

United Action Called For

Ordinarily, the pressing of this Province's needs before Federal authorities may be, in a theoretical sense, the responsibility of our Federal representatives, as Premier Matheson declared in his speech on the Budget. But the present situation is certainly not one that can safely be left to ordinary parliamentary routine. Its seriousness cannot be disputed; nor should the feasibility of joint action on the part of Liberals, Conservatives, M.L.A.'s, M.P.'s, Senators, Boards of Trade, farm organizations, and all other interested bodies be overlooked.

It is obvious that the Province cannot go on adding two or three million dollars a year to its indebtedness without incurring serious consequences. It has been suggested that perhaps this is what Ottawa would like to see, as preliminary to our forced amalgamation with some other administrative unit. Whether there be any basis for this speculation or not, there is no point in dwelling on it. The fact is that as a Province of Canada, Prince Edward Island has not received in the past and is not receiving now a fair fiscal deal from the Federal Government.

The "little concessions" to which the Premier referred are all very well as far as they go, although we have as yet to hear of anything this Province has received to which it was not entitled. But it would be foolish to look upon them as fitting substitutes for a broad and comprehensive acknowledgement of our claims. And it would be disastrous to proceed on the assumption that, since our Federal representatives have been unable to convince the authorities that these claims are just and reasonable, it simply cannot be done.

The School Trustees

Much has been said in the Legislature and in the briefs presented to the Committee on Education regarding the need for bigger administrative units in place of the present school-district system. The general opinion seems to be that the change would make for greater efficiency and, in due course, lead to the establishing of consolidated schools which in the long run would be less costly to operate. There probably is some justification for this view; and the fact that it is supported by the Federation of Agriculture is likely to have considerable influence on departmental policy, since of course it is the farmers who in the rural districts have to provide the bulk of the school taxes.

The proposed change, however, will not be an easy one to bring about. Local school districts have played an important role in the social development of the Province, and our people will be in no hurry to give them up unless they are reasonably certain that the change would be in the best over-all interests of the educational process; and, of course, it would be a mistake to make the change without its having a wide measure of support at the "grass-roots". In principle, no doubt, a big unit would be more efficient than a small one; but in practice a big unit that is not appreciated is less efficient than a small one that is.

In all the discussions on this important question, little seems to have been said by way of tribute to the school trustees who, in general, are rendering devoted service, in many cases at considerable personal inconvenience. Many of them, perhaps most of them, do not possess much technical knowledge in school administration (and it is difficult to see how this particular situation would be changed by transfer of responsibility from small units to bigger ones), but they do have a good insight into local problems; and, to their credit, they give willingly of their time and attention, for which they receive nothing but the appreciation of their neighbours, and not always that. Annual meetings are often poorly attended; and there

are times when the Secretary, who has to do most of the actual work and worrying, is hard pressed to balance his books. The prompt collecting of taxes is always a difficult chore, and it is not made any less difficult by the fact that the collector lives "just up the road a piece."

All in all, trustees do pretty well with the resources at their disposal. They deserve an occasional word of encouragement.

Confusions Re U.N.

On his arrival in London after conferring with President Eisenhower in Bermuda, Prime Minister Macmillan was quoted as saying "no country can have a policy which merely says we'll leave it to the United Nations." There is increasing evidence that President Eisenhower is beginning to share that view. The difference between him and Mr. Macmillan on this point is that while he does not like to express the opinion out loud, the Prime Minister sees no reason why he should be reticent about it.

The United Nations was never intended as an organization having the power of decision over its members. Its function, such as it is, is of an advisory rather than a controlling nature. And perhaps its main weakness lies in the confusions which surround the interpretation of its charter.

President Eisenhower, having kept the Middle East crisis before the U.N. General Assembly for so long and having invoked the Charter at every stage—to very little purpose, as things turned out—is so committed to U.N. procedural rules that it is almost impossible for the United States to take independent action, no matter how great the danger may be or how threatening its outcome. Even the "Eisenhower Doctrine", in form at any rate, cannot function except in accordance with majority opinion in the U.N. This makes for a ridiculous situation, since its main purpose is to thwart Soviet aggression in the Middle East—the very thing which, with one exception (the Korean affair), the U.N. has been reluctant to do anything about. Of course, if the time ever comes when the Doctrine has to be put into operation, its formal tie with the U.N. Charter will in all likelihood be forgotten. Nevertheless, that is how it is understood at present by the Afro-Asian bloc; and that is probably why Egypt and the other Arab states appear to be little disturbed, if at all, by its implications.

EDITORIAL NOTES

This summer, for the first time, the Russians are to be given the opportunity of seeing golf and baseball played. Cold war tensions ought to begin to subside after a couple of games have been staged.

