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Member Canadian Daily Newspaper Publishers Association and The Canadian Press... The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink... PAGE 4 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1966.

that computers are on the march in many other fields of activity in the United States. The American Historical Association is using them to plot county election statistics on presidential campaigns since 1824. They are also helping compile the roll-call votes of each session of Congress since 1789.

Already computers have helped write a concordance to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. It was done in months. Yet it took 54 scholars 10 years in the 19th century to finish a concordance to the King James Version. A computer just this year broke down 101,499 words in Dante's Divine Comedy into 10 analytical tables. One computer executive predicts that American scholars soon will become as fluent in programming computers as in writing English—in some cases, maybe more so.

In time, it is predicted, the computer will become as standard a tool as the typewriter.

Salvaging NATO

External Affairs Minister Paul Martin played a proper Canadian role in seeking to pour oil on the troubled waters at the NATO ministerial conference at Brussels this week. His appeal for "friendship and moderation" in tackling the crisis caused by President de Gaulle's decision to pull France out of the military operations of the alliance was pitched on the right note. Even at Washington, where NATO stands as an emotional symbol of American involvement overseas, it is recognized that the great task now is to reshape the organization to the needs of the 1960's.

As a New York Times correspondent points out, this is not just a question of how to move NATO headquarters from Paris, where to, and at whose expense; not merely a question of how to move French diplomacy back into line, nor whether to move two French divisions from one side of the German border to the other. The long-dormant question, now provoked by General de Gaulle but far too large for him to answer alone, is how to move the Western alliance from the era of static, largely military defense to the coming era of dynamic, largely diplomatic offense.

NATO's methods over 17 years have often been creative and constructive but its purpose has been negative; to contain both a hostile Soviet Union and a repentant West Germany while firmly deterring the one and embracing the other. Partly because of NATO's great success, however, the alliance is coming to feel that containment of the Russians will not be necessary much longer, while containment of Germany will not be possible much longer.

There has been a gradual movement toward more contact and agreement, and not just hostile co-existence, between West Germany and East Germany, between Western Europe and Eastern Europe, and between the giant patrons of each side, the United States and the Soviet Union. There has also developed a consensus that German reunification and European stability can come only at the end of such a gradual process of accommodation. The question for NATO is whether it can become an agent to arrange such accommodation, as most of its members believe, or at least hope, or whether General de Gaulle is right in regarding NATO as an anachronism and encumbrance.

It will take diplomacy of a high order to achieve the results that are being sought. And there is an opportunity here for Canada, with its particularly strong ties both with France and the United States, to make a contribution which could prove of lasting benefit to the Western world.

More About Computers

Now it's Hon. J.J. Green, federal Minister of Agriculture, who has come out with a reminder that we are in the computer age. The number of farms in Canada, he notes, is declining at the rate of nearly 900 per month. And he adds: "I believe we are going to have to develop a national farm management service complete with computers that can provide, on a regional basis, the kind of production advice, fertilizer and land-use advice, and marketing advice which the individual farmer is not equipped, on his own, to acquire."

Mr. Green also believes that, in the long-term interest of ensuring that the whole Canadian economy operates at maximum efficiency, "this will have to be a national service because our agricultural sector cannot be effectively managed on any other basis."

So, we may expect in the future some announcement of federal policy in this respect. Meanwhile we note

Europe's Example

We may think we have headaches on this continent in seeking ways to impose uniform automobile and highway safety standards. Certainly it is taking us long enough to reconcile the conflicting interests of manufacturers and states and provinces enjoying jurisdictional privileges. But what of Europe, where they really have a mess, and where they are making progress in doing something about it?

National legislation on automobile equipment varies so greatly there, we are told, that one German car assembly line produces 94 different kinds of turn signals alone. As for highway codes, there are 24 different ones in Europe today—two rules of the road (driving on the left and right), three sets of rules on the meaning of continuous road lines (in two colors), five sets of rules on the meaning of broken road lines (in two colors), and 20 different signs warning that one is approaching an intersection.

Now the European Economic Community is drawing up manufacturing standards which will be applicable to six member countries. A common standard on brakes already has been given tentative approval. Standards on turn signals, safety glass, headlights, windshield wipers and mufflers, among other equipment, are to be spelled out next.

The standardization of automobile equipment is considered a prelude to the Common Market action in regulating road safety. It is hoped that within two years the Market countries will have uniformity in their classification of roads, right-of-way priority at intersections, road signs using symbols rather than words, and speed limits in urban areas.

Before The Event

Writing in Saturday's edition of the Toronto Star, Peter C. Newman said prophetically that for the federal Liberals "tomorrow's Quebec election could turn into a political nightmare." He took a gloomy view of the prospects, whichever way they went. A fiscal showdown between Ottawa and Quebec is due this year, he noted, with the new federal-provincial tax arrangements for 1967-72 coming into effect next April 1. Premier Lesage's last speech from the Throne, with his pre-election budget and his campaign oratory contained, some pungent claims which, if granted, would cause havoc to Ottawa's own sense of constitutional propriety. His determination to have a provincial voice in the formulation of national tariff and monetary claims left Ottawa "shivering with apprehension." But it was his challenge to federal manpower policies which really moved federal planners "to desperation."

