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If John Diefenbaker is a spent force politically, as his critics contend, at least he hasn't lost his skill in tossing verbal grenades into the enemy's trenches.

The flabby backbone has been all too evident in Liberal pronouncements of late. It is not surprising, in the circumstances, that reports are emanating from Ottawa of a stealthy search going on behind the facade of Liberal solidarity for new and more vigorous leadership at the top.

His successor, it is argued, should have a clean sheet with respect to the blunders that have plagued the Pearson regime. Not should he be an ex-bureaucrat like so many in the Pearson cabinet.

Before he gave up politics for industry in 1957 Mr. Winters had served in the St. Laurent government, first as minister of reconstruction and supply, then of resources and development, and finally of the patronage-ridden department of public works in which he is credited with having effected major reforms.

One Ottawa commentator devotes a column to this subject, predicting that if Mr. Winters should be drafted in this capacity, there almost certainly would be a turn-to-the-right in Liberal policies.

The Gap Widening

It is distressing to note that the independence achieved by so many new nations across Africa hasn't helped to close the economic gap between them and developed countries.

The basic problem is that African states rely on agriculture—and primitive agriculture at that. Some 85 per cent of their people are farmers who produce pretty much the same crops.

ducers. That crop is tied to world market prices to a degree that the nation shipping cocoa, coffee, cotton, or peanuts can be economically hurt by one or two per cent drop in price.

They all want industrial development but such development is possible and economical only if they cooperate so as to avoid overproduction.

This problem is noted in a recent report of the European Economic Community, which states that "no adequate speedup of economic growth—which is the final objective of development aid—can be expected from the expansion of exports in the developing countries in the next few years."

Meanwhile, these countries are becoming more and more assertive, more and more convinced that the world owes them more than they are getting out of life and that developed nations are to blame for the slowdown they are experiencing in their progress toward self-sufficiency.

A Bitter Experience

An example of the high cost of complacency comes from the English city of Blackburn, and is cited in a mainland exchange. Up to last week, less than one-third of Blackburn's 105,000 people had bothered to take anti-polio vaccine.

A dozen years ago when polio epidemics were not the rarity that they are today, the knowledge that the disease could be avoided for certain by merely swallowing a pill would have been hailed as a miracle.

Such shortsightedness, however, is not confined to Britain. There must be many people in Canada who have let complacency lull them into failure to get their anti-polio treatment.

Distressing Figures

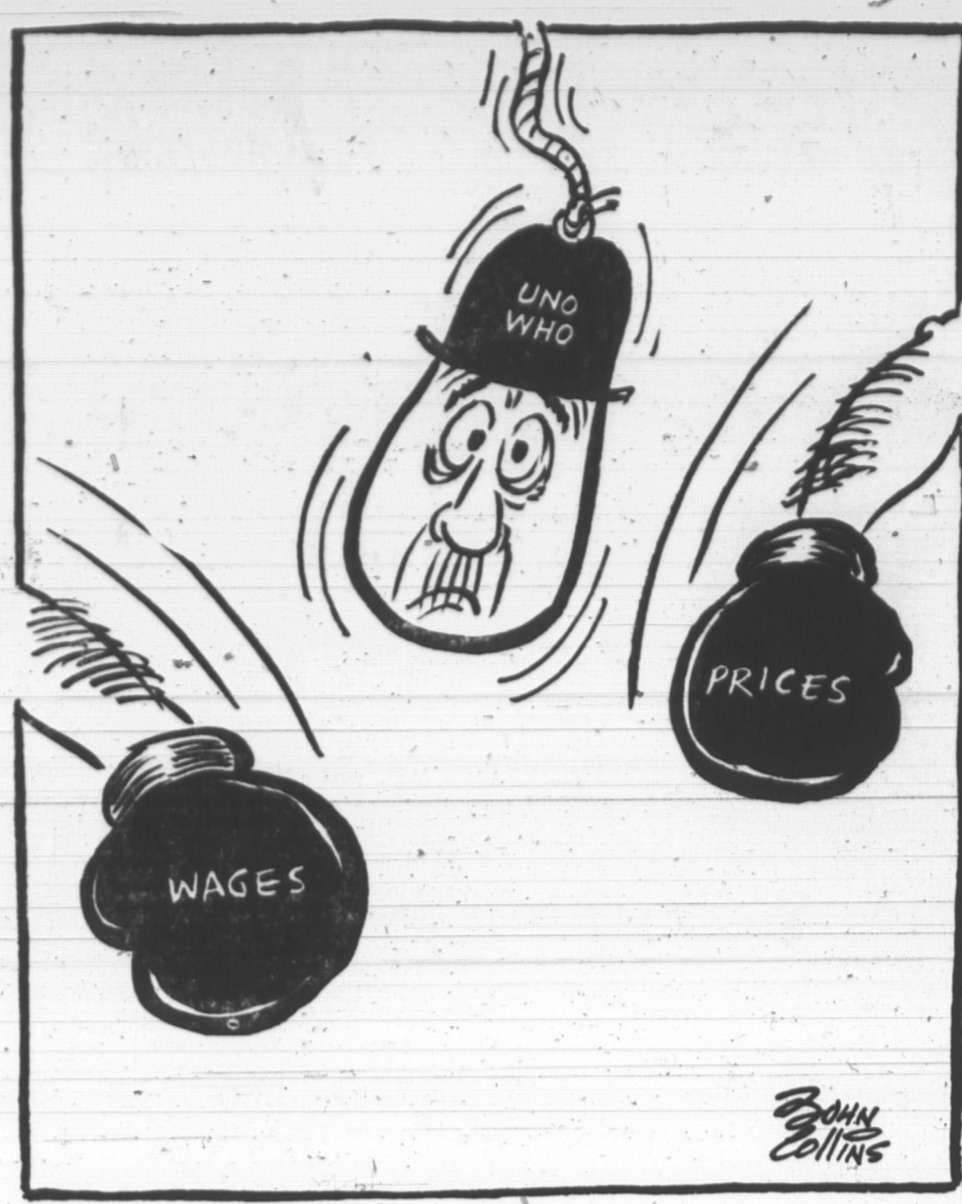
In the light of continued disclosures of the mounting death toll due to motor vehicle mishaps, it is hardly surprising to learn that victims totalled 4,750 and accounted for 45 per cent of all accident fatalities in Canada last year.