A British Government official has summed up American foreign policy as it concerns Middle East problems in a neat way: "It is like a handful of smoke. When you open your hand it simply isn't there."

Whether or not a Committee on Education is preferable to a Royal Commission is a question that will be debated for some time to come. It is clear, however, that the Committee has attracted a great deal of attention, probably much more than was expected when the announcement was made.

It can now be considered almost certain that the Queen will visit Canada and the United States sometime this year, probably in early autumn. It is likely, too, that Her Majesty will come to Canada first and then over to the U.S. This would seem to be the proper procedure, Canada being one of the Queen's Realms; and Prime Minister St. Laurent is to be commended for suggesting it to the United Kingdom Government.

The release of Archbishop Makarios from detention in the Seychelles will probably help in negotiating some sort of agreement on the Cyprus problem. But only if he behaves himself and agrees to denounce the use of terrorism by his Cypriot underlings. Reports have it that he wasn't treated too badly, anyway. His "prison" was a luxurious hotel in pleasant surroundings in which he was permitted to wander pretty much at will. He suffered no ill effects or inconveniences, except of course the inconvenience of being obliged to stay on the island.



SO THERE!

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Sir,—As a public school teacher I felt deeply resentful of the opinion presented by Senator Grant in his recent letter which inferred that a "good" teacher is uninterested in remuneration and would like to take this opportunity to state that I too, like the Senator am thinking "about the future." Perhaps this is why I know, as the situation stands, my future does not lie in teaching.

We teachers, in the Senator's opinion, should be grateful for the salary we now receive which on the average is less than \$3.50 per day. However, the fact that we receive a salary less than that of a waitress does not influence the people to whom we pay gas in order that we may board at home to save money. A teacher would need to be a wizard to save anything whatsoever from such a salary. I only regret to say that although I too, love my job of teaching, this is one kind of love no one can live on.

Perhaps the Senator's short stay in the teaching profession was due to the pay he received, or is he prepared to state that a Senator's calling is higher than that of, and I quote, one of the best teachers in Kings County? ("Senator Grant replies" March 23?)

I am, Sir, etc.,
(Miss) JOAN DOUGLAS
Head of Hillsboro.

CAUSEWAY POSSIBILITIES

Sir,—I am going to quote briefly from an editorial section of the Charlottetown Patriot, March 26th issue, which states: "For instance what same person would accept the statement that a causeway across the Northumberland Strait would be a benefit to the Province of the North?" The article further states that there is more scientific data available which would indicate that the climate would be colder, than there is that it would be warmer, if a causeway were built. If there is any scientific data to this effect I feel sure there are a great many people like myself who would be glad to hear about it.

The editor can be assured that when I made the statement quoted above, at the APEC meeting that I had no intention of transporting the tropical climate of Bermuda to the ice-bound shores of Prince Edward Island. I am quite content to leave that to the experts with their scientific data. What I did mean, is this: If a causeway were completed the resultant increase in the number of tourists, could in a large measure do for Prince Edward Island what the tourist trade has already done for Bermuda. Or to repeat the original remark make this Island "the Bermuda of the North."

I feel sure this was understood by everyone at the APEC meeting. I also said the Tourist Industry in my opinion is the one which has the greatest chance of expansion, and the revenue derived therefrom would aid tremendously in the economic growth of our Province; providing, we can get the people across the strait in sufficient numbers.

At the present time I believe everyone realizes our facilities are strained to the utmost during July and August and many days in June and September, both at Wood Islands and Borden, but particularly at Wood Islands during the summer. One can often see at the entrance to the Hillsboro Bridge a sign put there, for the protection of the travelling public by the Provincial Government, as early as 9 a.m. advising tourists and others that there are enough cars at the wharf to fill the boats for the day. On the Caribou side it is even worse with whole families sometimes spending the night on the wharf. It is the worst possible kind of publicity and far too many people say, "Never again—Once is enough." Unfortunately most of the people in Nova Scotia know about these conditions, many through bitter experience, and one

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Work Disputes And Weddings

By William McStay
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(Editors Note: This column was written in Britain on March 23rd.)

It is Gloom Week in Britain—and next week promises to be Glomier Week. The shipyard workers' strike throughout the country, which millions thought would not take place, is doing just that right now.

That is not the end of the story. In their support, plans are being finalised to call out the engineering industry—not en masse, but in fairly substantial packets, with the key-employers called out first and other engineers will have eventually to stop work anyhow. By April 6th, estimate labour leaders here, the whole of Britain's engineering industry will have wheezed to a halt.

