

Malta Is Looking For 'Rich Uncle'

By PRESTON GROVER VALETTA, Malta (AP) — Malta is looking for a rich uncle to help it out of financial difficulties.

Ever since 2000 BC, when the Phoenicians moved in, Malta has been occupied by one strong power after another, for it lies at the narrow waistline of the Mediterranean between Europe and Africa.

After the Phoenicians came the Carthaginians, the Romans, Byzantines, Arabs and a succession of European powers, the latest being the British in 1800.

Now that the British are pulling out, Malta awaits the tourists. There are both sandy and rocky beaches, and the water is so clear that fish and old cannon balls from ancient battles can be seen 60 feet down.

But the situation calls for more than tourists. Two years ago the Maltese islands, with 317,000 population, accepted the status of an independent country within the British Commonwealth. But becoming self-supporting is a slow process. Malta has almost no natural resources.

For 166 years Britain picked up Maltese deficits, while at the same time the naval dockyards and troop installations were the biggest source of employment. But British support will end in 10 years, with the Maltese getting \$15,000,000 a year during that period to help industrialize. It is not nearly enough to meet the island's needs.

CHOICE WAS CLOSE — In the March general election the Maltese gave a majority to the Nationalist party which was pledged to stay with Britain and try to work out the financial difficulties. However, the Malta Labor party, led by a dynamic, Oxford-trained architect, Dom Mintoff, came within the shadow of victory by demanding, among other things, that Malta should be free to get aid where it can. If Britain, the United States or NATO wouldn't help, perhaps the Soviet Union would. NATO's Mediterranean headquarters is in Malta.

Just how important is Malta to the West? A naval opinion was given by Capt. Robert N. Miller, chief of staff of U.S. Carrier Division Six. "Although weapons have changed drastically, Malta's strategic importance remains relatively unchanged," he said.

Despite its economic troubles, Malta is a fascinating place and thousands of tourists are finding it out. More than 60,000 came this year, 90 per cent above last year.

Half the people live around the grand harbor, while the rest live in picturesque towns and villages, some with ancient fortifications. Swimming weather lasts eight or nine months a year.

The greatest attraction are stone temples, dating back at least to 2500 BC. Then there are the fortifications used by the Knights of St. John to repel the besieging Turks in 1565.

The islands have been Roman Catholic since St. Paul was shipwrecked there in 60 AD and converted the inhabitants (Acts 27-28). There are 350 churches, 1,374 priests and 1,010 nuns who make the church-and-dominant force in the islands.

The people speak English readily, some Italian, and of course Maltese, an language composed of everything from the stone age to now.

SCULPTOR DIES — BATH, Me. (AP) — Sculptor William Zorach, 79, whose creations grace leading museums, died Tuesday night. His best-known works include four 12-foot figures in front of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and other pieces at Radio City Music Hall in New York and at the post office building in Washington, D.C.

U.S. Auto Trade Surplus Reported Down This Year — By ARCH MACKENZIE WASHINGTON (CP) — An American auto trade surplus of \$500,000,000 to \$450,000,000 is shaping up under the Canada-U.S. auto production agreement for 1966, it is estimated here.

This would be a decrease in the U.S. surplus on its Canadian account compared with last year — the first for the agreement — which amounted to more than \$700,000,000.

It may shrink further in 1967, informants speculate. A better picture should be produced in the American report of the agreement's operations. It is being prepared by officials of the commerce, labor and state departments, and the customs bureau, and may be ready for President Johnson's scrutiny by the end of the month.

He is expected to release it on or after Dec. 20. As approved by Congress last year, the agreement between the two countries abolished North American tariffs for manufacturers of most vehicles and their original — not spare — parts.

WANTED SURPLUS — From the American standpoint, the aim was to preserve the annual trade surplus enjoyed with Canada — but giving the Canadian subsidiaries of the General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, American Motors or Canadian parts makers access to the much larger American market.

The alternative, Congress was told by unilateral Canadian action to bolster its auto industry by higher tariffs or other devices restricting American exports to Canada.

The net American auto surplus with Canada in 1964 was \$581,000,000 and officials here said last year's substantial increase was a one-hot affair. Canadian subsidiaries were uncertain about congressional approval, therefore Canadian exports to the U.S. were not up much.

