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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest eye."

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Should Be Regulated

Mr. Heath Macquarrie is to be commended for calling attention, in the House of Commons, to disturbing reports from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of the cruelty involved in seal hunting in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, particularly with regard to the battering of seals to death on the ice, and skinning baby seals while they are yet alive.

The SPCA is compiling a full record for presentation to the federal government on this matter, and will welcome the support of all citizens who may wish to write to their members of Parliament. As the Montreal Gazette points out, this long-established and highly responsible organization would have launched this effort without strong evidence and serious consideration.

The Have-Not Gap

It is disturbing to note, after a decade and a half of competitive aid from East and West, and after agreements through the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), that among the nations of the world the rich are demonstrably getting richer, the poor relatively poorer.

This is the cardinal point made by Dr. Paul Prebisch, the Argentine economist who organized and is presiding over the UN Conference on Trade and Development now in session in Geneva.

It is the irony so often lost sight of. Most of the underdeveloped have to begin with only one or two major raw materials exports. They wish to diversify their base, and are advised by the West to do so.

The automated factories of the northern industrialized nations—both East and West—are becoming so efficient that they need less raw materials. Meanwhile the costs of the manufactured goods the poorer nations have to buy to escape from poverty have generally risen, while what they have to sell fluctuates in price—often downward.

In tackling this complex problem the 1,500 delegates from 122 nations at the Geneva conference run the risk of becoming a babel of voices, despite all the careful

preplanning. Their goal is, at any rate, not concrete decisions but debate with an eye to influencing the May meeting of GATT on lowering tariffs reciprocally.

Dr. Prebisch avers that this is not enough. He maintains that the many international trade measures tried since the great depression have not been basic enough in their approach to the "have-nots" problem. He has proposed, therefore, that the great industrial nations reserve a small slice of their markets, duty free, for the exports of the poorer states without reciprocation.

This is the challenge the Geneva conference faces. It remains to be seen how it will be grappled with.

Wallace As Candidate

Sober analysts at Washington are reportedly taking a serious view of the entry of Alabama's Governor George C. Wallace into the U.S. presidential primaries. His running on the single issue of unyielding segregation presumably will be decided while the Senate is still engaged in the civil rights legislation and so will provide a clear measure of the intensity of public support for the reforms.

The attitude of Alabama's governor toward negroes is well known. It has remained for The Times of London, however, to disclose the range of his bigotry. He was interviewed recently by two British newspapermen. The Times correspondent wrote:

"He appeared convinced that slaves were still sold in the streets of Liberia, that the Congolese were cannibals and that the president of an African state was a reformed man-eater. Assured that none of these impressions was accurate, he replied with a bland smile: 'Well, they didn't give it up long ago.'"

White southerners, Wallace told The Times reporter, are like the British. They are Anglo-Saxons. He could understand why the north in the United States couldn't understand the south but not why Britain didn't understand the south. The report continues: "The rest of the United States was full of Poles, Italians, Germans and other lesser breeds" who could not understand the south and men like Wallace.

The prospect of a man of this type ever getting into the White House is appalling. That is most unlikely, of course; but the outcome of the primaries he is contesting is seen as holding grave meaning in influencing the course of public affairs. A heavy dose of Wallace would encourage reluctant senators to give their aid in bringing the civil rights dispute to an end.

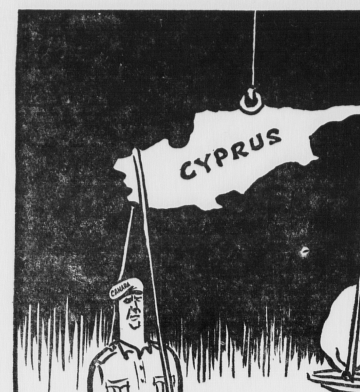
Conversely, the absence of such a demonstration would dampen senatorial spirits and mean no legislation this year. A possibility is seen that a significant message may be flashed to Washington as early as the first of the primaries in which the Alabama governor is running—that in Wisconsin on April 7.