Accident fatalities come in third place in the five leading causes of death among Canadians each twelve months. And last year they increased by 309 or three per cent from the 1963 total of 10,255.

The League publication emphasizes, once again, the distressing fact that this was needless wastage of human lives, carelessness being in large measure the cause.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The New York World's Fair had its busiest weekend of the season on Monday, when 20,378 persons passed through its gates. The total to date this year is 14,906,645.



ALWAYS THE MIDDLEMAN

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Recalling Tory Nuclear Weapons Breach

"Canada's nuclear role in NATO is ending, because it has become militarily redundant." Thus Group Captain William M. Lee, the able and widely-respected special assistant to Defence Minister Healy, wrote "Finish" to an historic and controversial era in our military history.

Speaking for the Minister of Defence, Bill Lee said that Canada's commitment to a nuclear strike role in NATO might have been logical when it was made in 1957, but now it has become senseless, because NATO has many times more than enough nuclear strike power to wipe out any enemy in an all-out world war.

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Our Yesterdays

Twenty-five years ago (August 26, 1940) Scream bombs were heard dropping in the London area as the fifth air raid warning within three days roused Londoners from their beds to which they had shortly before returned from a similar alarm.

Crime That Paid Well

The Mercier report on bankruptcies in Quebec, made public by Revenue Minister Kierans, is more shocking than it is surprising.

Easy Living Not The Best

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen According to David Harum, "A certain number of fleas is good for a dog." Most men also need a little prodding, irritation, or competition to keep them on their toes.

Are we getting soft? This is a matter of opinion, but there seems to be far less determination to help one's self. We have been led to believe that millions are not capable of handling their economic, social, and medical problems.

A firmer attitude sometimes does more good than most of us realize. The late Dr. Irving S. Cutter told the story of an employee who went to a physician for months without improving.

Many of our less fortunate citizens have no boss and it is up to their social worker or local politician to offer advice.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT

Agings is changing. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

NOTES BY THE WAY

Dad—"If my daughter has accepted you, why come to me?" Swain—"I'd like some advice on the advisability of marrying her."—Sarnia Observer.

Teacher—"What are the racing that have dominated England since the invasion of the Romans?" Small Boy—"The Grand National and the Derby, miss."—Edmonton Journal.

Canadian interest in the proposals is shown by the fact that D. W. Fulford, first secretary of the Canadian embassy in Mexico City, is an observer at the meeting.

Regarded As Promising

By Dave McIntosh Canadian Press Staff Writer

Latin America's initiative in trying to make itself the world's first nuclear-free military zone is regarded in Ottawa as a promising concept in helping to limit or prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

Eighteen Latin American countries have, since 1962, been discussing how to create a denuclearized region and now are meeting in Mexico City to review progress and plan the next step.

WOULD CUBA JOIN?

At the 1963 United Nations General Assembly, Canada voted for a resolution presented by Brazil and 10 other countries seeking discussion by the Latin American states on a nuclear-free zone.

CANADIAN CRITERIA

Canada would not be included in any Latin American nuclear-free zone treaty. But if one is arranged it would no doubt be asked to respect it, a request which the Canadian government doubtless would welcome.

The first man on the MOON

When will the first man arrive on the moon? Will he be Russian or American? These and other provocative questions were recently posed to Sir Bernard Lovell, of Britain's Jodrell Bank, by writer Leslie Hannon in an exclusive interview for Weekend Magazine.

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