This year's anticipated — Mr. Kaunda said Zambia firmly believes that the use of force by Britain against the Smith regime a year ago would have stopped bloodshed. "Today there would have to be blood shed," he said. "And later it will be worse."

SEES NO CHOICE — "We have little choice in this — violence of a limited nature now or great violence of a racial nature in the future." President Kaunda was asked whether limited United Nations sanctions against Rhodesia would accomplish the same end as the use of force.

"I have been bitten once by sanctions, and as the English saying goes, once bitten, twice shy he replied. OTTAWA (CP) — Mines department employees are being asked to reveal the "most intimate and revealing" facts about themselves in a departmental form, Erik Nielsen (PC — Yukon) said here.

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New Drug Possible Cure For Cancer

Promising developments in an original Canadian cancer research accomplishment were reported at the 9th International Cancer Congress at Tokyo. Dr. R.L. Noble, Director of the Cancer Research Unit of the University of British Columbia and pioneer in the use of VLB to control cancer, presented facts on the possibilities of a derivative of the original drug.

In 1959 Dr. Noble found that Vincalubastine, abbreviated as VLB would arrest the progress of certain forms of cancer. VLB is an alkaloid, of a type of basic organic substance found in plants. Dr. Noble and his colleagues discovered it in the leaves of a pink-flowered plant called vinca rosea, really the common periwinkle plant. They had been working on a chance that it might be effective in treating diabetes. The first theory did not work out, but they did find that an ingredient of the plant would slow down the production of white blood cells in experimental animals.

TEST VLB — The next stage was to test VLB in the treatment of some human tumours and leukemia. In the latter instance, VLB achieved a consistent reduction of the relentless multiplication of white cells which is characteristic of the disease. It also suppressed the growth and activity of certain types of solid tumours, which had spread and had been resistant to other drugs.

Work with VLB has been extended to research centres in both Canada and the United States. No cures of cancer can yet be attributed to it but it is certain that many lives have been prolonged for mercifully long periods. Included, have been sufferers from leukemia, Hodgkin's Disease and other

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LEARNS LESSON

Jean Lesage, leader of Quebec's Liberal party, told the opening of a three-day convention of the Quebec Liberal Federation in Montreal Friday night that the party's

loss to the Union Nationale in last June's provincial elections was "a lesson in realism." He urged Liberals to reject what he called doctrinaire social-

ism, saying: "Let us prove to the voters . . . that if they are good teachers we are good students." (CP Wirephoto)

International Cancer Conference At Tokyo

Canadian researchers took a leading part at the recent International Cancer Conference at Tokyo in presentations emphasizing the importance of cancer prevention. An important personal recognition occurred in the election of Dr. R.M. Taylor, Executive Vice-President of the Canadian Cancer Society, to the office of Secretary General of the International Union against Cancer.

This gathering, held every four years, and attracting 4000 delegates from over 80 countries, heard reports on every phase of research but most of the attention was directed, to the need for early diagnosis with probable cure as the best chance today of reducing the cancer toll of life.

Work on mass diagnosis has already made great strides in curing cancer of the cervix and of the breast. On the former, Dr. H.K. Fidler, Director of the Department Pathology at the Vancouver General Hospital, reported on progress on work which he had been directing for over 8 years in mass screening of women in British Columbia. This has increased the use of what is known as the "Pap" smear test to as high as 65 per cent of the population of women in the province.

New prevention methods of cancer of the breast were described by Dr. T.H.C. Barclay of the Allen Blair Memorial Clinic of Regina. His most recent study of 2000 women with clinically evident breast cancer has resulted in correcting 92 diagnoses by using mammography, which is profile, low-dose x-ray. The greater accuracy of this method has saved many lives.

Universal extension of this, test would be a strong factor in eliminating breast cancer, now the greatest cancer killer among women.

POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION — A better known area of prevention has been the positive identification of smoking as a prime cause of lung cancer and a gradual reduction of cigarette smoking that has resulted, Canada's contribution to this session by Dr. A.C. Phillips, Statistician and Assistant Executive

Director of the National Cancer Institute. Smoking habits have changed and numerous groups of people, including high percentages of doctors have now stopped smoking.

