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A Tiresome Gesture

There are few Canadians who will not indorse Prime Minister Pearson's contention that a scandal-mongering should have no place in this or any other election campaign. One gets tired, however, of his attempts to twist the meaning of this term by applying it to any comments on the ineptitude of his government in dealing with the malodorous mess revealed in the Dorion judicial inquiry.

After all, wasn't it "scandal-mongering" that the Opposition members were charged with by Liberal cabinet members in daring to bring this matter up at all in the House of Commons? Mr. Favreau, then Minister of Justice, branded as an "absolute lie" the charge that a member of his own department was involved in the Rivard affair.

We need not review the details of that report. They are fresh in the public mind. If the government wanted them to drop out of memory, it had no business forcing another election on the country at this time.

The Times of London is not involved in this campaign, nor can it be called a scandal-monger by anyone with any knowledge of its reputation. But in an unprecedented editorial on this theme it criticized Mr. Pearson severely because he had "shrunk from the obvious response of a prime minister with some guilty subordinates—the ruthless approach, removing anybody whose conduct has not been above reproach, even if that involves a few harsh decisions."

What is expected of Mr. Pearson now is some sign that he has learned his lesson, some indication that his party—if returned with or without the majority it is demanding—will be more disciplined under his leadership than it has been in the past. Instead he keeps insisting that all is well, that "nothing was revealed that should have been dealt with that has not been dealt with," that the rest is "insinuation and misrepresentation."

Scientific Harvest Gemini astronauts are helping to bring in a rich harvest of new knowledge, as revealed in a two-day symposium at Washington this week in which the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's first report to the American public on scientific experiments carried out by a manned space-flight mission was submitted.

volcanic activity, for example. Over shallow water, bottom topography is shown in invaluable detail. Meteorologists also benefit from pictures taken from lower heights than those sent back by weather satellites, revealing many details of clouds that will make satellite photos easier to interpret.

In all, the Gemini program includes some 100 scientific experiments to be carried out on nine manned flights. About 30 more experiments are planned for earth-orbiting missions of the three-man Apollo ship. These should begin to take place in 1967. Beyond these, the Apollo flights to the moon will include even more experimenting and measuring. Thus the research outlined at this first formal report to the public is only the beginning of an extensive flow of new knowledge to come from data gathering activities.

Without Chemicals

How to control pests without the use of chemical insecticides is a problem of concern to many agricultural areas. In a recent BBC broadcast, progress in this direction was reported from a research centre in London, which is primarily concerned with discovering what poison is used by some parasitic fungi to kill locusts, and then to extract the substance from the fungi, or synthesize it, for controlling this pest.

It seems that between 1953 and 1957, more than 10 per cent of all the stored grain in Czechoslovakia had been hopelessly contaminated by mites and their excreta. Fumigation was tried and failed. Then two scientists from the Prague food research institution came forward with the idea of setting a mite to catch a mite. And it's been working satisfactorily.

They found one predaceous mite which was well able to do the job, so long as it was not outnumbered by more than one hundred to one; if it was, the victims bred faster than they could be killed. This predaceous mite does not eat the grain itself and can easily be cleaned out before the grain is used. They have already been used to clear more than 10,000 tons of grain.

