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Expectations

The "perfect days" which, by tradition and poetic authority, belong to June, are appearing in very tardy fashion this season.

If June did nothing else but raise up roses and apple blossoms, it would still be worthy to be numbered among the miracles of time.

The "Great Books"

Since the Great Books movement began about ten years ago under the guidance of Dr. Robert Hutchins of the University of Chicago the idea has taken an important place in the United States educational system.

This, briefly, is how St. John's has gone about the experiment. Each student is given a certain assignment from one of the selected books—about 130 in all are in use during the school term.

Now, after several years of "Great Books" emphasis, the President of St. John's has issued a report in which he declares that the experiment has been well worth while and will be continued.

Shocking

The Young Communist League, the only youth organization permitted to function in the Soviet Union, is reported to have a membership of approximately eighteen million.

All members have been instructed to hand in their membership cards to headquarters. Only those whose "political reliability and ideological trustworthiness" have been established, after careful study and scrutiny, will be permitted to renew their membership.

Among the complaints made against the Komosols—as members of the League are called—are lack of political interest, bad manners in schools and factories, and excessive fondness for jazz.

How can there be any easing of international tensions in the face of such glaring contempt for that influence which, despite many inconsistencies in practice, the free world believes is necessary to the growth and salvation of any civilization?

Mr. Hutchison's Tribute

A glowing tribute to Prince Edward Island is paid by Mr. Bruce Hutchison, distinguished editor of the Victoria, B. C. "Times", in an article in his paper which we republish today.

EDITORIAL NOTES

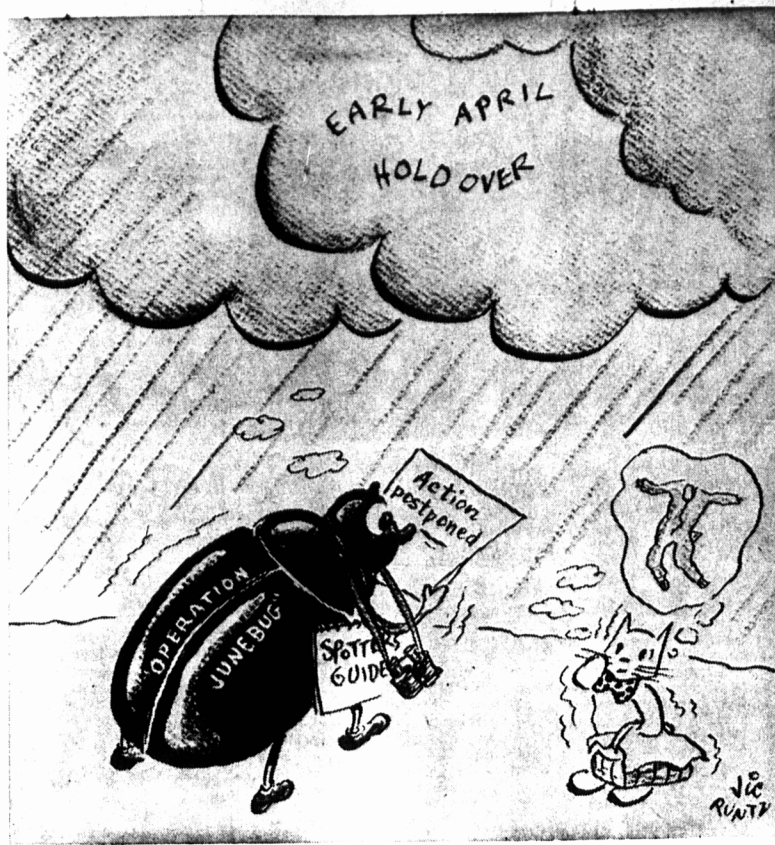
Evidence that official Ottawa still believes in the old adage that the pen is mightier than the sword, is evident in the lavish \$14,000,000 Government Printing Bureau rising from the river front in Hull, Quebec.

To say that the Fathers of Confederation "budded better than they knew" is perhaps to do them an injustice. Insofar as population is concerned it is their descendants who have failed to build up to specifications.

After studying the question for eight years two University of California astronomers have reported an "exciting" finding, to wit: the great bunches of stars called "extra-galactic nebulae" are not scattered about at random, as previously had been thought, but are laid out in an ordered system.

Another distinguished man of letters is celebrating his 80th birthday anniversary this week. He is Thomas Mann, novelist and essayist. Born in Lubeck, Germany, he came to the United States as a refugee from Nazism in 1934.

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Grounded

"The Other Island"

Bruce Hutchison in the Victoria Times

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—The demi-paradise called Prince Edward Island (after Queen Victoria's father, who apparently never bothered to visit it) is, geographically the Vancouver of the Atlantic.

Combine the Cotswolds of England, the red cliffs of the Channel and the deepest blue of the Mediterranean and you may have some vague idea of this gem, set fast in the mighty Gulf of St. Lawrence.

