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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Blow To Separatism

It requires the pinch of adversity to bring out the best in us, notes an Ottawa commentator in the Winnipeg Free Press. He was referring, ironically, to the response of people to the emergency brought on by the Quebec liquor strike.

They have come "in cars, in buses, in vans, in hearses," ready—even at considerable personal risk—to demonstrate in action their loyal support of inter-provincial trade.

Something should also be said, notes this correspondent, "about the exemplary attitude of the Ontario Liquor Control Board in these difficult times."

Never since 1919, it seems, have the people of Quebec passed through a comparable ordeal. Even the most confirmed separatist, "squeezing the last drop from the last high-priced bottle before heading west for Ontario," must now realize the folly of his political notions.

Many will consider it unfortunate that a strike should be the means of kindling such a fine spirit of pan-Canadianism. But the old adage about the ill wind seems pertinent in this case.

Now isn't that something!

Still Pipe Dreaming

New Year's messages usually partake of a remnant of the Christmas spirit and reflect an atmosphere of goodwill as well as of optimism. Not so the message which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has issued from his fortress in Formosa off the Chinese mainland.

The plea is camouflaged in righteous argument about the necessity and virtues of preventive war on occasion. It is a plea that has been sounded also by some editorial writers in the United States, but fortunately it is not likely that such

a disastrous crusade is actually in the making. As the Montreal paper points out, such shrill and irresponsible cries are at least balanced by saner and more respected voices.

This was not always so. In the 1950's the Chiang Kai-shek lobby dominated Washington's policy on China. But lately a more realistic view has been taken.

There are signs, indeed, that Washington—given a graceful way out of the dilemma of having supported Chiang up to now—would be prepared to deal diplomatically with Peking.

One thing we can be thankful for is that Chiang's threats no longer carry weight outside his own little domain, where he lives practically as a pensioner on American bounty.

New York's Example

When Canada gets ready to study its problem of water pollution in real earnest, it may get some help from the example which Governor Rockefeller proposes to set for the state of New York.

A 6-page booklet sums up the problem New York is faced with in a grimly impressive manner. The state has plenty of water, it notes, yet "almost two out of three of our people live in areas afflicted by pollution."

This water borne filth degrades public water supplies, jeopardizes health, lowers property values, destroys recreational areas, threatens commercial fishing, defiles environment and "exact[s] a huge cost in esthetic values," the booklet declares.

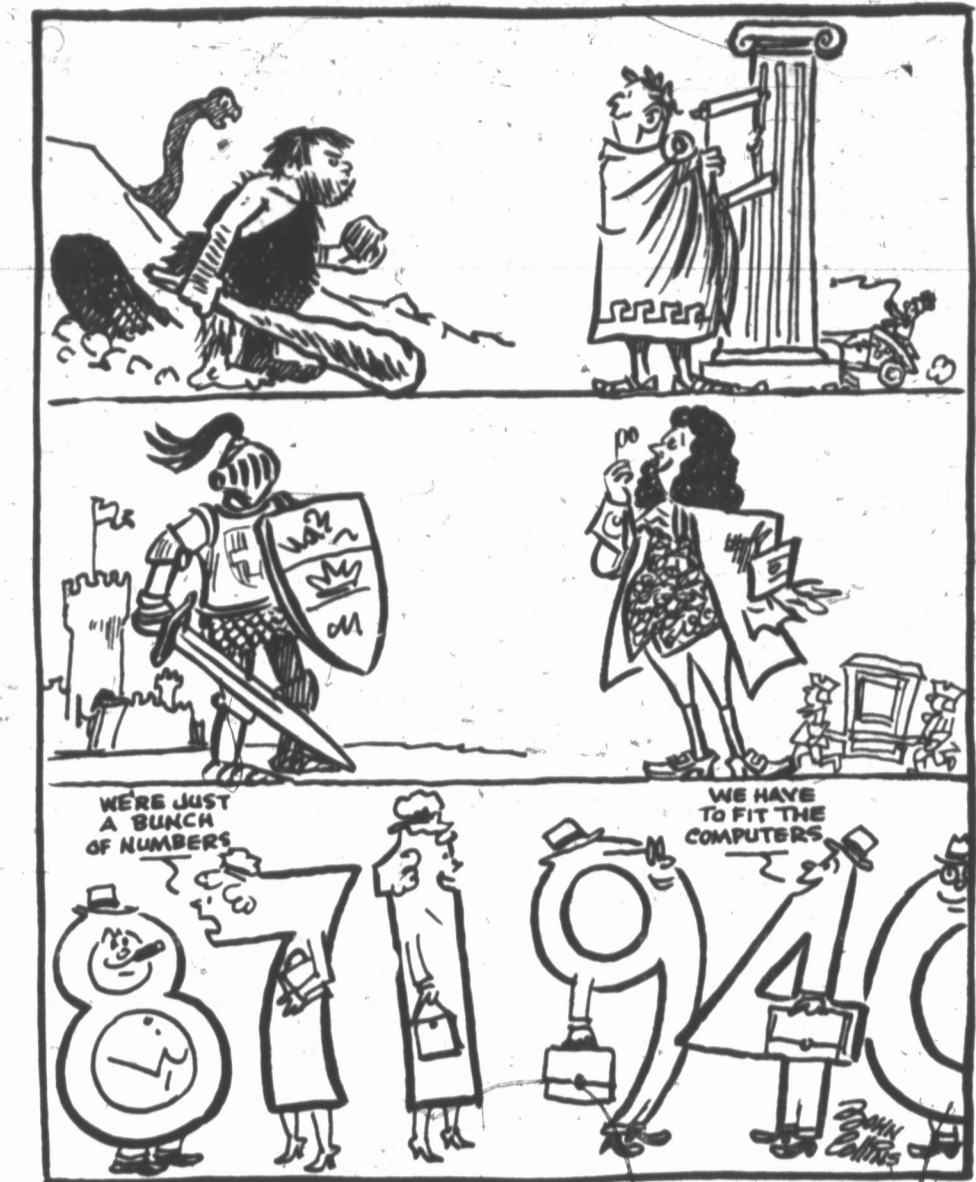
Governor Rockefeller proposes that federal, state and local governments join in a program of tax incentives to help private industry meet its own pollution problem. His plan is in the nature of a crash program to meet a situation which has become desperate.

