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

The New Bevan

An interesting but not unduly heralded visitor to the United States is Aneurin Bevan who, after much skirmishing with his rivals, has finally reached the No. 2 place in Britain's Labour Party. Indeed, some political observers seem to think that his current friendship with Mr. Gaitskill, the Party's leader, is only a tactical aid in his ambition to take over the leadership at a more convenient season.

Ostensibly, Mr. Bevan is in the United States on a "lecture tour", a device that has many facets. London reports, however, indicate that his main purpose is to show that he is not the violent and unpredictable man he used to be and that as Foreign Secretary of Britain he could be counted on to co-operate with American officials for the common good. Whether the change in his temperament is genuine or merely a ruse to further his ambitions, there is no questioning its appearance. His chief opponents nowadays are not the moderates nor the Liberals turned Labourites but the "Bevanites", the ultra-leftists moulded in his former image. The Manchester Guardian recently referred to him as "the new Bevan, the statesman instead of the rebel". And even the London Times described a speech he made as "statesman-like", which is about as far as the Times can go in praising any politician.

At the Party's annual convention this fall he astonished everybody present by denouncing a resolution which called upon the Government to renounce the manufacture and use of nuclear weapons without waiting for other nations to take similar action, by supporting West German rearmament, by speaking well of NATO and even by recommending moderation in the Party's policy of the nationalization of industry. In all these things he went back on or tempered his former views.

Much can happen, of course, between now and 1959 when the Macmillan Government will be obliged to go to the country — assuming that it can last until then. But, at this moment, the prospects of a Labour victory are bright. In such an event, Mr. Bevan almost certainly would be called upon to handle foreign policy. And who knows? He might make a great Foreign Secretary. Certainly, he has many talents which, brought under the sobering influence of responsibility, might very well place him in the grand tradition of British statesmanship. It does no harm to recall that, at one time, Winston Churchill, who turned out to be the greatest statesman of them all, was a bit of a rebel, a troublesome gadfly to his colleagues.

A Childish View

There are times when the statements of prominent delegates to the U. N. seem to be as childish as those one might expect from a grade one pupil — and not a very bright one at that. For example, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, the chief U. S. representative, told a group of college students the other day that he expected the United States-sponsored resolution on disarmament to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority within the next two or three weeks and that it would be "highly effective".

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The resolution may, of course, go through the General Assembly, since 22 other nations have already signified their support and others are said to be favourably impressed. But as for its being "highly effective", that is another matter. The plan proposed by Mr. Lodge is substantially the same as that for which Mr. Harold Stassen pleaded in vain — for several months before the London Disarmament Conference. It calls for nuclear tests suspension under international control; reduction of nuclear stocks on hand and of the armed forces; and end to nuclear production; ground and aerial inspection of military installations, munition factories and the like. Why should Mr. Lodge think that passage of the proposals through the General Assembly would suddenly make the Russians agree to them?

Disarmament is something which can be brought about only by an agreement among the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain. Other nations are, of course, interested; but they have no power to bring to bear on the issue either within or outside the U. N. This, surely, is one matter on which the passing of resolutions in the U. N. can have no practical effect. What if the Russian proposals should obtain a majority vote in the U. N? Would the United States then agree to them? Of course not.

Source Of Delight

In this part of the world where almost everybody has a certain amount of schooling and where total illiteracy is extremely rare, people find it hard to believe that there are thousands of communities in the world where "going to school" is for the majority of citizens a forbidden luxury. Illiteracy in many parts of Asia and Africa is the lot of as much as 90 per cent of the population. To remedy this situation has been one of the major objectives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Morocco is one of the countries which have a large illiterate population — that is to say, people who can neither read nor write. But, according to a UNESCO report, the problem there is yielding to efforts that are being made to eradicate it. Recently, a newspaper called "Manar-el-Maghrib" ("Light house of Morocco") celebrated its first anniversary. It was created especially to cater to those who have just learned to read but whose vocabulary is not large enough to allow them to read the regular papers. The report says that the paper has a big circulation and that the people for whom it is intended meet together in groups to discuss the news which heretofore they received by word of mouth. They are said to be jubilant over their newly found ability.

