

Columbia River Treaty

The Liberals have brought the Columbia River Treaty into the election campaign with the statement by Mr. Pearson that they would re-examine it because of the "overwhelming evidence that it is a poor deal for Canada." This will be of livelier interest in the West than in the East, and it was in the Kootenay, B.C. area, which is directly concerned with the treaty arrangements to harness the hydro and flood control potential of the Columbia, that the Liberal leader made his announcement.

This treaty was signed early in 1961 by Canada and the United States, but has not been ratified at Ottawa owing to a dispute between the Dominion Government and B.C. Premier Bennett. Mr. Bennett has held out for the sale to the United States on a long-term basis of power that would have been available to Canada as a result of the treaty; Ottawa has refused to approve the sale of anything more than surplus power on a short-term basis.

It is noteworthy that during the long-continued argument, the Liberal Opposition in Ottawa in no way indicated that it found the terms of the treaty unacceptable until General McNaughton's outburst a few weeks ago. The General claimed that he was being fired from his post of Canadian Chairman of the International Joint Commission because of his opposition to the treaty. He said the plan developed would be much more costly than the one he had proposed, and would put Canada into perpetual bondage to the United States.

Mr. Pearson evidently isn't prepared to go the whole way in endorsing General McNaughton's contention. In principle, he says, a Liberal government would not oppose the sale of either American generated power due to Canada or the export of any power; but each case should be judged on its merits. Indeed, he doesn't seem to have gone as far in his criticism of the scheme as Justice Minister Fulton, who headed the negotiating team, and who has said that the plan proposed by the General would have had greater benefit for Canada than the one embodied in the treaty—and had, moreover, been approved at one stage by the United States—but that British Columbia had forced its abandonment.

All of which would seem to indicate that it is with the British Columbia Premier, and not the Diefenbaker Government, that Mr. Pearson will have to pick his crow. There doesn't seem to be anything in its politically for either of the major parties in this contest.

Right At Our Doors

At a recent convention of the Fisheries Council of Canada, strong emphasis was placed on the therapeutic value of fish. Anything therapeutic has to do with curative values—with the action of remedial agents in promoting health and preventing disease. The speaker on this subject was J. A. Kash, chairman of the Fisheries Research Board, who said that some of these therapeutic qualities, only now becoming understood, may prove to be unique in the prolongation of life and health.

For instance, fish oils inhibited cholesterol formation in the blood serum and decreased the amounts in the blood and on the artery walls—a very important factor to

people who have a tendency to hardening and narrowing of the arteries which leads to cardio-vascular trouble—the cause of one-half the deaths of adults in North America."

Meanwhile, fish flour—ground fish—is being developed and gaining international attention. One spoonful of fish flour in a bowl of rice could make the difference between malnutrition and full nutrition. Indeed, it is doing this for undernourished people in many countries today.

Herein lie new opportunities for expansion of our fisheries industry, along lines undreamed of a few years ago. They will mean more secondary industries in the way of food and drug processing as well. It was known for a long time that fish was among the most wholesome and most nourishing foods in the world; but now the scientific proof is accumulating, and every means should be taken of publicizing these latest findings at home and abroad.

We could begin at home by practicing the "eat more fish" precept more than we have been doing; in our public eating places as well as at our own tables. Visitors to the Maritimes expect to be offered sea food to eat, and too often they are disappointed—either in their inability to get it at all, in the quality, or in the manner in which it is prepared. We owe our fishermen more co-operation than that. We owe it to ourselves to include more of these nourishing products of our Atlantic waters in our menus.

Quebec Rumors

How will Quebec go in the coming federal election? Perhaps it's only malicious gossip fostered by hostile political elements, but it is said that the Liberals are receiving disconcerting reports about Premier Lesage—that he is unlikely to campaign actively and personally in their interest.

Three reasons are alleged for this. One is that he has his hands full attending to his own political affairs in Quebec. A second is that the doughty premier does not wish to jeopardize his provincial-autonomy stand by sharing too many election platforms with federal Liberals. A third explanation advanced in some quarters is that Mr. Lesage has long-range plans for succeeding Mr. Pearson as national Liberal leader as soon as he has settled things to his liking in his own province.

