

The abuse of the property vote in the last provincial election is the subject of widespread complaint. Premier Shaw himself is authority for the statement that one man polled this vote in a First Queens riding on the strength of having a plot of ground in a cemetery. He did not think it was "legal," because the money turned over to the cemetery organization was for perpetual care—it did not involve actual ownership.

The Premier said he knew of two other men who had voted twice in the same electoral district—which also was illegal. There have been other stories, equally discreditable to a system which lacks proper safeguards against barefaced exploitation of the franchise.

The whole principle of multiple voting is unsound. This is a matter which should have been tackled at the last legislative session, when the DesRoches Commission on Electoral Reform made its report. That the report was submitted in the dying days of the session was the excuse given for sidetracking it. There will be no excuse when the House meets again, and we shall expect this matter to figure prominently in the Speech from the Throne on that occasion.

As noted in these columns during the recent campaign, the DesRoches Commission did not, in its majority report, find for complete abolition of multiple voting. It did, however, recommend that it be exercised only once in every election by one voter, and then only with respect to property of a minimum value of \$1,000, situated either in the electoral district in which the voter resides or in a district immediately adjoining.

It is a moot question whether the majority report went far enough. However, its proposal would eliminate the scandals abuses about which we are now hearing, and which we are a disgrace to any democratic community. It is probably too late to do anything about the farcical incidents reported in connection with the December 10 election, unless action is instituted by individual candidates; but at least we can insure that they will not happen again.

Dr. Sen's Warning

Amid the bustle of our own affairs at this pre-Christmas season, perhaps we haven't time to ponder the significance of some remarks made recently by Dr. B. R. Sen, the director general of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization. But whether we give thought to them or not, his statements are on record, and they constitute about as damning an indictment of our modern civilization as we have seen anywhere.

Briefly, it is Dr. Sen's contention that "never before in the history of mankind have so many people been subjected to so much undernourishment." How can this be? Hasn't technology and science led the way to higher food production, better use of food and means of preserving it? Oh yes; quite true.

The nations which use the new techniques—and develop them—have attained higher standards of living. Their people as a result of better nutrition attain health, a longer life, resistance to disease, and all that. Fewer people are required

to feed these nations, opening the door to still greater industrial and scientific development. All very wonderful, as far as it goes.

But these improvements have come almost solely in the countries of Europe, North America and Oceania. Asia, Africa and Latin America, except where outside development has concentrated on specific crops for export, have remained far behind and the gap between rich and poor is actually growing. Dr. Sen estimates that 15 per cent of the world's population, some 800 to 500 million people, go hungry; another billion suffer from malnutrition.

As recently as 150 years ago there was little difference in the foods of various nations. Most diets were based on cereal grains like wheat, barley, maize or rice. The great masses of the people on the land were subsistence farmers, exposed to the ancient risks of farming. Living on diets of border line adequacy, they suffered from hunger and malnutrition. There was, of course, almost complete absence of food processing and preservation as we know it today.

These are the conditions prevailing still for many millions of the world's inhabitants, and they constitute, in Dr. Sen's words, "the greatest challenge that faces mankind today." It is a problem that cannot be dealt with by isolated and uncoordinated efforts. The United Nations is making its greatest effort here, but isn't it enough. With the tremendous population increase in many of the have-not countries, it is far from being enough.

Skybolt Controversy

The Skybolt missile controversy was billed as a major subject of discussion at the talks now under way between President Kennedy and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan at Nassau. But Mr. Kennedy seems already to have passed the death sentence on this project, which was destined to arm Britain's bomber force. The U.S. Air Force wants it continued, but the Washington budget makers don't. Nor, it seems, does the British Labor Party, which objected to putting reliance on an American weapon in the first place.

Britain, however, has been basing its nuclear defense on the future of this 1,000-mile-range missile during a critical period. It was induced to do so by the U.S. government. An arrangement to this effect was made with Mr. Macmillan by former President Eisenhower; and only four months ago, it is claimed, a firm order for 100 of these weapons was negotiated. The sudden and abrupt withdrawal of the project now is regarded, in some British quarters, as a political maneuver to deprive Britain of any nuclear deterrent. Continued official U.S. denials of this intent have not succeeded in allaying the fear or abating the argument.

We had our own experience with this kind of treatment some years ago. Canada, it will be recalled, had to abandon the Avro Arrow after an expenditure of some \$400 million because it was too costly to continue and the United States was unwilling to buy it. Now it is reported that the Pentagon is running around looking for a fighter aircraft which has general specifications very different from those of the Arrow.

The Skybolt story is only the latest example of the waste which is inherent in the U.S. monopoly of weapons development. It is a politically embarrassing one for the British government, but the real danger of the situation, as other commentators have pointed out, lies in the damage it may do to future cooperation in the Western Alliance.

