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will consult the opposition in drafting the terms of reference.

It was at the time of the flare-up in Parliament over the case of George Victor Spencer, the Vancouver postal clerk who spied for the Russians, that the Prime Minister promised Canada's first probe into security and espionage since Gouzenko fled the Soviet embassy in Ottawa 21 years ago. That would take us back to 1945, not 1946, and it could mean resurrecting the case of E. Herbert Norman, the Canadian ambassador to Egypt who killed himself, and drawing attention again to prominent Canadians named in Washington witch-hunt probes in the 1950s. That would be quite a job in itself for the new commission, if indeed it is the intention to have it probe into this malodorous affair.

When he first announced the government's intention in this matter, Mr. Pearson intimated that a judge, likely from the Supreme Court of Canada, would head the commission and that the judge "should not be limited in any way on how far back he might wish to go." Several times since, he said that he hoped soon to announce the commission's appointment, but hadn't been able to decide definitely on the chairman.

In the opinion of the Toronto Telegram, there is no question that the Munsinger affair has been responsible in part for the delay in establishing the new commission. Justice Wishart Spence, who conducted the Munsinger probe, was blasted both inside of Parliament and out for presiding over the inquiry which required that he bring in a political decision. The government, in effect, had instructed him to inquire into the conduct of the former Conservative administration. Now that this precedent has been set, some future government could conceivably probe into the behavior of the Pearson administration.

Whatever findings are made in the prospective inquiry, it is too much to hope that they will not result in more political controversy. But the most objectionable feature of the Munsinger probe can at least be provided against. There is reassurance on this score in the promise to seek agreement in advance on the commission's terms of reference.

Democracy At Work

A disquieting thing about Tuesday's elections in the United States, says the New York Times, was the undertone of racism. In most of the South, the two parties vied with each other in their loyalty to segregation, although sometimes covertly courting Negro voters. In the North, the Republicans sought to be the chief gainers from the white backlash. In Illinois, for example, Senator Everett Dirksen, the minority leader in the Senate, took credit for killing the civil rights bill with its open-occupancy provisions. Four Republican Congressional candidates in the Chicago area appealed to a varying extent for white backlash votes. In California, Ronald Reagan, the Republican gubernatorial candidate, not only opposed federal civil rights laws but also dwelt upon the theme of "crime in the streets" which has become a kind of code for anti-Negro sentiment. And Reagan won a staggering victory over Democratic Governor Edmund Brown who was seeking a third four-year term in the most populous state of the union.

Somewhat more reassuring, however, is the comment of The Times' leading Washington correspondent, James Reston. Nobody can follow an American election, for long, Reston writes, without being both appalled by all the noise and nonsense and yet impressed that the system works as well as it does. The candidates on the whole were unimpressive, the debates boring and stale, the verbal tricks and insincerity appalling, the apathy, defeatism and fatalism of the electorate palpable. But somehow the idea of unity prevailed despite all the disparity and argument and most voters seemed to feel, probably correctly, that the present tides of policy and politics are so strong that the results will not change anything very much.

That Security Probe

Prime Minister Pearson has announced that the long-promised royal commission on national security procedures will be set up by the end of this week. He is reported as saying it will have three members and will need at least a year to investigate counter-espionage methods dating back to the Igor Gouzenko spy case of 1946. Particular attention will be given to operations of the top-secret security and intelligence branch and the security committee of deputy ministers and how they will affect individual rights. The government

EDITORIAL NOTE

While Ottawa has been delving into the grievances of consumers, Washington is at last trying to do something about them. After five years of effort, it has passed a bill to protect shoppers against unfair or deceptive methods of packaging and labeling consumer goods.



MANILA ROPE TRICK

KNOCKING IT OUT Death Blow To The Royal Canadian Navy

Defence Minister Hellyer's plan in a bill before Parliament, to combine the three branches of the armed national defence means a death blow to the Royal Canadian Navy and the strangulation of great seagoing traditions. The only things to be left of the armed defence afloat apparently will be a few ships. Navy ranks and designations will be wiped out as if they never had existed. Admirals will be abolished as if only fit for jolly remembrance in the songs of a Gilbert and Sullivan opera - H.M.S. Pinfere. Instead, we shall have generals, colonels, majors, etc. to command the operations of ships. Land force ideas will be supreme, at the dictation of Mr. Hellyer and his spineless Liberal rubber-stamp boys. Canadian youths no longer will have a free choice as to which branch of the defence in which they want to serve. They will be recruited to serve in a single service and go where they are sent. One of the distinguishing features of the Navy all along has been that it attracted young men whose natural inclination was towards the sea and ships. In most instances it amounted to affinity and it was rather glorious it was their own free choice.

