

ment at this time. It boils down, as Major General W.H.S. Macklin has pointed out, to the question of whether there is any solid military reason for Canada accepting nuclear weapons; and the answer is that there is none. It is equally certain that the extension of nuclear arms to any country increases the chances of nuclear war. Witness what happened in the so-called "defensive" weapons were spread to Cuba. Such action on our part could conceivably provoke yet another "Cuban showdown"—with the roles reversed. The Russians could very well view the arming of their Canadian neighbor with the same alarm that the U.S. felt over the arming of Cuba. Their mildest reaction might be to arm East Germany or Poland with atomic warheads in return.

We go along with those who believe that Canada can contribute to the cause of peace by NOT becoming a member of the nuclear club, and by helping to limit the spread of these weapons. But there is a strong agitation in the other direction. This is what Prime Minister Diefenbaker is aware of, and in quite rightly scared of. This is why he is proceeding with such caution. To commit us to any other course at this time, under any pretext of honoring "commitments" which, if ever made, are outmoded by the grim facts of the situation, would be criminal irresponsibility.

Will They Unite?

There is talk in England of the Labor and Liberal parties taking the present opportunity to unite in a common radical front against the Macmillan Government. The argument in favor of this is that Britain seems all ready for a change of government, but the passing of Mr. High Gaiskell has robbed the alternative Labor government of its only truly national figure.

According to this argument, Mr. Grimond, leader of the Liberal party, is the only popular radical figure who at the moment would be acceptable to British voters. Therefore why cannot the Labor and Liberal parties align their policies for a leftwing coalition front which could sweep the Tories out of office at the next general election?

Mr. Grimond was in Ottawa when he heard the news of Mr. Gaiskell's passing. He was reported as saying this was the very moment to rethink the whole position of the anti-Tory front in British politics.

The fact is, however, that Mr. Gaiskell was against a Liberal-Labor pact, and respect for his memory and regard for the great work he did in building the strength and unity of the Labor party would, it is believed, prevent any Labor approach to Liberals at this time. In that case the party must ask itself where it hopes to go from here. The view is expressed in Lord Beaverbrook Sunday Express that never before in modern British political history has the loss of a single leader dealt such a shattering and unexpected blow to the members of a great party. And the Conservative Sunday Telegraph says: "It is a measure of Mr. Gaiskell's stature that his death has reduced the whole of British politics to speculation."

EDITORIAL NOTES

On Asian policy in southeast Asia has every evidence of bogging down. "The principal reason," comments an American exchange, "seems to be that we have far more determination to save the Laotians and the Vietnamese than they have to save themselves."

Berlin may be a beleaguered city, divided by the Communist wall, but its free air is a cosmopolitan centre with facilities for opera, music, the theatre and higher education that may soon be unsurpassed on the European continent. This trend has been accentuated by the Ford Foundation, which has taken an imaginative step in establishing a \$2,000,000, three-year program to expand West Berlin's artistic and educational activities. Through this program, the foundation expresses confidence in the continued freedom of Berlin. As further evidence, Dr. James Bryant Conant, former U.S. ambassador to Germany and former president of Harvard University, will take up residence there as the foundation's chief educational consultant.



WASHINGTON AND THE CHERRY TREE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Diefenbaker Proposal Being Examined

A Canadian proposal to strengthen the economies of the Free World has been suggested by President Kennedy, and today poses Britain an attractive alternative to other proposals for the European Common Market while preserving the sovereignty which she would merge in a federated Europe. This is the proposal by Prime Minister John Diefenbaker that all members of the Commonwealth of the European Free Trade Area, as well as U.S., Japan and other like-minded nations, should be invited to a trade conference to be held at the earliest practicable date.

Not What The Lexicon Says

The word "interdependence" is a popular one in the lexicon of Western diplomats these days. In the Oxford dictionary the word simply means "dependence on each other." In diplomatic parlance it appears to mean "interdependence while giving up your independence." Or having "interdependence in the name of independence." President Kennedy is trying to convince United States allies to give up their independence and to accept a "interdependence" which would mean that the U.S. would not desire to influence or dominate, he told his press conference Thursday.

MOVES TO CLIMAX

At the same time Washington is preparing to join France's Common Market and Britain in pressure moves to form a Gaullist stand. George Ball, U.S. undersecretary of state, has indicated that Gaullie is influenced by a "nostalgic longing for a world that never was." Senator J.W. Fulbright, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, has flatly accused him of endangering Western security and prosperity with "romantic illusion of a Napoleon."

Iron And Bamboo

Mr. Khrushchev seems able to live with the differences between himself and Premier Kennedy. The rest of us would do well to follow suit. These differences are established clearly and are admitted deep but as Premier Kennedy said in his state of the Union message, a strain in relations is not a "red line." Premier said, "must be tempered with caution. For the Soviet Union, the line is not a red line, it is a grey line."

Christian Science Monitor

But this was the same Mr. Khrushchev who said he would not be a Communist but a Communist in Cuba. He has accepted a "red line" for the present, but how long will he stand by it? He has abandoned all such, merely because a show-down is inevitable. He is dangerous in the light of the United States response. A "red line" is a line that he really abandoned military adventuring and turned to non-military control. But each side is a Communist. But each side is a Communist. But each side is a Communist.

Montreal Gazette

One of the few delights for many in the recent cold days is to hear the snow squeak under their feet. Those who live in the city nowadays are not likely to hear it. But people in the suburbs are. The reason is that the snow is not so deep as it once was. The snow is not so deep as it once was. The snow is not so deep as it once was.

More Millionaires

LOVELL (Reuters) Britain's unofficial millionaire club, with its \$100,000 qualification, has a net income of more than \$1,000,000 (\$20,000,000). The biggest number of new millionaires was 1,000 in 1963. A tax report revealed Wednesday that the number of millionaires has increased to 1,000 in 1963. A tax report revealed Wednesday that the number of millionaires has increased to 1,000 in 1963.

Angina Pectoris

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

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NOTES BY THE WAVE

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On January 29th, 1963 J. F. CLEMENTS of the Industrial Development Bank will be at the KIRKWOOD HOTEL, Charlottetown, P. E. I. If you are engaged in a business — or plan to start one — and required financing is not available elsewhere on reasonable terms and conditions, you are invited to discuss your needs with the IDB representative. An appointment for an interview can be arranged by telephoning Mr. Clements at the Kirkwood Hotel, Telephone 4-8527 or 4-5147.

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