EDITORIAL NOTES

About 40,000 Canadians emigrate to the U.S. annually. We can ill afford to lose any, but the part that hurts most is that one in six of the 40,000 is a professional man or technician.

A private member's bill to abolish capital punishment in Canada was talked out in the Commons last week, despite the fact that most of the speakers favor it. The bill now goes to the bottom of a long list, which means that it is unlikely to reappear this session.

A Quebec Social Credit member, Dr. Guy Marcoux, has proposed to the House of Commons that a political party should be defined as one which presented candidates at the last election in at least half of the 263 federal constituencies and in at least five of the 10 provinces. The move is aimed, clearly, at the Social Credit Rally, which broke away from Social Credit last year, taking with it the \$4,000-a-year allowance paid to the leader of the party.



AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

A 10-YEAR PROJECT

Planning Long-Range Water Study

Scientists are planning a 10-year study of the earth's water resources in light of growing needs from population, industry, and agriculture. The proposed study program would involve a thorough inventory of the extent, nature, and distribution of the total water supply. Basic research in hydrology would form another important part.

Hydrology's main theme is the cycle in which water is evaporated from the oceans, carried by air masses, precipitated as rain or snow, returned to the ocean by surface flow or percolation, or returned to the atmosphere by evaporation and transpiration of plants.

"Although the gross features of the hydrologic cycle have been understood for many years, the detailed mechanisms through which it operates are as yet imperfectly known. In order to modify the cycle... we must understand the controlling mechanisms in considerable detail," says a report published by the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council.

Dr. Raymond L. Nace, a research scientist in the water resources division of the U.S. Geological Survey, recently wrote in Natural History magazine: "Man has become so numerous and his activities so extensive that he has begun to affect the water cycle—certainly on a regional scale and very likely on the global scale."

A Bitter Pill

Whinup Free Press

No passes will be issued this Easter to West Berliners allowing them to visit relatives beyond the Wall. The protracted negotiations between the West Berlin Senate and the East German Communist regime have collapsed after Chancellor Erhard's government persuaded Governor Willy Brandt that the negotiations were merely enhancing the Communist desire for a "free Germany."

PUBLIC FORUM

TOWN PLANNING DISPUTE

Sir—I have been asked by several citizens about the "heating plant" which is being sited at the City Centre in Kirkwood Drive at Belvedere Ave. Also to zone a portion of the east side of Elm Avenue in the vicinity of the old CA grounds to the railway tracks as an industrial area.

My viewpoint is that it should have been zoned in full as proposed by the Committee or at least in part as proposed by the Citizens' Committee for further consideration. Why place a fence around an industrial area in the middle of residential streets, etc., not every bill on Nassau Street area? There are several fine homes on the lower end of Upper Drive and Elm Avenue which will be adjacent to the proposed industrial zone and will suffer from heavy trucks and equipment and smoke stacks to a degree.

Are not the children in these areas just as precious to their parents as the people of the restricted zone? Are not these people entitled to the same consideration and protection as the people of the restricted zone? The hands of the Metropolitan Council are being stretched in such action, as they will find it difficult to convince the outlying communities that they are not being treated as a second class citizen with the City when business is being handed to them on a silver platter and as a result our taxes go higher and higher.

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Hormones For Dwarfs

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Distraction of the pituitary gland leads to a certain type of dwarfism. Many of these little people benefited from the side effects of the research of the Salk polio vaccine. In 1959, 21,000 monkeys were used in this project. This provided a unique opportunity for scientists to obtain a large number of pituitary glands from which certain hormones could be extracted for work on human dwarfs.

The timing was perfect. It had been known for more than five decades that a relationship exists between a type of small, perfectly formed child and a poorly functioning pituitary. The problem appeared to be solved in 1945 when a hormone was extracted from the glands of small laboratory animals. But nothing happened when the substance was injected into dwarfs. Animals grew but humans did not.