A HEALTHY FEELING In this, pride and patriotism were combined, and it contributed to a healthy feeling of rivalry with the Army in which were elements of sportsmanship. Both forces have been the better for it. To question Mr. Hellyer's motives may seem unfair and he unfair, for he is not an honourable man? The impression here is that he should subject himself to impression here is that he hates the Royal Canadian Navy, and all its works, admirals in particular. He hasn't suggested doing away with ships, but one has a notion he would abolish the ocean were it within his mundane power to do so. He may regard ships as a necessary nuisance. Some must be retained but he is talking steps to make them seem of the least possible importance. To Mr. Hellyer the army idea must be all-prevailing, and the same design of uniform be worn on land and sea and in the air. Men now in the various uniform of the nation's defence know better than to speak out against the Hellyer scheme, this is to say if they wish to continue to serve their country in their present means of livelihood. They have only two choices: either to accept it or get out. Numbers have been getting out.

Our Yesterdays (From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (November 10, 1941) Prime Minister Churchill gave Britain the long-awaited news that the Royal Air Force now "is at least equal in size and number, not to speak of quality, to the German air power." Mr. Churchill, solemnly warned that war may soon engulf the last quarter of the world, renewed Britain's pledge to the United States that Japanese aggression against America would find Britain at the side of her trans-Atlantic ally "within the hour."

We're The Uncanny Sort

Christian Science Monitor We are supposed to be fascinated with the newest trends in canning. We are told that the country is going wild over canned socks, dresses, shirts, ties, sweaters, and so on. But, strange though it may seem, we find it hard to work up much enthusiasm. Our friends tell us we'd probably feel differently if only we owned an electric can opener. But somehow we doubt it. When it comes to packaging, we just can't seem to get with it. We know we are supposed to value the container far more than the contents and that all the labor that has gone into the packaging should govern our selection. Yet we don't. And it doesn't. If the clerk drops our socks into a paper sack or places our tie in an oblong box, we are content. The thought that they have

Protests against the scheme naturally have come in the main from navy men either after or just after being kicked out of the service. The Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force have little to lose by it. Almost EVERYTHING The Navy is on the skids to lose almost everything it has held and stood for in pride and distinction. Perhaps, Mr. Hellyer is not too worried. He may believe that the glorious record of the Royal Canadian Navy has failed to touch deeply the hearts of a population that, in the main, lives far removed from the sea. He may console himself with the notion that Canada is a country of landlubbers. Is this a just estimation? The admirals have dubbed the Hellyer scheme as change for the sake of change, stupid and a serious mistake. It seems that, with Liberal connivance in a government bill, we are to have a single uniform and single rank military structure massively distinguished by monotony. In the view here it is tragic.

The Sitting Members

Vancover Sun The Commons transportation committee won't get much sympathy from the delegation it stood up when it couldn't raise a quorum. The delegates from the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture, in the capital to present a brief concerning the proposed new transportation bill, are in an occupation that puts a rather higher premium on attendance than do some parliamentarians. Milk cows can't wait for the farmer's leisurely return from a four-day weekend. But neither, one would imagine, can the massive and urgently-needed overhaul of Canada's transportation industry. That's some cow. Members of Commons tend to become touchy when their absenteeism is criticized. It looks bad, of course, when important committees, and even Commons itself, cannot proceed because not enough \$18,000-a-year M.P.s turn up to make the lenient quorum. The performance of the chronic no-shows reflects unfavorably and unfairly on members who have a legitimate reason for absence and those whose attendance records are beyond censure - such as Grant Deachman who, as acting chairman of the transport committee, had the embarrassing task of telling the farm delegation to come back some other time. Still, falling an epidemic. It should be possible for members to drag themselves to the duty for which they, in the name of the Canadian taxpayer, have so handsomely rewarded themselves. While it may do no irreparable harm for a farm delegation from the west coast to cool its heels, a bill as encompassing as C231, which among many things would give the railways unprecedented powers to run an economic operation, needs the most diligent attention it can get. The B.C. farmers would perform a service if they could convince the Commons' truants that there is nothing shameful in acquiring an honest callous.

Poets And Bathtubs

Brandon Expositor According to a leading Hungarian writer, the bathtub and the automobile are largely responsible for divisions in humanity. Gyula Ilves told a gathering of fellow-poets in Budapest recently that these two adjuncts of modern civilization had caused more estrangement between human beings than the destructive invasions of the barbarians. Why the bathtub should be regarded as a 20th century watershed is not clear from the poet's remarks. Mankind has always been divided into the washed and the unwashed, among which are numbered in the latter category some modern poets. Mr. Ilves is wet behind the ears if he thinks that present

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Christian Science Monitor not been sealed in tin leaves us with no special feeling of deprivation. We see only one way that the canners might win us over. Should paper clothing catch on and sweep the market, we could be persuaded to turn to canned wear. We don't think we'd ever grow accustomed to paper wrap ped in paper. But by then someone will surely have thought of wrapping paper dresses in cotton or wool containers and tin will have lost out. At that point we may have to reverse our stand and admit that the package is indeed more valuable than the packaged. When we can wear the container and discard the content, our conversion will be complete. THEY LOSE THE SNACK If wild snakes are disturbed while eating in a zoo, they may not eat again for months.

