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Commonwealth have changed greatly from the time of the Ottawa Conference, 1932, or indeed from the time of the Montreal Conference in 1957.

At the time of the Ottawa Conference the number of Commonwealth members was small and no clear distinction could be made between those countries which produce food and raw material for the British market. Britain, on the other hand, exported the manufactured goods the producers of raw material and food needed. Also, the Ottawa agreements were an answer to conditions of depression and slump.

Conditions are now very different. Many of the Commonwealth countries have become industrialized and it is the legitimate aim of almost every Commonwealth country to do so. The change has accounted, to some extent, for the erosion of Commonwealth preferences.

Commonwealth countries now seek markets elsewhere, as Australia is seeking them in Japan. It is natural and right that they should; and it is natural and right, on Britain's side, that it should seek to secure reasonable living conditions for her own farmers, so as to be able to keep stability of price and a share of the market for her producers.

"We have to recognize, however," Sir Alec said, "that the Commonwealth countries do not want any sort of 'closed shop' arrangements." That was why, during the Common Market negotiations last year, Britain tried so hard to preserve the interests of all the Commonwealth countries in what it considered to be one of the most expanding and important markets of the world. Those negotiations failed, and are no longer a live issue.

"Therefore, we have to get together with all our Commonwealth partners to see what we can make of the next opportunity, which is the Kennedy Round, and see whether we can contrive, with our Commonwealth partners, the largest possible cuts in external tariffs. Every Commonwealth country sees in the success of the Kennedy Round negotiations the best chance of increasing the volume and value of Commonwealth trade."

Here Sir Alec laid stress on the importance of the machinery of the Commonwealth Economic Consultative Council, which sits in Marlborough House, London, is financed by the whole Commonwealth and has as chairman a member drawn from a Commonwealth country. But the machinery of this committee remains consultative, and the idea of an Economic Development Council with a Secretariat is not really take shape unless there is more enthusiasm for it from the other Commonwealth countries. The British government has put forward this proposal, and would welcome its acceptance, or any variant of it, on the part of other Commonwealth members.

Video Worries  
Some doctors, notes the Financial Post, are watching the medical shows on television so they can tell which diseases are going to be popular with their patients. Several advanced cases of "TV diseases" have been reported in the U.S. Some viewers watching medical dramas, by identifying themselves with the actors, tend to "catch" the disease being portrayed. Conceived, they visit their doctor and even request the treatment they saw administered on TV.

Commonwealth Trade  
Prior to leaving for his visit to Ottawa and Washington this week, Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home gave a full review in the British House of Commons of his government's attitude on Commonwealth trade, which we find of special interest at this time.

EDITORIAL NOTE  
John Fischer, editor in chief of Harper's magazine, suggests a cure for overcrowding of colleges: "I have hopes that the colleges will some day refuse to admit any student who cannot read and write."



WINTER OLYMPICS  
OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson  
Parliament Hill Aglitter With Honors

When official Ottawa has a ball and puts on its white tie and tails, it is the foreign ambassadors who are resplendent with the glittering stars and colourful collars of orders of honour, while even our prime ministers remain indistinguishable from the waiters in their unadorned black coats.

This is the effect of the old Mackenzie King ban against any nation, even Canada, saying that Canada may not accept any public services beyond the normal call of duty.

But in fact Parliament Hill is aglitter with honours, and I was happy to observe a cabinet minister in full regalia, including a star and collar of a foreign order of merit.

Our elite literally abound with titles. It includes Knights of Jerusalem, Malta, Belgium, and the Netherlands. It includes the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, Knights of St. Gregory and Knights of the Equestrian Order.

PUBLIC FORUM  
This column opens to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation. The editor assumes no responsibility for the return of unsolicited material.

Origin of Marmalade  
Marmalade, that delectable breakfast jam, usually is identified as one of Scotland's numerous gifts to the world although its origin is something of a mystery.

Crossroads Of The World  
The classic crossroads of the world, Istanbul, nowadays serves as a popular refuge for political refugees from East Europe. They flee through the strategic city to asylum in Western countries.

Pancreatitis  
Very Painful  
The pancreas has various functions and is subject to several diseases including infections, tumors, and injuries. The organ is located just behind the stomach and is a part of the digestive system.

Difficult Period For The U.S.  
The front line of U.S. foreign policy appears to be sagging in many parts of the world. But there is one indication that our major policy objectives in this presidential election year.

Return To Lunar Sanity  
New York Times  
There are growing signs that official Washington may be gathering up its courage for a bold new decision to free this country from the conviction that a man must be landed on the moon by 1969.

Our Yesterdays  
TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO  
Hon. J.P. Kravitz, Minister of Public Works, returned to Ottawa, where he had an interview with several members of the Cabinet on official business.

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