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The Espionage Game

There has been a to-do in Parliament over a security probe in the Energy, Mines and Resources Department which has been going on now for some weeks, with regard to the suspected furnishing of maps and charts and other unclassified material by certain civil servants to an Iron Curtain country.

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Straddling The Fence

Speaking at a Liberal dinner in Montreal the other night, Prime Minister Pearson succeeded in sounding—in the words of the Toronto Star—"like Walter Gordon and a prairie free trader at the same time."

Why, then, bother inquiring into the "breach" at all, and why should other countries want to employ civil servants to obtain such material surreptitiously? Here we get into the melodramatic aspect of the story.

While Soviet Russia was not identified as the Iron Curtain country in this case, it is taken for granted that Moscow was back of it. And this raises another complication in the news of the inquiry leaking out at this time.

The Ottawa Journal quotes an official in Mr. Martin's office as being reassuringly confident that this latest spy-scare won't upset the diplomatic apparatus. "We don't kid ourselves about these things," he said, "for on both sides of the Curtain, East and West, we know that there is, of necessity, intelligence activity."

What Will Result?

As summed up by the New York Times, South Africa's position in the territory of Southwest Africa now is that of a tenant whose lease has been terminated but who remains in position during negotiations.

This is something the UN General Assembly didn't give much thought to when it adopted a resolution declaring South Africa's mandate to administer the territory "terminated". The vote was impressive enough—114 to 2, with 3 abstentions—but what, really, does it amount to? South Africa remains in control as it has been for 46 years under a mandate from the old League of Nations, and it shows no intention of moving out.

However, the resolution provided for a committee of 14 member states to recommend practical steps toward eventual independence of Southwest Africa's 550,000 people, most of them black tribesmen now governed from Pretoria under a rigid racial segregation policy.

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If that happened the United Nations would be facing as grave a crisis as any in its history. For, while the Western powers would surely not provide troops for such an intervention, some Communist nations might well do so in the guise of "volunteers."

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EDITORIAL NOTE

Canada, it seems, was among the countries which supported a successful U.S. motion to keep Nationalist China in—and exclude Communist China from—the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The Canadian government hasn't said so, but a Nationalist Chinese information service in New York issued a report showing how the member countries lined up in the vote, which took place at UNESCO headquarters in Paris last week.



"BUCK" FEVER SEASON

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

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Taxing The Imagination

R's "Just Folks" month at Canada's Department of National Revenue. Far better if it would pick April or May for such an occasion, but beggars mustn't be choosers—October's better than nothing.

You're wrong again—if you're nasty and irritable, it doesn't want you, so don't apply. What it wants are "nice guys" who like people and want to help people. You can make good money at it, up to \$14,000 "if you're really good" and, furthermore, it is "one of the most interesting jobs around today, since every assignment involves different people in a different situation."

Yes, this is the same Taxation Division of the Department of National Revenue we've been dealing with for years. That's why it's so difficult to believe our eyes ("nice guys who like people"). But believe it we will—and next June we'll test that belief when we mail in our 1966 income tax returns.

Canadian Wanderlust

While Canadians in the old days satisfied their wanderlust by trekking out into the bush, today they go further afield.

A United States publication the other day said that, based on percentages of population, Canadians take more foreign trips than do Americans.

They spend about \$35 per capita on travel abroad and across the Dominion, which is more than four times the amount spent by U.S. citizens, and higher than any other nationality.

Our Yesterdays

Twenty-five years ago (November 5, 1941) The German drive on Moscow has been stopped dead everywhere and in at least one area of the Donets basin, the Nazis are in retreat, the Russians announced.

Nazi U-boats were disclosed to have been operating as recently as last month off the southernmost tip and south and east of Newfoundland, almost at the start of the North Atlantic shipping lanes to Britain, and far within the American defensive area laid down by President Roosevelt.

Ten years ago (November 5, 1956) Six fact-finding committees were set up to investigate specific fields of administration in Parkdale and Spring Park with relation to the City of Charlottetown in a proposed plan to determine whether it might be feasible and advisable to amalgamate these areas with the City or whether they should remain autonomous units.

New Drive For Efforts

Trade Minister Robert Winter, in his drive to increase Canada's exports, is adopting as his own a promotional scheme initiated by former trade minister George Hees. He proposes to bring home next spring Canada's task force of 67 trade commissioners for conferences with Canadian businessmen.

This, as Mr. Hees demonstrated, was a valuable means of "selling" to Canada business the idea of expanding into foreign markets. Individual businessmen could canvass the prospect for foreign sales with the commissioners, could obtain first-hand information as to tariffs and export-import techniques and regulations from knowledgeable Canadian officials who

could provide them "on the spot" assistance. Mr. Winter, in appealing for another 12 1/2 per cent increase in shipments abroad, is taking additional practical steps, however, in an effort to attain that objective. His proposal for an export advisory council, made up of representatives of major national trade associations, should serve to give general leadership to the export industry as well as to assist the government in its promotional drive.

Medical Browsing

By Dr. Theodore H. Van Dellen Buzzer ulcers in two children were reported in a recent issue of the British Medical Journal. These youngsters were sleeping on a special electrical alarm system to treat bedwetting (enuresis). A buzzer goes off when the device gets wet. The child awakens and goes to the bathroom.

To my knowledge, non-wanted side effects have been reported of among the users of this apparatus. In both instances the child was not awakened by the buzzer and the lesion appeared in areas in contact with the device. The ulcers were painless and detected when the children were bathed the next day. The British physician made several tests on the machine and concluded that there was more to blame than the electricity.

