

Orin is a sovereign state, it has the right to request, and receive military assistance from an outside power to put down any rebellion within its own jurisdiction. If it did request, and receive, military support from outside, Washington might find it hard, if not impossible, to find any legal grounds for objecting to the Cuban action, even though it is sure that the U.S., and probably the organization of American States as well, would object in fact.

There are, however, some reason for doubting the veracity of these rumors.

Castro has shown more internal strength and solidarity than his opponents like. He has control of all military equipment within the country and he has a secret police that is everywhere within the island. Moreover, in spite of all his talk to the contrary, he employs a ruthlessness with the enemies of his regime that has sent hundreds of them before firing squads.

The man who would be master enough force to send Batista into exile may now himself be nervous to the point where he would call on Mr. Khrushchev for help to support his government.

But it will be time to believe it when we have more proof.

Memorial Progress

During the long months in which the news of plans for the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Building here gradually has been unfolding, there really has been nothing but good news. There have, however, been some gaps in that news.

Yesterday one of those gaps was closed, at least in part, by a new report from Victoria, B.C., following the third annual conference of Canada's provincial premiers, which said that the delegates: "Joined hands with the federal government to pay for a memorial to Canada's founding fathers by agreeing in principle to a contribution of 15 cents per capita toward construction of a \$5,800,000 memorial centre in Charlottetown. The federal government already has pledged \$2,600,000."

While the provincial premiers announced their support for the project during their Charlottetown conference last year, the Victoria report is the first one to tell of a definite agreement on a formula for provincial contributions.

It appears, therefore, that another step has been taken toward assuring the financing of this magnificent structure. This province accordingly, will share in the delight expressed at Victoria by Dr. Frank MacKinnon, as president of the Memorial Foundation, at the decision growing out of his appearance before the conference.

Of course a few more steps remain to be taken to make Island happiness in these developments complete, such as having the inter-provincial "agreement in principle," and the federal government's "pledge" translated into definite appropriations.

However, the careful, successful, step-by-step development of this program to date gives a strong basis for expecting that they will become forthcoming as needed.

Certainly there will not be room for any delays if there is to be realization of Dr. MacKinnon's expectation that a start will be made on the building by December, or early January, and that the Memorial Building will be open in 1964, to mark the 100th anniversary of the Charlottetown Confederation Conference.

Trouble In Cuba?

A news despatch from Miami, Florida, states that rumors persist of the recent landing in Cuba of four thousand soldiers from the Soviet Union.

The credibility of the rumors is strengthened by a recent Spanish broadcast from Miami, on the Voice of the People program, stating that travellers in Cuba have seen the Soviet soldiers and that they believe the troops were sent at the request of Castro who fears a rebellion within the country.

The broadcast even went into statistics. It reported that five Soviet ships landed 2,500 troops at Mariel in western Cuba on July 29, last, and that four other Soviet ships landed an additional 1,800 Russian troops at Havana July 30-31.

There has been no comment, as yet, from the state department in Washington, which, under such circumstances, is only to be expected.

In the first place, it is extremely unlikely that Washington would make any comment on those landings until it was sure they had occurred; in the second place, since



GOING BAREFOOT

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Revising The Old Cabinet Blueprint

The ravages of time and of the ballot box have made a reshaping of the federal cabinet essential. The Prime Minister's plans in this regard are likely to be known soon after this is read, but nevertheless there has been remarkably little newspaper speculation and so leaks in the quiet weeks here.

It contrasts with the energy so helpfully displaying by many pundits in advising Mr. Diefenbaker in the musical chairs of a cabinet reconstruction nine months ago, just before the widely publicized and dramatically uneventful pilgrimage by the entire cabinet to Quebec City.

Of course the present group of 116 Conservative M.P.s offers the P.M. a less free-flowing choice than the cabinet material that his previous backing of 207 supporters in the House of Commons. It is a far more restricted selection, and the pattern of cabinet representation now poses a problem, arising at the traditional construction of our federal ministry.

"REP BY POP" OUT? Up to five years ago, the cabinet was nearly always built from the blueprint of "representation by population", with six or seven ministers from each of our two large provinces, and just 1-3 from each other province — except unrepresented P.E.I.

But the rules of thumb are disproportionately unfair to our growing provinces, and often damaging to Canada that led to the advancement of certain politicians, whose only claim to the cabinet was the persistence of their postal address or the accidental hazard of their parental religion.

In some respects Mr. Diefenbaker broke away from those old shackles in the interestingly named House of Representatives since 1944, and a full internal self-government since 1959.

These points will seem minor to most Canadians, yet Jamaicans, in this day of their new freedom, are sensitive people, and do not like being misrepresented or misunderstood.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
AUGUST 9, 1937
A summary of reporting stations in the Maritime Provinces July 29, 1937, at Charlottetown, P.E.I. led in hours of sunshine with 39°, said an announcement today from the meteorological Observatory here.