Doubtless, to a person who has been illiterate the ability to read the simplest words of his own language is just as great a source of delight as is the ability of a reasonably well educated person to read the ancient classics in their original texts.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The last indignity! "Hungarians," says a news report from Vienna, "who helped crush last October's revolt will be decorated with the Order of Liberty."

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It is to be hoped that Works Minister Green will be having something constructive to say in Parliament about the Northumberland Strait Causeway before long.

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Vice President Nixon asked Queen Elizabeth to consider visiting the Midwest when she comes to North America in 1959 to open the St. Lawrence Seaway. Senator Kefauver, on the other hand, preferred to look back with regret that the Democrats "didn't have someone like that" to help them in the 1956 Presidential campaign.

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West Germany took the leading position in European trade some three or four years ago. Now comes word that another nation which was defeated in the last war is well on the way to dominating the Asiatic market. An Australian industrialist reports that all available markets are flooded with Japanese textiles which are equal in quality to the Australian products and much cheaper.

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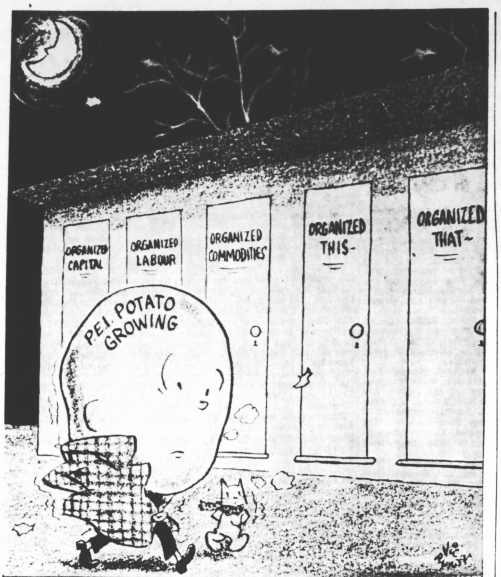
It should be no surprise to anyone if the Diefenbaker Government goes to the country next spring. Liberal party planners are well aware of this possibility. They are said to feel that this would be much more to their advantage than if the election were held earlier. By spring their new national leader will be securely in office and — perhaps more important still — unemployment totals will likely be at a seasonal peak at that time. They are already prophesying disaster to the Government on this ground.



OUT IN THE COLD

OTTAWA REPORT

Aiming At The Moon

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: The latest joke in Moscow naturally concerns Khrushchevs little moon, the satellite which they call "Traveller".

"Bleep-bleep, bleep-bleep, its radio calls, as it flashes around our globe. But every now and again, its chauffeur shouts it over the United States. And then its radio changes its message to "Ha-ha, ha-ha."

Not a very good joke. But the Russians are planning a rather better one. As part of their big rocket-firing celebration of the International Geophysical Year, they will soon shoot rockets at the Moon. On impact, these rockets will scatter red dust over the face of the Moon, just to prove to sceptical observers on Earth that they really reach their target.

This ambitious plan of interplanetary rocketry is described by its name, "Project LVM. Its name is made up of the initials of the Russian words meaning Moon, Venus and Mars.

Later, huge rockets will carry instruments to study conditions on the Moon, and to report the details back to Earth by means of cosmic television. These three-stage rockets will weigh a staggering fifty tons on take-off.

MOON NOT FAR

The next planned Russian step is the establishment of a permanent scientific research station on the Moon, manned by human beings. The journey to the Moon will take just under five days at minimum fuel consumption. But by boosting fuel to increase the speed of the space-ships, it would be possible for them to make the trip in less than 24 hours, or about the same time as a flight by modern airliner from Newfoundland to Vancouver.

The greatest obstacle to this journey to the Moon is not the scientific task of devising a ship which will soar through space; it is planning for the human body to survive that space travel.

In this respect, science has reached the dangerous and cocky stage of outstripping Nature.

In space, the Earth exercises no pull; the force of gravity ceases. So passengers in a space-ship will be in a weightless condition. We do not know how our bodies would react; whether our brain would function; would our blood pump to work? And what would weightlessness do to our digestive organs and processes?

