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Mr. Balcer's Assurances

In extending a welcome to Transport Minister Balcer we expressed the hope that he would tell us frankly about our prospects for another rail carrying ice breaker for the Borden-Tormentine service pending construction of the causeway, and also about his department's attitude toward its responsibility for maintaining this service at all times, regardless of any tieup resulting from a railway strike. Mr. Balcer made reference to both these matters in his speech at Abrams Village on Wednesday, and we appreciate the concern he showed on both counts.

We could, however, have hoped for something more explicit with regard to the new ferry, which he stated was under consideration, and with regard to which action would soon be taken. We respectfully point out that there is little excuse for further delay in starting work on this boat if it is to be of any use to us at all. It will probably take a couple of years to build, and time is a very important factor in the case. Will it be necessary to draft new plans for the boat, and if so, how long would this take? Surely a fuller report on just how much consideration this request of our Legislature has received, and how soon we may expect the work to start, should be forthcoming. Our winter service is far too important to be dependent any longer than there are no alternatives.

With regard to a railway strike, Mr. Balcer gave the assurance that before such a strike could materialize the government would call in the union and the railway management and tell them to keep the ferries going. This, as we interpret it, implies a clear-cut recognition of government responsibility, and that is something we have been asking for these many months. We don't care what parties the government calls in, so long as it realizes that it can't shift the onus for a decision in this matter on anyone else.

The difficulties between the Canadian National Railways and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen have now been settled. There will be no strike this time. But we take it that Mr. Balcer's assurance goes beyond that. It is a statement of policy applicable to any future emergency of this kind that may arise, and it leaves us free of any further concern in the matter of our right to uninterrupted ferry service. We thank the Minister for giving us this statement, and we can assure him that we shall not forget it.

Eichmann Hanged

The death sentence imposed on Adolf Eichmann for his part in the Nazi massacres of European Jews during the Second World War has been carried out. This, in the circumstances, was to be expected. A presidential reprieve from the Israeli court's decision would have run counter to popular feeling, and would seem a flagrant miscarriage of justice. Yet in view of the enormity of the crimes charged against Eichmann—the extermination of millions of human beings—what conceivable penalty could be adequate?

The trial of this man was the thing which really counted, for it involved a great deal more than the watched creature in the dock. It dragged on for four months, exposing all the horrors of a regime built on hatred and persecution. Israel's avowed purpose was to document

completely, while records and witnesses could still be had, just how monstrous and barbarous Hitler's pogrom was, to teach for all time its ghastly moral.

One target was Israel's own post-war generation, who had not themselves been human cattle in Hitler's grisly stockyards. It suited the national purpose of a Jewish state to paint the picture raw to its own people, and it took the machinery of law to impress belief in the unbelievable.

Another target was Germany's post-war generation, to make sure that they, too, gained full grasp of the enormities of Nazism and German master racism. The effect there seems to have been all that could be hoped; the West German government and press brought the whole story home in detail and open shame.

But, as the Milwaukee Journal pointed out at the time, the target was all humanity, too. And not only to assuage Israel's distress that the world had seemed too readily to forget how near to the surface of human nature savagery lies. The crime was against humanity itself, and nobody anywhere can quite wash from his hands the stain of it. Even Eichmann's own plea, that a man can find himself a cog in a machine of madness and power lust, his conscience chained and helpless, warns all men everywhere.

The trial having served these purposes, what happened to Eichmann himself was comparatively unimportant. But one could wish, for Israel's sake, that a more inspired way than by the gallows had been found of closing the tragic record.

Resless Bedfellows

The economic dislocation which began in the Communist world with crop failures in Communist China appears to be manifesting itself in Europe as well. Latest evidence of this is the request from the East German Government of Walter Ulbricht to the West German Government of Konrad Adenauer for a five-year loan of some \$600,000,000.

East Germany is the last Communist country one would expect to admit its difficulties by asking for a loan from West Germany. It is the Stalinist of the lot, and it has been seeking to prove its economic independence from the West, that it possessed a better way toward the good things of life.

Never since the Communist revolution have the contrasting records of the two systems produced such a poor advertisement for Communism. As for China, its relations with the Soviet Union have been aptly summed up by a writer in the Christian Science Monitor, who terms them the strangest bedfellows that ever were. "They do not," he says, "fit well into their bed; they do not lie comfortably in it; they cannot sleep quietly, and their turning and tossing may sometimes lead to their shouting at each other. Each may dream of pushing the other out. But it is the only bed they have and they must make the best of it until one of two things will happen: that they can find a better arrangement or that the bed collapses under them."

EDITORIAL NOTES

United States Commerce Secretary Hodges told a startled post office and civil service committee last week that there were too many employees with non-essential jobs in his department. Fancy anyone hearing anything like that from a Canadian politician!

Ancient history is not as dead as bored students often think it is. Footnotes are continually being added to its pages. The wrecks of several triremes believed to have been used by Alexander the Great in his siege of Tyre in 332 B.C., for example, have just been found on the seabed off the coast of Lebanon.

In his efforts to attract more passenger travel to its lines the Canadian National Railways is launching a new scheme, effective today. It is a novel plan of tickets-by-mail in response to phone calls or letters from prospective travellers desiring to secure the transportation without going to the ticket office. Enterprise of this kind is to be commended, and we trust, as in the case of the cut rates introduced earlier in the season, that the results will prove more than satisfactory.



NOT CATCHING ON EVERYWHERE

THE LAW AND THAILAND

Token Forces For Southeast Asia

The British, Australian and New Zealand governments, as well as the United States Government, are sending forces to Thailand at the invitation of the Thai Government. The forces are not large. They are being referred to as "token forces". And, indeed, that is what they are. They are a double token. A token of solidarity with a friend and ally in Southeast Asia. A token too, of political approval and support for the action already taken by the United States.