The Conservatives, however, are said to be even more uncertain than the Liberals insofar as potential Quebec allies are concerned. The ties that link them with the provincial National Union have never been very intimate. During the last year or two, the National Union has been preoccupied with its very survival as a provincial party, and the Conservatives, for their part, have shied away from their former allies in the wake of patronage revelations. It is doubtful, therefore, that National Union Leader Daniel Johnson will launch any all-out effort to help the Conservatives hold their big bloc of Quebec seats.

It may be a go-as-you-please campaign on both sides, with party workers being given a free hand to plump for the candidates of their choice. That will make it pretty hard on the prognosticators, but it may not be a bad thing at all for Quebec.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Another big attraction here for 1964, to coincide with our Charlottetown Conference centennial, will be the annual convention of the Canadian Council of 4-H Clubs. They have been invited by Agricultural Minister MacRae and have accepted. No group will be more welcome, or more likely to benefit from the inspiration which the celebration will afford.

You can't eat your cake and have it; and that seems to be the answer to Mr. Pearson's contention that Canada should go it alone in proclaiming a 12-mile fishing zone off Canada's shores. Speaking in Newfoundland the other day, Prime Minister Diefenbaker pointed out that the Government through diplomatic channels is working hard to achieve this end, but did not approve of taking unilateral action since such action might invite retaliation by certain countries which provide major outlets for Canada's products.



THE OTTAWA FISHERMAN

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Main-Streeting in His Home Town

The folksy home-coming is the carefully pre-arranged highlight staged by every ambitious politician. But the M.P. for Prince Albert keeps his own version of this still on the level of the routine midday exercise which he began when he first made his home there exactly forty years ago. Quite simply and unostentatiously, he walks along the main street, officially named Central Avenue. He pauses to chat with old friends and to shake hands with acquaintances. He drops into a lunch-counter for a cup of coffee, or steps into a store to greet a friend who works there.

Thus friendliness modified exercise. This unplanned good-fellowship began to be alluded to by John Diefenbaker as "main-streeting." And still today, main-streeting is a street scene accompanied by an measurable progress toward settlement of the main cold war issues. While South Viet Nam remains a hot spot, the aura of crisis in East-West relations that prevailed last fall has largely ebbed away.

The decline in belligerence was apparent in May Day celebrations in a number of Communist capitals. While rockets were brought out and rattled at the imperialists, somewhat apathetically, the Soviet Union was to show the "irreversible advantages of the Soviet system"—and for the celebration offered a sharp contrast to last year's May Day observance when the Cuban invasion was still fresh and to the days following May Day of 1960, when the U.S. spy plane incident suddenly raised international temperatures to the boiling point.

How long the current spell of relative quiet will last is an open question. But the change of pace is refreshing.

Quick-Frozen Porridge!

The Weekly Scotsman of Edinburgh reports, with enthusiasm, the development of quick-frozen porridge: "All you have to do is pop the envelope containing the porridge into boiling water for 15 minutes. Not even any need to dirty a pan." Porridge—which is sometimes called "strabrou" in Ireland—has known some changes over the centuries. Its name was first heard in the 16th century as a variation of porage. Once it meant bread made from vegetables or meat and vegetables and thickened with meal. The meat and vegetables disappeared as in our own time the pork has disappeared from "pork and beans."

Roundly Denounced

An announcement by British Columbia's Premier W. A. C. Bennett, that he would come to the Maritimes to campaign for the Social Credit party, finds no favor with a Vancouver newspaper, The Province. "If anyone in the provincial party has any influence with Mr. Bennett, they should side-track this idea," says The Province. "The best service Mr. Bennett can do his Party's national cause is to steal quietly out of the picture. The things done recently in B.C. under the flag of Social Credit have done the Party irreparable harm all over Canada." The Vancouver newspaper's editorials on this theme, appears under the title: "Bennett Must Go," which is the more interesting because The Province supported Mr. Bennett in the last B.C. provincial election. What has happened in the meantime to make him as unpalatable as Dead Sea fruit to the Vancouver newspaper is a long and melancholy story we need not go into here. Suffice to say it now avers that "Bennett is plainly suffering from dementia politica." He has gone berserk. He has repudiated the reasonable platform and principles on which he was elected and is not only dragging his party toward an abyss but is dragging the rest of B.C. along with it.

