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Days Of Crisis

It would be difficult to overemphasize the gravity of the situation in the Middle East. All signs suggest that the Iraqi army plot was cunningly timed and long prepared.

With the landing of U.S. Marines in Lebanon, Britain also has come into the picture by pledging full support for American military action.

It is useless now to indulge in re-creation, or to speculate on what might have been had Mr. Eisenhower and his advisors been a little wiser in 1956 and taken a different attitude toward Britain's efforts under Sir Anthony Eden to settle the Suez affair.

New Bonds For Old

The mammoth refunding operation announced by Finance Minister Fleming is in the astronomical figure of over six billion dollars—more than 40 per cent of the national debt—and involves the offer to replace all unmaturing Victory Loan Bonds issued during the Second World War by new non-callable longer term bonds at a higher rate of interest.

The refinancing plan is primarily aimed at reorganizing the national debt with a view to putting it on a longer-term basis and reducing for the Government the amount of refinancing to be done over the next few years.

The carrying out of this program during the next two months," says the Minister, "will constitute

a significant expression of confidence in the long-term prospects of the Canadian economy, and will by its success encourage investors to take a renewed interest in all bond markets, including the market for provincial and municipal bonds as well as Government of Canada bonds."

This assurance is very important. The provinces and municipalities are feeling the financial pinch just as much as the Federal Government, though on a smaller scale.

Convincing Evidence

Douglas Jung, the first Canadian of Chinese ancestry to become a member of Parliament, might have been a little indiscreet—we are not sure that he was—when he told a conference of NATO youth leaders in Paris that Canadian delegations to Russia were hand-picked and that Russian visitors to this country often are not allowed to see the places and people they would like to see.

Mr. Jung is as much a Canadian citizen—probably just as useful a one—as is Senator Farris. As a citizen, he has every right to express his views when travelling abroad. Should these views tend to get him into difficulties with his party colleagues, that is a risk he must be prepared to take—and, in this instance, was prepared to take.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The stage is set today at Summerside for the third annual Lobster Carnival, which promises to establish a new record in attendance and enjoyment. A fine program of sports and entertainment has been arranged, including a race for lobster fishing boats which is particularly appropriate to a carnival of this kind.

Couch grass, the gardener's most formidable foe, has at last found its match, according to officials of the Kentville, N.S. Experimental Farm.

They report that the chemical Dalapon (sold under the trade name Dowpon) when used as a spray—13 pounds to 100 gallons of water—and proper conditions, will kill almost 100 per cent of the weed's roots. The spray can be used either spring or fall, provided the grass is growing actively at the time.

Since he came to office Mr. Diefenbaker has reduced the number of Senate vacancies to six. This is a move in the right direction, but it is no more than a start.

Mr. Malcolm Muggeridge, a former editor of Punch and noted British commentator, has stepped suddenly into the role of local prophet of doom. At present touring Australia, he has looked at what he calls "the vast, dirty, indomitable interior" of the continent, and he does not like what he sees.

"Reading the transcripts of those press conferences given by the press relations officers of President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Diefenbaker," says the Ottawa Journal, "made us wonder whether such conferences have any real value at all—whether, in fact, they don't hold possibilities of more harm than good. And this is not to criticize the press officers themselves; they do their best. It is simply that the system of communication is wrong; capable of creating too many misunderstandings and false dimensions of fact."



MANKIND'S DECISION

OTTAWA REPORT

Senator Pouliot's Questions

By Patrick Nicholson Special Correspondent for The Guardian... OTTAWA — Jean-Francois Pouliot, the 68 year old Quebec Senator, is one of the doughtiest politicians in our Parliament.

He is known around Parliament Hill for the old world courtesies and compliments which flow readily off his gallant tongue. Many a humdrum day has been made perfect for many a bored politician's wife by some unexpected piece of flattery.

"Substernal Pain And Shock"

The Manchester Guardian... "In the last 12 months I have seen no fewer than five patients," writes a correspondent in the current British Medical Journal, "who had collapsed with substernal pain and shock while they were watching television."

Muggeridge On Australia

Fred Nassal in the Globe and Mail, Toronto... The man whose job it was once upon a time to make Britons laugh, has succeeded only in making Australians scowl.

Simple Tests To Check Hearing

By Herman N. Bundenen, M.D. HO WIS your hearing? Approximately 15,000,000 Americans, including 3,000,000 children, suffer from some form of deafness.

- TRY THIS TEST The American Hearing Society has devised a simple little test which can be carried out during your daily activities. Check the following points and give yourself truthful answers: 1. Do you frequently ask that words or phrases be repeated?

For example, if a baby doesn't pay attention to the tinkling sound of a spoon being tapped against his feeding bottle, or the sound of his name being spoken, then it's a good idea to see the family doctor or pediatrician for a thorough check.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 16, 1933) Motions were passed at the regular meeting of the Summerside Town Council to issue bonds to cover the expenditures for permanent street work, the extension to the High School and the extension to the Water and Sewerage system.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

"My papa is a mounted policeman," said little Freddie to his mother's caller. "Is that better than being a walking policeman?" she asked. "Of course it is," replied Freddie. "If there is any trouble he can get away quicker."—Welland Tribune

Opening the city's annual pet show, the Mayor of St. Catharines told the children: "If you don't all win a prize it's not because you haven't the best pet but because the judges happen to be wrong." There's a man who could be Prime Minister!—Peterborough Examiner

If the mountain lions, or cougars, are living in numbers in Northern Ontario, the Department of Travel and Publicity has a new lure for U.S. hunters. Northerners have become used to living with bears, wolves, deer and moose. We are not so sure we take kindly to the idea of mountain lions moving into our area.

Live timber wolf pups are needed for some aspects of investigation in the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests wolf research program. Trappers and bush workers are being notified through Department personnel. Bounty may be claimed as usual and a reasonable extra fee will be paid to trappers to reimburse them for the trouble taken to feed the pups and bring them out of the bush.—Ontario Forests Bulletin

They have a flag problem down south, too. When Alaska comes in as the 49th state they'll have to find room on Old Glory for another star. At present the upper left section of the flag carries 48 stars in six horizontal rows of eight each. The easiest way out would be to form a perfect square out of the 48 by arranging them in seven rows of seven stars. This will last until Hawaii or another region joins up. The square root of 50 isn't the kind of fraction that goes well on emblems.—Montreal Star

Ontario loves queens. We have school queens, peach queens, dairy queens, tomato queens and possibly rutabaga queens. But now we seek a king. This year the Ontario Grape Growers are not looking for a comely girl with pink cheeks to pose between luscious bunches of grapes. They want a king—an individual who has real qualifications for his post. He will be selected from 2,500 grape growers. His vineyard must be disease and insect free, his soil well managed, his vines vigorous and of good appearance. The qualifications are excellent, but we still love queens.—London Free Press

MAXIMS

The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt 'til they are too strong to be broken.

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While meters tick and lights turn red or green, How shrewd the wit, how vast the information, How curious the anecdotes we glean From friendly drivers primed for conversation.

When, swinging low, the Lord's sweet chariot nears To waft me home through avenues of sky, May no prim angel shift the silent gears And speed sedately heavenward in high;

As, frightened and alone, I clamber in And stray pedestrian stars before us scatter, Let me be welcomed with an urban grin And reassured by uncelestial chatter.

—Francis Higginson Savage, in the NY Herald Tribune

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