The next step was to repeat the experiment with human animals such as monkeys. This has a drawback in that the glands of these animals are an infinitesimal amount of growth hormone. It was here that pituitary glands in human when the 21,000 monkey pituitaries became available. The hormones were effective in humans but the research project ended when the supply was exhausted.

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ASCORBIC AND CITRIC ACIDS

J. G. W. writes: It is the difference between ascorbic acid and citric acid, and what is their relationship to vitamin C?

Ascorbic acid is the chemical name of vitamin C. They are both the same and citrus fruits are rich in vitamin C. Citric acid is another chemical constituent of citrus fruits and is unrelated to this vitamin.

W. C. H. writes: I know that cholesterol clogs the arteries but would like to know if calcium does also.

Both may play a role in narrowing the arteries. The hardening of the arteries, called arteriosclerosis, is deposited in the arterial walls. These deposits are replaced by calcium and cholesterol.

SINUS AND BARE FEET

F. A. writes: My wife claims I aggravate my sinus condition by wearing my cold shoes. Is this likely?

No, but wet feet will slipper and prove she is wrong? TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Knee covers may be a health hazard.

(NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

Our Yesterdays

(From the Guardian Files) TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO (March 30, 1939)

Members of the Prince Edward Island Motor Truckmen's Union met to complete organization of their union which has been under consideration since late last summer. The 63 truckers were organized unanimously to form a Provincial Union.

Construction of the new ferry terminal at Wood Islands, discontinued last autumn, was expected to resume on the 15th of April. Mr. H. F. Miller, engineer of the Public Works Department, said:

TEN YEARS AGO (March 30, 1951)

Members of the Home and Church of Christ met to discuss the formation of a new organization of four city schools met a discussion included interest in education and the role of the church.

Mr. J. E. Davies, agent of Royal Edward Chapter, IOOE, was elected to represent the chapter as official delegate to the national annual meeting to be held in St. John, N.B.

RESERVE

Knights of Columbus

Easter Monday Dance

March 30th

Admission \$2.00 per couple

Members & Guests

Dancing from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Leisure is the spare time we have when we are not working. It can find some other way to go around the house—Pierce County Herald.

It spills the fun of finding a quarter in the pocket of a real old pair of pants when you realize it's a quarter of a century ago that you bought them. For Willam Times-Journal.

Maybe the man who takes his car apart to see why it doesn't work is the boy who took his id watch apart to see why it didn't work. Calgary Alberta.

The cigarette scare has given the suspicious wife a new problem. If her husband comes home smelling of cigarettes, she must worry if he has been out with a girl who has swine hie on her face. From a letter to the editor—Hamilton Spectator.

A man reports an odd experience he had at a drive-in movie one night. He watched a love scene for 25 minutes before he realized he was facing in the wrong direction—Sarnia Observer.

Now be careful with whom I give you, Tommy, warned the visiting uncle. "Remember the saying, 'A fool and his money are soon parted.' Yes, but I want to thank you for parting with it. Just the same."—Hal Reporter.

Commonwealth Affairs

By Alan Harvey Canadian Press Writer

In calling for a conference of Commonwealth prime ministers, Britain is effecting a reversion to the status quo. It is something akin to an emergency operation. The patient has been languishing for months, and political doctors find it high time the Commonwealth daily gathered round the bedside to see whether anything can be done. The initiative for the July meeting, almost certainly came from Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home, although his elbow may have been jostled by Prime Minister Menzies.

NEW IMPULSE SOUGHT The sense of estrangement in Commonwealth affairs has been evident for some time. It is reflected in the slow decline of Commonwealth organizations, in the talk of a two-tiered commonwealth, in a growing concentration upon regional groupings. The sheer weight of numbers—there now are 18 members—makes for unworkability.

At best, it may be the start of a new process. However extensive a drive a conference from London may be, ministers are certain to arrive more interested in a specific problem, such as the future of Southern Rhodesia than some nebulous new concept of Commonwealth.

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