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The Newfoundland Plan

No one seems to know what form this Province's participation in the Hospital Insurance Plan will take. It is understood, however, that the plan will go into effect next January first. While we are waiting for the recommendations of a special committee appointed to go into the matter, it may be interesting to know how the first Atlantic Province to implement the plan is going about it.

The following excerpts are taken from a speech delivered by the Hon. Dr. James McGrath, Newfoundland's Health Minister: "There are no premiums. The Government is trying to keep the plan as free from red tape as possible for everyone to benefit from it. People coming into the Province to take up residence will be eligible, and there are no requirements for elaborate proof of residence. The benefits include all that is necessary for treatment at the accepted ward rate, and use of all things in the hospital such as the operating room, the diagnostic services and medicines, which will include all the basic necessities for treatment.

"In addition to this, a person wanting to have a private room may pay the difference between that and ward care; and if a patient wants a private nurse for more comfort the cost of that nurse must be paid by the patient. On the other hand, if by nature of the illness a private nurse is necessary for special treatments, the cost of the nurse will be provided by the hospital without charge.

"In addition to the in-patient care, the out-patient department will provide diagnostic services, X-ray, laboratory work, free. All medical and surgical fees are the responsibility of the patients. If out of Newfoundland, travelling on the mainland, a Newfoundland resident will have hospital expenses at the ward level paid, if taken to hospital. The entrance to hospital must be either because of accident or emergency sickness, or the patient must be referred by the Department of Health for special treatment. In case of emergencies and accidents, the patient comes first and will be immediately admitted to hospital."

A "Hero's Welcome"

A dispatch from London reports that Paul Robeson, the distinguished American Negro singer, was accorded a "hero's welcome" on his arrival from the States a few days ago. Mr. Robeson, it will be recalled, has been trying to go abroad on a singing tour for the past several years and was prevented from going by the State Department, which refused him a passport on the ground that he would not sign a non-Communist affidavit. Recently, however, the Supreme Court over-ruled the Department in the case of Mr. Robeson and several others, whereupon he and they became free to travel. The court ruled that no one could be denied a passport because of his "beliefs and associations", a ruling which the Congress is now trying to invalidate by new legislation.

Mr. Robeson was not accorded a hero's welcome because of his alleged Communist sympathy. It is safe to say that no one in Britain cares one iota what his political views are. He was warmly received, first, because of his fame as a singer; second, because he won out in his struggle with the State Department which, in the British view, had acted unjustly and stupidly in the case.

It is interesting to observe that, despite all the restrictions on Communism in the United States, the Communist menace there is much more pronounced than it is in Britain where there are hardly any restrictions at all—except, of course, under the laws concerning sedition. Perhaps it is true, as some psychologists have long contended, that the harder you try to kill a subversive idea—or any other kind of a corrupt idea, as distinct from destructive acts—by legislation, the more trouble you are likely to have with it.

Nasser's Propaganda

A potent source of mischief throughout the Middle East these days is the Cairo Radio. The New York Times, in a current survey, estimates that there are 11 big transmitters being used now by Colonel Nasser and half a dozen more, obtained from Czechoslovakia, almost ready to go into operation. These beam Nasser's propaganda to all quarters of the Arab world. They blanket Africa. They even reach into Israel for three hours a day, and do it in the Hebrew language. For 19 hours and 15 minutes a day, not counting special broadcasts aimed at Europe and Asia, Nasser's view of the world goes forth in dozens of tongues, from Arabic to Somali, from Sudanese to Ashanti.

What is this propaganda? It repeatedly speaks of foreigners as "white dogs, imperialists, bloodsuckers, colonialists, oppressors." It promises a world in which western "pythons" will be driven out and Pan-Arabism will take over. Even more bitter names have been hurled at the Arab kings of Iraq and Jordan who oppose Nasser. The whole aim is to equate Nasser and the United Arab Republic with hope of a powerful and prosperous and independent Arab world. It's an appalling menace to reckon with. As one commentator remarks: "Whoever thinks that these broadcasts can't be effective because of their intemperance forgets two things,—Hitler's big lie technique and the success he had with it, and the Arab penchant for believing a leader who promises to destroy those he considers his enemies."

The Path Finder

Ships and aircraft are aided by automatic navigating systems, why not automobiles? One with built-in navigation equipment has been made in the U.K.—and it gave an uncanny demonstration recently.

The car has an impressive instrument panel with a box-like arrangement carrying a broad sheet of paper just below the windshield. On this, a tiny pen marks out the car's position in relation to a map, following every bend and stop accurately to within a few yards. The secret lies in the car's trunk, which is half-filled by three metal boxes and an extra 12-volt battery.

The system is said to be ideal for travelling long distances on involved routes in heavy fog. Tests are also being made for its use on fire engines at London Airport.

