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Indian Grievances

Immigration Minister Favreau has announced, in his capacity of superintendent-general of Indian affairs, that there will be a new Indian claims commission set up to settle all Indian claims and grievances against the government in a just and equitable manner.

In the parliamentary session of 1960-61, the grievances of the Indian population of Canada were the subject of a valuable study by a joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons. It was one of the recommendations of that committee that an Indian claims commission should be established to deal specifically with certain questions, including the British Columbia land question, at the expense of the federal treasury.

As a result of the Senate-Commons inquiry the Diefenbaker government promised a claims commission, but fell from power before their legislation could be considered by Parliament. Now the Pearson government proposes to follow through. Mr. Favreau hasn't spelled out the details, but he did say that the commission will likely consist of a chairman with considerable judicial experience and two other members.

Why haven't the long-standing grievances of our Indian population been dealt with by the ordinary courts of the land? It was the testimony of several well-informed witnesses that the Indians, after bitter experiences, have lost confidence in these courts. One of the difficulties is that the rules of evidence applied by the courts are incomprehensible to the Indians whose traditional customs are radically different from those of the white majority.

That is why it was urged that a court which considered the various claims in the light of basic principles of fairness and equity would possess greater authority in Indian eyes. It is on this basis, evidently, that the proposed commission will function.

World Fair Preparations

Prime Minister Pearson has announced that a federal government contribution of something over \$50,000,000 will be made toward Montreal's 1967 World's Fair. He has also proposed that he, Premier Lesage and Mayor Drapeau—the heads of the three participating governments—get together in conference very soon to guarantee the fair's safe sailing.

\$20,000,000 towards the direct costs of the exhibition has been allocated by Ottawa, Mr. Pearson said; \$10,000,000 of this amount would be the cost of an exhibit "worthy of this country." A substantial extra amount, bringing the total over the \$60 million mark, would be required to protect the site against ice and flooding conditions.

This seems a lot of money. But those who are familiar with the expenses involved in even provincial exhibitions such as we have here are staggered so successfully this

week in Prince Edward Island are aware that it is an investment in which Canadians cannot afford to be pikers. Never before has a world's fair come to Canada, and the opportunities in the way of favorable publicity, profitable trade contacts and other advantages are simply staggering.

He rode, in the shadow of the Jacques Cartier Bridge, is to be the site of the fair, and it was on the inauguration of the site this week that the Prime Minister gave the assurance above noted. The ceremony was a colorful one, at which everyone spoke in glowing terms of the privilege of participating in such a wonderful joint project. Mr. Pearson then raised what Mayor Drapeau called "what serves as emblem for Canada"—the Red Ensign. Mr. Lesage raised the fleur de lys, and Mr. Drapeau the flag of Montreal.

As for Mr. Pearson's Red Ensign, we must be still be flying gallantly as Canada's emblem when the big fair opens four years from now.

Has He Forgotten?

President de Gaulle's continued insistence upon French supremacy in Europe stems from a dream of long standing. In his war memoirs he described the ambitions he had nursed, since 1940, of persuading the states along the Rhone, the Alps and the Pyrenees to form, with France, a political, economic and strategic bloc and to press forward this organization as one of the three world powers.

"Considering the fact that Germany's collapse, Europe's laceration and Anglo-American friction offered a miraculously saved France exceptional opportunities for action, I decided to wait, because it seemed to me that the new period would permit me to achieve the great plan I had conceived for my country."

Commenting on this in a speech printed in the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Hans Kohn, author and history professor emeritus of City University of New York, points out that de Gaulle completely overlooked what brought about "a miraculously saved France." Says Professor Kohn:

"The miracle was the perseverance, heroism and greatness of the British people, who stood for one year alone facing the frightening might of Hitler, before Hitler's attacks forced Russia and us to be on Britain's side. This was a miraculous turning, by which France was saved; but not only was France saved, the liberty of the world was saved."

And then came the Marshall plan which "saved" France again, this time economically. But on this point, too, President de Gaulle seems to have suffered a complete lapse of memory.

Hearing Plea Granted

Satisfactory to all parties, we trust, will be the assurance, received yesterday by Premier Shaw and by others in the Province from the Board of Transport Commissioners, that a formal hearing will be held by the Board on the CNR proposal to reduce train services between Charlottetown and Tignish. While no date has been set for the hearing, the railway has been requested to defer its reduction in service.

Premier Show expresses the hope that the proposed hearing will give the parties involved a chance to look into all aspects of the train service reduction. Certainly it is the proper procedure to take. As we endeavored to show in commenting on the subject yesterday, it was to avoid arbitrary action in matters of this kind that the Board was set up in the first place.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The export of canned pet foods from Canada is increasing rapidly. In 1962 over 14 million pounds of prepared dog and cat foods, valued at \$1.8 million, were exported, or 50 per cent more than in 1961.