This was assuming that Mr. Lesage came back with a majority. But if he didn't? Here's what The Star's shrewd Ottawa editor had to say this point: "An eventuality that members of Ottawa's political and civil service establishments can't even bear to consider is the consequences of a stalemate or a Union Nationale victory in Sunday's election. Daniel Johnson's intention of creating 'a new pact between two equal and brotherly nations' would transform Canada into a state of nationalities, instead of a national state. Even the remote prospect of having to face demands of this critical magnitude should mellow their feelings, toward Jean Lesage."

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"THE MEETING WILL COME TO ORDER"

ROME'S FOUNTAINS

Many Now Serve As Wishing Wells

Rome is a city of fountains and visitors have turned them into wishing wells. Everyone who comes to Rome seems to know the charming superstition. If a visitor stands with his back to a fountain and throws a coin into it over his shoulder, he is assured a return visit to the Eternal City. Roman police have two complaints about the custom. In summertime they are often hard pressed to keep street urinals from scrambling into the fountains to scoop up the silver, and to keep overzealous, uninvited tourists from throwing themselves into the cooling waters along with their coins.

Faces Ancient Dilemma

A problem as old as newspapers and as new as today's headlines was described by Clifford Daniel in a speech at St. Paul where the winners of Pulitzer awards were being honored. It was the balance between national security and the public's right to know. The managing editor of the New York Times presented two spectacular illustrations of how this dilemma was faced by his own newspaper. Both concerned U.S. relations with Cuba. One was the Bay of Pigs incident where the paper toned down a dispatch which described invasion plans.

College At San Quentin

The name of San Quentin, long linked with the punishment of criminals, is to be associated with their reform. The University of California's school of criminology has announced plans to establish at San Quentin a college for selected inmates of California state prisons. While by no means the first higher educational facility in America for the treatment of prison inmates it promises to break new ground in significant efforts to rehabilitate prisoners through education.

Public Forum

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to enter into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

A Good Investment

The economic cost of traffic accidents in Canada is estimated to be running around half a billion dollars a year. The figure in Britain is similar. At a price of perhaps \$60,000, 999 an article in The London Observer suggests this loss could be cut by \$120,000,000 roughly a quarter. Even apart from the great saving in, suffering and grief which cannot be expressed in terms of money, such an investment would seem worth while.

Our Yesterdays

ROAD DEATHS DROPPED BY 180 AND CASUALTIES BY 5,500. Each policeman thus saved one-quarter of a death and eight casualties in a year, easily paying for himself the cash value of the savings at current prices is well over \$9,000. This may sound slightly specious mathematics it is merely to illustrate that the simple presence of the police is probably a highly cost-effective measure well worth paying for.

Rectal Itching

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen A Floridaian writes: "I haven't slept for two weeks because of anal itching. Life is easy going down here and there are no tensions or worries as I am retired and otherwise healthy. We eat well and to avoid constipation I drink at least a quart of orange juice a day. This itching bothers me at night and so far no one has been able to help me."

Anal Itching (pruritus ani) is common and the cause is difficult to determine when there are no apparent lesions in the rectal area. Certain foods are notorious offenders and citrus fruits head the list. Alcohol, condiments, coffee, chocolate, milk, and other dairy products also should be begun by stopping all citrus fruits for a week and if the itching disappears the problem is solved. If the distress returns, it may be necessary to avoid the other foods—one at a time.

Milk contains lactose, a sugar that causes irritation when it is not absorbed. This occurs when a lactase deficiency exists? The latter is an enzyme in the small intestine which converts milk sugar or lactose into carbohydrates that can be utilized by the body. No one knows why some persons have this deficiency but when it occurs, diarrhea, gas, spastic colitis, or itching of the rectum may ensue. Relief is obtained when the individual avoids milk and milk products.

Good hygiene also is important. Following a movement the anal area should be cleaned with wet absorbent cotton. Take a shower or bath if possible using a mild or superfatted soap. Dry well with cotton and powder the area with cornstarch or unscented powder. Always keep the skin around the anus clean and dry.

Hydrocortisone ointment or griseofulvin is helpful and sedatives may be needed when nervousness is a factor. We assume our reader had a thorough examination to make sure that there were no hemorrhoids, draining sinuses, or local infection.

BLADDER EXAM

V. L. writes: What is a cystoscopic examination?

In this examination the bladder is studied with a long tube containing a light at the business end and a magnifying lens at the other (the cystoscope). With this instrument, every nook and cranny in the organ can be studied in detail to determine the presence of stone, tumor, ulcer, prostatic enlargement, or inflammation.

REFERS TO BOTH

A. F. writes: What is the difference between a peptic ulcer and a duodenal ulcer?

Peptic ulcers develop in the stomach and in the first part of the small intestine (duodenum) near the exit of the gastric pouch. Those in the stomach are gastric and the others are duodenal ulcers. In other words, peptic refers to both varieties.

ADHESIONS

Mrs. E. writes: Is there any medicine to relieve adhesions after an operation?

No. Have you had X-rays taken to prove whether you have adhesions? Or is your pain due to another condition that did not exist when the surgery was performed?