A DOGS LIFE

Soviet scientists have been studying these complicated problems, and they believe that the human body can be adjusted to a normal life even in a weightless condition. For six years they have been trying it on the dog — literally. Hundreds of Russian dogs have been shot as high as one hundred miles into the air in rockets. But so far the only discovery announced by Russian workers in this field is that poodles stand these immense heights better than any other dogs.

Through these high - flying dogs, the biological effects of space travel are being tested.

But I still wonder whether the first passenger to the Moon won't starve to death. Without the force of gravity to pull it down, how will his food get into and through his stomach? And will he die of frustration trying to take a thirst-quenching drink, when he finds that, with no gravity to make the liquid come down in the bottom of a glass, his drink disintegrates into millions of tiny drops of liquid scattered to float in space?

Canada's Atlantic Fisheries

As late as 1944 an official report described Canada's longest-exploited resource, the Atlantic fisheries, as "hardly touched by the hand of mass production." But today this is far from being true, says the current monthly Review of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Especially in the past ten years, mechanization and the application of scientific methods have been proceeding apace at both the fish-catching and fish-processing stages of the industry and in distribution as well.

Perhaps the most striking development is the rise of a substantial filleting and freezing industry. Not all the Canadian plants are large and fully mechanized, but among them are some of the most modern in the world — large-scale, highly mechanized assembly - line operations, with mechanical skinning and filleting machines and the latest in freezing and packaging equipment.

MAJOR FACTOR

The rapid growth of the U.S. fish-stick industry has been a major factor in the expansion of Canada's frozen-fish production. In the past year or two, something like half the U.S. output of fish sticks has been processed from Canadian frozen fish imported in the form of blocks or slabs.

Refrigerated ships and rail cars and refrigerated trucks speed products to centres of distribution, and improved wholesale cold storage facilities and refrigerated cabinets in retail outlets keep them in good condition till they reach the consumer.

Because of some improvements, the Review notes, lobster fishermen, too, are now able to take more advantage of the lucrative fresh trade. A much larger proportion of the catch is marketed in the shell and as frozen meat than in the late 'thirties, and output of canned lobster has fallen sharply.

SALTED COD

Though a good deal of salted cod is still dried on the "flakes" in the outports of Newfoundland much as it was in the 18th century, Newfoundland fishermen have of late years been shipping increasing quantities as "saltbulk" to mechanical drying plants in Nova Scotia. Meanwhile, government - sponsored experiments with mechanical drying have been going on in Newfoundland itself and this year for the first time a substantial quantity of dried salted cod will be produced there by this method.

The trend towards larger-scale mechanized operations is apparent at sea as well as ashore, says the Review. The place of the old dory-schooners that set their fishermen afloat in dories on the "Banks" off Nova Scotia and Newfoundland has been taken by large modern draggers equipped with ship-to-shore radio-telephones, electronic fish - finders, facilities for icing the fish in the hold, and modern mechanical aids for handling trawl nets, and gear and for unloading the catch.

Modernization of the fleet of smaller fishing craft is also going ahead. Up to the present about 200 fisherman-owned "longliners" and "draggers" have been built with the aid of a federal subsidy inaugurated in 1947 and of loans from the various provincial government loan boards.

GREATER OUTPUT

Besides making fishing safer and less arduous, these modern boats greatly increase output per man as compared with old-fashioned methods. With their powerful engines they can reach the fishing grounds faster, and their size permits them to carry larger loads of fish. The range of grounds that can be fished and the period of the year during which fishing can be carried on have been extended; in fact, in some areas year - round operations are possible.

Largely because of the big increase in U.S. demand for frozen fish, nearly three-quarters of Canada's exports of fishery products now go to the United States as compared with less than half of a much smaller total in 1939. The Canadian industry is thus more vulnerable than before to the uncertainties that face Canadian exporters in the U.S. market. In the past few years there have been recurrent threats of increased U.S. protection against imports of groundfish fillets, though so far no restrictive action has been taken.

ANTIBIOTICS

The Review draws attention to the fact that the "new look" in the Atlantic fisheries owes much to science. An important recent instance is the use of antibiotics to reduce spoilage in fish, either at sea in ice or refrigerated sea water or in processing plants as a "dip" for fillets before they are packed. Canada recently became the first country in the world to license the use of antibiotics in this way. The study of the habits of fish and the search for new fish populations have borne fruit in better knowledge of the location and extent of fish resources and, in conservation programs such as those for lobster and salmon.