Plans are now being made for a federal-provincial conference on this subject. In the meantime New York's lead in studying and setting forth, for every citizen to read, the extent of its pollution problem is to be commended.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The term "World's Fair" as applied to Canada's big show at Montreal in 1967 is incorrect usage, the director of information advises the newspapers in the country.

As announced by Premier Shaw, the provincial by-elections in First Kings and Fifth Prince on February 9 will be carried out under the old electoral legislation and not the Election Act that was passed by the Legislature two years ago but which has not yet been proclaimed.



THE ULTIMATE TRIUMPH OF EVOLUTION

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

How Will Decision Be Implemented?

What ever happened about our second flag? On 17 December, by a vote of 185 to 25, the House of Commons adopted the final recommendation of the special committee on a Canadian flag.

On 31 December, Prime Minister Pearson announced that the new Canadian flag, also recommended by the flag committee, will in due course be proclaimed by the Queen.

Like every other step the Prime Minister has taken about the flag question, he seems to have fumbled this one badly, although no doubt with the best intentions.

How can Canada alone declare any flag to be symbolic of membership of the Commonwealth? Do other members have to say in this? Mr. Pearson told me that he did not raise the matter at what would have been an appropriate occasion, a meeting when the Commonwealth Prime Ministers met recently in Britain.

By what right would the parliament of one country appropriate the flag which is the national banner of another country, and declare it to be "symbolic" of something else? Could it or would Canada announce that henceforth the Hammer and Sickle should be flown from Canadian embassies as a symbol of our membership in the United Nations?

There is the matter of "allegiance to the Crown." How confused can this government get? Mr. Pearson declares that the Union Jack shall be our symbol of membership in the Commonwealth and of allegiance to the Crown.

So we have come to a situation where each member-country of the Commonwealth might fly its own choice of flag to symbolize one or both of these points. In this unprecedented chaos, obviously the next logical step is for every individual Canadian to have the right to choose his own design of flag to

symbolize his allegiance to Canada. And with this precedent, there is no reason why our armed forces might not soon present a kaleidoscopic picture of various multicoloured uniforms, with each soldier, sailor and airman wearing his own choice of clothing to represent his membership in our armed forces and his allegiance to Canada.

Presumably any Canadian soldier will now have the Pearson-right to wear the uniform of a Turkish General (to impress the girls) or of a Congolese rebel (for summer comfort), without seeking the permission of those countries to appropriate their national symbols.

By his unilateral declaration of a second flag, or "flag of allegiance" for Canada, Mr. Pearson has confused heraldry with political expedience, and established a precedent of international anarchy in the matter of proprietary symbols and private property.

Canadian Cabinet ministers—average age 51—are a little older than many of the new men emerging on the world stage. Most of the newcomers to the Soviet presidium and central committee are in their middle 40s, which makes them 25 years younger than the vanished Khrushchev.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson took over the government of Britain at the age of 48. He is almost 20 years younger than Mr. Pearson. Mr. Wilson and his five chief ministers have an average age of 52 years. Behind them, as in Russia, is an eager aggregation of younger ministers in their 40s.

