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"The strongest military is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Tribute To APEC

If imitation be the sincerest form of flattery, then the founders of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, and all connected with its activities, can take satisfaction in the new move for regional economic co-operation which has been launched in the Prairies. Premier Manning of Alberta met with Premier Roblin of Manitoba in Winnipeg last week, and they agreed to explore the possibility of establishing a Prairie Provinces Economic Council. From Saskatchewan comes word that Premier Thatcher believes the idea "has much merit" and is ready to discuss it with the other premiers at any time. Backing for the proposal from the three premiers of different politics is a significant move in itself. There is word also that it is assured of support from opposition parties, at least in Saskatchewan where Mr. Loyd, former NDP premier, is Mr. Thatcher's provincial Conservative. Mr. Peterson, provincial Conservative leader, is openly enthusiastic. Specific proposals for a regional economic council on the Prairies were prepared by Mr. Roblin's Manitoba government back in 1959. These studies never have been released, but the Premier revealed in a speech to the Canadian Tax Foundation at the time that he was thinking of an organization modelled on APEC, which was then five years old.

The idea, reportedly, lay dormant until last week, when Premier Manning of Alberta took it up publicly. He has described it as an advisory council "to establish closer co-operation between the three Prairie provinces, and to coordinate various programs to the advantage of the whole region."

It is noted that communication between the three provinces has improved in many ways since Mr. Roblin proposed the council in 1959. Notably there are the Council of Resources Ministers, the regular premiers' meetings and increasingly frequent federal-provincial conferences.

But undoubtedly it has been the example of APEC that has given the movement its greatest impetus. Which goes to show that while we export a considerable amount of our brains to the West, we still keep a substantial part of them at home.

Mr. Deachman's Offense

Parliament has apparently dropped the question of investigating the action of Mr. Grant Deachman, the Vancouver Liberal whose signed article revealing what occurred in private flag committee sessions was published before the committee report had been given to the House last week. Mr. Deachman has made a poor job of it, and that appears to have been deemed sufficient. But more was expected from Prime Minister Pearson than merely a denial that there was any collusion between Mr. Deachman and the government in the matter.

That charge, or insinuation, was not warranted by the evidence; nor can we imagine that Mr. Pearson would give his sanction to any such breach of parliamentary ethics. Nevertheless, it was expected of him that he would speak out in condemnation of an action which involved the good faith of Liberal members and the effectiveness of the committee system. For Mr. Deachman plainly acted in defiance of the committee rule that, in the words of Mr. Herman Batten, the Liberal chairman, "we should keep

our counsel, meet in camera and have any statements made by the chairman after consultation with the other members."

In his article in the Ottawa Citizen which reached Parliament Hill 45 minutes before the House met, Mr. Deachman made this curious statement: "Here is the inside story which I am now free to tell provided I do not attribute votes or statements to individuals on the committee or reveal the confidential testimony of witnesses." Mr. Pearson should have been among the first to demand an explanation of these words.

Mr. Deachman said he would be congratulated on his article by a number of Liberal members; but that was not the way Liberals were talking after the matter came up in the Commons. "We were furious," reports one correspondent, "that he had given the Conservatives a chance to bring the issue at a time when the committee was producing a report favorable to the Government's cause." There is a point here to be clarified, as well. In the brief discussion that took place it was mentioned that the editor of The Citizen is a nephew of the Prime Minister. Here again, it would be quite unfair to construe this as a reflection on Mr. Pearson in any way; but in the circumstances one would expect that he would do more than dissociate his government from responsibility in the matter. It is regrettable that he didn't seize the opportunity of voicing his disapproval in no uncertain terms.

Also Running

Most people have forgotten that in today's U.S. election the Republicans and Democrats are not the only parties to have nominated candidates for President in the field. There is at least a dozen other contenders, each with his own panacea for the world's ills.

One of them, indeed—Homer Tomlinson—styles himself King of the World, and in expectation of an easy victory has already released a list of his cabinet. It probably surprised no one more than Cardinal Cushing of Boston to find himself elevated to this honor.

Another candidate for the White House who has failed so far to attract attention is one Emil Matalik, a Wisconsin farmer, who is seeking the presidency on what he claims to be the UN Party ticket. In a newspaper article that appears next only to the nomination of a candidate for an "entertainment offering" the Wall Street Journal in a 121-column wrap-up, Mr. Matalik outlines his policies.

