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Valedictory Meeting

External Affairs Minister Martin and Defense Minister Hellyer are leading the Canadian delegation at the important NATO ministerial meeting which opens in Paris today...

At a press conference before leaving Ottawa, Mr. Martin noted two subjects of major importance to be discussed. These are guarantees that non-nuclear powers will not acquire nuclear weapons...

Mr. Martin was hopeful that the stumbling-block to a non-proliferation treaty, Russia's fear that West Germany will become a nuclear power...

Ironically, it was de Gaulle's "grand design" for achieving this result by bringing the Soviet Union back into Europe and reducing United States influence there that helped to bring on the French break with NATO...

But definitely, France is out so far as NATO military bases are concerned. De Gaulle has ordered all such bases closed and removed from France by next April...

Another Sexual Problem

With all this talk about sex nowadays, it's not surprising that we find it cropping up in the latest report to hand on the subject of oyster culture...

The Sunday Times of London has a learned article on the subject, from which we gather that beginning last February, 300 tons of Portuguese stud oysters, of the Ostrea Angulata species, were brought over in baskets...

and laid in British waters. In the intervening ten months, almost the entire lot have died quietly in their beds, without ever breeding...

Aristotle to the contrary notwithstanding, the principal difference between the British and Portuguese Oyster is, significantly, sexual. The British oyster is in fact bisexual, and reproduces by a complex and time-consuming process of being male, and then female, and then male again in each oyster's breeding cycle...

Pollution of rivers and estuaries has been making life harder for the slow-breeding British-Native all this century, and in 1959 the first 50,000 lusty Portuguese were placed in the River Alde, in Suffolk. They did well; last year, half the oysters consumed in Britain were Portuguese imports...

The industry intends to try more Portuguese imports next year, hoping for better results from the Lo Sado river. But as The Times writer says, a sad truth appears to apply to both British and Portuguese alike: oysters and industrialization don't mix.

New Formula Needed

The National House Builders Association has expressed hope that the approval of an increase in interest rates under the National Housing Act will lure additional mortgage money out of hiding. However, from the tone of a statement by Jean Yves Gelinus, its president, the association doesn't appear to expect any great stimulation for the housing industry...

As the Montreal Star points out in this connection, if some new formula is not devised in this area the government will find itself in trouble with the admirable program of soft loans arranged for emerging nations where the need is great...

EDITORIAL NOTES

We shouldn't criticize young people for wanting security, says a columnist; their parents wanted it too. But their problem was they couldn't find a way in which someone else paid for it.

For the first time in a very long while there has been a net increase in Ireland's population. Emigration has been outweighed by Irish sons and daughters returning home. Credit for this is given the republic's cann development program, and the special efforts it is making to attract outside investors...



"HELLO, CLEANING DEPARTMENT" - - -

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Straight Talk From Saskatchewan Premier

While MPs were assembling for their 160th working day of the year, Saskatchewan's Premier Ross Thatcher addressed an applauding capacity audience of our capital's Canadian Club. To say that we heard more sense in 25 minutes of Thatcher than in 185 days of the House of Commons would be an exaggeration - but a slight one.

PUBLIC FORUM

Turning to review the national picture, Mr. Thatcher stressed six points. First, the federal government should not weaken its position by repeated concessions to a provincial government; it must retain adequate taxing powers to foster nationwide economic growth...

On The West River

Our small boat moved along the upper reaches of a tranquil Prince Edward Island river and we revelled in the calm dreamlike qualities of the day, even though there was riotous color everywhere. Single poplar, their shining yellow-ripened animated in the afternoon sunlight, reminded us of a winsome beautiful maiden, innocently obeying the natural urge to display, but not fully aware of her own devastating charms.

Healthful Humidity

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Bellen. Many homes and apartments are overheated and too dry. The low humidity has a drying effect upon the nose and throat membranes and lowers their resistance to bacterial and viral invasion.

Steam heat is only one cause for low humidity. Cold winter air gets into the home and expands many times when heated. The moisture content remains the same, but there is much less humidity per cubic foot than before.

Humidity can be increased with a commercial portable humidifier or one that is attached to the furnace. These units not only add moisture but wash, filter, and freshen the air. Other methods of humidification include pans of water on the radiator, a steam kettle, and turning on the hot shower several times a day.

Dry air also tends to make the hair brittle and the skin rough and harsh. The well-known English complexion is said to stem from the high moisture content of the air in that country.

Yes, in that it shows abnormalities in size and contour of the heart. TODAY'S HEALTH HINT - Alcoholism is a serious and crippling disease.

Arab League Disunited

By Ken Pritchard. An excursion into Jordan Nov. 13 by Israeli soldiers, who destroyed the village of Za Samu, has set off a round of infighting in the politically-divided Arab world.

