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The strongest memory is weaker
than the weakest ink

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Farm Machinery Probe

At long last, steps have been taken
to get the Barber inquiry into farm
machinery costs functioning. Public
hearings are scheduled to start in
Western Canada early next year. The
inquiry seemed to disappear from
view almost from the moment it was
set up in May, but it has been ex-
plained that C.L. Barber, economics
professor at the University of Mani-
toba, first had to free himself of his
responsibilities at the university be-
fore he could actively form plans for
his one-man inquiry. Then he was
hampered by difficulties in recruiting
staff because of a shortage of avail-
able economists in the country. Now
a basic working organization has
been formed.

To date seven studies on the sweep-
ing problem of farm machinery prices
have been assigned and six more are
designated. Mr. Barber himself is
currently touring European coun-
tries to compare cost problems with
those in Canada, and will return to-
wards the end of this month. There
have been preliminary discussions
with representatives of the farm
machinery industry in Canada and
procedures are being worked out to
obtain information necessary to the
inquiry.

This is a matter of prime concern
to all our farmers, as indicated by the
terms of reference which provide for
the most searching investigation of
machinery costs. The commissioner
is empowered to go fully into the
impact of financing, distribution and
servicing costs on the total price to
the buyer, to compare similar
machinery costs in other countries,
to delve into the historical and pre-
sent relationship between the price
and productivity of the equipment,
the present and prospective competi-
tive position of the Canadian farm
machinery industry in both domestic
and export markets as compared with
the situation in other countries, and
into measures that would contribute
to the expansion of efficient produc-
tion, the attainment of technological
advances, the improvement of dis-
tribution, financing and servicing
facilities and the enhancement of the
industry's competitive position so that
Canadian farmers would be ensured
the most favorable prices for machin-
ery parts.

The inquiry may prove a long-
drawn-out affair, but if it lives up to
its advance billing it will be well
worth while.

Higher Education

Recently there were more than
2,000 university students massed out-
side the front door of the main build-
ing of the University of Toronto, pro-
testing the structure of the student
award program. They wanted more
money to be given in straight grants
rather than loans, simpler application
procedures and no means test on par-
ents. They were met by the provincial
minister of education, William Davis.
A Liberal MLA, Robert Nixon, and
NDP leader Donald MacDonald also
spoke to them. All these speakers
were in agreement with the students.
Mr. Davis promised a committee to
study the problem. Mr. Nixon went
farther and said that eventually there
would be free university education
and his party was all for it. This was
not what the group had asked for,
but of course it put the speaker firm-
ly on the side of "progress."

The incident has prompted an Onta-
rio commentator to remark that
higher education has become the big
political fad in recent years. Once it
became evident we were going to
need many more university and
technological school graduates, every
politician in the country, it seems,
got on the bandwagon. Privately they
may have strong reservations about
doing so, but publicly they either

promise or hedge. Not once on a
political platform has there been a
blunt question as to whether or not
there should be free university
education. Which means, whether
everybody should go to university
what the effect on society would be
if they did, and whether this idea
was in harmony with what we calcu-
late our future needs for higher-
trained personnel will be.

All this, of course, is not to say
that we don't need greater emphasis
on higher education; but if we get it
without question, how good will it
be? At bottom, this poses the still
more fundamental question of what
higher education really consists of,
and what the factors essential to its
acquisition really are.

Here we may leave both the polit-
icians and the press commentators,
and take our seats among the Uni-
versity of Toronto freshmen as they
commenced their studies this term,
while Dr. Claude Bissell, president
of the university and one of Canada's
most distinguished educationists, ex-
pounds the matter. We have space
only for a short excerpt from his ad-
dress on this occasion, but it carries
a load of meaning.
"Your first and most important
milieu," Dr. Bissell told his hearers,
"will consist of your studies, and
unless you pursue them diligently,
enthusiastically and adventurously,
you have no right to be here. You
will find, if you pursue your studies
in this way, that you will experience
no conflict between the classroom
and your wider interests. You will be
educating yourselves. No university
gives you an education; all it does
is make it possible for you to attain one.
An education attained by personal ef-
fort begins with wisdom and
humility."

