

Covers Prince Edward Island Like the Dew... Wallace Ward, Managing Editor... Published every week day morning except Sunday and statutory holidays at 165 Prince Street...

Minister merely exercise anew his overwhelming penchant of appointing people to look into things rather than make a decision about them? There would have been no public harm at all in a producers' strike and in fact a small group of people might have learned a lesson. There may well be future harm in this mediation appointment.

But it seems that that, too, was just a bit of "show business". Another farcical touch has been added by the inadvertent revelation in the Commons on Thursday and by none other than Transport Minister Jack Pickersgill—that the government has no authority to appoint a mediator in the CBC dispute. It was in an aside to the Prime Minister that Mr. Pickersgill said "we can't appoint a mediator"; but a microphone near his desk picked up the comment and boomed it over the Commons sound system amid great laughter. It was better than anything that got into the "Seven Days" scripts; and it came just after Opposition Leader Diefenbaker had been saying the same thing in a voice that no microphone needed to amplify.

That left Mr. Pearson in a jam. He got out of it by saying that he personally had asked Mr. Keate to "review" the controversy informally. The Vancouver publisher had not been named by a cabinet order and was not acting as a "mediator" but was merely "trying to reach an agreement between the CBC management and producers on terms of reference for a possible future mediation of their dispute."

Now if only Wayne and Shuster would take over from there, we could all look forward to getting a few laughs for the money it is costing us.

Red Cross Youth Week

Beginning tomorrow, we shall be observing Red Cross Youth Week in Canada. If the name sounds unfamiliar, all the more reason for reading what follows. Until recently we knew it as Junior Red Cross. But Junior has grown up. Starting as an in-school health and service program in 1922, the organization has over the years spread up through high schools and recently to colleges. Hence, the new name reflects the wide age group of membership, which numbers one and a half million throughout the country. In Prince Edward Island there are 21,000 members in grades 1-12—both boys and girls.

In Junior Red Cross in the elementary schools, members are taught how to run a club, how to plan and carry out projects be they fund-raising, clean-up campaigns or whatever. In High School Red Cross, dedicated teenagers are called upon to play a leadership role in many community projects. In each province special training is given each summer to outstanding High School Red Cross members. The best from the provinces then go to a national training centre where they are helped to prepare themselves for greater service.

The youngsters are pledged to give service to others regardless of their race, nationality, creed or political opinion. They therefore span the usual frontiers beyond which few individuals or organizations care to tread. The concepts and attitudes they develop as members of this great humanitarian organization provide a strong foundation for their training as future citizens in the ecumenical world of tomorrow.

