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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

No exact census of the world's rat population has ever been taken, but experts record that these destructive and disease-carrying vermin number in Canada alone over 50,000,000 and destroy food-stuffs to the tune of 20,000,000 pounds. Rats are prolific breeders and the offspring of a single pair and their descendants runs to over a thousand in a single year.

Although a constant war is being waged between humans and rats the animal continues to live and flourish at the expense of mankind.

Still hale and hearty are Mr. and Mrs. George Auld of Winsloe, Prince Edward Island, who are in their 96th year. They've been married longer than most couples

have lived and still enjoy each other's company.

Quinine was used by the Peruvian Indians centuries before a white man ever knew that the New World existed. And so was ginseng, mandrake, sarsaparilla, buckdock, etc. These valuable Indian remedies are now used widely by all civilized races.

But strange but true, a number of Indian medicines are still secrets among the medicine men who concoct them. The Indians of

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ROME, April 8 — (AP) — The National Congress of Italy's big Communist Party today unanimously approved Red leader Palmiro Togliatti's proposal to cease opposition to Premier Alcide de Gasperi's Government of Italy quits the Atlantic Pact. Togliatti made the offer after a visit to Moscow.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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Gerald Waring Reporting

OTTAWA—Everybody "knows" taxes are going up tonight, when Hon. Douglas C. Abbott brings down his sixth budget in five years as Finance Minister.

Yet the contents of the budget are the best-kept secret in the capital.

You can find out how much plutonium — the bang stuff in the Atom Bomb—our super-secret Chalk River plant can make.

You can learn how many atomic bombs the English think the Russians will drop on London in the first attack.

But you can't discover what Doug Abbott is going to do to our pocket-books until he's ready to tell us, at eight o'clock tonight.

This is all the more surprising when you consider that:

1. A score of government officials have helped prepare the budget.

2. Government stenographers have seen parts of it as they stencilled it.

3. The Cabinet has known its contents since noon today.

4. In branches of the Bank of Canada right across the country there are sealed bundles of copies of the budget to be opened and distributed when the Minister speaks in the Commons.

5. Eighty odd newspapermen will have read the budget speech four hours before the Minister delivers it.

Thus there would seem to be ample opportunity for a budget leak. But budget secrecy is a tradition which has rarely, if ever, been broken in Canada. Fifteen years ago a Cabinet Minister was said to have leaked information on a change in the tax on sugar, but it was never proven. Six

years ago a firm of Toronto furriers "announced" that the excise tax on certain furs would be reduced from 25 to 10 per cent.

The Government investigated this supposed leak thoroughly, and was satisfied with the firm's assertion that its knowledge was just a guess which happened to be right.

The British, from whom we inherited the tradition of budget secrecy, have had serious instances of budget leaks. The most recent was the case of Hugh Dalton, who resigned as Chancellor of the Exchequer after an incautious word to a newspaperman had enabled the reporter's paper to publish news of a tax change before it was announced.


The tradition of budget secrecy started in the days before income tax, when tax changes meant changes in customs and excise imposts. Then speculators could reap huge gains if they had prior knowledge of the budget.

Probably no direct harm would be done if word of tonight's income tax increases leaked out in advance. But if excise taxes on luxury goods are increased tonight, as many expect, anyone with advance knowledge of the changes might reap unfair profit. So the rule is strict secrecy.

Perhaps the most surprising activity in connection with the budget is the practice of Ottawa newspapermen to allow themselves to be locked in a so-called "sealed chamber" with copies of the budget speech four hours before the Minister delivers it.

That way newsmen can digest the speech leisurely, question officials of the Departments of Finance and National Revenue on difficult passages, and write their stories in advance. On the other hand, the government benefits from more thorough and intelligent reporting of the budget than it would receive if the press had to wait until the budget's actual delivery in the Commons to get the news.

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