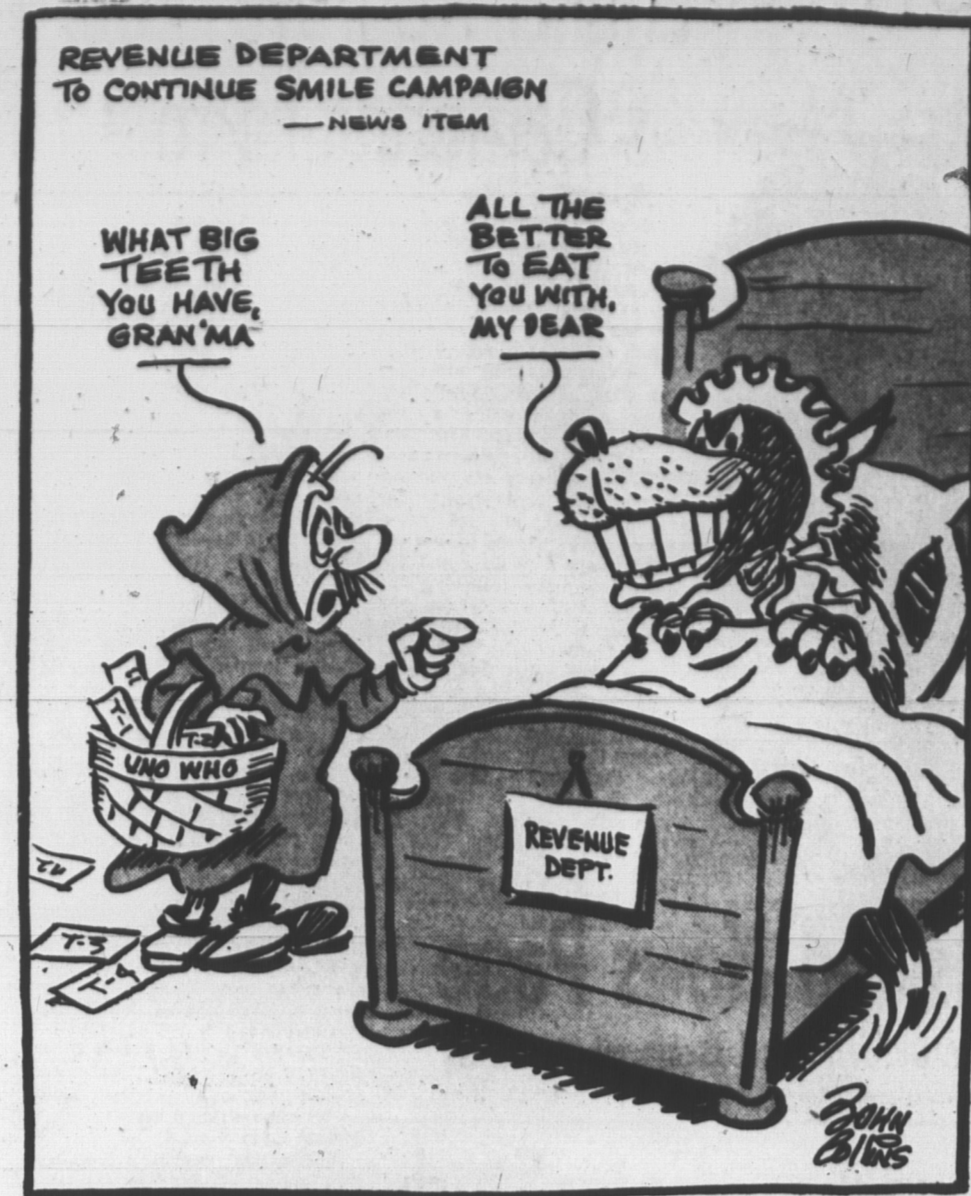
An enterprising Vancouver toilet products company has recognized French Canadian rights by inserting a special scent into bars of soap sold in Quebec. This prompts the Winnipeg Free Press to suggest that while the cause of biculturalism could conceivably be served in this matter, it is just possible that the gesture may backfire.

Is the soap company, it asks, treating French Canadians as second class citizens by denying them the scent that other Canadians get in their soap? Could it be that the soap company is somehow insulting bathers in French Canada by seeming to imply that they require a special scent?

Darkly, the Winnipeg paper hints that "Mr. Caouette, who seems to be hunting far and wide for campaign issues, might be wise to wash his hands of the conscription red herring and look into the soap scent affair. There could be something there that won't come out in the wash."

There were 1,048 Commonwealth scholars studying in 14 Commonwealth countries in 1964-65 under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan. Of these, 520 were holding awards at universities and colleges in Britain. These details are given in the fifth annual report of the plan, published recently.

Scientists speculate that it may be possible in the future to inject students with knowledge. In a recent experiment, a chemical taken from the brains of rats that had learned to approach a food cup at the sound of a click was injected into other rats. The untrained rats responded as if they had similar teaching. What a horrible prospect of the human race becoming brainwashed in this manner!



