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The Congo Problem

The collapse of the Tshombe rebellion in the Congo is being hailed as a victory for the United Nations, but it is too soon yet to predict that it will be a stable one. The U.N. has agreed to try and work with Tshombe, who is still considered to be the most responsible and capable man to deal with in working out the integration of Katanga's mining revenues and troops with the rest of the country.

It is no secret that Katanga province alone provides the answer to an economically sound Congo. Therefore, while the fighting may have subsided, the diplomatic and political phase now opens that requires all the U.N. ability and experience available to bring Katanga with its prosperity into the central Congolese government. This new phase may run into as many troubles as did the military operations of the last two years.

If it should turn out that United Nations forces would have to remain in the province to carry out police duties indefinitely, racial tensions would have little chance of dying out. The African countries would probably become split once again, as they were during the worst periods of the Congolese crisis, and bring severe pressure on the U.N.

Secretary-General U Thant seems to feel that patience and determination will eventually show the way to a workable solution of this troublesome problem. Since no one has come up with a better idea, we must hope that it will materialize.

News From Venus

It is strange that the planet most like the earth in size, density, and distance from the sun should be in many respects the member of the solar system about which earth's astronomers and physicists know least. This is because it has an atmosphere which prevents views of the planet's surface. Now researchers are beginning to fill in some of the blanks in our knowledge. Members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, meeting in Philadelphia, have heard the first reports of experts about Mariner II space probe on its flight within 22,000 miles of Venus.

These reports tend to indicate an answer to one of the mysteries about this cloud-shrouded orb—namely, the period of its rotation on its axis. This has been variously estimated at about 24 hours, the same as the earth, at 68 hours, or at as much as 225 days, the time taken for an orbit around the sun. Because of its negligible magnetic field, it is inferred that its rate of rotation is very slow.

Next, the questions will be whether Mariner II has sent back any reliable data to the surface temperature on Venus (possibly near 600 degrees Fahrenheit) and as to the make-up of that cloud cover—whether it is a water-like vapor or a windblown dust cloud. It doesn't seem likely that the planet is fitted to be the abode of animate life of any kind, yet this is a speculation which was entertained for many centuries by philosophers.

It was at one time thought that

Venus, like the earth, possessed a satellite. Several observers in the 17th and 18th centuries even reported that they had seen it. Observations with more perfect instruments eventually demonstrated the non-existence of any such object. The findings resulting from the flight of Mariner II may, in turn, upset some of the ideas that are current today about our planetary neighbor.

Fantastic Expenditures

In an English greyhound stadium the other day, the winning dog in a race turned out to be Skylblot. Its namesake, the Skylblot missile, made a much poorer showing. It has now joined Uncle Sam's military scrapheap and was the costliest throwaway of them all.

According to an Associated Press dispatch, the U.S. government spent \$750,000,000 on Skylblot before the Kennedy administration decided to scrap it. What the country got for its money in immediate returns was six tests of the air-to-ground rocket. Only the last one was anywhere near successful and that, ironically, came after the announcement that Skylblot was being cancelled.

It now joins such weapons as the Regulus II, Bullpup, Navajo, Rascal and Goose rockets and the F108 fighter which were cancelled after many millions of dollars were spent on them. But the Pentagon has spent even more—a staggering \$1,350,000,000—for a plane that has yet to fly.

All is not lost when a weapons system is junked, of course. Much of the research and development work can be and is incorporated into subsequent, more "sophisticated" weapons. But the astronomical cost of this nuclear weapons race means that other developments, much more important to the welfare of mankind, have to be downgraded on the priority list. The same applies, of course, to the gargantuan efforts that are being made in nuclear armament on the other side of the Iron Curtain.

On both sides, these weapons are said to be produced as deterrents against nuclear war. Which means that if they could all be junked at once, the world would be much safer and could afford to end the armament makers on a prolonged holiday in which they could enjoy greyhound racing with missile-named animals, and other innocent pastimes, every day of the week.