Baldness Seen Family Affair

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen MANY balding men complain about their loss of hair but it doesn't do any good to gripe. The male baldness pattern is hereditary and has the same significance as other family characteristics. The die is cast long before birth and the sooner the individual accepts his fate, the happier he will be and the more money he will save.

There may be some consolation in the superstition that bald men are more gentle and intelligent. There is no scientific proof that this is so, but undoubtedly many prominent men are in the billiard ball group. Dr. Herbert Rattiner made the following comment along this line: "The familiar picture of the baldheaded barber rubbing tonic into the scalp of a man with thinning hair might conceivably be an indication of wisdom and elegance—but only on the part of the barber." I hope Jack, my favorite barber, accepts this as a compliment.

Most of the claims for the successful growing of hair are made on baldness of a different origin. The curable varieties stem from internal disorders such as anemia, a thyroid deficiency, and many of the fevers including typhoid. Specific diseases of the scalp, such as ringworm, psoriasis, seborrhea, and alopecia areata, may be responsible. There also are mechanical and chemical causes. But this type of baldness does not conform to the pattern of ordinary male baldness.

There is no harm in using scalp lotions, mechanical vibrators, hand and massage, suction machines, going bareheaded, or anything else so long as it does not irritate the scalp and is not a drain on the purse. Be cautious with hormones and expensive tonics.

There is no magic or mysterious formula that will restore hair in ordinary male baldness. Grafting hair from the fringe to the denuded areas can be done. Wear a toupee, if you must. (Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.)

EPILEPTIC EQUIVALENT V. W. writes: I would like your opinion on my nine year old son's case. He suffered from severe migraine attacks (headache, vomiting, and blackouts), which the doctor says stem from a bizarre form of seizure. He is giving the boy Dilantin and he still gets headaches, but not as severe, and no blackouts.

REPLY Some migraine headaches respond to Dilantin, suggesting the possibility that the seizure has something in common with epilepsy.

PENICILLIN REACTION

F. W. writes: I was given penicillin shots and tablets for a virus cold. I began itching and turning red in various parts. How long does such a reaction last?

REPLY Allergic reactions to penicillin usually are temporary, seldom lasting longer than three days if the drug is stopped promptly after symptoms appear.

CAT FIGHTS AND PRESSURE

M. H. writes: Sometimes my blood pressure goes up high for simple reasons like my cat getting into a fight with the neighbor's cat. Should I get rid of my cat?

REPLY It might be a good idea. This is an example of what we mean when we tell nervous and high-strung persons to avoid irritating and annoying situations.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO (May 4, 1937)

A capacity audience saw the presentation of the splendid comedy, "The Hotentot," by Liaguor Players at the Holy Redeemer Hall last night. Each part was well taken by the following young people, Daniel Wedge, Miss Mary Hughes, Alfred Doucette, Mrs. C. Shaver, Miss Constance Coyne, Charles Howatt, Pius Callaghan, Art Moran, Jack Richards and William DesRoches.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 4, 1952)

Albert Batten, Toronto, national field supervisor of Red Cross First Aid services, who is making a tour of the Maritime Provinces, arrived in Charlottetown Saturday afternoon. During his stay in this province Mr. Batten will conduct sessions with instructor refresher groups in Charlottetown and Summerside, and will examine standard First Aid classes at St. Dunstan's University, Prince Edward Island Hospital and the Charlottetown Hospital.

WALKS DELAYED

LONDON (Reuters) - Constitutional talks scheduled to be held this month to set a date for British Guiana's independence will be delayed—possibly for several months, informed sources said Tuesday. The postponement follows rising in the colony—which has internal self-government—last February and Britain's decision to appoint a commission of inquiry into the riots.

NOTES BY THE WAY

In these days another answer to that old poser as to why a chicken crossed the road might be that it wants to live dangerously. — Fort Arthur News Chronicle.