Hedgehog ringworm also was described in the same journal. This is a fungal infection in man that results from contact with infected hedgehogs. The fungi caused blistering and peeling of the skin of the hands. The role of the hedgehogs was determined only after an attempt was made to find the source of the trouble in humans.

Dr. Robert L. Fantz of Cleveland has demonstrated that infants are capable of fixing their attention on objects during the first few weeks of life. With an ingenious method he devised, he was able to observe the reflections on the pupils of the eyes. In many instances the image was fixed directly on the pupil. Newborns were attracted by checkerboards of red and black stripes. At 3 months of age they switched to more complex random patterns. In his opinion, it was shape, and not color, that was most attractive.

This type of research lends scientific proof to the insistence among some mothers that their newborn babies can see shape and form. Apparently the week-old infant does explore his surroundings and is looking at things when fully awake even though he is not moving about.

BAKING SODA CRUTCHES M.G. writes: I know a woman who has been using baking soda for heartburn for 40 years. Would you say it is a habit forming?

REPLY Yes, and it's a bad habit to develop. On the other hand, such a habit should not be confused with addiction to morphine or alcohol. When these substances are withheld during treatment, severe symptoms develop. There is no harm in taking baking soda once in a while but rather than rely upon it for comfort, this woman should find the cause of her heartburn.

FOREIGN REMEDIES Mrs. P. writes: Why is it American doctors know so little about dissolving gallstones? My sister had this done in Europe with injections.

REPLY Reputable physicians do not know how to dissolve gallstones her or abroad. Many quacks have made fortunes on what they called "dissolutions." One charlatan used a product that formed soapy balls after it reached the intestine. When these masses were passed the patient was convinced he had eliminated his gallstones.

SULFA REACTION A reader writes: What part of the body breaks out in a rash if a person is allergic to sulfa drugs?

REPLY The skin usually breaks out all over. "ULCER MAY CAUSE" K. A. J. writes: What would cause vomiting of blood?

REPLY Retching or bleeding from a lesion in the stomach, such as a ulcer, are the most common causes.

Today's Health Hint—Dental cavities should not be neglected. (Note: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

USE BRITISH CASH

British investments in Canada total about \$275,000,000, less than in Australia or South Africa.

Although this may not be exactly common among new Canadians, some feel that with times as they are, budgeting in the family for a visit back to the old country, whether it be Germany, France, Britain, Italy or elsewhere, is a good investment.

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Johnson Sits It Out

WASHINGTON (CP)—Any immediate benefits from the Manila conference and President Johnson's Asian tour are likely to be in the form of domestic political fallout—for the U.S. president and the current leaders of South Korea, South Viet Nam, the Philippines, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand.

Peace prospects appear no brighter. The president on his return from the 21,500-mile journey said the "road" ahead may be a long and difficult one. The military and diplomatic lines are as rigidly drawn as before as North Viet Nam shows continued determination to feed the civil war in the South.

Another 9,000 American troops landed in South Viet Nam last week, moving the total closer to the anticipated year-end level of 500,000-plus, exclusive of another 10,000 men offshore or in neighboring areas.

IDEA FOR FUTURE Perhaps the brightest prospect—and it is long-term—is the Philippine initiative to involve the giants of non-Communist Asia—India, Indonesia, Japan and Pakistan—in an all-Asian conference.

The new Asia envisaged in the president's doctrine of providing U.S. dollars and aid is dependent on meaningful roles for the big neutral Asian countries, however reluctant they now may be to join with those directly involved in the Vietnamese fighting.

Friends Or Frankensteins

The Manila conference has been a start, however minimal. Coupled with the presidential tour, it also has served to strengthen the ruling establishments among the participants.

President Johnson had been widely expected to jump directly into the Nov. 8 election campaign, speaking on behalf of congressional and at state candidates in a last-minute blitz. His surprise decision to sit it out, resting for minor corrective surgery to his surgical scar from last year, ended extensive planning to this end.

NOT TOO IMPORTANT Just how effective such last-minute presidential campaigning might have been is open to conjecture. Editor Edwin D. Canham of the Christian Science Monitor, for one, suggests that "most people's minds are made up long ago." Viet Nam isn't much of an issue, he also says.

But there are elections this month, too, in Australia and New Zealand and Americas reporters say the Johnson visit hardened support for military intervention in Viet Nam.

Korean President Park, with an election next year, also may benefit. His American-financed army has 40,000 men in Viet Nam. President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines, credited with producing the idea of the Manila conference and also an all-Asia gathering, may also have been helped domestically.

HOLDS ON TIGHT

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Part of this "necessary" exploration, seeing just what computers can and cannot do. But part of it is also misplaced confidence, a belief that the infinite variety of man's thoughts and experiences can be reduced to data and recorded on cards.

At this early stage in their appearance, computers are still like playthings. Men are so intrigued by these new and clever machines that they cannot resist using computers for tasks for which the latter were never intended.

Even if the story is only made believe, an example of European mockery at the United States' confidence in machinery, systems and science, it nonetheless has a point to make for men everywhere. For, frankly, we are often concerned over the extent to which mankind is increasingly ready to accept machine-made answers to very human problems.

In their way computers are among the most astounding inventions of man's ingenuity and intelligence. There are limitless tasks which they do—not only infinitely more quickly—but far better than such tasks were ever done before.

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