is enquiring into the potentialities of the many groups which have applied for the TV broadcasting licence there. We can bask in the honour of the Commission's tribute to the initiative and achievement of Canadian private enterprise, for Mr. Roy Thomson, the Canadian-born father of Scottish Television is currently rated the second favourite in the short list of three likely licensees.

Mr. Thomson has won this high rating in recognition of his achievement in establishing the Scottish Television Service as the prime favourite medium of entertainment and information in Scotland, ranking well ahead of the state-run British Broad-

casting Corporation, whose stodgy programmes are excelled in popularity by the sprightly Scottish programmes in the ratio 76 to 24 according to surveys.

U.S. NETWORKS
Mr. Roy Thomson seeks to establish Irish Television broadcasting in conjunction with the prominent Irish banking house of Guinness, Mahon and Company. His competitors are the powerful Columbia Broadcasting System of the U.S.A. in partnership with Associated Television of England and Pye Radio Company, also of England on the one hand; the second leading competitor is the National Broadcasting Corporation of the U.S.A. in association with an Irish nationalist group known as Gael-Linn.

TRADE DIVERSION
When we hear so much about the advantages of trade diversion to reduce our excess imports from the U.S.A., it is surprising to learn that the federal government is actively buying powdered milk from the U.S.A. while it is currently having so much trouble in disposing of our own surplus of powdered milk.

Adjusting To Conditioned Air

By Herman N. Busdeseen, M.D.
WHAT, wear a sweater on a hot summer day? That's right!

If you are going into a cool air-conditioned office, store or theater from the sultry outside, you don't want to cool off too rapidly. So I suggest you don a light sweater or suit coat when you go into an air-conditioned building where you plan to spend some time.

SWEATER ON HAND
Perhaps it would be a good idea for those of you who work in air-conditioned offices to leave a sweater at your desk where it will be handy every morning. Or carry your suit coat until you get inside the office.

Most of you will begin perspiring when you go from an air-conditioned place into the hot outside air again. This perspiration is desirable, since it helps your body adjust to the heat.

USE IT SENSIBLY
I certainly don't mean to imply by this advice that air-conditioning is unhealthy. It is an excellent way of keeping comfortable, providing you use it sensibly.

I think you will find that persons who work in air-conditioned offices and plants do better work and generally have a better mental attitude toward their work and fellow employees.

As a rule, heart patients seem to get along better in air-conditioned rooms. Stumbling through hot days and nights for any length of time can put a strain on anybody.

Men, incidentally, can probably bear up better under a hot spell than can women. Women have a layer of fat under the skin which men do not have. Consequently, they lose heat at a slower rate than men.

MORE THAN COOL AIR
Now conditioned air is more than just cool air. To be really comfortable, it must also be dehumidified and circulated.

Taking the moisture out of the air permits it to evaporate your perspiration more rapidly. And evaporating the perspiration is what cools you.

Most air-conditioners also have filters to screen out offending dust and pollen.

Just a word about temperature: to be most comfortable, keep the temperature of your room or office about 10 degrees lower than that outside during the hot summer days that lie ahead.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
Mrs. J.C.: My neck has been stiff and very painful for several months. I also have a crawling sensation in my head.

Can you tell me what causes this?
Answer: Many conditions can cause the symptoms you describe including arthritis and a "slipped disc" in the neck. You should have a careful examination, including an X-ray, by your doctor.

Travellers on the government airline, Trans Canada Airways may have noticed that they are given a small aluminum foil packet containing powder, to add to their coffee or tea served during flights. Called "Pream", this new dairy product is prepared in Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A. Surely if the government visited any Canadian grocer, they would find that powdered milk products can be purchased from Canadian processors, consisting of milk extracted from Canadian cows? This is a little facet of commonsense trade diversion which Ottawa might well set in motion.

NOTES BY THE WAY

In Ayr, Scotland, an excited cow which had been awarded a Grand Championship was given half a bottle of whiskey to calm it down. As might have been expected, the "good Scotch drink", only made the beast friskier.—Ottawa Journal.

When Sir Harry Pilkington, a director of the Bank of England, was guest of honor at a lunch given in London recently by the Pickwick Bicycle Club, which claims to be the oldest bicycle club in the world, he shared the 300 members and guests present by being the only one to come on a bicycle—his normal mode of transport in London.—BBC London Letter.

MAXIMS
The wise man reads both books and life itself.

The Poets Corner

HOURLASS
We watch the hourglass in sun together, Gleaming before us like a crystal ball. Up-ended on another, with no tongue. Save the gold trickle downward to the well. Of seconds used and vanished—till we turn. The glass about. Now they are time begun. Again, cascading in a golden stream. A narrow fall of sand, the minutes run. With something of the tidal lift and fall. Of the remote and far-resounding ocean. This is a noiseless flow within the glass. Diminutive and thin this cosmic motion. This shining spill through crystal in the light. Within this curve of glass the hours go. So softly we can almost bear their flight.

—Alice Clear Matthews, in the Christian Science Monitor

TEN YEARS AGO
(June 18, 1949)
Construction of the new Prince County Hospital will commence immediately with workmen expected to be on the job by Monday. M.F. Schurman, Co. Ltd., will be the contractors for the building which is being built on a site on Summer Street North which was donated to the hospital three years ago by this company.

An increase in rates for trucking on Provincial Government contracts has been requested by the P.E.I. Motor Truckmen's Association in a brief presented recently to the Executive Council. The brief requests a rate of 10 cents per mile per cubic yard; a \$3.00 per hour on an hourly basis within a working radius of five miles.

REGIONAL IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

will be held on the following dates:
Thursday, June 18th
9:30-10:30 A.M.—Parkdale Hall
Friday, June 19th
9:30-10:30 A.M.—Spring Park School (South Door)

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