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that he might have given the answer much sooner, but the member who asked it originally had not repeated it so he felt the member had lost interest.
'Does the government wish members who have asked questions which have been taken as notice to keep repeating their questions each day to find out whether the minister has an answer ready or not,' demanded Mr. Nugent, 'or would it prefer ministers to give the answers immediately they are available in order that we might get on with the question period a little quicker?'

Prime Minister Pearson replied that one. He said he would prefer to have reasonable notice of questions, or, failing that, to have only 'proper questions asked and answered in a proper way as quickly as possible.'

But according to Mr. Nugent, this matter of giving 'reasonable notice' of questions to ministers puts the Opposition behind the eight-ball. 'They just pass them on to their own back-benchers to ask before we can,' he says. 'Then they have the question, the answer, and all the credit.' Because of this, he and his followers give as little advance notice as possible.

Then there is the spin-lark answer which government members resort to when they feel it desirable to give a reply that will contain a minimum of enlightenment on the subject. As, for example, on March 5, when Defense Minister Helver was asked why news of the attempted break-in at the Ville La Salle Naval Stores Depot hadn't been passed along to the Montreal and other police agencies which had been working on the armories thefts.

Mr. Helver conceded that there had been a delay in informing the Montreal police, but added mysteriously: 'I think there were some very good reason for this which I am not at liberty to disclose.' This naturally touched off a wave of speculation, not least among the Montreal and other police agencies that had been kept in the dark. Did the minister imply that they were no longer trusted—that they were working hand-in-glove with the terrorists?

As far as can be learned, the 'very good reason' which Mr. Helver knew but was not at liberty to disclose was, that the Ville La Salle police forgot, in the excitement of the moment, to notify other police agencies of the attempted arms raid in their community!

Which goes to support the argument that the question period problems are not all of the Opposition's making, and that the Government would do well to reform its own policy in the matter.

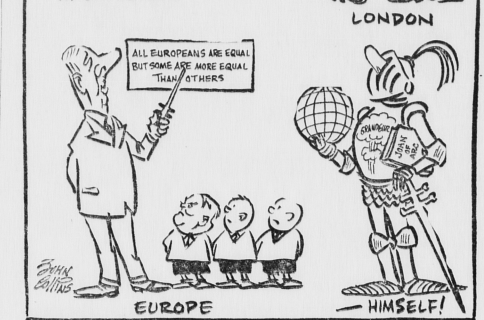
Adult Education

Canada, as well as the United States, will probably experience the 'adult education explosion' which is confidently predicted within the next decade by a national opinion research centre at the University of Chicago. The more education people have, it seems, the more they want. A comfortable income, too, appears to send people out to get more learning. Because the next decade will probably see more people well educated and prosperous, there appear to be sound reason to expect evening classes for adults to multiply in number and size.

Already, according to the Chicago researchers, some 17,600,000 American adults are engaged in this exhilarating pursuit. Of this number 2,650,000 are enrolled full time, but the majority are attending classes or taking mail courses in their spare moments. While these figures seem quite large, they will look small ten years from now, and they will be in all adult age groups from the young to the 70-year-olds.

One might think the multitude of evening programs offered by schools and colleges is responsible for this upsurge in education; but, the study shows, there are more adult students outside the formal school system than within it.

And that about television, with its much-heralded potential for reaching millions? The survey-makers were surprised to find relatively few who are educating themselves through this medium. Educational television, it would seem, is still in a developmental stage, and many ETV stations cannot be picked up by most TV owners.



DE GAULLE AS HE LOOKS TO . . .

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Grappling With Redistribution Problem

Our laws provide that the representation of the provinces in the House of Commons shall be based on the population of each provincial census. The purpose of this is that constituency boundaries shall be redrawn after each census to provide for approximately equal representation of all residents in our Commons.

Historically this redistribution has always hitherto been effected by the House of Commons itself. This has on occasions resulted in the political party in power using its majority to 'gerrymander' to help itself and to handicap its opponents.

'To Gerrymander' is defined as 'to divide a country into electoral districts in such a way as to give a political advantage to the party in power. The word originates the name of Gerrard, Governor Ferry, of Massachusetts, who resorted to this stratagem in 1792.'

PUBLIC FORUM

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A COUNTRY'S BACKBONE

Sir—The agriculturalist in my mind is the backbone of a very country. He is the backbone of Canada's economy. He is the life blood of our nation, and I think that no sane farmer would say that we can get along without him. The fact is that he is the backbone of our nation.

Our Yesterdays

Twenty-five years ago on March 18, 1929, five hundred and six sergeants of the P.E.I. Highlanders returned to their homes from the Royal Canadian School of Infantry and Machine Gunners at Fort Brudenell, British Columbia.

Horace Wright, Fourth District of Prince will move the date of the 50th anniversary of the Honour's speech at the opening of the Legislative Assembly, Kingston, Ontario, on March 18, 1954.

Ten Years Ago The Rocky Point Ferry is expected to be running stated Hon. Douglas MacKinnon, Minister of Transport, in the House of Commons on March 18, 1954.

A Women's Institute leadership course is being held at the Vocational School. This course is being held for the purpose of enabling them to carry on their district conv. work while under the leadership of Institute work.

Break Up Party Ottawa, ICP—Eight teenagers were fined \$50 each and three others sentenced to time already spent in jail when they appeared in magistrate's court Monday in the aftermath of Saturday night drinking party. Police charged 18 teenagers—most of them students—were drinking while under the party they broke up the party in a private home.

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Turning Blue At The Table

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
The expression 'choking to death,' is not always figurative; it actually can happen. Dr. Abdullahi, an elderly man, The postmortem on a woman died of choking to death in the wing of the Queen's Hospital. Stimulation took place in both instances because food was vomited into the windpipe.

