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Federal Apportionments

As previously noted, Veterans Affairs Minister Brooks has said that the Atlantic Provinces will receive the highest federal assistance of any section of Canada in the joint Federal-Provincial National Hospital Insurance Plan.

This apportionment would seem to suggest that in the opinion of the experts, Newfoundland is the most difficult Province from the standpoint of administration and that this Province is the easiest, administratively, of the four.

This bears out a contention which has been aired in these columns on several occasions. It is, therefore, not easy to understand why no date has yet been set by our Provincial authorities for implementation of the Plan, although it was generally believed when the program was first talked about that Jan. 1, 1959, would be the probable date.

We still do not believe, however, that the 56 per cent of total cost allowed this Province is a fair apportionment. For, although administration may be less difficult than in any of the other three Provinces, our relatively small population, with a consequent higher per capita cost, will to some extent reduce that other advantage.

Freedom Of Knowledge

In a recent address, Dr. A. D. Dunton, newly-appointed President of Carleton University in Ottawa, made a point which often appears to be overlooked in discussions on educational affairs. "I think it is right to say," he stated, "that Canada stands four-square for freedom of knowledge, for the principle that we will have none of this totalitarian business of government deciding who should or should not learn what."

It is clear that in Canada—in the United States, too, although probably to a lesser extent—there are many students of outstanding ability and promise whose parents simply cannot afford to send them to university; and there is not much sense in talking about "intellectual freedom" as long as that situation exists.

Dr. Dunton suggests a wider system of national scholarships. He estimates that it would cost about another \$75 million a year to make freedom of knowledge a reality—surely a small sum, considering the effect it would have.

Mr. Diefenbaker In Asia

If Prime Minister Diefenbaker, on his tour of the Commonwealth, does nothing more than help to convince Asians that the Western Alliance has no aggressive intentions, his journey will be worthwhile. There seems to be a suspicion, especially in India and Ceylon, that the West, particularly the United States, is building up its strength to attack the Soviet Union and Communist China.

In his address before India's Parliament, Mr. Diefenbaker made the following points among others: "The relationship between Canada and the United States is sometimes clouded by disagreements. But the important thing is that these differences are settled by negotiation in a spirit of good sense."

Canadians still believe in the need to strengthen peace through collective security. NATO is not an aggressive organization, but a pooling of strength between North America and Western Europe to deter aggression by others.

In the same speech, Mr. Diefenbaker upheld the Commonwealth as "crowning proof" that the traditional barriers of race, religion, language, geography and economic interest need not divide one nation from another. He noted that it was pointless to speak of peace and freedom in Asia unless the economic needs of the people were met; and he pledged Canada's support for the economic development plans of India and other Asian members of the Commonwealth.

The warmth with which Mr. Diefenbaker is being received by the Governments and people of Commonwealth countries is an indication of the respect that Canada has built up in these far-off lands. It is also a reflection of the Prime Minister's evident sincerity and of the great contribution which he is making to Commonwealth unity.

Salt Farming

A report from Chekka, Lebanon, tells of one of the ancient industries of that land. It is salt farming. Since the time of Christ, people along a narrow strip of the Mediterranean have been scraping a living by farming salt from the sea.

"All along the coastal road," says the report, "there are tiny windmills that suck up sea water into stone slats where the water evaporates, leaving a residue of salt. After the sea water is pumped up into the 4-inch slats, it takes 15 days for the water to evaporate. A slat will yield about 20 pounds of salt every 15 days. Then it is loaded into old sacks and carried off by a donkey to town for sale".

The greatest hindrance to workers are mosquitos "which zoom all over the place". The average operator has about 40 slats, and he must work continually to mend walls, check the windmill and the water level and shovel and sack the salt. The soles of his feet become as hard as leather after years of standing in brine.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is rumored that the Federal Government is considering excise tax increases. It is always a dangerous thing to do, politically; but then, of course, there will be plenty of time to remove the added taxes before another election comes around.

Dr. Gunnar Gunderson, President of the American Medical Association, says there is some reason for suspecting that mental illness is communicable, like many physical diseases. "We know that healthy ideas can be communicated to persons in the mass and we, therefore, must suspect that sick ideas can be similarly communicated," is the way he puts it.

Here is an unusual example of a congregation's loyalty to their minister. The Rev. Benny Morris of Milwaukee was invited to a church in Arizona. His congregation, not bothering to look for a successor, decided to go with him—the whole 90 families. They sold their church and possessions, gave up their jobs and followed Mr. Morris.

According to the United States Department of Commerce, Russia was the only country to increase steel production in the first 9 months of this year. United States production fell sharply to 59 million tons from more than 87 million tons in the comparable period of 1957. Russia's production rose from about 41½ million tons to about 45 million. World-wide production declined 28 million tons below the 1957 figure of 244 million tons.

There will be no curb in Britain on immigration from other Commonwealth countries, despite recent race riots in various parts of the country. A Government spokesman told the House of Lords: "We are alive to the difficulties which are human, social and economic; but we feel that any departure from the time-honoured tradition of hospitality extended to all citizens of all Commonwealth countries would require very strong justification. We would be very reluctant indeed to see the ending of this very important tie which helps to bind the Commonwealth together".



NEW ENTRY

BROAD U.N. PROGRAM

Seven Assembly Committees

Although one might not realize it from reading newspaper stories or listening to radio commentators, the United Nations deals with a great many problems that the startling and sensational questions of high politics. The General Assembly now in session is carrying on its work in seven different committees. The first one, called the Political Committee, is dealing with disarmament, and its successes are sometimes less than overwhelming.