On our Island man has everywhere left the scars of his ravenous passage. Here there is no scar, no misplaced house, barn or tree.

At the moment of my visit they were conducting an election campaign, a kind of miniature exercise in democracy, the results of which at the polls will be known when you read this.

I have no idea whether the government will be elected or turned out but, in the hope that no Islanders will read such a heresy, I am inclined to think that the vote doesn't matter much.

Still they take their politics with earnestness and spirit. The Charlottetown Guardian, which guarantees on its front page to "cover the Island like the dew" ushered in the campaign with a scholarly editor's kingly exhortation to speak with Premier Matheson, a "lay on Macduff, and damned be him that first cries, 'Hold, enough!'"

Well, none of them was damned for that reason at the meeting in North Rustico where I went last night, a king of the island, a sandy-haired giant of six feet six, who is fighting his first election as leader of the government and apparently enjoying every moment of it.

In the new community hall the people were gathered from all the neighboring villages, many of them French by descent, the offspring of the original 200 settlers, and they listened to the speakers with a hard, skeptical look.

This, it appears, is traditional Conservative territory and hostile to the Liberal administration but, as the chairman said, it was only fair to give the Premier an attentive hearing. The chairman added what I thought was a classic dictum for all chairmen: "I don't know much about this here but I want to conduct myself accordingly."

To a stranger the speeches meant nothing—all about the condition of the roads, the need of a new bridge over some creek, the finances of the government (about \$8 millions a year) and the needs to the farmers. There was no sign in this crowded, silent hall, of the revolution which is sweeping the world, no dispute of ideology, no whisper of Social Credit, and not enough socialism to justify the nomination of any CCF candidate on the Island.

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No wonder they are content with such a blessed retreat, where the storms of the world come only in faint echoes and nature is kind. But we should never forget that Canada was really born here in Charlottetown.

Its birthplace, as every school boy should know, is a fine old Georgian room in the parliament buildings where twenty-six delegates sat down in 1864 and agreed to form a nation.

This is a laudable enterprise, for many people from time to time no doubt wonder about their family trees, whether they be descended from Scots, Irish, Poles or Arabs.

Buying Silence

(Hamilton Spectator)

Inkeepers in Bavaria, we are informed in a bulletin on German affairs, have had "silence records" installed in their juke boxes.

King Herod's Palace

(Richard Williams in London Calling)

With the discovery of what is believed to be the Palace of King Herod another chapter has been added to the records of the ancients.

The Poet's Corner

RAIN MUSIC AT NIGHT

If petals slowly opening were sound And chose a dusky hour in which to bloom, They could not be more fragile on the ground.

The Age Old Story

The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

Relax with TEA



Medically Speaking

Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

A TRIO OF NEW DRUGS TREAT AS MANY ILLS In our monthly review of medicine, we find three new drugs: one gives relief from ulcer pain, another clears up nasal congestion and a third will help the mentally ill.

Blocks Nerve Impulses The drug works by blocking nerve impulses along sections of the nervous system that control the smooth muscle lining of the stomach and intestine.

Four Hours' Relief Dr. Harold C. Menger of Brooklyn, N.Y., reports that he found the solution superior to many other sprays and nose drops now in use.

Calms Patients He tested 221 patients, 92 of them women who had been at the hospital from one to ten years.

QUESTION AND ANSWER J. G. Y.: Is there any test other than an unsatisfactory person may have to determine if he has diabetes?

STURDY TREES The coconut palms of the Pacific produce four or five crops a year for 70 or 80 years.

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Answer: Since determination of the amount of sugar in the blood is advisable in making a diagnosis of diabetes, you should have a blood sugar test made.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Under an order-in-council 1,491 federal government employees have been kept on after reaching retirement age at 65.

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It is cheering to note that boys of the Beal technical school were able to prepare a full-course meal for the advisory vocational committee.

The President's year-long effort to change the atmosphere of the cold war appears to be paying off. Talk of negotiations with the Peking regime is only the latest in a series of developments shifting the emphasis from the hydrogen bombs race to diplomacy.

See no major alteration in the conflict of ideas between Communist nations and free nations.—Christian Science Monitor.

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HISTORICAL EXHIBIT

AT THE Y. M. C. A. JUNE 15 - SEPT. 15

Articles of historical interest and of interest as relics of our pioneer past will be on display for the summer months at the Y. M. C. A. under the auspices of the Historical Society of P. E. I.

make this year's exhibit the greatest to date and the people who so kindly loaned their heirlooms for previous exhibitions are asked to do so again this year and anyone having any articles surviving from the early days in the Province are asked to communicate with Mrs. William Brehaut, phone 6350, or Mr. Earl Taylor, phone 4253.

Necessary arrangements will be made to call for your articles. The article will be insured and if possible all will be displayed under glass. They will be exhibited in a fireproof space under constant supervision.

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