U.S. Legal Problem

The United States is a powerful nation, but its efforts to get the Communist party to register as an agent of the Soviet Union within its borders—a legal battle which has been going on for 12 years—are still being frustrated. Progress has been made. The registration provisions of the Internal Security Act have been upheld by the Supreme Court, also a provision in what is known as the Smith Act making it a criminal offense knowingly to belong to an organization that advocates violent overthrow of the government; but the basic test is yet to come.

It will come when individual Communists face the courts on the ground that they failed to register. To register would bring them under the penalties of the Smith Act; this runs counter to the Fifth Amendment to the American Constitution, which gives protection against self-incrimination. Under a recent important ruling, the Communist party was found guilty and assessed a \$120,000 fine when it sought to take cover under the Fifth Amendment. It is definitely established now that the Amendment applies only to individuals and not to organizations. Now it is under the "individual" umbrella that the Reds have taken shelter, and the problem is how to get them without abolishing the Fifth Amendment altogether.

The Milwaukee Journal, which reviews the situation under the heading "End Not In Sight," suggests that "it may in the end prove that former President Truman was right when he originally vetoed that the government would be as fruitless as ordering bank robbers to register with the sheriff."

What About U.S. Joining Commonwealth—Lambert



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LET'S MOVE IT ALL TO DALLAS

HOT DOGS FISH AND CHIPS

THE FIRST TEXAN TO TAKE HIS PLACE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

OH, SAY CAN YOU SEE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Liberal Leader Pearson's Ten Points

"I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat." With those depressing words in May 1940, Britain's newly-appointed Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, neatly summed up the gravity of the situation facing his country, and inspired his fellow-countrymen to deeds which deserved Churchill's master accolade as "Britain's finest hour."

There is a parallel between those words of Churchill and the New Year's Message to Canadians from the Liberal leader, Hon. Lester B. Pearson—except that since we are not in a state of hot war, Mr. Pearson did not call upon us to offer our blood, toil, tears and sweat—and taxes—in and he did, however, fall for.

Being a politician, and especially a politician in the leader of a party which expects shortly to challenge the governing party at the polls, Mr. Pearson dressed up a blunt program for Canada, 1963, in sugar-coated phrases.

WHY CANADA XERIX

What we must investigate our Confederation as a true partnership based on the two founding races, the English and the French, we must all work in our spare time, to learn to speak French or English as well as our mother tongue—fluently; this is the basic Canadian requirement for full justice for Quebec.

"We must exercise wisely and soundly the influence that we can have in world affairs," Mr. Pearson said. At the conclusion of his "Kitchener" campaign, he will ask: "How many divisions can Canada put into battle?" So we must pay heed to what he says to strengthen our war potential.

"We must have full employment. That means we must work harder and adjust wages downwards towards the mean of the Western world, and we must enforce the lazy back to work by ending the racketeering in the Unemployment Insurance Act."

PUBLIC FORUM

been awarded for the construction of a concrete water reservoir at a cost of \$3,000, a well is being drilled at \$2,000, and presently being dug 30 feet from our river at an estimated cost of \$2,000. Now, it is estimated, this \$6,000 is owing for land recently purchased as well as the cost of the water supply. Now the above, let us assume that a dump area was to be acquired during the coming year at a cost of \$8,615.02 before bond payment and interest. Or in other words we are being asked to pay \$13,615.02. "Pay as you go" so far as the Town of Montague is concerned has gone.

I am increased in any of the above mentioned items. I would appreciate being advised by the Finance Committee of the next regular council meeting. I am, Sir, etc. GILBERT R. CLEMENTS Montague

Childhood Seen Through Phases

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

MOST babies and children are little darlings who are pampered and indulged. Parents should be aware of this unpleasant fact and not conceive of a delinquent when his misbehavior represents a normal phase of growing up.