There is one snag—such equipment would cost up to £3,000—about \$8,400—to install.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tuberculosis is still a disease to be reckoned with. The number of new cases in Canada last year was 9,108. That, however, was an improvement over 1956 when 9,377 new cases were reported.

An American labour union official has called for "a 30 hour week at 45 hour pay" as an "aid" to the economy. If he had publicized his idea before our election last Spring, there would have been another promise to brighten the campaign.

Five Scottish seamen who threw the bosun's mate overboard from a British freighter said they were having "just a friendly party." A strange way to show friendship. It must be that they subscribe to the philosophical theory that everything is relative.

New York City's population will increase by 125,000 on July 26, when the Jehovah Witnesses from 100 countries arrive for their World Assembly. Three ships have been chartered; and there will be 65 special airplane flights from overseas.

For the next few weeks—perhaps months—the headlines will tell of troop landings, fleet movements and other evidences of international unrest. Somehow, though, we can hardly believe that a large scale war will take place. At the same time, it would be foolish to ignore that possibility.

A C.C.E. member has protested the Prime Minister's introduction of a resolution to have the Commons add 7½ hours to its present work week of 25½ hours. He calls it "making a mockery of Parliament." Most Canadians will call it a good business practice and one long overdue. Members of Parliament are not over-worked. Those who think they are should not have run for election in the first place.



A STITCH IN TIME

OTTAWA REPORT

Tourists In Record Numbers

By Patrick Nicholson
Special Correspondent for The Guardian
OTTAWA — One of the many unusual points about this history-making first session of our 24th Parliament since Confederation is the large number of Very Important Personages who have visited Parliament Hill.

Tourists have come here in record numbers since Parliament assembled on 12th May. These include those Very Important Personages who are flocking here in numbers as never before — our children. And there are more American visitors than ever before, who praise the beauty of Ottawa's floral and water-flanked driveways and the magnificence of the natural setting of Parliament Hill, wistfully saying that it is all so like a small edition of Washington, which of course flatters Washington.

But when I mentioned the unusual number of V.I.P.s who have visited us, I meant the heads of state and heads of government who have paid us official visits, and have addressed joint sessions of both Houses of Parliament. First, there was President Theodor Heuss of West Germany; then Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Britain; and now President Eisenhower of the U.S.A. IMPOTANT TALKS

It seems that Ike's golf was the most carefully planned item on his three day program here.

From our side, the most important point was Prime Minister Diefenbaker's heart-to-heart talks with the President about Washington's various trading misdeeds which severely harm us.

But all these have been fully reported in the press. What has not been mentioned is my private Public Opinion Poll among the satellite cloud of visiting newsmen who came to report our Prime Minister's hosting of the very important guest.

One of all these visitors from outer space who were seeking Canada for the first time were delighted with the beauty they saw here. Some had been to Quebec City, which they gave rave notices. Others just raved about Ottawa. But scratch below that praise, and you found another sort of rave, a raving mad rave.

"Why do I lose four and a half bucks changing a hundred dollar bill here?" one asked me. "What has your dollar got that ours hasn't got? I thought we had a trade surplus with you — that should put our dollar at a premium."

It is impossible to explain this complicated subject in a few simple words to the satisfaction of a tourist who thinks he has been gipped.

Once we had pounds, shillings and pence as our currency. But the complications of that non-decimal money system proved too much for our forefathers, who were brave enough to endure worse hazards. So someone bright had the worst idea which has ever afflicted a whole nation's tourist trade. He suggested switching our currency to copy the dollars and cents of our neighbours.

TOURISTS MISLED
That has two great disadvantages. First, just because our coin has the same name as theirs, Americans expect it to have the same value. But there is no other unit of currency in the world which they automatically expect to match theirs, chiefly because the names are different. So now they feel mad because their almighty dollar cannot look our little upstart squarely in the face.

Second, if we called our coins by different names, Americans would feel that they were real travellers visiting a genuine foreign country, and would take a delight in the difference. It would give them such a band that they would buy stamps and paper money not only to use but also to serve as conversation pieces and souvenirs back home.

Somewhere along the line, someone interested in promoting tourism in Canada should start a lobby to have our dollar renamed. Why not revert to our first medium of exchange, the beaver pelt, and call it a "Beaver"? Then why not mint "Five Beaver" coins in our Canadian gold, and strike a market and a profit for our northern mines all round the world?

THE RANGES AT BISLEY
Lawrence Dopson in Events in Britain
Like Ascot for horse racing, Cowes for yachting, Wimbledon for tennis, Bisley (28 miles southwest of London) is one of those places whose name is inseparably associated with a particular sport or activity. Each July Bisley is the venue of the National Rifle Association's annual meeting, when rifle men — and women, for one of the competitors last year was a teen-age girl — engage in a series of shooting contests, of which the most famous is the competition for "Her Majesty the Queen's Prize." The meeting attracts crowds of spectators who, even if they know little of the technicalities of marksmanship, can share in the excitement of the contest and enjoy the animated scene.