"If elected President of this country," he writes, "I would push for free land for everyone, administered by a drastically strengthened United Nations. One of my major proposals is for the world to donate their land to the UN. I have offered four times to donate to the UN 20 acres I own in Wisconsin, to start the ball rolling on my free land proposal. Each time the offer has been turned down."

The UN candidate takes a dim view of all religions. "Religion," he writes, "has good facets" (7) which "I'm not against, but in religion's existence there is an evil part. I have and will exist to give people superstition, smoking, drinking, and trouble for millions of people." Bookkeeping also he places on the subversive list, along with "religions, drinking and shooting" which should be put a stop to by the John Briar Society, Ku Klux Klansmen, atheists and people suffering from "mental health."

Mr. Matalik also fears the threat of overpopulation and international drought—evils which he succeeds in linking together. "Severe droughts," he says, "can be attributed to overpopulation. The average person has also 100 lbs. of water in his body. With some three billion people on earth, there are 800 billion pounds of water walking around on earth which could go to fill reservoirs, streams and rivers."

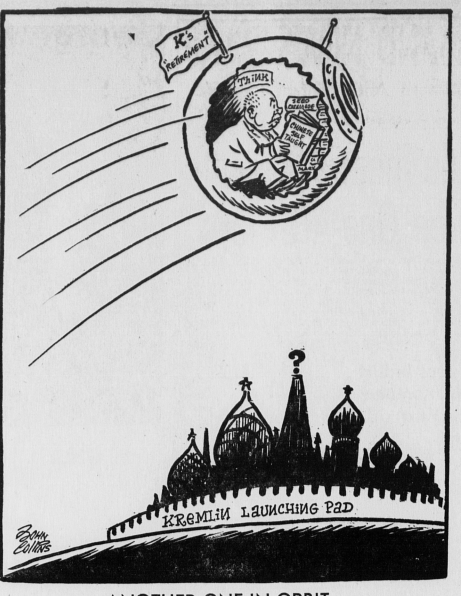
Yesterday we pictured Senator Goldwater as an undesirable presidential possibility in the contest. We still see him that way; but after reading about Mr. Matalik we've come to the conclusion that there could be even worse misfortunes attendant upon the voting.

MEN NOT NUTS AND BOLTS

The government appears to have retreated from comprehensive disarmament, a course which is unrealistic because it implies that bodies are interchangeable. As if the world were not out-and-out as World War II is considered, and a giant solder who wears the George Meade uniform knows — that men in uniform are unbalanced — and most officers cannot be switched with jet pilot, he said.

EDUCATIONAL NOTE

Even the stars in their courses are predicting a Democratic victory in today's U.S. election, according to Indian astrologers.



ANOTHER ONE IN ORBIT

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Harkness On Defense Reorganization

"The reorganization of Canada's Defence Forces" was the subject of a series of speeches which our former Defence Minister, Hon. Douglas Harkness, delivered during a recent tour of Canadian Clubs in western cities.

On his two week circuit, Colonel Harkness spoke in Winnipeg twice, in Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Regina, Medicine Hat, Vancouver, Victoria and Brandon. His audiences enjoyed an "inside Defence" view of the foreign and defence policies of Canada, and the kind of forces we need to implement them.

"Canada's defence policy for the past 15 years has been based on two major objectives," he explained. "First, to maintain peace in the world, and second, to prevent Canada, and any other free nation, from being subjugated by the communist alliance."

He went on to point out that Canada, a smaller nation, could best attain these objectives through active participation in alliances, such as the United Nations, NATO and NORAD. Through this participation, reorganization of our defence forces have been, and must be, geared to our obligations under these international alliances for self-defence.

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Ambulation After Attacks

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen For many years, victims of heart attacks were advised to refrain from driving. They were told to take it easy for an equal period at home before returning work. Three months of inactivity seemed like eternity because the majority had no pain after the first day in bed. The medical profession then found it safe to modify the initial six week period. Now, following the patient to sit in a chair and use a commode next to the bed.