This action has already been violently denounced in Communist "national" countries on two grounds. The first is the allegation that it is the prelude to "armed intervention" in Laos. The Soviet press describes it as preparation for a "dangerous intervention against the people of Laos, who are fighting for their national liberation and independence". The second, that it is an attempt to rivet colonialism on the people of Thailand.

While many Britons laughed at Walter's cartoon in The Daily Sketch, the punch-line left an annoyed impression. The absurdity is too close to the truth. Industrial relations in Britain's car industry are approaching a total breakdown at a time when manufacturers are geared for vital expansion and hard-earned export orders are beginning to flood in.

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Africa's Ivory Coast

National Geographic Society

Felix Houphouët-Boigny, president of the Republic of the Ivory Coast, is turning his country from mango to manufacture. Mr. Houphouët-Boigny, currently visiting the United States, is familiar with both the prime that meet in his country. He is a former trial chemist who has worked in a laboratory class from the medical school at Dakar, Senegal. Ironically, he has been a member of the Ivory Coast's cabinet since he was a doctor in the forest of the interior, where he used to hunt for ivory.

Early history of the Ivory Coast is obscure. Its inhabitants have no written left only legends. Because of its high level of coast and jungle, it was assimilated into Arab Africa. European merchants may have touched the coast in 1482, but by the end of the 16th century the coast was ruled by a succession of sultans who were looking for slaves and ivory.

Beginning in 1842 France made a series of treaties with well-established native monarchies, and gradually the country came under French control. The Ivory Coast gained independence in August, 1960. Through the years it has not disappeared, craftsmen continue to carve the ivory. Ivory carvers have the ancient name.

Rough, Dry Skin Often Inherited

By Dr. Theodor B. Van Dellen ICHTYOSIS is a hereditary condition in which the skin is rough and dry and appears to be covered by fish scales. Dryness and itching are the usual complaints. The most serious aspects also are bothersome until the individual learns to live with the condition.

A mother wrote us that her two boys "have to wear long sleeves and pants to keep their scaly places on their arm that look like shoe leather." We made a few suggestions for the care of the skin. The sweat and oil producing glands are less active than normal in this condition. The individual is more uncomfortable in the winter because the skin becomes unusually dry and is easily irritated. Improvement is to be expected in the summer.

In response to the item, an Oak Park, Ill. woman writes: "I was born with this condition. It was worse in my sister, and having lived with the situation some 40 odd years, we consider ourselves somewhat of an authority. We feel fortunate, however, in being able to use creams and cosmetics more freely than our condition would permit."

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A mother of four, who has two sons with the condition, writes: "We have noticed that it goes away completely in the summer. My advice is to be natural about the skin and not fuss. It makes the boys nervous and the condition worse. I asked the older boy, who is in high school, whether the students in the locker room said anything about his skin. He claims they don't even notice it."

"Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanied by return address. SEVERITY OF HEART ATTACKS M. C. writes: Two of my brothers died with their first heart attacks. My father died after his second. Can a person have two or more heart attacks at the same time? I have chokes every day? What makes the difference?"

Yes. Some people survive 10 attacks and continue to work hard. The coronary arteries have thousands of branches. Obstruction of a small branch is not as serious as blockage of a large or main branch, yet both are considered heart attacks.

HYPERTENSION REMEDIES L. C. writes: After high blood pressure is reduced with a medicine, must it be taken for life? Yes. Unless a person is given a temporary condition. So many remedies are available for this condition that the patient may be able to prevent the development of tolerance for any one medicine. Others suggest a vacation from drugs from time to time to reduce the dosage.

ANEMIA AND LEUKEMIA D. M. writes: Can anemia turn to leukemia if it isn't taken care of? No, but many victims of leukemia also develop anemia.

Today's Health Hint—With alcohol, sit up unless you feel faint.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Laber-sharing has cut the work day for India's civil servants to 2 1/2 hours, with resulting "underemployment." Just when you think the ideal in human effort has been achieved it turns out to be something else. — Windsor Star.

Moon Madness

trapped into marriage, or a fate worse than marriage, by the subtle glow of the moon. Perhaps, when man finally reaches the moon, he can find the answer to his feverish impact on human emotion. Or perhaps he will be able to debunk it, shattering the age-old belief as only a fragment of the human imagination.

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OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Garden Files)

Twenty-five years ago (June 1, 1937) Mrs. Nicholson, wife of Rev. J.W.A. Nicholson, North Bayshore, donated some flowers for the adornment of "The Island at Bead's Corner" a quarter of an acre of land which stands the noon sign, directing tourists to Summerville. "The Island" was a quarter of an acre and it is the intention of the authorities to plant flowers as a memorial.

A three-hour fire caused approximately \$300,000 damage in the western section of Souris yesterday. A three story building at Bead's Corner, a quarter of an acre of land which stands the noon sign, directing tourists to Summerville. "The Island" was a quarter of an acre and it is the intention of the authorities to plant flowers as a memorial.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 1, 1952) Dr. Robert G.D. Steele, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. Douglas Steele of Charlottetown last graduate of Prince of Wales College, has recently been appointed Associate Professor of Biological Statistics at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. Dr. Steele, during the last two years has been a member of the staff of the University of Wisconsin.

Officials of the unemployment insurance commission in Summerside said yesterday that during the past eight days about 20 men were hired by the representative of Drake Merritt Corporation who have been in Summerside for the last two years to go to Labrador on a construction project. The men selected were from the Summerside area and all have been passed a physically fit.

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