ABDOMINAL PAIN

W. McS. writes: Could colic recur in a one-year-old boy who suffered from it as an infant, or would his present abdominal pain be due to some other disturbance?

There is a better chance that the latter is responsible. TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Prompt visits to the dentist reduce future dental problems. (NOTE: All correspondents to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

TRAIN DERAILED

TEMPELTON, Iowa (AP)—About 50 persons were injured, none seriously, when the east-bound City of Los Angeles passenger train derailed Monday near this western Iowa town. The five diesel engine units dived off a 15-foot embankment into a new-sprouting cornfield. Only the last of the train's 18 cars remained upright.

BETLES BEAT WOODS

An effective sterilization program against the Dutch elm disease beetle would require breeding 100,000,000 beetles in the laboratory.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO (June 8, 1941) The Admiralty in London announced the loss of the anti-aircraft cruiser Calcutta, and the destroyers Hereward and Imperial during the evacuation of Crete.

Fascist circles in Rome expressed anger over the British "provocative" speech and awaited a probable speech by Mussolini to mark the second year's beginning of war.

TEN YEARS AGO

It was announced that Rev. John T. Irwin, a former minister at Trinity United Church in Charlottetown, had enlisted with the Royal Canadian Forces in the padre service.

Dr. James J. Higgins of Charlottetown returned to the Province after receiving a Diploma of Hygiene from the University of Toronto.

Washington Reaction

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff, Washington WASHINGTON (CP)—American officials here who follow Canadian affairs are surprised by the results of Quebec's elections Sunday, and are weighing them on two main counts.

The most important to them is the impact a Union Nationale government will have on Ottawa and the other provinces. Will it retard or stimulate Quebec nationalism, particularly as expressed at the pending federal-provincial conference with repercussions in the rest of the country? What does it spell for Canadian Prime Minister Pearson's minority government or the future of the Progressive Conservatives?

Secondly, how might this impact rub off on relations with the U.S. and broader areas such as NATO? To the general American public, Quebec in recent years has tended to become synonymous with bomb-throwing separatists. The impression is gained from periodic news reports of such events.

BETTER INFORMED Official observers here, probably more numerous and knowledgeable about Canadian affairs than ever before, put a lot less emphasis on separatism in itself and more on the overall nature of Quebec's "quiet revolution."

They gained first-hand experience earlier this year when Eric Kierans of the Quebec government — bypassing traditional Ottawa-Washington diplomatic channels—directly questioned the U.S. on its program to trim foreign investment. The U.S. government ducked by sending a non-committal reply via Ottawa.

Rightly or wrongly, there is some tendency here to assume that certain Canadian foreign policy decisions owe something to Quebec's existence. A current example is the NATO conference in Brussels where Canada bucked the Anglo-American bias toward stripping France of all its NATO institutions quickly.

Canada and some other middle powers argued for a delay and an October meeting has been set up at which presumably the future of NATO's political headquarters in Paris will be discussed.

U.S. PRESS VERSION American News dispatches from NATO, describing Canada's role, usually explained it as reflecting French-Canada's existence. Some Canadians here feel the U.S. wrongly reads too much of this sort of thinking into Canadian foreign policy.

Their American counterparts suggest in turn that Quebec has been invoked at times to help explain why Canada takes certain stands.

They also say privately that it is not always easy to tell when Quebec is to be used for that purpose and when it isn't. They also say there have been times when Canadian spokesmen have warned against any public linking of Quebec with Canadian foreign policy.

Good Day In Parliament

It was most encouraging, on Tuesday, to see Parliament behaving as Parliament ought to behave. Before the House of Commons was the Government bill for departmental reorganization Mr. E. Davie-Fulton (PC, Kamloops) proposed an amendment that would clarify and strengthen the authority of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to initiate federal programs dealing with water and to co-operate with the provinces on water problems.

In a rare display of co-operation Reverend Minister E.J. Benson, who was piloting the bill through the House, agreed to accept the principle of Mr. Fulton's amendment while reserving the right to put it into Government language. Mr. Fulton then withdrew his amendment, and later in the day Mr. Benson produced the Government's version, which was quickly approved.

This is the sort of co-operation between Opposition and Government for the welfare of the country which one would wish to see more often, and it came on an important matter. There is an urgent necessity for a co-ordinated program to take inventory of Canada's water resources, attack pollution and assess possible river diversions to bring water to the dry areas of the continent—an urgency underlined by a thirsty United States panting after our waters. But some of the provinces, holding water to be a resource and

COMPOSER ILL

MOSCOW (AP) — Composer Aram Khachaturyan, 63, was unable because of illness to take his place Saturday as one of the judges at the Tchaikovsky music competition. A competition official said Khachaturyan was not seriously ill, but declined to give the nature of the ailment.

SAY MOSLEMS EXPELLED

RAWALPINDI (Reuters) — Pakistan accused India Monday of expelling more than 500,000 Moslems into East and West Pakistan in the last four years. Parliamentary Secretary Syed Hamid Raza Gilani told the National Assembly here that more than 485,000 Moslems were pushed into East Pakistan alone.

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