

MPs And Automation

The onward march of automation cast a gloomy shadow over the National Conference on Goals which the Conservatives held at Fredericton last week. The politicians were reminded that they are faced with the challenge of electronic communications—radio and TV—which are changing, if they have not already changed, the whole character of our society and its mode of thought.

Still In The Dark

A spokesman for the International Railway Brotherhoods has made a good point in suggesting, in connection with the proposal for a no-rail causeway to connect this Province with the mainland, that a full-scale study of the relative costs of handling traffic and from the Island by rail and motor transport should first be made.

Small Stuff

Under the above heading, the Milwaukee Journal notes that a nuclear device of "low intermediate" yield was exploded the other day at the U.S. test site at Nevada. The explosion was one of a series being carried out underground now that tests in the atmosphere, under water and in space are prohibited by international treaty.

Mr. Martin's Defense

Reporting to Parliament on the recent Canada-Japan ministerial meeting, Hon. Paul Martin offered a somewhat lukewarm defense of the so-called "voluntary" trade restrictions which the Japanese have been obliged to impose on their textile and other imports to this country.

EDITORIAL NOTE

An editorial in the August issue of a Canadian Doctor makes this point on a subject of nationwide interest: "Alarm caused by mishaps resulting from the use of the drug thalidomide has made everybody extra careful about drug usage. This is good, but too much caution may overshoot the mark. Warnings are being issued about all possible ill effects from the use of more and more drugs, and this, in the long run, can do harm. It must be understood that every drug carries potential hazards, but this should not preclude its use to the point where its potential benefits are denied."

LATEST PHASE

The latest phase in President Sukarno's programme to crush Malaysia has been the landings by Indonesian guerrillas in Malaya itself. These were obviously designed to fit into a large scale plan for subversion in Malaya and will scale up to a new war against Malaysia as a whole.

Indonesia appears to be isolated by the outbreaks of trouble between Malaysia and Chinese living in Singapore. The Malaysian representative, Datu Ismail, has asked the Security Council to condemn what he described as "interference and brigandage". He declared that Indonesia had dragged the Council into the law into her own hands by the use of force in complete contradiction

are strengthened when prairie farmers find a market for wheat in Japan?" it asks. "Whose sinews will be strengthened if, through the liberalization of Japanese trading policy, we find the increasing market for repressed in Japan foreseen by the Canadian farmers trade mission last year?" We will profit if the Japanese market makes possible the exploitation of the vast iron ore deposits recently discovered in our western Arctic?"

Mr. Martin's argument, adds our Winnipeg contemporary, "in any case overlooks an essential point. Japan is not the only nation which exports manufactured goods to this country. What of Britain, West Germany, the United States? But Japan is the country which we single out for special, discriminatory treatment."

This treatment of our best Pacific customers calls for protest from Maritime as well as Western sections of the country. The secondary industries that are being protected are already buttressed by tariff subsidies at the expense of Canadian consumers and basic producers. It is hard to see how they warrant the special solicitude the Government is taking in them.

All Equipped For Big Game Hunting

Ugly Facts Of Indonesian Aggression

It is President Sukarno's favorite tactic, when taxed with aggression, to pretend that nothing has happened and that it is all the creature of intrigues or lies by imperialism and its puppets. In his recent acts of aggression against Malaysia, which are now being considered by the U.N. Security Council, he ran true to form. Almost to the eye of the Government meeting, the Indonesian Government stoutly maintained that reports of incursions by fully armed Indonesian paratroopers at Labis, and earlier in Sabah and Sarawak, were an invention or fake by the Malaysian Government.

Then, in the Security Council, to which the Malaysians had taken their complaint of aggression, the Indonesian, with a magnificent disregard for consistency abruptly changed their tune. The Indonesian representative admitted, in so many words, that the infiltration of volunteers into Malaysia had been going on for a long time and sought to justify this by counter-charges of aggressive acts by Malaysia and Britain.

The charges are of course, plainly absurd and were refuted by both the Malaysian and British representatives. The whole Federation has only one defence which has yet to build up its defences. It has now to rely on help from Britain and other Commonwealth countries, this help is only needed because of Indonesian hostility.

In fact, the Malaysian Government has faced Indonesia's "conduct" with dignity and restraint.

Indeed, in the light of Indonesia's record over the past year, it is impossible that there should be any genuine concern over the conduct of President Sukarno's actions and aims. There has never been any suggestion of fear or enmity towards the Federation of Malaysia. Neither racial hatred or historic rivalries comes into question; there has never been any conceivable strategic threat to Indonesia.

Yet, when the Federation was still being eagerly planned by Malaya, a well-known member of the U.N. — by the State of Singapore and by the peoples of the British Borneo Territories, President Sukarno proclaimed the Federation as a "threat" to Indonesia.

To overcome them, to conciliate Indonesia, and to give the Federation the fairest possible start, the U.N. was asked to send teams to see whether the people of Borneo really desired to join in forming it. President Sukarno promised to accept the findings of the U.N. teams; yet, when they confirmed that the Borneo Territories wanted Federation, he rejected them out of hand and declared the whole plan to be an invention of British imperialism designed to humiliate and break up Indonesia.



ALL EQUIPPED FOR BIG GAME HUNTING SECURITY COUNCIL CASE

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A Curious Charge

Senator Goldwater in one of his campaign documents has undertaken, if I might say so, to engage in direct negotiations with the Soviet Union on matters which involve the interests of his NATO allies. There has been a tendency even an "aggression" in pretence of past administrations to negotiate unilaterally and this must cease, he says.