It is not a happy outlook for the man-in-the-British street. But what is heartening is the strong stand that that man's favourite newspaper is taking on the subject. The cheery, roistering "Daily Mirror"—with the World's largest circulation of nearly 5 million copies—has come out good and strong with an appeal to reason to both sides of the dispute, workers as well as bosses. It is risking a lot of disfavor but it is showing a lot of fortitude.

The time has come, it says, when the employers must take a smaller slice of the cake, but the time has also come when the labour side must stop thinking that it can hold the employers—and in the long run the public—to ransom. At a time when the tax man is learning about the strike or "The Daily Mirror" is far and away—even in its own jazzy way—the most sensible.

STEAM FROM THE EARS
Eight years ago most of the doctors came into Britain's new National Health Scheme, whereby all doctors' attentions and hospital visits were free. Or, at least, they only cost about a dollar a week to each worker, the same to his boss, with the balance brought in by general taxes.

Over the eight years the doctors have had not one pay increase. They asked for one above five years ago, but with commendable restraint soft-pedalled their claim then. But dissatisfaction has been growing, and in a dusty conference room at the British Medical Association's headquarters here I

can easily imagine what they in most cases tell inquiring Americans.

When the new ferry "Lord Selkirk", capacity 60 cars in operation it will be a wonderful help, as it replaces the Prince Nova with a capacity of 16 to 18 cars, but I believe the officials of the Northumberland Ferries will agree that were a second Lord Selkirk to go into operation this summer, that within a very short time the two ferries would be inadequate to carry the car and truck traffic. A similar condition exists at Borden to a lesser degree, where on many occasions during the summer there are long waiting periods in order to get across.

Assuming a causeway is feasible anyone imagine that the tourist trade of Prince Edward Island would not benefit enormously, providing one could drive on and off our Island without any waiting—any delays, anytime during the day or night. With 16 million travel conscious Americans to the South of us, plus at least 15 million Canadians in our own country—all potential customers—we only drew 120,000 here last year. How many more came to the ferries and would not wait is anybody's guess. I maintain, Sir, we are only scratching the surface of the industry as yet.

With an Island endowed by nature such as ours, with among other attractions its miles of beautiful beaches, cool nights, pleasant days, scenic countryside and friendly and courteous people, add to the above an energetic, wide awake Travel Bureau which is doing an excellent advertising job and the enormous amount of

extra advertising we are getting this year from the Dominion Government, I feel quite sure a feeling of optimism is quite an order. Again I repeat, at the risk of being called insane, that I have enough confidence in the future potential of the Tourist Industry to believe, that it can in fifteen or twenty years equal or surpass, the present value of agriculture.

These views are also held by others who in my humble opinion appear quite sane.

I am, Sir, etc.,
J. WENDELL MUTCH

AGAINST OPEN BARS
Sir,—I have been following with interest the current controversy regarding the question of legalizing the sale of intoxicants in hotels, which was proposed by a member in the Legislature a few days ago, and which in his opinion would be a step in the right direction.

Since that time letters have appeared in these columns for and against this proposal, now I would like to add my views on the subject.

Certainly every honest person must know which is the right side of this question. Despite the fact that the exponents of liquor do appear sometimes on the surface to present quite plausible arguments, yet I am sure they also realize their error. In fact I have heard heavy drinkers say when sober that liquor was a curse, and for the average layman all that is necessary is to stop, look and listen in assessing its value.

We shall now look at the practical side of this issue. It is intimated that open bars in our hotels

etc., would improve our tourist industry greatly, this I think is very doubtful. I have never heard of tourists complaining of the lack of liquor outlets. After all, do you drive a great distance down to P.E.I. for a two weeks' vacation just to indulge when they have fifty other weeks to do that back home if they wish, no of course not the tourists come here to relax, the majority of them are far more interested in good food and accommodations, good roads and good local hospitality than in liquor.

Furthermore I am not at all convinced that the sponsors of this proposed legislation have the welfare of the tourists as their primary concern, shall we say perhaps in this case the tourists are a convenient alibi.

Instead of contemplating increased outlets for liquor Mr. MacIsaac should try and help find solutions to some other of our pressing problems, which would be of lasting value to our people and province.

I am, Sir, etc.,
JOHN W. RAYNER
Casumpeque.

OLD FIRE BELL
Sir,—I notice in your valuable paper that the old City Fire Bell is to be removed from the tower in the City Building. This is a historic old bell. It has rung out the joys and sorrows of our Province. It should be preserved and kept for its historic value. Let it not meet the same fate as our old historic Sibley Engine did.

I am, Sir, etc.,
CITIZEN

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Budessa, M.D.