The "Queen's Prize" has been offered by every British Sovereign since 1860. The National Rifle Association had come into being the year before, in 1859 with the object of encouraging marksmanship for defensive purposes in the event of an invasion. From the beginning, however, the sporting aspect was well to the fore.

No Stigma Now Plagues Victims

By Herman N. Bundezen, M. D.
I WANT to congratulate you, all of you. And I want to thank you, too. Specialists in the field of cerebral palsy advise me that the stigma so long attached to this condition is vanishing. The public — that's you — no longer regards cerebral palsy victims as mentally retarded. Your attitude, God bless you, now is one of sympathy and understanding.

ASTONISHING REACTION

A friend of mine, an orthopedic surgeon, was present at an ice show a while back when a cerebral palsy victim entered the auditorium. This doctor was astonished at the treatment accorded the CP patient by other spectators, and even by some of the skaters.

Said the doctor in describing the scene: "Why, you would have thought the President was coming in! Everyone moved so the patient could be seated. And some of skaters even put on a special show for him. It was a wonderful sight!"

SOME FACTS ABOUT CP

Now for the benefit of a few of you who might still hesitate to react this way in the presence of a CP victim, let me explain a little about cerebral palsy. First of all, it is not infectious and it is not inherited.

Cerebral palsy is caused by an injury to various cells of the brain, before birth, at birth, or at any time later in life by accidents, high fevers and disease. Muscular control is impaired or lost completely. This might result in awkward or involuntary motions, lack of balance, irregular gait, guttural speech, or any combination of these disorders.

Also, cerebral palsy might affect sight or hearing.

SLOW DEVELOPMENT

Detection of cerebral palsy in infants usually results from abnormally slow development of muscular control and coordination, delayed walking or talking, or a delay in even attempting to walk or talk. Of course, only the family physician or a specialist can accurately diagnose such cases.

About 10,000 babies are born with cerebral palsy each year. Of the 550,000 CP victims in the United States right now, about 200,000 of them are children.

Most of these victims can be helped to some degree, and about three-fourths of them can be aided considerably through therapy, drugs and surgery.

A proper public attitude will help them, too. And now, it appears, we have it.

QUESTION AN ANSWER

A. D.: I have a spur on my heel bone which causes severe pain on walking. What would you advise me to do? Answer: If the spur causes sufficient pain and discomfort, it may be removed surgically.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(July 18, 1933)

A large area of woodland at Hopefield and Iris has been devastated by a fire of unknown origin which started some days ago in the vicinity of Wood Islands and which gained in intensity as a result of exceptionally dry weather. R.C.M.P. officers are directing fire fighting efforts. At Hopefield the sawmill of Henry Bonnell caught several times and the residences of Chester MacEachern and Miss Sarah Bain were menaced.

Mr. George O. Whiteway, Dover, lost a big barn and adjoining

MAXIMS

A man who has committed a mistake and doesn't correct it is committing another mistake.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Nearly three out of every 100 Ontario motorists are uninsured. This may seem a small percentage, but how many are uninsured because they are uninsured, that is, major risks on the road?—Branford Expositor

Overhead a conversation in the restaurant between two gals having their afternoon coffee break. One remarked: "I wouldn't say anything about Jane unless I could say something good—and oh brother, is this good!"—Sparta Wisconsin Herald

Told by a newspaper office that the deafening boom she had just heard was probably a jet plane breaking the sound barrier, a troubled woman in upstate New York demonstrated: "If that barrier keeps getting in everybody's way, why don't they take it down?"—Christian Science Monitor

A tip to parrot-owners who may want their birds back in case they stray: Teach Polly to say the name of your street address. A case in point is a parrot which turned up in the lost property department at the Post West Germany, and finally talked its way home.—Cape Breton Post

ing hen house by fire yesterday morning. The fire was well underway when the family was awakened by the noise. With the help of hastily summoned neighbors the house was saved although it caught fire several times.

TEN YEARS AGO

(July 18, 1948)

A decision to make a trial shipment of strawberries by plane to the Boston market was reached last evening by strawberry growers from the Charlottetown area, following the experiments carried out by the Mount Stewart Strawberry Exchange. A shipment is scheduled to leave on Monday evening and will be sold on the Boston market on Tuesday morning.

Good progress is being made in the erection of the new wing of the Charlottetown Hospital which commenced here in May 1947. The steel construction of the new four-storey building has been completed and the concrete slab for the floors is presently being poured. The new annex, which will be completed in 1949, will have a capacity of 100 beds.

On both with sensuous caress. Sing yet again to me! My heart so I shall never cease. To listen to a sea shell bring Song I once heard the ocean sing. —Howard Harrison in the New York Herald-Tribune

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