Warnings And Drugs

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen The Federal Food and Drugs Act laws are intended to protect the public but they cannot change human nature. Many people refuse to read the label or follow instructions. In other words, you can lead a horse to water but you cannot make him drink. Through careless use, drugs and cosmetics are misused or overused. Modern drugs are powerful and it is important to know their side reactions as well as their benefits. The physician knows that one in 10 of his patients might become drowsy after taking medicine A. He cannot predict which person will have a reaction so he warns all of the possibility. Nowadays he spends considerable time discussing adverse side effects.

Some warnings may sound ridiculous. When the psychic energizer known as monamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitor is prescribed, the patient is told to avoid cheese. This food contains tyramine that raises blood pressure levels except when prevented by our normal supply of MAO. But when an MAO inhibitor is taken, the tyramine can raise the blood pressure to dangerous levels. The thiazide diuretics are widely prescribed for the treatment of hypertension and dropsy. One side effect is a loss of potassium, leading to apathy, drowsiness, and extreme weakness to the point of paralysis. This is overcome by eating potassium-rich foods or taking a drug containing potassium. The thiazides also raise the level of gout-producing uric acid in a high percentage. But despite this phenomenon, not many of the users develop joint pain.

Large amounts of licorice also may bring on potassium depletion with acute, rapidly progressive muscle weakness. Licorice lovers who are taking a thiazide product cannot have their candy and diuretic too. Warnings are useless when an undiscovered sensitivity to a drug exists. SENSITIVE TO SUN B. K. writes: Why is it that only my face is affected by exposure to sun? It swells until I look moon-faced. REPLY This reaction is unusual but there is no doubt that your skin is sensitive to sunshine. You may be using make-up or perfume that contains ingredients which photosensitize your face to ultraviolet rays. In any case, you should do everything to protect your head from the sun, including the wearing of a wide-brimmed hat and the use of filtering creams.

MOUTH CRACKS A 76-year-old reader writes: The corners of my mouth crack and sore. I have always been healthy. Vitamin B does not help and zinc oxide is of no value. REPLY This may be due to excess sagging of the skin at the angle of the mouth, poor fitting dentures, or excess salivation. Licking the lips also may be the cause. The corticosteroids or Amphothercin B may be helpful.

FOOD PHASES A mother writes: My seven-year-old son eats catsup at every meal. He even puts it on toast. Is this harmful? REPLY No. Next year he may switch to peanut butter or raspberry jam. Many children go through these phases and, to my knowledge, there is no adequate explanation.

New Arab Agreement

Canadian Press Staff Writer The renewal of official friendship between Syria and Egypt, through agreement for mutual defence and co-operation, is bound to be a watchful, cautious relationship. The joint pledge in Cairo Monday to make the two Arab states "a single force" is furtherance of common aims has been greeted calmly by foreign diplomats and by Israeli officials attuned to catch any threatening shift in Arab policies. Paradoxically, the agreement between President Nasser of Egypt and Syrian Premier Youssef Zayyan - seconded verbally, though not formally, in a radio pronouncement by Iraq's President Abdel Rahman Aref - emphasizes the repeated failure of the Arab countries to develop a united military and political front.

IS A PAPER FACT The new pact recalls a 1955 defence alliance between Egypt and Syria, which led to political union in the United Arab Republic in 1958. But that union collapsed in 1961. The new defence agreement likewise shows that the United Arab Command, embracing Egypt, Syria and Iraq, is merely a paper pact. Nasser, who never has previously shown much sympathy for the radical Baath Socialists governing Syria, is certain to tread carefully lest his official friends in Damascus drag him into unwanted political or military entanglements. The Zayyan regime, which came to power in a coup nine months ago and has been threatened by counter-revolution, officially encourages Arab commando raids against Israel and is recruiting a people's army to recover Palestine by guerrilla action. Despite the new defence agreement, Egypt is unlikely to be drawn into any fight started by Syria. Nasser may even act to restrain Syria, through an alliance pointedly described in Cairo as a protective defence pact.

OTHER PROBLEMS Nasser, who is on record as saying the time is not ripe for the promised Arab recovery of Palestine, is preoccupied elsewhere. Egypt has been seeking postponement of debt payments in the face of a foreign exchange shortage. Creditors are unlikely to be sympathetic to a government that expands military commitments on the Israeli frontier. The United States has reduced Egyptian aid to a trickle, partly because of objections to the Yemen involvement. On the surface, Egypt has little to gain from entering into an alliance that will lend prestige and perhaps stability to the shaky Syrian regime. Some Western diplomats believe Russia, a stalwart supporter of the Zayyan government, persuaded Nasser to give the Syrians at least a superficial boost in return for continued Soviet economic assistance.

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