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Speech from the Throne

The Speech with which Parliament was opened yesterday is a lengthy document, and its strongest critics will not deny that it is a mealy one as well. Whether or not it provides a solution to our economic ills will be subject of heated debate.

We refer particularly to the proposals for expanding the campaign of export trade promotion, for agricultural development, and for establishment of an Atlantic Development Board to advise on projects of advantage to this region.

In agriculture, emphasis is placed on a program to ensure storage facilities and continuity of supplies of feed grain for livestock production, on rehabilitation of farm lands, on the enlargement of the Farm Credit Corporation fund and provision for greater flexibility in its use. We note, too, that a national conference on agricultural training is to be convened this fall.

The Government also proposes to implement the Transportation Commission's recommendations, intended to remove the need for general horizontal freight rate increases and to provide for extension of the Freight Rates Reduction Act and the other interim railway subsidies. Municipalities are assured that the winter works program to meet seasonal unemployment will be continued.

The Government envisions the creation, over the next five years, of more than one million new jobs and a corresponding growth in gross national product. It intends to remove the import charges imposed to meet foreign exchange difficulties "as soon as circumstances permit." It will introduce measures to establish a National Economic Development Board, with which, presumably, the Maritime Development Board will work in close contact.

The fiscal objective, says the Speech, is a balanced budget. This will involve steps to improve the efficiency of government operations, to create better employment opportunities, promote a higher rate of economic growth, strengthen Canada's balance of international payments, and maintain stability in prices. A tall order! Here, no doubt, is where the chief controversy will centre during the session.

There is a lot of other legislation forecast, but we can't omit the proposed amendment to the British North America Act to provide for the introduction of a national system of contributory old age pensions with disability and survivor benefits. All parties, doubtless, will be on the wagon on this measure, much as they may disagree over other matters.

Heroc Drama

The "miracle rescue" of the majority of a planeload of Frankfurt-bound passengers downed in the North Atlantic, 500 miles west of Ireland, continues, to make newspaper headlines, and rightly so. The drama started last Sunday night when the plane was forced to ditch after three of its four engines went dead. Panic could have resulted in complete disaster. Instead, on the part of the captain, crew and passengers, there were exemplified, in coolness and courage, the finest traditions of the sea. The survivors succeeded in launching four dinghies from the plane and, despite the

snock suffered from the landing, rode out heavy seas until a Swiss freighter, answering their distress calls, reached them. But there was much more to the story than that. The search and rescue effort involved British and American military airplanes, merchant and naval ships of several nations, including a British weather ship, the liner Mauretania, and the Canadian aircraft carrier Bonaventure.

Press comment has not overlooked the tragedy of fatalities or ignored the question of whether enough is being done to eliminate what a London newspaper called "margins of error in the running of competitive air services." But the principal theme is the outcome of this deeply moving incident which has stirred the world and has been rated "one of the biggest sea-and-air operations in peacetime." The feats accomplished on this occasion are proof that, whatever else may be wrong with our modern civilization, the call to duty in times of danger still finds prompt and heroic response.

Mosley Again

Sir Oswald Mosley is visiting the United States. What he thinks he can do there we don't know, but if he gets lost altogether we imagine it will be a great relief to the British authorities. He addressed a gathering of 1,500 persons at the University of Buffalo the other day, claiming that he was no longer a Fascist "in the pre-war sense," he spoke at the invitation of the student senate, but more than 500 students demonstrated in protest against his appearance. Some of the students jeered and others carried signs reading: "Hate Monger Mosley," "Remember the Millions gassed in Auschwitz Buchenwald," "No Nazism Here," "Go back to Jail!"

We don't think much of such placards as arguments. But how else is one to reply to persons of the Mosley type? His malarious past is still too much a living memory. Now 65, this fanatical English baronet, jailed for Nazi sympathies during the Second World War, has lost none of his crusading enthusiasm.

This time he's supporting what he calls a union of all European countries under a common government. This appears to have a faint verbal connection with the long-term plans for the European Common Market, but the similarity ends there. Between Mosley and a community of free men anywhere there is an insurmountable gulf. Certainly it would sink the Macmillan government if he succeeded in aligning himself with any policy the Prime Minister is promoting for participation in European affairs. But that's most unlikely, given the British public's knowledge of Mosley and its traditional common sense.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Baltimore Evening Sun predicts that "even with a swimming pool in the new House Office Building, congressmen will still engage in their traditional athletic activities —log-rolling, horse-trading, backscratching and fence-mending." The boys at Ottawa, of course, would never be guilty of playing crude games of this kind!