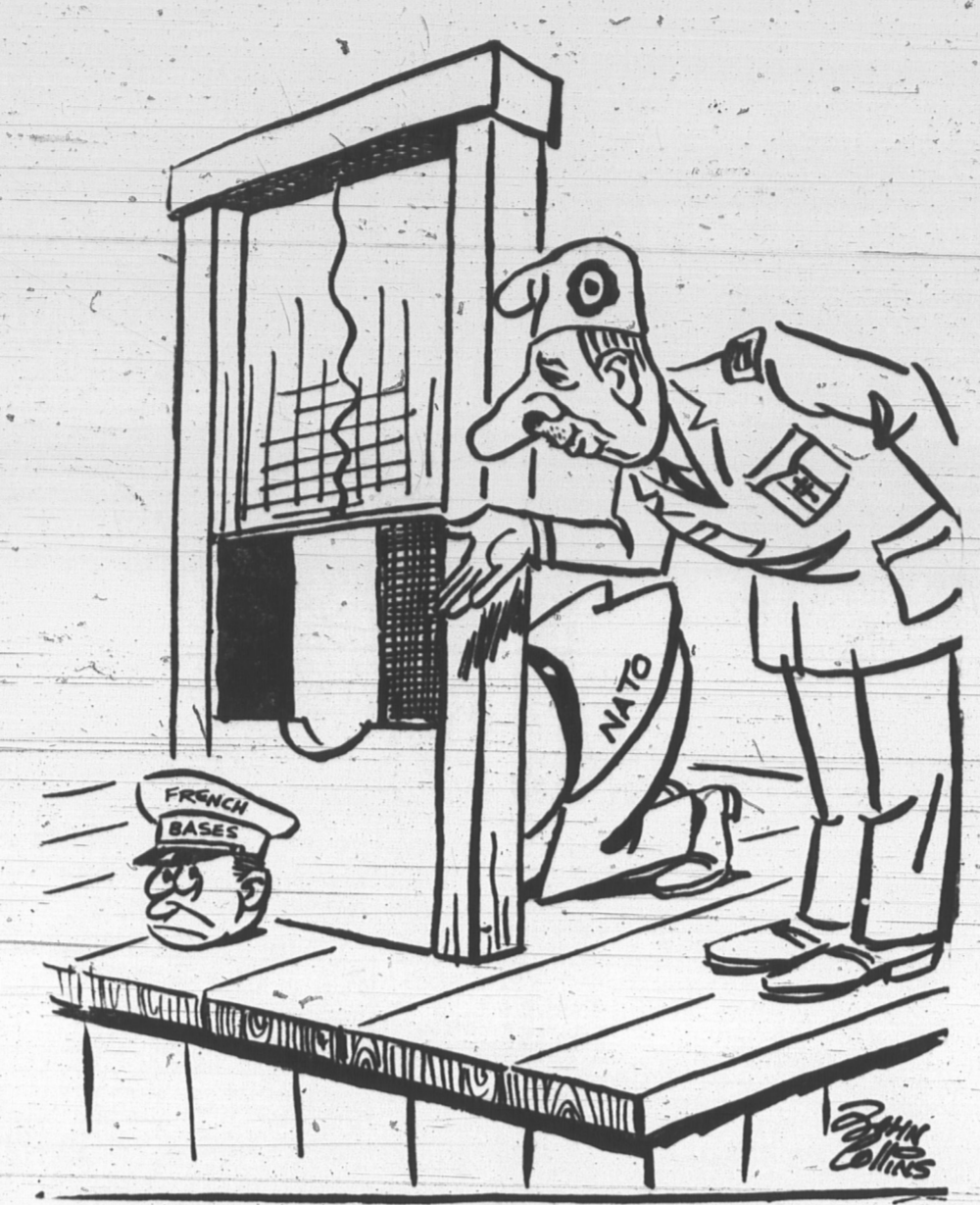
Let us salute these young people and encourage them in every way we can to achieve their fine objectives.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There's truth in the saying, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." Trainers find that dogs more than two years old rapidly lose their ability to learn.

The campaign against "hate literature" seems to have gotten out of hand in Waterloo, Ontario, where an attempt has been made to have Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice banned in the schools on the ground that it is anti-Semitic.

Officials in Vatican City announced recently that the ecumenical council, which began in 1962, and completed its work last December, cost \$7 million. Bishops, theologians, and observers from all over the world were in Rome for months to take part in the deliberations. The Vatican, says an exchange, seems to have received pretty good value for the money expended. It would be a comfort to be able to think that Ottawa will get equal value for the B and B commission which has so far spent more than \$4.5 million.



LORD MORAN'S DECISION

No Secrets When Health Makes History

Some of his colleagues, including those The Lancet, disagree: a Lancet editorial argues that if confidence is owed to the living, it is doubly owed to the dead. And some newspapers (notably those which have no serialization rights to Lord Moran's book) are vehemently opposed to disclosure at any time. Lord Moran, of course, is quite right. In this case his duty as a historian transcends his duty as a doctor. His revelations are adding a new dimension to our understanding of Sir Winston's conduct of the Second World War—a dimension that should obviously be part of the public record.

Saturday's Mail

"No mail today." Those simple words can be painful or pleasant to people, depending on the sort of mail they are expecting. It is conceivable that some people would thoroughly approve of "no mail today" nine days out of ten, and would gladly give up mail every Saturday.

South Africa's Course

Kicking out the reporter of the "New York Times" in South Africa is becoming a habit with Pretoria. Unfortunately it is a habit that does this country increasing harm where it matters most at the moment—the United States, France and Britain.