A Poor Start

Given a mandate to hunt down the
causes of a rising cost of living, the
joint Senate-Commons committee on
consumer credit has warned that not
a tittle of inflationary pressure will
escape investigation. These are heart-
ening words; comments the Globe
and Mail; but unfortunately the com-
mittee does not promise to be entire-
ly consistent. Depending on one's
sympathies, one might overlook its
apparent lack of interest in the 30
per cent wage increase for packing-
house workers announced last Thurs-
day. But a more serious oversight, one
might think, is the committee's un-
concern with the low productivity and
high wages of another class of work-
ers—Members of Parliament.

Usually when MPs are criticized
for not attending House of Commons
debates they plead the pressure of
committee work or the interests of
their constituencies. The House, how-
ever, does not meet until today
and the members have had nearly a
month, to say nothing of five weeks
in the summer, to care for the home
fronts. What excuse, then, can there
be for the fact that on the first day
of last week, only eight of the 24
committee MPs were present for an
economics lecture by Deputy Finance
Minister Robert Bryce? Or that this
number dwindled to seven on the
second day? This is not, the kind of
performance that is likely to prove
an inspiring example, either to in-
dustry or to labor.

Keeping It Alive

Island Liberals are to be com-
mended on their decision to present,
at their national party conference at
Ottawa next week, a resolution deal-
ing with our car ferry situation and
the constitutional right of this provin-
ce to uninterrupted service on the
Borden-Tormentine route. It will be
recalled that some time ago, Premier
Campbell stated that three proposals
for taking the operation of the ser-
vice out of CNR hands were made to
Prime Minister Pearson and Trans-
port Minister Pickersgill. They were
all aimed at providing a setup that
would prevent future strike tieups
on our main link with the mainland.

Whether there has been any reply
by Ottawa to these suggestions we do
not know. In any case, it is highly
important that the issue be kept alive.
Our predicament during the recent
rail strike focused nation-wide atten-
tion on our claims in this regard, and
if we allow them to lapse again
through complacency we shall have
ourselves to blame.

EDITORIAL NOTE

"I make the statement at once that
there is no scintilla of evidence or
any indication that there was any dis-
loyalty involved in any of the cir-
cumstances which I have investigat-
ed."—Mr. Justice Spence, in the Mun-
singer Report. Which makes us
wonder what all the furore has been
about.



MONUMENTAL INDIFFERENCE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

The Leadership Crisis, And All That

The battles are by no means
over. MPs are reassembling af-
ter their interrupted eleven
weeks holiday, and they find both
large parties in the throes of a
leadership crisis. Conservative
John Diefenbaker is facing the
fourth attempt to dislodge him;
Liberal Lester Pearson hears
the second demand that he re-
tire.

But whatever Dief's critics
may say, he is not without very
substantial support; he is not out
of the fight yet, nor is he beyond
trading punches most effective-
ly with political foes of all par-
ties.

stated, would like to see a democ-
ratic decision on whether the
leader should be endorsed in of-
fice, or be replaced, in the inter-
ests of party unity, the repeated
unofficial and undemocratic chal-
lenges they regard as ruinous
party tactics.

Those Wildlife Metaphors

Christian Science Monitor

The other day we saw a head-
line about the present rumpus in
China. It read "Tiger in Mao's
tank." (The tiger was Lin Piao,
whom Chairman Mao has
brought up to the number-two
post in Peking to put a zing into
the great proletarian cultural re-
volution.)
Most of us know that the "ti-
ger in your tank" theme has been
one of the most successful gaso-
line advertising themes in many
a long day—so successful that
"tiger in your tank" already
has won wide acceptance as a
phrase applying to situations
completely unconnected with
automobiles or gasoline. (Chair-
man Mao, for example, uses met-
aphor. Our best intelligence is
that he swims.)