Just about everything is composed in principle to unilateralism and the NATO allies will join the senator in condemning his present tactics. In fact, the United States has negotiated directly with the Russians with a view to keeping its partners informed. There have been two major direct negotiations in which the United States has dealt directly with the Soviet Union — the Cuban crisis and the nuclear test ban treaty — but in neither instance has it done so behind

Sukarno The Gangster

Indonesian, once the great hope of liberal idealists, has today become a world leader in the pursuit of war and aggression. In the East, he has been a threat to Communist China as an expansionist, imperialist power. In the present, he has been a threat to the Federation of Malaysia. Until recently, it confined itself to sending guerrillas to Borneo that have a common border with Indonesia, areas which Indonesia has been anxious to annex, under the pretence of "liberation".

The Inside Story

There are at some cocktail party, innocently sipping a drink and making this extraordinary statement: "I have just met that fellow who does for a living, and what her telephone number is even how much money she has in the bank." Little do you know that the fellow hobnobbing with the Senator contains an electronic snooping device, that the footpicks serves as an antenna, that your cheerful chatter is being noted down by the FBI or the RCMP or even at the Kremlin. This awful possibility was disclosed last week by Thomas J. Pavlasek, professor of electrical engineering at McGill University. Addressing the civil liberties committee of the Canadian Bar Association, Prof. Pavlasek said that it was old-fashioned to snoop only on communications where there were so many new and more ingenious ways of spying on you. He said: "A microphone or the olive in a Martini may hold an electrical snoring device."

Heart Attacks And Sugar

By Dr. Theodore R. Vandellen and Dr. H. H. Babbitt. The much sugar in the diet that causes hardening of the arteries? Dr. John Yudkin, professor of biochemistry and dietetics at the University of London, says those who have heart ailments consume more sugar than the control subjects. His conclusion: "People who take more sugar in their coffee are far more likely to have heart attack than those who take little."

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Dr. Yudkin's project was a done with the help of a registered dietitian, Janet Roddy, on men between 45 and 60 years of age. All had a recent first attack of coronary atherosclerosis or proved hardening of the arteries. Their diets were compared with a group of healthy men who entered a hospital because of accidents.

Half the sugar intake was measured, and estimated how many lumps or spoonfuls were taken daily. The rest were distributed to NATO capitals available in readily identified items, such as canned goods. The study has determined that the degree of atherosclerosis was in proportion to the amount of diet a day.

Dr. Yudkin may have difficulty selling his idea to researchers who believe fat and cholesterol are the important part in the problem and they have the advantage of considerable animal research in their favor. Many authorities believe there is more to hardening of the arteries than cholesterol. And herein lies the fallacy of using one substance such as fat in a statistical analysis.

Power For The Needy

There is no power so expensive as no power, says India's Dr. Homi J. Bhabha. This simple logic seems as a trite as it is true. The need for power for peace conference in Geneva. Bhabha has been invited to atomic power conference in Geneva. He is an economic life-saver of the world's poor nations.

In India, what coal there is is being used for power. It is transported several hundred miles to the power stations. In Pakistan, there is no coal, oil or water power and only a little natural gas.

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Swollen Joins

Why do the joints swell — and then go down — at regular intervals in a person with arthritis?

There is no time limit. Some people are bothered for a day; others for a week or more. The fact is, the health of the joints is not a matter of time.

Buttermilk For Oldster

M.E.L. writes: Would the intake of one quart of cultured buttermilk a day induce harmful effects in a person 82 years of age?

YEAST AND ACNE

E.B. writes: Is yeast good for clearing acne? It is unsatisfactory and seldom is used today.

Herbated Stomach

J.N.F. writes: Does gastritis usually last one year?

This exposes the fallacy to the fact that Canada, at all economic power is economically dependent on the industrial advanced countries. Western nations try to keep their economies in a state of artificial economic growth. It is a highly advanced development at home, these Western nations have tended unwillingly to regard it as one of the necessities of a luxury.

We Cannot Annex Texas

Mexico has a little problem comparable to one of Canada. The boundary between the U.S. and Mexico is a century old. The river changed course. It was that a 400-acre site of land originally Mexico's ended up north of the river and thus in the U.S. This has been a subject of Mexican grievance ever since. The U.S. has now agreed to hand it back.

Within commuting distance of Vancouver, the little peninsula town of Point Roberts, largely inhabited by Canadians, is a hotbed of anti-American citizens and officials can reach it only via a narrow strip of land. The situation resulting from arbitrary drawing of the boundary years ago but not geographically. Now that London Johnson is giving Mexico a strip of Texas of all places, perhaps we could get along without it.

De Gaulle And Britain

The pendulum of Franco-British relations seems to be swinging back to the position of cooperation, even if the ground lost by General de Gaulle's veto of British membership in the Common Market has not all been regained.

For example, the recent announcement that the two governments would co-operate in developing a new air-to-air missile, which might be able to use nuclear warheads. It has drawn attention to other actual or proposed projects in the same field — the Concord supersonic jet for the 1970's, a super-sonic trainer, some form of ground-control system.

It is also notable that the Franco-German treaty, which would lead to a common European policy, has not met with the approval of the West German government. The West German government has refused to subordinate its own defence policy. De Gaulle has become increasingly disenchanted with the Ehard government and has even threatened it in public for not being "European" enough.

A state in the wind appeared last Sunday, at the ceremony commemorating the Battle of Marston 1946, the turning point of the First World War. President de Gaulle, in his speech, paid tribute to the part played by the British Expeditionary Force in holding the left flank of the allied line, and in the counter-attack. Tributes by de Gaulle to the "Anglo-Saxons" are so few and far between, especially in historical and military matters, that this cannot be without significance.

The fact is that the plans de Gaulle had in mind to bring about the exclusion of Britain from the Common Market have not all been regained.

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