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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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No Time For Politics

We republish today from the Halifax Chronicle-Herald the reaction of that newspaper to the resolution passed by the National Liberal Advisory Council, "wholeheartedly" pledging the party to "work militantly" for early construction of the Chignecto Canal.

That, precisely, is the objection that we have taken, at a time when the final survey report on our cause-way project is being awaited. According to our Halifax contemporary, the latest Ottawa guess of the canal costs would be \$140,000,000 or more, "and the danger is not only that money will be wasted, but that other developments which will return more to the economy of this area will be further delayed or rejected completely."

Knowing the attitude of our provincial Liberal leader, Mr. Matheson, toward both projects, we have come to the conclusion that he could not possibly have been aware of what was going on at the Liberal meeting when this torpedo was fired. Unfortunately, however, he should have known, for he was there for that purpose. He has been trying to excuse it as best he can, and this is only compounding the blunder. We suggest that he forget party loyalties and purge himself of all responsibility for this wretched resolution. We need his voice in condemning it. It was a sneak attack that caught our Island Liberal lookouts asleep at their posts; let it go at that.

Now that we've been hit amidst-ships by this canal projectile, it's a case of all hands on deck. Our former Liberal skipper and his mates can do more by manning the pumps than by poohooing the danger, for we are still far from port and the water is seeping in. It's a grand ship if we can save it, and we are all in it together. So, if there is a chew of tobacco among the crew (as R.L. Stevenson used to say) for goodness' sake pass it round and let us get to work!

Seeks Welfare Inquiry

Social welfare has now become a major concern of government, and it may well be that a royal commission inquiry would be of value in getting the whole picture into perspective. This has been suggested in a brief presented this week to the federal cabinet by the Canadian Welfare Council.

Like those of most western nations, says the brief, Canada's social security programs have so far "developed on a piecemeal basis as particular needs have gained urgency or recognition at different times." As a result, "certain elements which should have a place in a comprehensive social security system have received insufficient recognition or have been ignored entirely."

The Council cites three examples: a cash sickness benefit program that would provide some income when people are off the payroll because of illness; a contributory or flat rate benefit program for dependent survivors (now only partially covered by the provincial mothers' allowances programs on a means test basis); and "universally available financial assistance to all persons 65 or over who need supplementation of their present old age assistance or pension benefits."

Another result of "the piecemeal program is that some individuals or groups may receive higher benefits

or better services than others because they qualify under different programs or live in different localities rather than because of significant differences in their economic or social needs.

The brief points out that total Canadian public welfare expenditures in 1958-59 are estimated at 2.2 billion dollars of which 92 per cent of 2.04 billion dollars went into income maintenance programs. Indeed, roughly three dollars out of every four went for the three federal programs of old age security, family allowances and unemployment insurance.

The size of the total welfare expenditure certainly underlines the need for an assessment in establishing priorities for further additions to the program. A commission inquiry might, too, be of benefit in removing the issue from the field of partisan politics, and placing it on a less controversial level.

Right, Or Wrong?

According to a McGill University physiology professor, cheating on day-to-day assignments is well organized by student fraternities and exists in every Canadian university. The subject came up on a television program, and the professor said he agreed with a quotation that organized cheating is part of student culture. "It doesn't," he added, "affect examinations." Faculty members didn't worry because it was part of the game for students to see how much they can get away with; but it could be the student's own misfortune if he cheated a great deal.

We suppose this kind of talk is to be expected after the TV quiz show revelations, but frankly we think it a slur on the Canadian student body generally. If not, then it is time that faculty members did do a little worrying about it. It is their business to teach students that it is not "part of the game to see how much they can get away with." If education doesn't disabuse a student's mind of that fallacy, it hasn't done much to make him a useful citizen, let alone an educated one.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Europe's worst storm in 23 years has caused great havoc at sea. It's fury abated on Thursday night after claiming at least 109 lives and sending at least seven ships to the bottom. Several other ships are reported missing.

As a precedent for crushing the Hungarian revolt by Soviet armed might, Premier Khrushchev has gone back to Czar Nicholas I, whose intervention wiped out the freedom won from Austria by Hungary in 1848. Since the Communists came to power by wiping out the Czars, we don't see much point in this example.