NEEDLESS FEARS CAUSE A DREAD OF MENOPAUSE

Many women have a great dread of the menopause. They have heard many stories about it and feel that this physical change means the end of life itself. This just is not so.

The truth is that most women have little distress and a great many have none when going through the menopause.

As for being the end of life, let's look at things statistically. EACH CASE VARIES

Although the time this change begins varies, in almost every case, it usually starts somewhere around the age of 50; at least between the late forties and the early fifties.

That means women generally can expect at least another 25 years of life beyond the menopause.

This physiological change actually means the end of only a single function—the capacity to bear children. It is a perfectly natural stage of a woman's development.

While this phase sometimes begins abruptly, it usually is a gradual process requiring a period of several years.

Believe it or not, some women are not even aware of the change which is taken place.

You have probably heard a lot about "hot flashes." This is a sudden rush of blood to the face, chest and neck generally followed by perspiration. But statistics show that only about 20 per cent of the women actually experience this "traditional" symptom of the menopause.

TEMPORARY ILLS

Menopause does not mean a mental breakdown, cancer, a heart disorder or any such thing. The nervous, depressed feeling some women feel during this phase of life usually is only temporary.

How, you will react to this situation, of course, depends upon many things. Among them are your health, the way you interpret your symptoms, your economic and social position and your understanding of just what the menopause means.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

M. W.: My son recently cut himself. He now has an extremely large scar which the doctor calls a keloid. Is there anything that can be done for this?

Answer: Usually a keloid can be helped by local radium or X-ray treatments, but ask the doctor and follow his advice.

The Age Old Story

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(March 30, 1932)

At a largely attended meeting of the parishioners in Rustico Hall Wednesday evening presided over by Mr. Felix Gallant, it was decided to proceed with the re-building of St. Augustine Convent recently destroyed by fire. It is intended to erect a two-storey building with all modern conveniences for use as a convent.

A barn belonging to Colin Ramsay of Tyne Valley was burned to the ground Monday night. When discovered about nine o'clock the fire was well underway, and despite efforts from the large number which gathered they were unable to save the building. Loss was estimated at over \$500 partly covered by insurance.

TEN YEARS AGO

(March 30, 1947)

At least two hundred persons from all parts of Quebec and the Maritime provinces will attend the East Coast Fisheries Conference which opens at the Canadian Legion Hall, Charlottetown, tomorrow morning. The conference will discuss modern methods of canning and processing, and will have illustrations of good and bad methods of processing on display.

P.E. Islanders will gain relatively more than residents of any other province in the event of Finance Minister Abbott raising the exemption of personal income tax from \$1,200 to \$2,000 for married persons and from \$750 to \$1,200 for single persons. It is explained that P.E. Islanders have lower family income per capita than industrialized centres.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

U.S.A. leads the world for invention, especially the stories suggesting trouble in the British royal family.—Oshawa Times-Gazette.

There's nothing like a brand new license plate to make the old car look shabby.—Toronto Star

If a woman wants to learn to drive never stand in her way. It's a lot safer to stand somewhere else.—Oshawa Times-Gazette

Orangeville has done something more than talk about the problem of getting more worthy students through University. In this Ontario town, no promising high school graduate is barred from college through lack of money. A group of public-spirited citizens will lend him funds interest free to supplement those he can earn himself as he goes along. Already sixty Orangeville students have been aided and arrangements are now being made to put the program on a permanent basis.—Financial Post

The Income Tax Appeal Board at Ottawa has rejected the appeal of a Kitchener man who claimed a deduction from his 1955 taxable income for the services of a full-time attendant to look after his invalid wife. The dismissal was based on the fact that the invalid left her bed occasionally to sit in a rocking chair when, according to the board's interpretation of the Income Tax Act, it should have been a wheelchair.—Globe and Mail

Canada has had some fantastic real estate deals since 1867, but the Hon. Bryan Cathcart, Ontario's Minister of Development, is apparently planning the grandest deal of all. Speaking at a banquet in the King Edward Hotel given for weekly newspaper editors recently, the Honorable Bryan several times used the phrase, "We've got to sell Ontario that's our job to sell Ontario." A wag at the table next to ours asked: "What's the price?"—Durham Chronicle

Six persons convicted of witchcraft in the odious Salem trials of the year 1692, still are branded as witches, in the records of Massachusetts. The state legislature in Boston asked to reverse the convictions. A bill to reverse the convictions was passed by the Lower House two years ago but the State Senate defeated the measure for fear, that the descendants of the convicted persons might claim damages, with interest since 1692, if the bill passed.—Cape Breton Post

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