Philip J. Rosator, Charlottetown was selected Grand Knight of No. 824 Knights of Columbus Charlottetown, Canada, at the annual meeting of the organization last night. Arthur McTavish, Charlottetown, was elected president at the largely attended meeting.

TEN YEARS AGO
AUGUST 9, 1927
T. A. Campbell, Provincial Fire Marshal, stressed the need of fire protection in the fire prevention education. This, he said, should begin with the very young in the home, and later in the school, so that the fire protection habit may be firmly established in the minds of our youth in order that the devastating results of fire may be well understood. The loss from careless smokers is extremely high, he said, and is responsible for many fires in homes as well as in forests and fields.

The annual WGU convention was held on the lovely lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon MacMillan, Cornwall, Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. A. Clark, president and the devoted secretary, Mrs. Samuel Campbell.

Cure For Acne Believed Near

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
A LOGICAL remedy for acne may be just around the corner. This drug, related chemically to the female sex hormones, a pro-pyrene, will be in the skin, it has been found, in the Hespero-stro-3-allyl ether. In a preliminary report, Dr. William G. Harold of Colorado Springs says he has given three out of 27 patients failed to show improvement.

Acne is a combination of oily skin, pimples, and blackheads. Deeper abscesses develop in the neglected or more severe form of the disease. The condition starts during the teenage years, and the sex glands are beginning to surge.

More may respect, acne is part of this picture because the oil secreting glands of the skin have growing pains, much the same way as do the reproductive glands. This endocrine overactivity usually is removed and disappears when hormonal balance is reestablished.

There must be something in these adolescent sex hormones that affects the oil secreting glands. If a new chemical, an anti-estrogen, could be isolated or made synthetically, we might be able to produce an antidote to the excessive sebaceous activity without disturbing the internal equilibrium.

Dr. Harold's new product may have these qualities. Time will tell. But of new chemical, it has not been given the green light until it is determined it will not disturb the hormonal balance. Dirt and infection also play a role in acne. Cleanliness goes a long way toward eliminating blackheads by keeping the pores clean and the skin dry. Dr. John H. Fitz of Montreal says that a variety of micro-organisms, such as the fungus, *Pityrospora*, are breaking a me - dimethyl-chlorotetracycline. This agent was given to 20 persons with acne and 83 per cent had a good to excellent response.

But the product has one major drawback. Approximately 26 per cent of the users became sensitive to the sun while undergoing treatment. Changes in the fingernails also were noted. These side effects demonstrate again that the antibiotics, wonderful as they are, should not be used for skin conditions that usually improve with simpler remedies.

The sulfonamides also are of value when pustules develop. But long continued usage of these drugs is not advised.

Mr. Van Dellen will send leaflets on acne if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.

THE SCIENCE TO NOW
V.I. writes: I'm 20 and have had five small strokes so far. Is there any way to prevent others?

This is difficult to do unless the strokes stem from narrowing or occlusion of the carotid artery in the neck. The obstruction can be bypassed by surgery. Special X-rays may be used to study the circulation through this study.

KIDNEY DISEASE
M.K. writes: Is Bright's disease the same as nephritis?

REPLY
Yes, provided you refer to the acute form of nephritis.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—
In spraying the garden, follow the instructions on the insecticide container.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A British doctor says a bowler hat, like a cross helmet, is worth wearing for safety. Not in the winter when the weather is right for snowballs. — Ottawa Journal.

An intercollegiate football tournament will be held at Westport Nova Scotia in September. A college man who might not be a football team at least can brag that he finished for his Harvard. — Ottawa Journal.

Among silver deers one of the skimpier is the thought that the rain that washes out a vacation cottage is keeping the lawn beautiful and green at home. — Ottawa Journal.

A young artist from Wellington, Ontario, Yosef Drenters, has recently been winning fame for the originality of his sculptures made out of scrap materials. He had shavings of his work in Toronto and New York and it has sold well. He won his first cash prize for a sculpture in a grant of \$8,000 from the Canada Council. — Ottawa Journal.

Liquor Sale

One of the favored assumptions in the mythology of alcoholism is that the alcoholic searches in this complex and controversial area of social behavior.

Robert E. Popham, assistant research director of the Addiction Research Foundation, reports that drunkenness is not affected by liberalization of liquor laws, the number of taverns or changes in closing times.

Speaking to a class attending a summer course on alcohol problems at the University of Toronto, he revealed the results of a six-year study of arrests for drunkenness in Toronto. The pattern of arrests on Sundays, when taverns are closed, was identical with the pattern for week days.

Mr. Popham said studies in the U.S. and the U.K. indicated there was a tendency for drunkenness to decrease with an increase in liquor outlets. The studies tend weight to the argument for stricter education rather than restriction in dealing with problems of alcoholism.

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