"Pat", Edinburgh University's artificial talker, can now speak Swedish, Polish, Spanish, and a Burmese dialect, Kareeni, as well as many other languages. This amazing machine creates synthetic speech by generating pulses, corresponding to the sound made by the vocal chords—the pulses being modified by electrical circuits to simulate the action of the human vocal apparatus. We notice they don't mention Gaelic among Pat's accomplishments.

The management of the Royal Bank of Canada is to be congratulated upon the fine new premises it has erected on its old site in Charlotte-town. The space problem has been met by an ingenious three-in-one floor plan which provides the most modern accommodation for clients, while the exterior has been improved tremendously. Visitors yesterday were both pleased and impressed, and there is no question that the new building will be a great asset to the business community.

The importance to Canada of Britain's food market is accentuated by the continuing decrease in farm land there. According to a recent government statement, Britain has lost 1,500,000 acres of farm land to other uses in the past 20 years and expects to lose a further 1,000,000 acres in the next decade. About one-third of the lost land has been used for defense purposes, mainly airfields; another third has been gobbled up by new buildings and roads; and most of the remaining third has been given over to forestry.



SEATS OF THE FATHERS

HALIFAX REACTION

Reckless Politicking

One of the principal plagues of politics is the practice, in which both leaders and rank-and-file followers indulge with great abandon, of making promises and proclaiming policies with no more basis than the mere hope of gaining a few extra votes.

The majority of delegates to the National Liberal Advisory Council meeting in Ottawa this week seemed to be once more engaging in such recklessness when they adopted a resolution "wholeheartedly" pledging the party to the long-considered Chignecto Canal and stating that it would "work militantly" for its early construction. There were no "ifs" or "buts" about it this time.

This despite the appeals by one of the Liberal hierarchy and former Minister of Transport, Hon. George Marler, that they consider the proposal with caution because of the estimated cost that would be involved and the danger of committing the Liberals to giving it precedence over other projects.

U.S. Aid To India

President Eisenhower has made it amply clear that the United States is ready to give military aid to India should that country need any in its border dispute with Communist China.

Although official confirmation of that point was hardly needed, Eisenhower left no doubts about the U.S. stand when he told the Indian Parliament that the "great military might" of the U.S. is ready to help "our friends and allies... for defensive purposes only."

Since he started his 11-country tour in Italy, Eisenhower has said repeatedly and emphatically that international disputes should be settled under conference tables—the same thing Prime Minister Nehru has been saying since the Chinese border crisis erupted.

Backs Both Sides Thus, in one neat diplomatic package, Eisenhower has wrapped up moral support for Nehru's persistent Pacific policies and promise of more practical support—should it be needed—to Nehru and those Indians who are calling for a tougher approach to Red China.

But having accomplished that, there appears to be little else Eisenhower can do in the dispute as long as the status quo is maintained.

There is plenty of room, however, for both Eisenhower and Nehru to manoeuvre around what observers have rated as the second most important problem the two leaders will discuss during their private talks—India's economic growth.

And second-most important or not, it is in this sphere that Eisenhower has his best chance to win India's friendship on a long-term basis. Since gaining its independence in 1947, India has undertaken one of the most remarkable economic struggles of modern times, that of raising the standard of living of 400,000,000 people from near-starvation wretchedness to that associated with any modern Western civilization.

Twin Births Not Uncommon

By Herman N. Sundesen, M.D. THE BIRTH of twins shouldn't surprise any mother these days. As a rule, she will know long before the birth whether she will have one, two or more babies.

Twins occur approximately once in every 86 pregnancies. Triplets and quadruplets occur much less frequently.

Two Heartbeats Most obstetricians or general practitioners are able to hear two separate heartbeats or feel two separate babies as he examines the mother's abdomen.

When the doctor is in doubt, he can x-ray the mother after the fourth month of pregnancy to make sure. An x-ray will show how many bodies are present.

Won't Tell Sex It won't, however, tell you what sex the baby will be, since it merely shows the baby's bone structure.

How Twins Develop We believe that twins develop in such cases because one ovary happens to release two female cells at once or because both ovaries release one cell at the same time.