Who that bird was in the
grass? What kind of snake
was it in the grass? (Only a
grass snake, we hope.) And
what breed of bird was it that
first gave the cuckoo the idea of
sponging eternally in somebody
else's nest?
But we think the English
farmer we read about in the
Manchester Guardian Weekly
has nothing to be ashamed of
in it. In fact, we rather envied his
wit. One of the Guardian's rural
scouts reported that he "was
driving down a narrow coun-
try lane the other day behind a
wheezing tractor and trailer
moving at a cow-like pace." On
the back of the trailer was a
simple notice. It read: "I've got
a weasel in my diesel."

in which the key figure is some
form of wildlife. And a whole
torrent of questions came flood-
ing upon us.
Whose bull burst into whose
china shop? Who first got the
flax in his ear whose bonnet or-
iginally attracted that bee?
What medieval bestry started
harboring the bees? Who's
messenger was messaged up by
the fly?
Whose dog got into whose
manger? What kind of snake
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THAT SMOKED THEM OUT

Conservative president Dalton
Camp at once launched his
"Dump Dief" campaign with a
clarion call before the Toronto
Junior Board of Trade. Rebel
Tories quickly backed camp
notably Dave Fulton—British
Columbia's crushed Tory leader
—whose tone was resented here
as meaning "I am campaigning
for his job." Other Tories at
once rallied to Dief, such as ex-
rebel George Hees, who smooth-
ly parried questions about his
own ambitions by declaring that
the party has renounced under its
leader, and he must be supported
so long as he remains the
democratically elected leader.

New Zealand's Example

Guelph Mercury

If anyone is looking for model
school textbooks, they might try
looking in the direction of New
Zealand. The tiny country with
its two-and-a-half million popu-
lation produces textbooks that
not only educate, but help im-
prove race relations in the pro-
cess.
The books are printed by the
government since the commer-
cial publishing of such books is
hardly feasible. And they do a
remarkably fine job. The works
of country's finest writers, poets
and authors are widely used
along with the best literature
from other lands and the matter
of race relations is treated bold-
ly without any attempt to pre-
sent especially favorable sides.
A white child, for instance,
learns a great deal about the
Maori culture and attitudes and
a similar emphasis is placed on
understanding the Indian and
various European minorities in
New Zealand. A white child in
elementary school learns as
much about the historic defeats
and victories as he does about
those of his own ancestors.
Bringing such differences out
into the open helps the receptive
minds of the young to put the
pieces of New Zealand history in
their right places and in their
proper perspective. And in so
doing, it breeds tolerance and
understanding. New Zealand is
one of the most advanced na-
tions in the world in regard to
the solving of racial questions. It
is not difficult to understand
why.

Snooping On Elephants

Milwaukee Journal

Not content with snooping on
his own species with such devices
as the martini olive radio trans-
mitter, man is bugging the so-
called lower animals.
Pill-sized radio transmitters
are being attached to or slipped
into the gullets of animals, birds
and fishes to find out where
they go.
Now researchers want to hitch
this technique to a star, or at
least a man-made satellite, and
bug whales, polar bears, sea
turtles, caribou and elephants.
Herman Schaden reports in the
Washington Star.
Being built into the Nimbus-B
satellite, due for launching late
next year or early in 1968, is
something called IRLS—inter-
rogation recording and location
system.
An elephant, say, would be
captured and loaded with a de-
vice known as a transmitter. In
effect a portable receiving-and-
location station.
If the animal hadn't already
dumped the gadget into the Lim-
popo River, the satellite, whiz-
zing by in orbit, would be pro-
grammed to ask the "elephant"
foolish questions about tempera-
ture and humidity down there

and relay the data back to a
ground station.
Meanwhile the elephant's po-
sition could be fixed, accurate to
within one and a half miles.
More sophisticated equipment
eventually may relay other in-
formation by way of a satellite
—the animal's respiration, tem-
perature, blood pressure and
other data for which the world
hungers.

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Readers Write

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
The following reader has a
problem that is seldom recog-
nized. "I have an extremely sen-
sitive face and heavy beard.
Shaving irritates my skin and
although I don't have acne, lit-
tle pustules form and spread
causing embarrassment. I am
sure others like myself could
use your advice in coping with
this condition."