It is now widely recognized, the Review concludes, that, extensive as the fish resources of the North Atlantic are, they are by no means inexhaustible. In the light of the rapid increase in the world's population, the wise conservation of this valuable and renewable food resource gains added urgency.

Space Secrets Disclosed

By Alton L. Blakeslee
Associated Press, New York

Whistling lightning flashes are disclosing unexpected secrets about space 6,000 to 20,000 miles above the earth.

The lightning indicates space is not so terribly empty after all. Our electrified high atmosphere seems to stretch thousands of miles, not just 200 or 300, as long thought.

Lightning does this by generating a kind of silent radiowave thunder which speeds far out into space, and back again. The sound comes home, on radio receivers, as "whistlers". The whistle runs from a high to a low pitch, like the last half of a wolf whistle over Marilyn Monroe.

GIANT SPACE ARC

The radio whistle from a single lightning flash in your city can arch 15,000 miles through space, coming to earth in the southern hemisphere. Then it can echo back on the same path to the starting point.

At least one whistler has made more than 30 such great round-trips within a minute, audible at both places each time. It probably covered a total distance of 600,000 miles.

To do this, it had to flow earthly lines of magnetic force reaching far into space. To do that, there had to be some atmosphere of electrons of electrified particles in the magnetic fields.

The general scientific idea has been that our electrified upper atmosphere, the ionosphere, reaches only 200 miles or so above the earth, tapering off within a thousand miles or so to nothing.

Whistlers are saying "no," that there are 400 or more electrified particles in less than a thimbleful of space at distances of nearly 20,000 miles.

Such a concentration could be bad news for our baby moons which go exploring space soon. They may meet so much air drag that they fall to earth much sooner than anticipated. Experience with the first Russian moon may shed some light on this.

May Help Doctor To Locate Sinus

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

Sinus trouble can be very painful as anyone who has had it well knows. Yet the very fact that it is painful, often helps a doctor determine just where the basic trouble lies.

Your sensitivity to pain helps greatly in diagnosing the specific area infected.

DOCTOR'S TRICK

Now I don't want you dianosing your own troubles and illnesses, but you can borrow a trick from the doctor and get an indication in what area your sinuses are acting up so that you can tell him about it.

Press your thumbs against both of your cheeks, Use equal force.

If say, the right cheek registers a dull pain, it might mean there's an infection of the right antrum or cavity. Pain in the left cheek could mean trouble in the left antrum.

SAME METHOD

using the same method, apply pressure to your forehead over your eyes and then under the overhang of your eyebrows near your nose. If you notice a tenderness at any of these points, it could mean the frontal sinuses are infected.

This method, of course, isn't sure-fire. It merely narrows the search for the doctor.

He might be able to confirm his diagnosis by using the transillumination method.

In this procedure, he literally "lights up your head" by using a flashlight.

To detect any difference in opacity, he puts a small flashlight into your mouth. If your fontal sinuses are normal, they'll light up with a pinkish glow.

MAKES EYES GLOW

The light makes the pupils of your eyes glow if the maxillary or antra sinuses are empty and transparent. If one sinus isn't transparent, it's likely to be infected and filled with pus.

Of course this method is no help in detecing trouble in the ethmoid cells and sphenoid sinuses. To find any trouble which might be lurking there—and sometimes in the frontal sinuses too — your doctor probably will use X-rays.

But finding the infection is only part of the job. Treating it—that's the real chore!

QUESTION AND ANSWER

T.B.: My newborn baby has a flat red birthmark. Will it disappear?

Answer: As a rule, flat red marks disappear as the child grows older. If not, later on they may be skillfully treated with X-ray and radium or carbon dioxide anow.

The Age Old Story

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Poets Corner

MOTHBALL FLEET

The river brings their breathing from the sea
But they have turned its color into rust;
Their lungs, left soft without the tread of men
Are clotted with departed battle dust;

And they lift not those passions freighted once
Into the dull lands, where the shells shook sounds
And swept their heavy decks of passengers —
Now armistice has ceased their bloody rounds.