Each fraternal type twin has its own bag of waters and placenta. These twins probably will be no more alike than any other brothers and sisters.

Identical Twins Identical twins, on the other hand, are always of the same sex and look so much alike that it is difficult to tell them apart.

Same Placenta Although these babies are attached to the same placenta, they usually have separate bags of waters and separate umbilical cords.

Question And Answer Mrs. E. B. H.: I am 52 years old and still menstruate. Is there a chance of my becoming pregnant?

Answer: As long as you continue to menstruate, there is a definite possibility of your becoming pregnant, regardless of your age.

Ten Years Ago Major J.T. Davies was elected president of the Garrison Officers' Mess at the annual meeting held in the mess last evening.

RCMP. Sleigh tracks were noticed leading to the shed and there was evidence that the pups had been killed before they were removed from the premises.

The Summerside Town Council passed the matter of the proposed new artificial ice rink and community centre to the Citizens' Ways and Means Committee at the regular meeting of the Town Council last night.

Present Petition Toronto (CP) — Six members of the University of Toronto committee for nuclear disarmament will meet Prime Minister Diefenbaker in Ottawa Monday.

Fred J. Lockerbee of Hamilton had six valuable silver fox pups taken from his ranch some time during Tuesday night.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Air travel is so rapid now that you can fly to some place and back in so short a time that you might as well have stayed at home. — Woodstock Sentinel-Review

One of the Russian embassy staff in Canberra has finally laid that tedious Stalinist ghost—that the Russians were so gifted with inventiveness they thought of everything before the west. He admitted freely that the most successful inventor in the Soviet Union today was one Reguspatoff (Reg. U.S. Pat. Off.)—Manchester Guardian

The foundations for the new Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth will be dug early in the Spring of 1960. Dr. S. Colbi, of the Christian Affairs Division in the Israeli Ministry for Religious Affairs, has announced. The Basilica, which will take more than two years to build, will be one of the highest in the Middle East.

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China And Disarmament

Globe and Mail, Toronto

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey is clearly correct when he says that China must be included in any major disarmament pact. As he explained in a speech at New Haven on Sunday: "Without China in an arms control agreement affecting Asia, the entire power balance of the world could be dangerously upset."

The United States and its allies may be able to reach limited agreements with Russia on armaments in Europe at the forthcoming Summit Conference. They cannot, however, consider any scheme for general disarmament while an expansionist China remains free to build military strength.

Senator Humphrey suggests that it will take the "combined persuasiveness" of the U.S. and Russia to "impress on China the need to forego plans of aggression and defiance of the international community" — in other words, to agree to disarm. No doubt he is right, but it is difficult to see how the U.S. can be persuasive while she refuses to have any contact at all with her mighty neighbor across the Pacific.

Formidable Reality Ontario Hydro Chairman James S. Duncan dealt with this problem of contacts between the U.S. and China when he addressed the City Club of Cleveland, on Saturday. "The formidable reality of Red China cannot be indefinitely ignored," he said. "Operating, therefore, from her position of strength (and her strength in the Pacific is still unquestioned), the United States should embark in all sincerity upon a policy of rapprochement with China, carrying with it no immediate recognition but acknowledgment and respect for China's position as a great world power."

Mr. Duncan set out some practical steps which the U.S. can take to establish a new relationship with China. There should be the fullest exchange of visitors between the two countries, a

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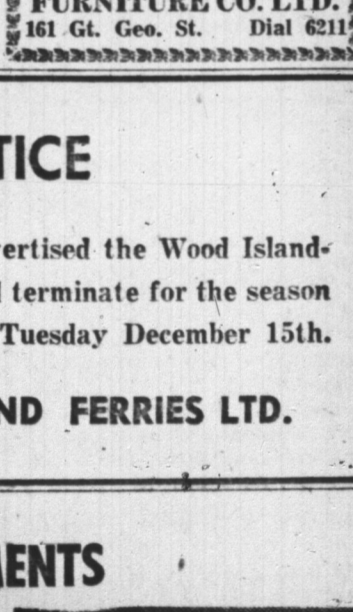
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