My only suggestion is to stop
shaving and grow a beard or
use a commercially available
lotion-type depilatory containing
thioglycolates. Many with this
problem have strongly curved
beard hairs which emerge from
curved follicles and then re-en-
grow the skin leading to an in-
growth hair. Small pimples form
when the normal skin bacteria
join the irritation. Shaving is a
prerequisite for the disorder
(pseudofolliculitis of the beard);
the hair emerges at an angle
and is cut obliquely resulting in
a sharp tip that easily penetra-
tes the skin.

The depilatory lotion is applied
liberally and allowed to remain
on the face for 10 to 15 minutes,
and then gently scraped away.
It must be reapplied every few
days. No system of shaving cur-
es the disorder although the use
of a straight or electric razor
helps occasionally. An antiseptic
soap lessens the chance of
developing pimples by reducing
the bacterial count on the skin.
A young adult writes: "For
one year I have had no social
life. I am always keyed up and
my ears get red. I can't control
it for one moment. At work I am
fine until I start to think about
it. On a hot summer day I burn
up. I have tried my best, but I
can't control this reaction. I
have to consult someone and
will appreciate an answer as
soon as possible."

Upsets of this type usually are
related to emotional stresses
and strains that have been pil-
ling up for years. Our reader
should talk over his problems
with a physician or religious ad-
viser in order to lessen the in-
ternal turmoil that has built up.
A tranquilizer will help initially
and the behavior pattern will
improve with sophistication and
maturity. Blushing is a normal
reaction to embarrassing situa-
tions and this reader can be
thankful that it is confined to his
ears.

JOINT WEAR AND TEAR

Mrs. M. writes: Is cortisone
used in osteoarthritis?

REPLY
Yes. Osteoarthritis, the result
of joint wear and tear, responds
to a lesser extent to these prod-
ucts than other forms of arthri-
tis. Best results are obtained
when the hormone is injected di-
rectly into the involved joint.

B12 AND SENILITY

R. J. writes: Is it true that
hardening of the arteries in the
brain can cause senility in an
older person? Can taking vitam-
in B12 tablets help to forestall
the situation?

REPLY
Senility can be caused by har-
dening of the arteries, but vita-
min B12 will not prevent the con-
dition.

INFECTED HEART

K. P. writes: Can the heart
become infected?

REPLY
Yes. This occurs in rheumatic
fever, blood poisoning, and fol-
lowing injury. Infection of the
pericardial sac, in which the
heart is encased, is fairly com-
mon. Many organisms play a
role, including the tubercle bacil-
lus.

ASPIRIN FOR SLEEP

C. K. writes: Is it harmful to
take an aspirin before going to
bed. This helps the person to
fall asleep.

REPLY

No, and many persons find
this a most excellent sedative.
TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—
Be fit to drive.

(NOTE: All correspondence
to Dr. Van Dellen should be
addressed to: Dr. Theodore
Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Trib-
une, Chicago, Illinois.)

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

(October 5, 1941)

Cannoning at sea accompa-
nied by a display of searchlights
was reported by fishermen near
Macedo, Brazil, indicating possi-
ble continuation of a battle be-
lieved to have started between
unidentified ships three days
ago.

A story in the Montreal Stand-
ard dated from "an eastern
Canadian port" says that three
ships are piled up on the rocks
off the Labrador coast in the
Straits of Belle Isle, and that
two of them are a total loss.

TEN YEARS AGO

(October 5, 1956)

The largest single potato order
in the history of New Brunswick
was completed by McCain Food
Products. Under the agreement
200,000 crates of seed stock
must be on the way to Venezuela
by the end of November.

On display at the annual Amer-
ican Ordnance Association
weapons show was a mystery
gun which appeared intended as
a new lightweight atomic arti-
llery piece.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"Your honor, I not only advis-
ed my client not to confess, I ad-
vised him not to rob the bank in
the first place." — Calgary Her-
ald.
For a billion dollars, it's been
figured, Lake Erie and the Ohio
River could be linked. On the
other hand, for half that they
could be drained. — Ottawa
Journal.
An enthusiastic angler was
telling some friends about a
lake in Colorado which he
had in contemplation. "Are
there any trout out there?" ask-
ed one friend. "Thousands of
'em," replied the angler. "Will
they bite easily?" asked anoth-
er. "Will they Why, they're
absolutely vicious. A man has
to hide behind a tree to bait his
hook." — Montreal Star.