The little darling, according to Dr. J.H. Dennis, may become a delinquent in a matter of months and 21 years of age. This is true of the active child who does not everything according to word no. He is going through a period when he is trying to establish himself as a distinct individual. He acts like a demanding dictator to get what is wanted. This is the normal phase that requires the patience of Job to survive. He may or may not eat, and must be tricked into going places doing anything. It may be tough on Junior when one of the parents is an adult autocrat who cannot understand why the child should behave in the same way.

The five-year-old becomes a thorn in the side when he goes through the defiant, swaggering, and bossing stage. He will kick and kick whereas others become addicted to hitting, throwing, and running away. This phase can be dangerous and there is no substitute for firm discipline. The rules must be clearly defined and they should be no compromise. The seven-year-old is almost a storm, especially when the child assumes a negative, rigid attitude and will not accept anything. He hates you one moment and loves you the next. This is the time when a child fights for independence, and for this reason, he is more likely to say attention to his mother. These youngsters are having a difficult time and should be treated accordingly. This stage often slips into the 10-year-old's desire to be the leader and more, he will like to hear. Others become combative and overestimate their abilities. Many children go through a period of concentration and short from one thing to the other. Boys and girls become more interested in friends than family. Would the U.F. racketeer vote for an end to his or her unearned weekly bonny?

Now that some days for digestion have passed, Mr. Pearson's New Year's Message 1963 marks a new beginning for our democratic elections and an argument in favor of a national coalition government such as every democracy sooner or later turns to in a grave national crisis.

Conservatives may wonder also, where was their leader the New Year's Message? Here the Liberal's aim is to give a public display march on the Conservatives, whose public relations officer, Mr. Pearson, is an amateurish to the point of ridicule, and effective only in hiding the truth behind a bushel of non-information.

As children, we used to say: "I'm growing up." These explosions are caused by nerve stimulation and are not a sign of mental illness. Because they are harmless, Mr. F.H. writes: "It is the reason a hysterectomy must be performed."

The chief reason is abnormal bleeding, which may be caused by fibroids or other uterine polyps, or overactivity of the cells lining the uterus. Send a standard self-addressed envelope for leaflet on hysterectomy.

MATURITY CATARACTS J. D. Pennington writes a new way to retard the growth of cataracts?

REPLY No. Some cataracts mature faster than others and this natural phenomenon can be attributed to use of a new drug, foot, vitamin, exercise and other factors.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The hundred-pound turkey predicted by a poultry prophet, will be the most profitable item for getting out the dressing when you can just walk in the Calgary Herald.

Many a man who talks about the value of a good head when he was a boy forgets that his head was not as far from the ground as it is now. —Ottawa Journal.

When an economist writes that a cautious attitude is advised all he really means is that he doesn't want to be getting up. —Brantford Expositor.

If the diamond lady with its wearing on her blouse should start to take a walk, don't be surprised! M'lady is probably wearing a live jewel encrusted scarab beetle brooch from Mexico. The scarabs are all the rage in Europe, and the fall is beginning to creep into the United States. The jewels in the brooch are not silver, but gold around the beetle's middle, while a gold chain and pin keep them from losing too far. Insider's Newsletter.

A scientist estimates that North America should be hit by a meteor of the mile-wide size once every 10,000 years. Since it is 20,000 years since we've hit by such a space missile, he figures that we are 10,000 years overdue. The implication is that we can expect one any minute. The last one made a huge pit in the Canadian prairie. The public will pay much attention to the scientist's warning, however, when five out of the 100 nuclear bombs at almost any time will be the addition of a big bad meteor. —Victoria Times.

Narrow Prosperity

Winnipeg Free Press

Each year the Financial Post asks prominent Canadian businessmen what they predict for the coming year. The most interesting of the year's batch of prophecies is that of Mr. E. P. Taylor, who is perhaps this country's most prominent economist. He predicts that most of the business expansion of the economists forecast a moderate increase in overall business activity. He says that most of the reasons to contradict them, however, Mr. Taylor does not think that the economy will get to suggest ways and means whereby, in his opinion, the rate of business expansion and development could be greatly increased.

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