The pieces had been gulped down whole but were inhaled rather than swallowed. We don't know why this happens occasionally, but the mishap is more likely to occur when the person fails to concentrate on eating, especially if he talks with the mouth full. Large chunks of food being inhaled passageway completely and can be regurgitated after air is exhaled from the lungs.

A hearty 71-year-old Irishman stopped at the local pub for a drink before going home to lunch. His wife served steak, which he started to eat, suddenly he turned blue and began gasping for air. He died within less than 15 minutes.

An 84-year-old woman in a mental institution was given an orange after lunch as usual. A few minutes later she collapsed in the hospital corridor. A nurse rushed to her side and found her choking on a piece of orange. She died within 30 minutes.

Sudden death at the table often has been reported. A heart attack (fatal coronary) choking is not suspected, especially since the choking occurred before the food was eaten. Therefore they can tell what is happening. The possibility could be a foreign body in the windpipe.

A local word between the shoulder blades of the choking person may help dislodge the obstructing piece of food. Now and then this procedure backfires in that the victim inhales when struck on the back. This sucks the food deeper into a bronchus.

If a physician were present he should try to avoid bearing a grudge—opening the windpipe in the lower part of the neck tracheotomy. Time is all important in this emergency.

PREVENTIVE N O T KNOW
L. M. writes: Is there a known time when a woman can get pregnant and not be aware of it?

REPLY
Not to my knowledge, except to remain in good health. Menstrual irregularities is not well understood but scientists are continuing their research in an endeavor to solve the mystery.

INFLAMED VEIN
A. H. writes: I have a venous thrombophlebitis from a heart condition.

REPLY
Not as a rule. Inflammation of a vein may stem from infection elsewhere in the body. It is also could follow injury, surgery, or periods of inactivity.

PAINLESS NERVE
N. B. S. writes: I had Hodgkin's disease painless.

REPLY
Yes and no. Many victims of this disease go along for years without distress. Pain may develop when the enlarged glands press on various organs.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—
G. L. writes: I am a dental emergency.

NOTES BY THE WAY

We read that children should not have a day. But should they drink them all after bedtime? Ottawa Journal.

Perhaps the most penalty for drinking having to do with the others-in-law. Chatham Daily News.
Once a year, the primitive Papans of New Guinea's Waikiki Valley do a certain kind of mushroom stew which sparks a week-long frenzy of fighting and looting. That a tip to the tourists of the Edinburgh Festival or the Wagner cycle at Bayreuth. Calgary Herald.

U.N. Presence In Cyprus

By Carman Cumming
Canadian Press Staff Writer
In the compelling urgency to get a United Nations presence in Cyprus, Canada has quietly set aside some of its doubts and pre-conditions about the UN operation.

One could be sure, in those few hectic hours before a Canadian advance party was ordered into the air Friday, that the Turks were bluffing in their threat to withdraw from the island.

In the mood of welcome calm that followed the token UN force into Cyprus, the Canadian government was being widely praised for deciding to cut through its doubts but get on the job.

But the doubts remain. Ottawa can't expect to stretch in the next few days to pin down the assurances it hasn't been able to get so far. The fact that the force is committed may make the task harder.

STILL NO MEDIATOR
One of the conditions Canada set down was that there should be some advance hope for progress on a political settlement. While the Greek and Turkish communities at arm's length, Prime Minister Pearson said Canada wanted to ensure 'that the choice of a mediator and his terms of reference should be such as to lead to the expectation that a solution to the dispute in Cyprus might be found within a reasonable time.'

No mediator has been named as yet. Hopes for a political settlement appeared even slimmer following Friday's confrontation, although some UN diplomats see no evidence yet that this problem has been dealt with. There has been no indication, for example, whether the UN secretary-general will be allowed to use his weapons to prevent the 'harvest' of the Turkish-Cypriot by the Greek Cypriots.
The Greek Cypriots under President Makarios had made clear that they were not expected of the UN. The Turkish-Cypriots minority had been just as plain in saying they had no intention of going along quietly.

It is safe to predict that the UN force will be the other—both will be accusing the UN of favouring the other side.

The Canadian commander in Cyprus, Col. Edward Amy, may well have felt more uneasiness than pleasure Sunday when a happy Greek-Cypriot presented him with a bouquet of flowers.

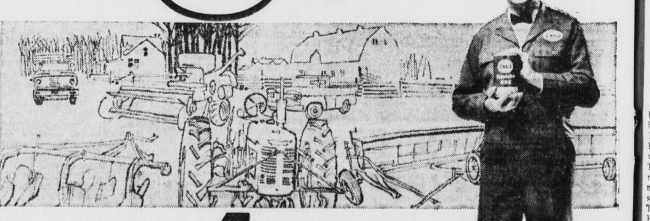
At 2,000 Miles An Hour

Ottawa Journal
When President Johnson let the cat out of the bag at his last press conference and announced some sketchy details of a new 2,000-mile-an-hour jet aircraft, it seemed just another frightening machine of war. Even allowing that the possession of such a plane might have altered somewhat the balance of military strength, as some believe, the new fighting plane is not something to grip the layman's imagination.

REPLY
The A-11 is going to force the Russians to reevaluate their military position. But it is also the best argument American aircraft manufacturers could have to get the Congress to appropriate the \$1,000,000,000 a 2,000-mile-per-hour commercial transport will cost to develop.

The layman may still wonder at the need for this fantastic speed. But some men wonder at the idea of flying at all, let alone at flying at the speed of mere jets. Apparently, the speedometer can't be held back. Something there is as in to try in an airplane time and space. The A-11 appears to be the best bet.

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