A Puerto Rican heart specialist now recommends ambulation within 24 hours after the attack of coronary thrombosis, barring certain complications. The program begins with sitting up in bed, dangling the legs over the side, and then moving into a chair where he feeds himself, bathes and dresses. Included, from this point on, are more and more time is spent out of bed, walking about the house.

Dr. Andres E. Salazar believes early ambulation is a great morale booster, lasts longer in the room when the individual first gets up, to lend encouragement to the psychological support. He checks pulse, respiration, and blood pressure and inquires about chest pain. The answer to bed is the answer if irregularities are noted.

Most physicians now do not believe in 34 hours. Changes take place in the heart during the two week period after the attack. It seems advisable to minimize effort at this time. Complete healing in a 100 takes three weeks—shorter perhaps after a mild attack, longer after a moderate to severe attack. In addition, there is more recovery and to get Canadian workers back to work earlier than early ambulation. By this we mean the future diet, use of tobacco, and the avoidance of tension.

Another Year Of Trustees

Montreal Gazette

Canadians have passed the first anniversary of the most startling events in recent history. The question—was it even the forlornness—was it even the forlornness—was it even to slip by in contrast to what was happening a year ago.

For on October 23, 1983, the former government named Mr. Justice Victor Yip, attorney at law, as trustee to administer the endowment of the International Union of Canadian Workers.

The unprecedented move, which, at one time, went so far as to imperil relations between the Canadian and United States governments.

These hectic ensuing months were marked by such headline actions as the dismissal of Ha Banks from his post as president of the International Union of Canadian Workers.

The work of the trustees is still a long way from being done. The most complex and the most important of all. But they are coming long way from the wild turbulence in which they began at this time last year.

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Under the system of secret balloting on officially printed forms was adopted in South Africa last year, the same system spread to the United States and Europe.

FRUIT CLEVER

Pineapple is not a single fruit but a colony of fruit sharing a common stem.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Auto mobile manufacturers are pretty smart. They time the showing of their new models just before Christmas. They spent your money for Christmas presents, just long enough to get you to buy a new car. The federal income tax bill and have gotten you to buy a new car. This is before you have to file this year's return. — Sparta Herald.

Auto Free Trade?

London Free Press

Robert L. McNeill, an Assistant United States Trade Representative in a speech to Toronto has advocated free trade in autos and auto parts between Canada and the U.S. Since this could be construed as the U.S. administration line in the current dispute with the North American auto industry, the full reaction of the Canadian government and the automotive interests will be awaited with interest.

This apparently is the broad objective of alternatives being discussed to the Canadian export control program. The Canadian government has granted tariff rebates on automotive imports and has agreed to increase its exports over the year ending October 31, 1982.

Apparently the U.S. customs bureau at the behest of certain parts exporters is proposing a rule against the Canadian plan as an export "subsidy" which is the violation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The U.S. government is also concerned with the possibility of a program of reduced tariffs and economic integration between the two countries, a matter that is also under general discussion.

Where the Trouble Begins

Montreal Star

Mr. A.D. Dunton in a statement before the royal commission on broadcasting one of the most important of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. These were, he said, the most important of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

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No Pay, No UN Vote

Milwaukee Journal

When the United Nations assembly opens this fall—probably at a delayed session in December—some 14 nations will be in danger of losing their votes.

They are the arrears欠国 to the UN. Article 19 of the UN Charter states that any nation in arrears of its dues is not to be counted in the assembly but only by the security council.

The Soviet Union, the nation which has the largest arrears, that it will not pay the \$22,000 it owes for the peace keeping operations in the Congo at the middle east. It charges that the UN is a "tool of the West."

Ceremonial Day On The Hill

Richard Jackson in the Ottawa Journal

Here's a tale, and true, over which Parliament's hard-pressed Flag Committee, up against the approaching deadline, might mull.

It was just last month, and in the Capitol Building, Ottawa, the Railway Committee Room ready for the ceremonial signing of the Columbia River Treaty.

Signing for Canada: External Affairs Minister, Mr. Joe Clark. And for the United States: Ambassador W. Walton Butterworth.

Behind the chair that Mr. Butterworth was to occupy for the signing of the treaty, a flag was designed, was to be draped Old Glory, the Stars and Stripes.

But the flag which was to be draped on the wall behind the chair that Mr. Martin was to occupy, however, and poll watchers could tell at a glance who was voting.

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