STILL HAS A FEW THINGS IN THE FIRE

NATURAL PARTNERS

Canada's Trade With The West Indies

Globe and Mail, Toronto

The proposals by Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Britain's former Chancellor of the Exchequer, for new initiatives toward Commonwealth trade and development deserve consideration by every thoughtful Canadian. In particular they need new backing for one reason—their neglect by the Canadian Government exposes a relationship with the islands of the former West Indies Federation.

Treaty Still Before Senate

By Harold Meribon, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Though haunted by some doubts and misgivings, the U.S. senate in all likelihood will approve the partial nuclear test-ban treaty while supporting a continuing buildup in American missile forces.

The burden of testimony before the Senate foreign relations committee, where the treaty is being examined, indicates a majority of Americans want the treaty approved. Votes against it cannot be taken in public.

In addition, the committee is assured that the U.S. military spending will not be reduced. There will be no relaxation in the military build-up, including plans to increase the present force of 500 missiles to 1,000 by 1968.

The doubts arise from traditional distrust of Soviet intentions, and again, during committee hearings, senators referred to Soviet history of breached agreements and broken promises. Can the U.S. afford to keep its word this time?

It is in his judgment, the U.S. will stand firm on this. It is the nuclear strength and this superiority can be maintained through a vigorous program of underground testing.

PUBLIC FORUM

P.E.I. LIVING COSTS Sir—Permit an Islander from another part of the province (and a former animal) to blather in and beg some of your valuable space to comment on the item you appear in issue of August 14th concerning the increase in local bread prices.

What took my attention first of all was that this new increase in the cost of food (and clothing, your item) makes local bread prices the highest in Canada outside Newfoundland. That alone convinces me that the cost of living on the island is as high, and in many cases higher, than in most other parts of Canada.

This is certainly true in respect to the cost of food and clothing. Certainly the cost of living here is higher than in any other part of the island in the retail price of goods.

In respect to Islanders, then, the relatively high cost of living and the relatively low salaries can only result in driving families into debt. For those who are not, they are simply living a life of poverty.

If Island farmers are not able to raise the price of their products, they are in a very real sense being "bled" by a high standard of living, that is, by the cost of living here.

Go Bladder Is Sore Spot

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

The majority of victims of gall bladder ailments suffer from the chronic type and are bothered with indigestion and vague discomforts in the upper right abdomen.

On the other hand, if a stone is present, the pain is excruciatingly painful and those who have gone through this are ready to undergo surgery.

On the other hand, more and more surgeons recommend removal of the inflamed gall bladder within 24 to 48 hours after the acute attack begins, because of the shorter hospital stay and fewer complications.

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TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Apply cold compresses to insect bites and stings, itching with calamine lotion.

CRITICIZE AGREEMENT MONTREAL (CP)—Labor, farm and peace groups in Quebec have criticized the proposed nuclear agreement between Canada and the United States.

FLYING DUTCHMAN RESTAURANT "Your Island Steak House"

May We Accommodate YOU? When you are in Halifax or St. John's, call us for a centrally located.

STERLING HOTEL Is the place to stay! Here you get a lot of the best of both worlds.

TO VISIT NORTH B.Y.W.A. (CP)—Seven members of the CBC board of directors are to visit CBC radio facilities in the Northwest and Yukon territories.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

There are too many drivers who think a rear view mirror is a luxury. They should enjoy the angry look on the face of the driver they have just cut off—Ottawa Journal.

We'd better be careful about asking our national debt. The rate that the life span is being prolonged, we might be around to pay it ourselves. Instead of passing the job off on our children—Sparks Herald.

Tom Schwelbe was late for Sunday school and the teacher asked why. "I was going fishing in Lake Umbagog," he replied. "Your father is a fine man," the teacher said. "I'm glad to hear that." "I was fishing on Sunday," he replied. "I was fishing on Sunday," he replied. "I was fishing on Sunday," he replied.

Harold E. Gaudet, holder of the provincial gold championship for 1958, returned to the front of the Club championship on the Sumner side of the lake. He was the third year Mr. Gaudet won the title.

Rev. Augustus MacLean, D.D., will be guest preacher at Trinity United Church here on Sunday, August 18, at 10:30 a.m. N.S. and he and Mrs. MacLean are spending a brief holiday in the city.

An accident of peculiar circumstance occurred on the Victoria Bridge Saturday when three city trucks were involved. It is reported that the three trucks were proceeding toward the city when the leading truck, a Mack, was struck by a car.

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