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Shortage Of Competent Historical Writers

The hunt for historical writers has begun, and competition will be keen for the services of men and women equipped with the experience and background necessary to produce books and pamphlets covering local history. As part of their centennial effort practically every community in Canada will hope to have its history compiled and ready for distribution by July 1, 1967.

A Year After Khrushchev

The first anniversary of Nikita Khrushchev's unceremonious ouster from office passed last Friday with hardly more attention paid to the occasion outside Russia than there was in Moscow where deposed dictators are dangerous subjects for public contemplation.

First For El Salvador

Central America's smallest nation will soon open its first international fair. El Salvador will provide the setting for farm and factory exhibits, folk programs, and sporting events involving every Central American state to dramatize the fair's theme, "Progress in El Salvador and Central America."

Our Yesterdays

Twenty-five years ago (October 23, 1940) A large Chinese army launched a powerful offensive against the Japanese in Chekiang province and pushed northward after crossing the Chuantang River the Central News Agency (Chinese) reported today.

Ringworm Of The Scalp

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Ringworm of the scalp is a common disorder in children. This is understandable because the small fry are careless and are no match for this highly contagious condition. Youngsters try on one another's headgear, and a towel is something with which to dry the hands and face without regard to who used it before. The same can be said of the comb and brush.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Stranger: "Say, mister, do you have a criminal lawyer in town?" Native: "We think we have, but we can't prove it." - Galt Reporter.

Wilson's Latest Move

LONDON (CP) - New hope that Rhodesia may be pulling back from the brink of rebellion has been raised with the ready, almost eager, response of Prime Minister Ian Smith to Prime Minister Wilson's offer to visit Salisbury for more talks.

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Smith's "11th hour" plea to Britain to grant independence "on trust" under the existing constitution, with Negro rights guaranteed by an internationally registered treaty, was still causing doubt in Whitehall as to whether the offer was a genuine attempt to find some common ground, or a subtle way of laying the blame for any drastic Rhodesian action on the British government.

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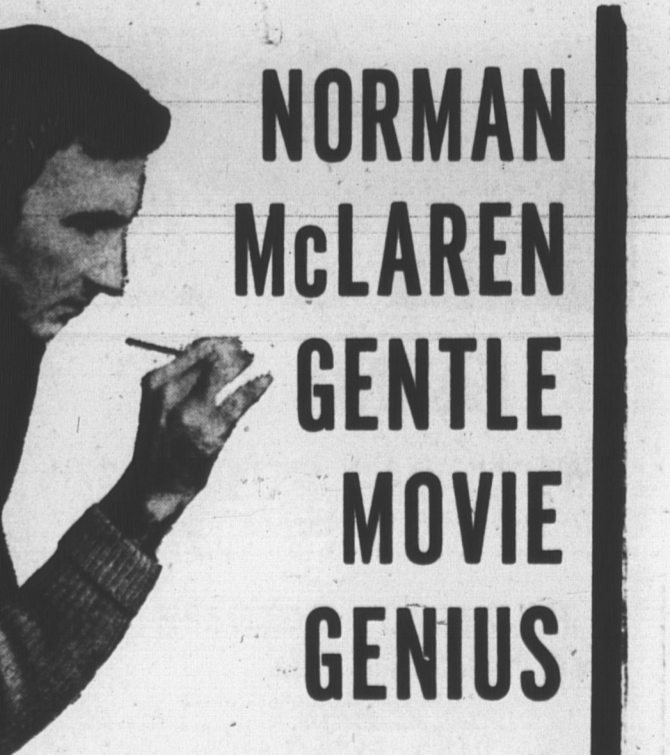
He said both black and white would gain from "an acceptance of the principles of democratic independence and a planned movement towards their implementation," and urged the exiles to go back and work for this constitutionally.

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In the past 15 years the films of quiet, unassuming, Montrealer Norman McLaren have won for Canada and the National Film Board 81 international awards.

A Weekend Magazine feature with photos by Julius Szelei shows some of the work of this acknowledged master of movie animation.

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