From a stormy four-day meeting in Cairo of the Arab League came the weekend announcement that Iraqi and Saudi Arabian troops would enter Jordan within two months to confront Israel along the meandering, 230-mile Israel-Jordan border. Announcements out of Amman, Jordan's capital, officially welcomed the help and also made clear that King Hussein and his Jordanian advisers had imposed some conditions.

Foreign Minister Akram Zu'ayir of Jordan emphasized that the Iraqi and Saudi Arabian troops would enter within the framework of the United Arab Command. This would guarantee that all 13 members of the Arab League—not just Jordan—would be involved in any war that might develop.

Air Minister Power said the Dominion government proposes to bring about national selective service in an effort to put every man and woman in his most valuable place in the present emergency.

Common ethnic and religious backgrounds have not proved sufficient to keep the Arab League members on friendly terms. The 13 states cover a wide political spectrum, from the conservative monarchies of Jordan and Saudi Arabia to the far-left Socialist states of Syria, Iraq, Algeria and Egypt.

Another condition announced by Hussein's spokesman was that no Syrian troops be sent to Jordan. The president of neighboring Syria made a speech recently in Damascus demanding that Hussein's subjects overthrow him after Hussein refused to take retaliatory action on his own against Israel following the Es Samu raid.

King Hussein also has refused to let the Palestine Liberation Organization send Egyptian-trained troops to Jordan. Israel has blamed the organization for terrorist acts on Israel which sparked the retaliatory strike at Za Samu.

The seeming impossibility of creating harmony among the 13 states may bar any concerted action by the Arabs against Israel for years.

Our Yesterdays

From The Guardian Files. TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO (December 14, 1941) Rampant Red armies declared they had the Germans on the run in a retreat approaching the scale of Napoleon's cold and dismal retreat from Moscow and had overthrown the backtracking Hitler legions with a headlong campaign of extermination.

A sweeping new Progressive Conservative platform - one that would require huge federal expenditures - took shape and pinned to it was the hope of one critical group that it may finally lead the party to an election victory.

America's European allies, nervous over Soviet designs, called for atomic field weapons for their defence.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Charlottetown as follows:

- 1. THAT section 26 of By-law Number 46, a By-Law to Regulate Traffic in the City of Charlottetown, be repealed and the following substituted therefore:
(a) Vehicles turning right in the intersection shall approach in the right hand lane and turn right into the right hand lane of the intersection street, especially guarding all pedestrians.
(b) Vehicles continuing straight through the intersection shall approach in the centre line and leave the intersection in the right hand lane.
(c) Vehicles turning left in the intersection shall approach in the centre lane and turn left into the right hand lane of the intersecting street as other traffic may allow, especially guarding all pedestrians.
(d) Designation of lanes (i.e. "right-hand") is in relation to the direction of the vehicle.
2. It shall be unlawful for vehicles to make a left hand turn at the intersection of Queen and Grafton Streets.
3. Notwithstanding anything otherwise appearing in this By-Law where Queen Street and Grafton Street intersects every vehicle approaching and entering the intersection on Queen or Grafton Streets shall proceed as follows:
(a) Vehicles travelling southwardly on Queen Street and turning right on Grafton Street shall approach in the right hand lane of Queen Street and turn right into the right hand lane of Grafton Street, especially guarding all pedestrians.
(b) Vehicles travelling southwardly on Queen Street and continuing straight through the intersection of Queen and Grafton Streets shall approach in either the right hand or centre lanes of Queen Street and leave the intersection by the corresponding lane.
(c) Vehicles travelling northwardly on Queen Street and turning right on Grafton Street shall approach in the right hand lane of Queen Street and turn right into the right hand lane of Grafton Street, especially guarding all pedestrians.
(d) Vehicles travelling northwardly on Queen Street and continuing straight through the intersection of Queen and Grafton Streets shall approach in the right hand lane and leave the intersection in the right hand lane.
(e) Vehicles travelling eastwardly on Grafton Street and turning right on Queen Street shall approach in the right hand lane of Grafton Street and turn right into the right hand lane of Queen Street, especially guarding all pedestrians.
(f) Vehicles travelling eastwardly on Grafton Street and continuing straight through the intersection of Grafton and Queen Streets shall approach in the right hand lane and leave the intersection in the right hand lane.
(g) Vehicles travelling westwardly on Grafton Street and turning right on Queen Street shall approach in the right hand lane of Grafton Street and turn right into the right hand lane of Queen Street, especially guarding all pedestrians.
(h) Vehicles travelling westwardly on Grafton Street and continuing straight through the intersection of Grafton and Queen Streets shall approach in either the right hand or centre lane of Grafton Street and leave the intersection in the corresponding lane.
(i) Designation of lanes (i.e. "right-hand") is in relation to the direction of the vehicle.

Signed: STERNS WEBSTER, Chief of Police, The City of Charlottetown.

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