Our Yesterdays

BRITISH TROOPS and the Royal Air Force dealt crushing blows in the Iraq forces of Premier Ali Al Gailani, and military quarters expressed belief that the conflict was near an end because Germany had sent Iraq no material aid.

German bombers made their seventh successive overnight attack on Liverpool and bombed west England, East Anglia and southeast coastal districts last night and early today.

Tests For Pregnancy

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen. Pregnancy tests are based on the presence of certain chronic hormones in the urine or blood. These internal secretions form shortly after conception and reach their greatest concentration in the third to fifth month.

The newer immunological tests for pregnancy are more attractive because the results can be obtained in less than two hours. Some are done in test tubes and others on glass slides. None are accurate before the 36th day of pregnancy. A new test utilizes a two-day trial of oral hormones given after a period is missed; if spotting occurs, the woman is not pregnant.

Certain tranquilizers may interfere with the results of tests for early pregnancy leading to a false report in many. A positive test has no effect upon women who are definitely pregnant. A negative test on this group may have serious implications especially when the tranquilizers are used by women with mental disorders and therapeutic abortion has been contemplated.

The diagnosis of pregnancy may be impossible by physical examination during the first few weeks after conception. It may be important to know at an early date to prevent an impending psychiatric breakdown. The incidence of false positives were as high as 75 per cent when the older tests (frog and rabbit) were done on women taking tranquilizers such as phenothiazine.

When it is in the cards to become bald, all the King's horses and all the King's men will not be able to stop it. Massage may improve local circulation provided poor circulation is playing a role. Baldness caused by thyroid deficiency, anemia, or ringworm infection often responds to the remedies available.

No, even though it may be a nuisance, it's not much fun walking around in the dark, especially indoors and after the sun goes down. The out of doors worker has adapted to bright light, but the eyes of those who work inside may need some protection against brilliant sunshine.

REMOVAL OF ADRENALS. D. Q. writes: I heard that removing the adrenal glands cures cancer. Is this true? No. The procedure has been advocated in far advanced cancers to slow the malignant growth and relieve pain.

G. L. L. writes: What are the symptoms of dehydration? I take three diuretic pills a day. Third. Symptoms, such as weakness and muscle cramps, stem from loss of sodium or potassium.

REINFORCE ARMY. WASHINGTON (AP)—Four artillery battalions have been added to the U.S. forces in South Viet Nam since January in a further strengthening of the army's ground firepower, defense spokesmen said Friday. This brings the total number of artillery battalions now stationed in the Southeast Asian country to about 21, comprising about 10,000 men and some 250 heavy duty cannons.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

If the going seems easy, you must be going downhill. — Guelph Mercury. Fisherman in the North Sea hooked a box of packages. Evolution is proceeding faster than we suspect or someone got a ready-made dinner. — Windsor Star.

A small boy's head bobbed up over the garden wall and a meek little voice said, "Please, Mrs. Brown, may I have my arrow?" "Certainly, where is it?" "I think it's stuck in your cat." — Montreal Star.

One British town has introduced a bylaw which places a \$15 fine on people who go to sleep in the public library's reading room and browsers who rest on the floor. However, accidental catnappers and short-sighted readers who have to lie on the floor to read book titles on the bottom shelves will be excused. Scrupulously fair, those British. — Peterborough Examiner.

The Fiatski Affair

The Soviet Union's king-size deal with an Italian car firm is seen as a dramatic token of profound changes in Kremlin thinking. Italy's Fiat company, based in Turin, signed Wednesday night an undertaking to establish and organize a factory in Russia to produce 2,000 cars a day.

Perhaps even more interesting is this ruble-and-lire evidence that the Russian leaders are willing to come to the West to satisfy their people's hunger for that desirable but expensive item of consumer goods—the family car.

It is hard to imagine such a step being taken in the "we'll-bury-you-days-of-Nikita-Khrushchev" let alone in the stern era of dictator Josef Stalin.

Some observers also feel Russia may be unable to turn a smiling face toward Italy, which has the largest Communist party of any big European country, comprising 25 per cent of the electorate.

It was then the Russians looked westward and after a complicated and searching scrutiny, worked out with Fiat one of the biggest deals ever made between a Communist country and a capitalist firm.

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