Now only eerie gulls attain these masts
Where once scared soldiers raised their eyes to fate,
And asked clean skies for life, and wrote their families,
Got off in mudfields to defend the state —

No soldiers pace here now, no shrapnel growls;
Like old men, troopships rest the river-side
Too tired to recall their escapades,
Or hear the sad complaints of those who died.

—Robert Reiss
in the New York Times.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Nov. 2, 1932

Disapproval of the manner in which unemployment relief was being administered by the City was expressed at a meeting of the Unemployed Workmens Association held last evening. After complaints had been voiced, it was decided to call a mass meeting of the citizens in the Strand Theatre and request the Mayor or Committee to come forward to give account of the manner in which relief was being given.

Reporting financial conditions in Telegraphic service to be on the upgrade, Canadian National Telegraph officials, D.E. Galloway and J.F. McTaggart of Toronto, and D.A. MacNeill of Moncton, visited the City yesterday for an inspection of the local office. They arrived by private railway car yesterday and are leaving this morning for the mainland.

TEN YEARS AGO
Nov. 2, 1947

Dr. A.W. Blair, director of the Regina Cancer Clinic, has arrived in Charlottetown to make a survey in the Province of the cancer facilities existing for diagnosis and treatment, education and research. This is part of the National survey which Dr. Blair has undertaken on request of the National Cancer Institute of Canada.

Vehicle traffic aboard the S.S. Fairview was resumed Monday morning following the completion of repairs to the ferry wharf on the Rocky Point side during the week-end. Due to a damaged steel float caused by stormy weather, all vehicle traffic has been temporarily held up pending repairs.

NOTES BY THE WAY

And then when we decide to agree with the wife, it does us no good for by then she has changed her mind.—Brandon Sun

Meat and potatoes hold their own against the fancy casserole dishes, and aspirin seems to have outlasted a lot of miracle drugs.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

A woman phoned her bank to arrange for the disposal of a $1,000 bond. "Is the bond for redemption or conversion?" a clerk inquired. There was a long pause, then the woman asked: "Am I talking to the First National bank or the First Baptist church?"—Galt Reporter

The dividends from last year's uprisings in Hungary and Poland continue to come in. The latest is from Italy, which has long been noted for the largest Communist party outside the Soviet Union. Membership in the Italian Communist party has dropped, in the last year, by an average ten per cent, by as high as 14.9 per cent in the south, 9.8 per cent in the north. —Montreal Gazette

Frankly, to an intelligent person an apology helps a lot. It indicates that one has not, after all, been made the victim of a planned attack. It makes things perfectly plain that the person who offers the apology is human, just as you are, and that he has every intention of making sure that you are not similarly offended a second time. No one but a person of dull sensibilities refuses to accept such well-meant words. —Wingham Advance

After two separate votes, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce could not make up its mind about a new Canadian flag — which gives rise to the question "what's wrong with the Canadian Ensign?"— Ottawa Journal

A writer recalls that the gladiator Spartacus centuries ago rallied his forces with the battle cry: "You have nothing to lose but your bonds." He would not have rallied many in Bay Street.—Toronto Telegram

The War Office has no squeamishness in admitting what it thinks of the noise made by bagpipes. In a press release about the band of the Irish Guards, which is just starting out on a fifteen week tour of the Commonwealth, it states that the band consists of 41 musicians and 15 pipers."—Kingston Whig-Standard

But there was a day when car wheels were shod with high pressure tires about the size of those on a modern motorcycle. They had to be changed (and frequently) on the wheel and on the car by prying them off the "clincher" rim. The favorite tool was a broken spring leaf. The engine was hand cranked and water cooled — without a water pump. And it boiled merrily on any Summer day on any long grade. The fuel tank snuggled under the seat, and, if the "gas" ran low on a steep hill, the experienced driver knew how to back up the inedine so the fuel would run down into the carburetor.—Owen Sound Sun-Times

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NOTICE TO CHARLOTTETOWN TAX DEFAULTERS

With reference to the deferred publication of the names of all property owners in arrears of taxes in respect of real estate: The deadline for payment of such arrears has been set for November fifteenth, 1957, and the names of defaulters will be published as soon thereafter as the list is in readiness as of December 31st, 1956.

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