The Special Political Committee has dealt with questions like apartheid in the Union of South Africa, peaceful use of outer space and the Cyprus problem. All of these questions are given considerable publicity, but very little is said about the activities in the other five committees of the General Assembly.

In the Second Committee, where Canada is represented by Dr. R. P. Vivian, M.P., important economic questions are considered, and the past programme of technical assistance to which Canada is a major contributor is mapped out. The importance of technical assistance to the economically underdeveloped parts of the world can hardly be overemphasized.

In the Third Committee the representatives of the 81 nations deal with a broad range of subjects concerning human rights and fundamental freedoms, the role of women in society, the freedoms of the press, and the place of habeas corpus in the judicial system. These and a host of other important human problems are constantly under discussion and consideration. On this Third Committee Canada is represented by Mrs. W. T. Hayden of Halifax and Mr. Jean Morin of Montreal.

On the Fifth Committee, where Canada is represented by Mr. Jean Noel Tremblay, M.P., of Roberval, the emphasis is upon financial and budgetary matters. When one considers that the United Nations budget now stands at \$150 million a year, it is not hard to realize the importance of this Committee. The great expenditure in keeping the headquarters on the East River in efficient and constant operation is of itself significant, but beyond this are all the great and costly programmes carried out by the

Cyprus Problem Again

Commentators in England believe the government passed up one of its best chances of finding agreement early in October. Greece then offered to abandon its demand for enosis—union of Cyprus with Greece—in favor of independence for the island. The British didn't see this as being a significant change.

At the United Nations, Greece is pleading for support of an independent Cyprus. The British delegate said such a solution would be disastrous at present but he agreed it could be included in discussions. IRISH EXAMPLE The Turks are suspicious that independence under Greek sponsorship wouldn't be lasting and that the island would inevitably be annexed by a historic foe. But at the moment there doesn't seem any other way out. Nobody but the Greeks would like to enosis. Nobody, but the Turks would agree to partition of the island in the way that Ireland was divided. Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's partnership plan was rejected outright by the Greeks and hesitantly accepted by the Turks—perhaps because they thought they saw a hope of eventual partition—but with many reservations.

Three Newer Medical Aids

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. A new antibiotic which kills germs resistant to older "wonder drugs," a tablet for use in controlling swelling and inflammation and a drug for treating senile psychoses are for treating.

Investigators report that many persons treated successfully with the new drug had been suffering from severe infections which older antibiotics failed to cure. HALTED EPIDEMIC Kanamycin first came to public attention late last March, when it was used in an emergency to halt an epidemic of infant infections in a Houston, Texas, hospital. The drug has been undergoing tests by 50 clinical investigators for many months.

The drug tablet for use in controlling swelling and inflammation and reducing pain and speeding the healing process is Buccal Varidase. It is reported to be effective in treating swelling associated with bruises, bronchitis, abscesses, phlebitis, acne and other inflammatory conditions.

While the drug has been on the market for several years in injection form, this is the first time it is being made available as a tablet. SENILE PSYCHOSES Use of Nicotyl with Reserpine provides a highly effective treatment for senile psychoses, according to clinical and pharmacological studies. Many patients who would require institutional care can be managed at home with this new therapy.

The therapy relieves agitation, confusion, aggressiveness and restlessness. At the same time, it improves memory, behavior, sociability and even appearance and tidiness. QUESTION AND ANSWER A. E. R.: I crave chocolates and eat six a day. Are they harmful to my system? I do not have diabetes. Answer: Chocolates are a source of energy and calories. In moderation, they are a concentrated food. In excess, they may lead to overweight, with all its harmful consequences.

It is well to get most of your food calories from the standard foods. OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Nov. 28, 1933) Mr. W. L. R. Stewart of the Stewart Construction Company, Sherbrooke, P.Q., which erected the new Prince of Wales College building, is spending a few days in the City. The Company recently completed the construction at Mount Allison University, Sackville, to replace those destroyed by fire last spring.

The S.S. Siren arrived in port yesterday with a cargo of potash. MAXIMS To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming is the only end of life.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The perfect model car would have the brake pedal where it could be operated by the driver in the back seat.—Brandon Sun. During NATO manoeuvres, two warships had a minor collision. Immediately a flag signal went up on the squadron commander's ship, addressed to the skipper of the vessel at fault: "What are you going to do now?" The reply after a moment's hesitation: "Buy a small farm, sir".—Ottawa Journal.

TEN YEARS AGO (Nov. 28, 1948) A Sunday morning fire destroyed the barns of Mr. H. R. Hardy of Alma, Prince County, causing loss estimated at \$12,000. The barns were all modern with concrete floors and up-to-date equipment. It was the second heavy loss by fire suffered by Mr. Hardy. In 1947 his dwelling was destroyed, and the new house was completed only three weeks ago.

The S.S. Eidsa, a Norwegian freighter of 4,000 tons, is due to arrive in Summerside today to load potatoes for MacFarlane Produce Ltd. The ship was chartered to replace the S.S. Rita, strike-bound at Philadelphia, and will take on a cargo of 110 carloads of potatoes.

The doctor coughed tactically as he approached the patient. "I don't like to measure," he said, "but that cough gave me some back. It's funny, doctor, so has my malism."—Galt Reporter.

With every passing week comes more evidence that the most acute prophet of the twentieth century was Jules Verne's dream of a space moon.—New York Times.

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