The little farm community of Marine, Illinois, recently erected a large sign at the entrance of the village saying, "Welcome to Marine. No rads control. No electric thing. But drive carefully." This honest invitation to use the streets as guests, without the customary threats of arrest for traffic violation, has drawn favorable attention elsewhere.

One of the things Mr. Diefenbaker is reported to have said at the Commonwealth conference in London was that if Britain joined the Common Market, Canada might be driven into the American orbit, a development Canadians had withstood for a hundred years. The Milwaukee Journal calls this "Diefenbaker's Boyegman," and quotes the London Economist to this effect: "The pull of the United States on Canada is a many-sided thing exerted through many channels of life, and not, in the main, by one government upon the other. Who seriously supposes that the fact of it will be conjured away by keeping Britain out of the European community?"



Mouse Mite Bite Transmits Fever

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen A MIDDLE-AGED salesman went to Pittsburgh on a business trip last week. On his return he exhibited a fever, but he had to clean up the cooler from the truck. During this chore, the cuffs of his pants kept riding up so that the skin of his legs was exposed to the mites. He was a Massachusetts hospital.

His temperature remained high and chills continued. Special blood tests were ordered a few days later when several spots of red spots formed on the skin of his arms. The tests were positive for rickettsialpox, a rare disease that was described originally in 1946 in New York City.

Exhaustive organisms exist in the common house mouse and are transmitted to man successfully borne and that lives on rodents. The salesman then remembered seeing a mouse bite his calf. He did not recall a bite. The bite looked like a pimple at first but changed shortly thereafter to a water blister, which broke and dried. Soon it was covered with a crust. The mite was identified as the cause of the disease.

The pimple that developed on the salesman's leg is only a secondary lesion. The disease never had been reported from Pittsburgh. The development of the pimple a week later casts doubt on whether the Pittsburgh mouse was responsible. The pimple usually develops within a short time after the bite.

The disease is related to other rickettsial infections such as typhus and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, which are transmitted to man from infected rodents by ticks or fleas. The rash halfway between the neck and chest in chicken pox and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. The individual lesions are slightly elevated and reddened; many are capped by a tiny blister, or vesicle.

Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped self-addressed envelope accompanies request.

PREGNANT ALCOHOLIC

G.P.S. writes: Would excessive and constant drinking by a pregnant woman cause the baby to be born retarded mentally or physically? REPLY: I know of no data on the effects of excessive drinking during pregnancy. There are many known and unknown causes of retardation and it is not logical to blame alcohol when so few of the mentally deficient children of our country are born to women who drink.

SHINGLES

M.H. writes: Do children ever get shingles? REPLY: Yes, but the majority of victims are adults, particularly older persons.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT

"Mature and ripen — but don't rot."

THE CONVENTIONAL LOOK

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Family Associations in Politics Among the many family associations in politics reflected in this House of Commons, there is one interesting record. The election of Mrs. Isabel Hardie to represent the Northwest Territories, in the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, now brings the record number of three widows sitting in their husbands' seats.

WIN THE FRENCH

The senior of these, according to the date of election, is Mrs. Jean Casseman, the P.C. Member for the Ontario constituency of Grenville-Dundas. She was first elected in a by-election five years ago, this holding for the Conservative Party the seat which her husband, Mr. Casseman, had won in every general election for 37 years.

At the time of his death in 1958, Mr. Casseman was the Dean of the House of Commons, by virtue of longer unbroken membership than any other M.P. Mrs. Casseman's father, Hon. Earl Royle, longtime M.P. for Dufferin-Simcoe, is now the Dean of the House.

A contemporary of Hon. Earl Royle in the Conservative Government 57 years ago was Hon. John A. Macdonald of P.E.I. His former seat of Kings was a seat for four years ago, this holding for the Conservative Party the seat which her husband, Mr. Casseman, had won in every general election for 37 years.

An American Problem

By Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer George Ball, United States Undersecretary of State, says the proposed construction of a Canal of a big new port for Soviet travelers deepens Russia's hold on the Caribbean island.

This has further infuriated segments of the American public already embittered by the lack of forthright assistance by Latin American and European Allies toward ending the Fidel Castro regime.

Many non-Americans fail to understand that the Cuban issue has become a widespread symbol to American frustration with the cold war; that reason has given way to unbridled emotions.

