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Adenauer's Predicament

No one who has been following the news in recent weeks will be surprised to learn that Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany has been invited to Moscow to talk things over with Soviet Government officials.

Naturally, the other Western leaders are interested in what is likely to be said or done when the German Chancellor sits down with his Soviet hosts, especially in view of West Germany's membership in Nato, which makes common action among the Western powers in matters concerning over-all policy of great practical benefit.

Controlling The Assiniboine

It should help us to appreciate our own blessings in this part of Canada when we read that upwards of 150,000 acres of farmland in the Assiniboine Valley in Manitoba have been flooded this spring.

According to the Winnipeg Free Press, there has been talk of controlling the Assiniboine since the valley was first settled. The first flood control survey, well before the turn of the century, resulted in cutoffs and dikes being built along the river west of Winnipeg.

The PFRA made its report in 1953. It found that the most feasible plan for reducing flood hazards along the river, and also for promoting low water control in dry years, was a combination of a reservoir on the river near Russell, couled with a canal originating near Portage which would divert the flood waters into Lake Manitoba, 18 miles away.

The diversion canal project has not been much to the fore recently; this is understandable in view of the high water levels in Lake Manitoba. But the canal is not indissolubly linked with the reservoir project and last month, representatives of flooded-out property owners in the Assiniboine valley went on record as urging the federal and provincial Governments to go ahead with the Russell reservoir.

This would be located west of the town of Russell, about a mile upstream from where No. 4 provincial highway crosses the river. The dam would be 78 feet high, 3,600 feet long and would be a rolled earth fill. It would collect water from a drainage area of 7,600 square miles and would back the river water up for a distance of 56 miles—to a point west of Togo, Sask.

One railway line and three roads would have to be raised or relocated and 5,000 acres of cultivated land would be covered by the water in the reservoir.

The estimated cost of the Russell reservoir is more than \$6,000,000. It would not be confined to Manitoba, but would be interprovincial, stretching into Saskatchewan.

Foreign Aid

While there are a few influential politicians in the United States who would like to see a drastic reduction in that nation's financial assistance to economically weak countries, the indications are that they will not have their way, at least for some considerable time to come.

In recommending passage of the Foreign Aid Bill, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee made this statement: "The basic conditions which these policies are designed to meet are military and economic weaknesses in friendly countries. These conditions are dangerous to the United States not only because they invite Communist aggression on the one hand and Communist subversion on the other, but also because chronic poverty in most of the world is a threat to economic growth in the United States."

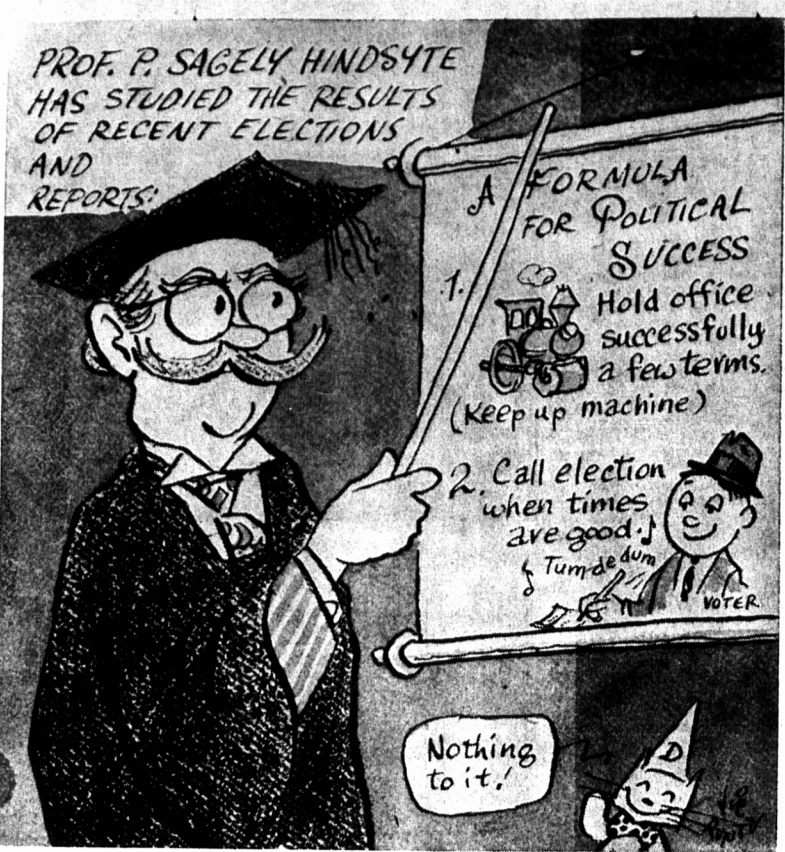
EDITORIAL NOTES

Among the \$1,712,937 in grants for research named by the Ford Foundation in the first quarter of this year is one of Prof. Karl von Frisch of the University of Munich. Dr. Frisch is to start work on a study to find out how bees know where they're going.