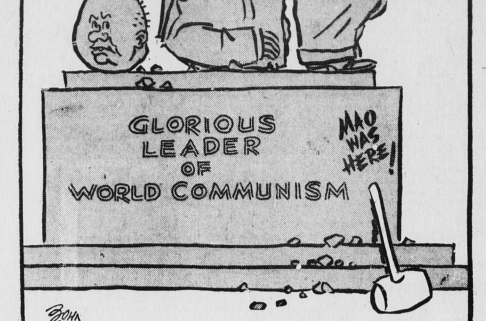
EDITORIAL NOTES

At the beginning of this year, 84 per cent of Canada's population was living in communities controlled fluoridation of drinking water. This is reported by 1,535,000 people living in 87 cities, towns and villages. The total will be nearly doubled when Greater Toronto, and its affiliated suburbs, joins the fluoridation ranks in the near future. This was decided by a majority vote in a recent plebiscite. The total also will be largely augmented by Windsor and other Ontario cities that recently authorized fluoridation by majority plebiscite ballots.

KHRUSHCHEV BLASTS MODERN ART

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MOSCOW HAS SOME TOO

Ottawa Report by Patrick Nicholson

"A Healthy Ring Of Confidence"

"There is a healthy ring of confidence in the voices of Canadian business leaders, as they offer such other the traditional wish for 'A prosperous New Year.' The statistics now pouring off our electronic brains show that this wish of a year ago has been amply fulfilled, as 1962 shapes up in retrospect as being Canada's most prosperous year ever. And the trend suggests that this forward impetus will carry us upwards in the coming and prosperous new year.

The business indicators prepared regularly by our scintilla statisticians here are issued daily in the Bulletin of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. These series track figures and numbers of percentages look as dry as dust to you and me, but they tell you a lot more than you think. They tell you just now to your business increases. And they reflect confidence in the pocket and a belly well-filled for every Canadian.

LUMBER MEANS HOMES

Look for example at the statistics of Canada's wholesale trade. Sales in the first nine months of this year were an impressive 9.2 per cent higher than in the same period of 1961. The breakdown of total sales into the eighteen different trade categories shows that sixteen of them achieved advances, ranging from 1.7 per cent increase in hardware sales to 10.3 per cent in lumber. There was an insignificant reduction in the sale of meat and dairy products, and an understandable drop of 5.8 per cent in sales of cars. More homes is what is automated oil heating.

That big increase in the lumber classification, which also includes construction materials and supplies, looks more vivid and means more to us when we see that it reflects an increase in home building, with starts on the construction of new buildings in October soaring 17.4 per cent above last year, while completions in the same month were 19.8 per cent up, and for the whole year to date runs 10.8 per cent above last year.

Average weekly wages in manufacturing industries was

up 1.8 per cent in October over the corresponding month of last year. This is a good and profitable sign.

Lessons From The Economy

Premier Khrushchev has urged his countrymen to look to the capitalist countries and to imitate what they find there that is "good and profitable."

Candle Lights Its Own National Geographic Society

The simple candle, man's main source of light for 20 centuries, brightens its own special page in the dazzling history of electricity.

Candlemaking

Tediously dipping tapers on a Mitchen stove in Syracuse, New York, German immigrant Carl Wilhelm in 1825 pioneered in the candle-making industry in the United States. The firm he founded now makes candles for the Vatican.

New Treatments Help Cure Gout

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Unreated gout follows a pattern. The disease strikes quickly, in the middle of the night, with severe pain in the big toe. Other joints may be involved, but the small joints are favored. Distress continues for 10 to 14 days and disappears.

A second attack occurs in 10 to 15 years or later. In the intervals between bouts are shorter and the duration of a fit is longer. Chronic gout is the end result, with severe deformities and attacks that excruciate in the tissues.

The basic cause is an overabundance of uric acid in the blood. This is an inherent metabolic disturbance in which the kidneys are unable to excrete much of this purine. Gouty arthritis develops when some of the uric acid finds its way into the joint spaces and crystallizes.

The standard treatment includes the use of colchicine, which acts as a pain and agens such as procaine or oxalimide. It is a stimulant and acts to increase uric acid to lessen the amount in the blood. The trend is to take small amounts of these drugs every day.

The study on the 64 patients showed that the treatment demonstrated that considerable improvement is required, to be successful. Now is the season of the blood levels tend to creep up and precipitate another attack. This is the danger of the treatment, which is to stay down on symptoms return.

Dr. Van Dellen will answer a number of questions at a public hearing, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.

EXPOSURE TO DISEASE

It is possible to be exposed to a contagious disease such as the mumps or measles, and does not develop the disease, does this mean he has been vaccinated?