The modern asphalt city may
ultimately catch up with the
mean little kid who enjoys throw-
ing stones. One day he won't be
able to find any. — Ottawa Citi-
zen.
Summer Visitor — "I do hope
you keep your cows in a pasture"
Milkman — "Yes, madam, of
course we keep them in a pas-
ture." Summer Visitor — "I'm
so glad to hear that, I have been
told that pastured milk is
much the safest." — Toronto
Star.
"You'll be a man like one of
us some day," said the patron-
izing superman to a lad who
was throwing his line into the
same stream. "Yes, sir," he
answered. "I s'pose I will some
day, but I b'lieve I'd rather stay
small and catch a few fish." —
Hamilton Spectator.

Thanks For The Nomination

Toronto Daily Star

James Meredith, the U.S. civ-
il rights crusader, flatters Cana-
dians when he asserts that one
day one of us may make a study
of the racial problem in his
country and come up with a so-
lution.
For Mr. Meredith's informa-
tion, Canadians had this prob-
lem licked long ago—just as
they licked the same problem in
South Africa. The white man will
have to give up his bigoted, priv-
ileged position, that is all.
We have not been so success-
ful, perhaps, in solving our own
racial problems, either in Que-
bec or on the Indian reserva-
tions. But without making ex-
cuses, we may point out that
these problems are right under
our noses. They are hard to see,
let alone solve.
Canadians are not worse than
other peoples in this respect.
The note in the other fellow's
eye is the easier to see the far-
ther away he is; the beam in our
own eye is rarely noticed. The
Americans, for their part, have
been quick to discover and re-
prove the sins of British colon-
ialism; they have not hesitated
to summon the black people of
Africa and the yellow people of
Asia to independence.
But "the old folks at home"
—that's different and none of
anybody else's business. But
thanks anyway, Mr. Meredith,
for the nomination.

"Abie's Irish Rose"

Saskatoon Star-Phoenix

Many theatre enthusiasts felt
that an era had ended with the
recent death of Anne Nichols.
Although she produced a num-
ber of other works, she made her
name with the play, "Abie's
Irish Rose" which became a
firmly established institution,
rather than just another play, ac-
cording to The New York Times.

It opened on May 23, 1922 at the
Fulton Theatre on West 44th
Street, New York, and closed on
October 26, 1927 at the Republic
Theatre on West 42nd Street. It
had lasted 2,327 performances, a
record which was not beaten un-
til "Life With Father" came a-
long 10 years later.

However, the play did not fade
into obscurity after it came off
Broadway. There were two New
York revivals, in 1937 and 1954,
two film versions in 1928 and
there were many touring produc-
tions well into the 1940s.
Although the public received
the play warmly during its run,
it did not have an easy start.
Miss Nichols mortgaged her
home to get the play produced
and the actors took a pay de-
crease, and tickets were sold at
a cut-rate, to keep it going.
Whenever the play was produc-
ed, Miss Nichols maintained a
firm control over it.

"I had a compulsion to check
up on the various companies,"
she said in 1962. "Invariably I'd
find that the minute my back was
turned, the actors would start
distorting the play by ad-libbing
lines for laughs. I had to travel
back and forth across the coun-
try constantly to keep them in
check. I hardly had any time to
write any more."
The story was about a Jewish
boy and an Irish girl who were
forbidden to marry by their
families. Everybody made fun
of the play, but everybody went
to see it. There were many rea-
sons given for the play's success.
Miss Nichols ascribed its suc-
cess to its message—"the spirit
of tolerance." But a radio critic
in 1942 gave a different reason.
He said: "It was a soap opera
before people knew what soap
operas were."
But whatever the reason, the
play maintained Miss Nichols'
reputation despite her other
plays, such as "Just Mar-
ried" and "Pre-honeymoon"
which totalled about 20, written
before and after "Abie's Irish
Rose."

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