Water safety program... The members of the Red Cross Water Safety Committee appreciate sincerely the help and cooperation given this program through your newspapers.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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About racial relationships: We respect and commend you for looking the fact that God made one blood "all nations of men" and dwellers on the face of the earth. We also must recognize the fact that "God so loved the world" that He sent His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." In view of that fact, dare there be discrimination between the "different races?" Having said all that, I wish to be understood as not advocating interfering with the races, but that the different peoples of the world should render respect and commendation to each other. There is abundant room in this old world, for all the love and kindness in which we can prove to our fellowmen that we are not the "inferior" races, but kindreds. But let us not take the cream off life, which is love to God. I am, etc.

Two serious problems... Sir—There are two serious problems confronting the world today. They are birth control and racial discrimination. They are problems that will require the utmost care, and a large degree of common sense in order to solve them to the satisfaction of all concerned; both in the short and long range guidance will do so.

But then, we are supposed to be a golden age, a new era, a new world with the sense of modern thought. So, birth control is a religious matter, and we are told that it is wrong. But why the need of it? We are told that it is essential to curb the large, rapidly increasing birth, which in turn may bring on a shortage of food to feed the swelling millions of people on earth.

I am, Sir, etc. EVELYN M. CUDMORE, Director. WATER SAFETY PROGRAM Sir—The members of the Red Cross Water Safety Committee appreciate sincerely the help and cooperation given this program through your newspapers.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Young people are sometimes considered foolish because they don't know the things it takes to be married. A young man serves the St. Thomas Times-Journal.

South Africa's apartheid policy is so insupportable that it is "Anatomy of a Murder," was a banned because it was a one-sided attack showing a "White Man's Government" as James Stewart seated at a piano alongside Negro band leader Duke Ellington. — Hamilton Spectator.

"What good," asked the angry would-be passenger, "are the figures set down in the railway's annual report if they patiently explained the general agency, 'if it weren't for their figures we'd have no way of finding out how late the train is.'" — Hamilton Spectator.

We were moving into our new house when two little neighbors girls, seeing my small daughter out in the yard, came and asked them their names and what grades they were in at school. The smallest girl said proudly, "Me, I'm in the third grade, and my friend here is a refreshment in high school." — Sarnia Observer.

South Molton Street in Mayfair last night was the scene from the sight of a betting shop rubbing shoulders with the fashionable. The refusal of a license was dismissed. Giving evidence against it, the secretary of a training college objected that the students might have to walk to the bus stop.

A Missouri man used to spin a tale about a marvelous life-size scarecrow. It was made of tin, and not only waved its arms but every few minutes emitted a loud yell. "Did it scare the crows?" he asked. "Sure, the crows!" he cried. "I should say it did. Why gentlemen, that contraption skinned the crows so bad some of 'em feigned back. Ah, they had them years before." — Galt Reporter.

F. A. Stewart Jones, Charlottetown, was elected president of the Maritime Wildlife Federation at the 2nd annual meeting held on the Abegweit Ferry last night, presided over by W.A. Fox, Amherst, N.S. Other officers include B. Graham Rogers, secretary - treasurer and Harold Chew, auditor.

THE BALANCE OF NATURE

Many destructive insects, having developed resistance against poisons that formerly destroyed them, U.S. Agriculture Dept. reports that insects are being used with chemicals to sterilize them and extra-ordinary results are being reported for the sterilizing of insects.

How the insects are to be sterilized is not disclosed in the news from the American Chemical Society's national meeting, telling about the experiments. The little creatures could resist.

One would rather not be pessimistic, but it should be noted that no creatures are more clever than insects in evading our devices to be rid of them. Through the ages, many beasts and birds have become extinct especially the largest sorts, but insects of all varieties persist through countless ages and a change of environment and a climate.

It's a horror that one is stung by a mosquito for his own good, but it's undeniable that man should take care about upsetting the marvelous balance of nature. Insects and birds feed on the birds would perish, and without the birds we would be overwhelmed by insects and man's life on earth would become impossible. The best we can hope is to keep the insect population down to a degree called "pest control."

The unpleasant conjecture of some scientists is that finally the insects triumph will be the end of man's life on earth, warring against each other. The idea of the insects in the future is to keep the insect population down to a degree called "pest control."

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NOTED ARTIST Australian artist Judy Casab, winner of the top Australian award for portrait painting, has been elected a member of the British Royal Family.

DEMONSTRATIONS HELD PEMBRIDGE, Ont. (CP)—Aerial demonstrations of light aircraft were held last night to light forest fires highlighted the closing session here Monday night at a 10-day fire control conference of the Canadian Pulper and Paper Association.

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