It was suggested that educational work in schools and particularly early school groups, should be intensified. Environmental factors in causing cancer were stressed in several technical papers; this included peculiarly local conditions of air pollution, moisture, dust, etc. There were many specific studies in epidemiology, or the occurrence of cancer. This dealt with such things as the unexplained high incidence of stomach cancer in such unrelated countries as Japan, Chile and Finland (differences in diet were considered the probably cause).

The value of this type of work is the ability to isolate and attack localized causes of cancer. CONSENSUS — The consensus of the Congress was that research is still the complete and final answer to the cancer toll but in Canada and

numerous other countries the progress in prevention and education has been good and needs much further improvement.

DEANERY AYP A Holds Service — The P.E.I. Deanery AYP A held their tenth annual Service of Witness, last Sunday at which the installation of Deanery officers in St. Mark's Church, Rustico, took place. The meeting was attended by about 50 young members from throughout the Island.

The officers were installed by Ven. Archdeacon J.R. Davies assisted by the Deanery Organizer, Gerald Daley and are as follows: Chaplain, Rev. A.E. Piercy; president, Clair Sudsbury; 1st vice-president, Charles Coles; 2nd vice-president, Ruby McInnis; 3rd vice-president, Robert MacKinnon; secretary, Juanita Newcombe; treasurer, Helen Piercy.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. E.L. Linton, rector of the Alberton parish. Also present at the service were the Rural Dean, Rev. M.R. Ness of Craupaud and Rev. Delmont Yeo of Port Hill.

Following the meeting, the group had supper at the North Milton Hall which was followed by a meeting of the local council, with the president, Clair Sudsbury presiding.

Announced at the meeting was the fact that the president and Deanery organizer, Gerald Daley, would visit each branch during the coming year, and give any assistance they can.

RCMP Report Two Accidents — The Charlottetown Detachment of the RCMP investigated two accidents over the weekend.

The first was reported to have happened at approximately 4:00 p.m. Friday afternoon when a 1966 Rambler operated by John McNally of Johnston River, suffered extensive damage after it went out of control and ended up in the ditch on the Brackley Point Road. No injuries were reported.

The second mishap was reported to have occurred late Saturday afternoon when a 1968 Chevrolet operated by Leslie Myres, of Mount Stewart, collided with a telephone pole in Buebury.

Three occupants of the vehicle were taken to the Charlottetown Hospital, by an ambulance from the Hennessey Funeral Home. Two were later released, however Myres is still in the hospital where he is undergoing x-rays. Attending physician is Dr. Joseph McMillan.

DAMAGE HEAVY In Accident — WATER STREET was the scene Saturday night for a bizarre kind of driving stunt. Witnessed by a handful of people on the street was a vehicle travelling backwards at a medium rate of speed heading east on Water Street. The car was being fol-

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WESTERN BRIEFS — BLOOD DONOR CLINIC — A Blood Donor Clinic is scheduled in Kensington this evening, sponsored by the Kensington Legion. The Clinic is being held at the Legion from seven o'clock to nine o'clock.

CHEQUE PRESENTED — A \$1,000 cheque was presented by the C.Y.O. Club at Seven Mile Bay to the debt fund of St. Peter's Parish, Seven Mile Bay, during a rally there Sunday afternoon. Receiving the cheque was Parish Priest, Rev. Father R.F. MacDonald.

DEATHS — SOMERS — At the Charlottetown Hospital, Sunday, November 20, 1966, William J. Somers, St. George's, in his 80th year. Resting at the Charlottetown Funeral Home, until Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock then at the residence of his brother, John J. Somers, St. George's. Funeral Wednesday morning to St. George's Church for Requiem High Mass at 9:30. Interment in church cemetery.

GILLIS — At Norboro, November 19, 1966, Mrs. Daniel J. Gillis in her 65th year. Remains were forwarded from the Davison Funeral Home to her late residence, where funeral will be held Monday morning leaving home at 9 a.m. to St. James Church, Summerfield, for Requiem High Mass at 9:30. Interment in church cemetery.

CHAN — At the P.E.I. Hospital, November 19, 1966, HARRY CHAN, 40 Upper Queen Street in his 57th year. Resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home, from where funeral will be held today, Monday, service commencing at 1:30. Interment Peoples Cemetery.

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