No, not really. A susceptible child develops a contagious disease when exposed. On the other hand, some conditions such as measles are highly contagious and the chance of getting the disease without being vaccinated is high unless immunity exists.

Mumps is less contagious. It is possible to be exposed to a contagious disease such as the mumps or measles, and does not develop the disease, does this mean he has been vaccinated?

REPLY

I assume you refer to celiac disease, in which certain wheat and other food elements are not absorbed properly in the small intestine. Eliminating the gluten factor in wheat is the recommended treatment and symptoms usually disappear in late childhood or adolescence.

J.L.H. IN EARDRUM

J.L.H. writes: "What's the difference between a punctured and a perforated eardrum?"

None — they both mean a hole in the structure. The purpose of the eardrum is to separate the middle ear from the outside world. It is a thin, translucent membrane that vibrates in response to sound waves.

WIT OF JOINT

J.B. writes: "Can be done about recurrent dislocation of the shoulder?"

Surgery is the best remedy, especially if the fibrous covering of the joint is torn. The shoulder should have been stretched and no longer can hold the shoulder in place. Now the shoulder is loose and the patient is in a bad way.

YOUTH'S HEALTH HINT

The body burns fuel constantly to produce energy.

DIAGNOSE HEART

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet scientists said Monday they have developed a mechanical brain that diagnoses heart diseases. Tass said the machine, called the Ural-1, has been set up in a laboratory at the Academy of Medicine. The Soviet news agency quoted Dr. Mikhail Baklanov, chief of the laboratory, as saying the Ural-1 is able to detect such complex diseases as congestive heart disease.

Perils of "Pairing"

Ottawa Journal

"Pairing" in divisions has not been used much in the years of law making in the Conservative House of Commons but there is a temptation among members to enter into "pairing" arrangements. The party whips will not be enthusiastic in a minority government situation. Pairing is a risky business.

When members of different parties "pair" in the House, it is as if one is out of the House for a division the other will not vote. This is designed to prevent embarrassment should the result of the division hinge on one or two votes.

Nuclear Age Law

Norman Cousins in Saturday Review

The surprising thing about a contemporary human intellect is that it has laboriously worked out techniques for resolving disputes among nations. The United Nations completely sets these techniques aside for resolving disputes among nations. It is the machinery of law is the only effective means developed in which the services of World War private conflicts of vital interests, yet the machinery of law has not been used to resolve the conflict with nations in the nuclear age. Against this background, no man can regard himself as a citizen of a world that is as long as he is detached from this particular lesson of history, particularly the lesson of the nuclear age. The best existing hope that objective criteria, or law, might be used to resolve the disputes of nations. If that hope is to be realized, the machinery of law must be put into the UN which will have to be at least as great as the energy and concern now being put into perfecting the means for ending life on earth.

The Long Descent

Christian Science Monitor

A famous cartoon in Punch depicted stern Prince Bismarck walking down a set of stairs. He was wearing a top hat and a long coat. He was looking down at a man who was crawling up the stairs. The man was wearing a top hat and a long coat. He was looking up at Prince Bismarck. The cartoon was a satire on the German government's policy of appeasement.

Today it is not a powerful monarch but a rubber gopher in which the services of World War private conflicts of vital interests, yet the machinery of law has not been used to resolve the conflict with nations in the nuclear age. Against this background, no man can regard himself as a citizen of a world that is as long as he is detached from this particular lesson of history, particularly the lesson of the nuclear age. The best existing hope that objective criteria, or law, might be used to resolve the disputes of nations. If that hope is to be realized, the machinery of law must be put into the UN which will have to be at least as great as the energy and concern now being put into perfecting the means for ending life on earth.

How's Your 'Releasement'?

Milwaukee Journal

The white haired housewife looked up over her glasses to ask, "Why don't they call us 'senior citizens'?"

Our Yesterday's

(From The Guardian Files)

December 19, 1937 The pin boys of the YMCA bowling alleys will be in the Christmas party Wednesday night. This will be a special event for the pin boys who are engaged out duty while other members of the Boys' Club are participating in the event set for the holiday week.

A twin-motored Dragon of the Canadian Airways, to be used on the Magdalen Islands mail service this winter, landed at Upton Airport yesterday afternoon from Quebec City. Pilot W. E. Barnes was at the controls.

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PRINCE COUNTY VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EVENING CLASSES

Registration for evening classes will be held Thursday, Dec. 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Instruction will be given in: Welding, Drafting, Carpentry, Home sewing, Plumbing and sheet metal, Electrical construction wiring, Typing, shorthand and bookkeeping.

Applicants will be selected according to their occupational need for the course. Others will be placed on a waiting list.

J.M. PAYNTER, Principal