Senate representation for Canada's Eskimos and Indians was urged the other day by Hon. Ralph Horner, of Saskatchewan. Senator Horner, who is a Progressive Conservative, declared before his associates that an Indian or Eskimo should be named to the Senate in view of the vast development taking place in the Canadian North.

According to the Canadian Press, most observers in Ottawa believe that General Simonds was retired as Chief of the General Staff because he was not "politically acute." His successor, Major General Graham, nearly five years older, is reported to have "political sense" as a result of his law training, and a term as Mayor of Trenton, Ontario. This new qualification for leadership in the armed services opens up an interesting field of speculation.

Apparently, Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Truman still have to contend with curious visitors, just as they did when they lived in the White House. The other evening they decided to walk across the street from their home in Independence, Mo., to visit a couple of cousins. Such a crowd collected that they could not get back without a great deal of bother and fuss for which they were not in the mood.



How To Do It

The LaZerte Report

Increasing school enrolment during the next 10 years may present Canadian taxpayers with a multi-million-dollar financing job. Canada's first complete and independent survey of school finance recommendations, among other things: Expenditures of \$770,000,000 for extra classrooms, an additional \$125,000,000 annually for teachers' salaries, and \$9,000,000 for extra teacher-education and debt retirements on school buildings.

Dr. LaZerte suggests one-third of this aid be on a per-pupil basis. The balance would provide grants to provinces with low tax-paying ability. \$25,000 report was prepared by Dr. LaZerte, a leading Canadian authority on education, for the Canadian School Trustees' Association.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Fifty years from now the politicians will be boasting that their childhoods were so poor-but-honest that they had to cut the grass with hand mowers. — Hamilton Spectator.

A great need on this continent is a feasible system for financing the rehabilitation of obsolete urban areas. Every large city has run-down, slum areas which are an economic and social liability. They are allowed to remain in their degrading state because no practical method has been evolved for their improvement.

The disappointing reports of the "Courtesy Drivers" campaign need not discourage future efforts to improve the quality of driving in Ottawa. The organization set out to find 150 drivers in the performance of an act of courtesy.

The Queen's Printer's lavish but uncompleted new plant in Hull has already cost Canadian taxpayers a cool \$12 million. The Queen's Printer's expense even more profusely than they are at present. What they will print, apart from Hansard and official departmental reports, is anybody's guess.

Between one and a half to two months he will begin gurgling and cooing and making other sounds. Along about the same time he will begin turning his head at the sound of voices. When he is about two months he will be strong enough to lift his chest when lying on his stomach. His curiosity is becoming strong now.

Between four and six months your lot should start reaching and grabbing for objects around the room and other toys. He will be able to roll all the way over between five and seven months. First, he will roll from his stomach to his back. It is a little more difficult for him to roll from his back to his stomach, but he will do that, too.

A really big accomplishment comes along about the age of six to eight months, when your baby will be able to sit up alone. By this time his back is strong enough to support him. In another month or so—between seven and nine months—he'll begin crawling. Around nine or ten months he'll pull himself into a standing position and in a very short time he'll start to walk.

While some babies can walk alone at the age of one year, most don't walk by themselves until they are about 14 or 15 months or even older. He'll probably begin talking a little about this time, too, although some babies talk long before they walk.

QUESTION AND ANSWER: F. S.: What are the symptoms of a brain tumor? Answer: Symptoms of brain tumor depend upon the size and location of the tumor within the brain. Most symptoms of brain tumors consist of headaches, disturbance of the various sensations and sense organs, such as the eyes; at times attacks of vomiting may occur. If a tumor of the brain is suspected, immediate study by a neurologist is advisable.

NORTHERN LAKE: Minto lake, one of the most beautiful lakes in the Ungava peninsula, covers 485 square miles.

WANT TO BE FRIENDS: TORONTO (CP) — Dmitri S. Chuvahin, Russian ambassador to Canada, says the Russian people are sick of the cold war and want to be friends with the West. He made the remark during an informal press conference in Toronto Friday.

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