Childhood is that wonderful time when all you have to do to lose weight is to bathe. — Niagara Falls Review.

I see where vitamin pills now can be purchased in a dispenser that you can just lift and a pill pops out automatically. It seems if a fellow takes vitamins every day, he ought to have the strength to take a cover from a bottle and shake one pill from it — Chicago Tribune.

The Irish, skilful in phrasemaking, refer to instalment buying as the Kathleen Mavourneen system — it may be for years and it may be forever. — Cus-tham News.

One of the nicest things about birds is that when they return from spending the winter in the South, they don't boast about the weather or show you color slides. — Calgary Herald.

One thing has been achieved by the new series of United States nuclear tests: it has taken our minds off Elizabeth Taylor's marital adventures. And it's hard to say which type of explosion is having more impact on the public. — Ottawa Citizen.

Mr. Maugham's Pictures

Montreal Gazette

Nobody seems to have a surer Midas touch than Mr. Somerset Maugham. He is said to have accumulated a fortune of more than a million pounds, from his books — surely an amazing achievement for any author. But as if that were not enough, he has now sold his collection of paintings at auction at Sotheby's in London. The proceeds amounted to half a million pounds. But it is hard to understand why a man in no need of money should want to sell his collection of pictures. For pictures become cherished by the owner. The mystery is all the greater

because Mr. Maugham has admittedly cherished his.

Of one of the pictures sold at the auction, a lovely little picture by Lepidus Maugham, I have placed my bet so that I can see it when I awake in the morning and see it before I close my eyes for the last time.

This picture is now gone. But is this not typical of Maugham? A certain distrust of life, an inner chill, seems to lie about the man and his works. He could even see his Lepidus go to the highest bidder without a pang. And after all these tender words about hoping to see it before closing his eyes.

The Mohole Project

National Geographic Society

United States scientists hoping to drill through the earth's crust may practice on the desolate St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks in the Atlantic. The goal of the multimillion-dollar Mohole project is to pierce the outer shell of the earth to reach for the first time the underlying strata known as the mantle. Samples of the rock should shed light on the origin and evolution of the earth.

The Mohole will be bored somewhere at sea where the earth's crust is relatively thin. The drill will pass through three miles of ocean, a half mile of sediment, and several miles of rocky crust before reaching the mantle. The project is a combined effort of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Science Foundation.

NAMED AFTER YUGOSLAV The boring is dubbed the "Mohole" after the Irregular dividing line between the crust and mantle. The boundary is named after the Yugoslav seismologist who detected it in 1909.

Preliminary Mohole probes were made off La Jolla, California, and Guadalupe Island in 1961.

Land drilling on uninhabited St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks, and perhaps in Puerto Rico, should give further experience in the problems of reaching the earth's mantle. Scientists believe a rock at these two places may be an actual part of the earth's mantle which long ago welled up to the surface.

The Brazilian-owned St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks lie some 600 miles off the coast of Brazil just north of the Equator. The Rocks, a quarter-mile jumble of jagged peaks topped by an abandoned lighthouse, are

part of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. This chain of submarine mountains and plateaus winds the length of the Atlantic Ocean from the Arctic to Antarctica. A few of its peaks emerge as islands — Iceland, the Azores, Ascension, Tristan da Cunha, and St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks.

Romanticists connect the Mid-Atlantic Ridge with the lost and mythical continent of Atlantis which, according to Plato, sank beneath the waves "in a single day and night." Captain DeLano called the rocky islets "the most dreary spot I ever saw, the sea roaring and surging on all sides."

In 1960, the Rocks served as "home plate" for the first round - the world, submerged voyage of the nuclear submarine Triton. There it began and ended its historic circumnavigation.

Off the Philippines, the sub's periscope unexpectedly came up alongside a frightened fisherman who thought it was a sea monster. National Geographic photographer J. Baylor Roberts, who was on board the Triton, took a periscope picture of the Filipino, the only unauthorized person to see the sub.

Later, the Society located the Filipino, 19-year-old Rufino Baring, and learned that the youth had painted the names of saints on his boat to protect himself from future monsters. The names he chose were St. Peter and St. Paul.



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