The shah of Iran has joined those concerned about "imperialist and expansionist" policies. However, unlike most people in his part of the world, he is not talking about any western nation. He is talking about President Nasser and his United Arab Republic. Twice within four days the shah criticized Nasser.

He first charged that Nasser is "spending \$1,000,000 a day for the killing of Muslims in Yemen and secretly sending arms to the Cyprus government for the massacre of Turkish Muslims in Cyprus." Nasser spends large amounts every year, he said, on domestic and international spying as well as on arms "for destructive purposes."

Nasser is never one to be satisfied with trouble at home. He is always hunting abroad for it. The seriousness with which Iran is taking the Egyptian threat is indicated by the fact that never before has the shah attacked Nasser in public and by name. The shah is capable of defending his nation. His 190,000-man army, American trained and equipped, is tough and able. And the shah is a man of courage and strong will.

Nasser might at least confine his troublemaking to the Yemen. ERHARD FOR PARIS BONN (AP) — Chancellor Ludwig Erhard will go to Paris, Jan. 19-20 for talks with French President de Gaulle, the West German government announced Wednesday. The announcement said that the meeting will be part of the twice-yearly series called for under the French-West German treaty of cooperation.

Increased humidity M. W. writes: I elated that wet clothes, left overnight to dry in a bedroom, are not healthy for the person sleeping there. My wife dries. Who is correct? REPLY: The drying clothes add moisture to the air, which helps the air passageways and prevents drying of the skin. But the increased moisture may aggravate joint aches and pains.

Transfusions for cirrhosis L. M. writes: A friend of mine is in the hospital with cirrhosis of the liver. He has had four transfusions in six days. Why is blood needed in this disease? REPLY: Transfusions are needed when there is bleeding from enlarged veins at the lower end of the esophagus, or when the victim needs protein.

Glandular obesity J. H. writes: What is the cure for hypothalamic obesity? REPLY: A low calorie diet plus determination and will power. The hypothalamus is said to contain a center that governs our appetite. It sounds more impressive to blame the brain instead of self-indulgence.

Infection of brain L. H. R. writes: What is the treatment of viral encephalitis? REPLY: We rely upon bed rest and aspirin because there is no specific remedy against the causative virus. STEWS AND ULCERS L. Y. writes: Are steaks permitted on an ulcer diet? REPLY: Not on the strict regimen but they can be eaten after the ulcer heals.

Shah Challenges Nasser Milwaukee Journal and even there he has little to show for the lengthy intervention except a constantly growing casualty list.

Let's Get On With It Financial Post Dr. Murray Ross, president of York University in Toronto, says that not enough is being done to recruit Canadian university teachers among Canadian students doing postgraduate work in the U.S.

The Strength Of The UN Christian Science Monitor Many things could be said about the tense and basic, almost constitutional debates that have riven the UN before its holiday adjournment. The most important is that they took place. This in itself is good.

Andy O'Brien ON SAFARI From an African treetop hotel one can observe wild life ranging from jackals to pink elephants. Weekend Magazine Sports Editor Andy O'Brien describes a luxury safari in Kenya which embraces all the excitement of the traditional safari and excludes the discomforts.

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Shotgun Cold Remedies

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen There is no specific treatment for respiratory infections caused by the cold viruses. Most remedies are aimed at relief of symptoms (and prevention of complications). Bed rest, the salicylates, salt water gargles, and adding moisture to the room atmosphere are old but good recommendations.

Most of our modern cold remedies are shotgun mixtures, aimed at all the different symptoms. They contain an antihistamine plus a sympathomimetic agent such as ephedrine or phenylephrine to relieve nasal stuffiness and lessen secretions. Aspirin is added along with an anti-tussive to ease cough—even if it is not present.

Most of the chemicals in these newer cold remedies were not in existence 20 years ago. Some of our patients swear by them, whereas others prefer the old fashioned cough medicines. Furthermore, there is no sense in taking all purpose mixtures when they contain components directed against symptoms that are absent.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Automobile designers do a lot of unnecessary worrying, since in the eyes of the average Canadian family, any new model looks better than anything that's paid for.—Calgary Herald.

Out of the mouths of babes department: A schoolboy in New Zealand, writing an examination on current events, came up with the information that "The President of Indonesia is Kublai Khan." He may not be entirely wrong. One possible explanation of Indonesia's troubles is that its present president thinks he's Kublai Khan.—Toronto Star.

In the crusade for safe driving, let's not forget safe-walking. It's time to check our walking habits. A stupid, pushy pedestrian is just as great a menace on our streets as an irresponsible motorist.—Toronto Telegram.

Communist Trade Bloc

President Johnson has given fresh emphasis to United States hopes of grabbing a larger slice of the growing Western world trade with Russia and the Eastern European Communist Bloc.

This spells more competition for Canada, Britain, France and other allies who have been expanding trade with the Soviet alliance.

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