

Indeed, even up to a few days before Mr. Diefenbaker's announcement that the causeway would be built and the federal election held on June 18 of this year, Works Minister Walker kept hedging. He would make no solid commitment. His hesitations, when queried, was the enormous difficulties that were being encountered. These queries came mostly from Liberal members, but from our own elected representatives who rarely opened their mouths on the subject.

It may have been good politics to have reserved the good news for the eve of the election campaign, and to have had the Prime Minister make the announcement. We are not questioning that. Why shouldn't a party try to get as much political mileage as it can out of its efforts in such a cause? And as the beneficiaries, why should we complain? But there is no point in being too greedy for credit. Give the other fellows their due! That, we suggest, is good politics, too. They can't be chiseled out of it in any case.

Commonwealth Thoughts

Victoria Day, which is being celebrated on Monday, has come to be observed as Commonwealth Day; and it is worth reminding ourselves on this occasion what the Commonwealth is, what holds it together, and what role it plays in the world today. Britain's Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Mr. Duncan Sandys, deals with these questions in an illustrated booklet, "The Modern Commonwealth," the publication of which has been timed for this occasion.

After detailing the links that unite the members of the Commonwealth, Mr. Sandys speaks of the strong collective influence which this family of nations can exercise among other nations. "Together," he says, "they reflect in miniature almost every facet of the world scene. Such a group of nations could never unite for aggression, nor could they 'gang up' together to pursue selfish ends. The economic needs and political backgrounds of its peoples are so varied that the Commonwealth could never constitute a threat or a danger to others."

Emphasized also is the fact that Britain "has no desire to hold on to her remaining colonies a day more than is necessary." They are all in the process of Commonwealth development. And, for a final thought, here are the closing words of a message for Monday's holiday from Earl de la Warr, chairman of the Joint Commonwealth Societies Council:

"These troublous years are the true test of our belief in the importance and worthwhileness of a great empire that has transformed itself into a community of free nations; important and worthwhile, not only to ourselves and to each other, but to the maintenance of freedom and of the values for which the Commonwealth stands throughout the world."

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France now is spending \$500,000,000 a year to develop its nuclear strike force, and this will double by 1965 when the bombs and planes are expected to be ready for service. Russia argues, with some reason, that an agreement to prohibit tests would be valueless without French participation. The U.S. and British policy is against any proliferation of atomic weapons or any expansion of the number of powers. So is Canada. But General de Gaulle is convinced that France must have its own nuclear weapons to remain a first-rate power, and his attitude presents the most awkward problem that France's allies have to deal with at this time.



THE MAGNET

MR. BUTLER'S MISSION

Rhodesia-Nyasaland Federation

By Don Taylor, United Kingdom Information Office

I have always held that Africa has an special need of three things: first, the regional grouping of territories (1910

PUBLIC FORUM

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STRANGE ATTITUDES

Sir—When a political campaign is in progress what strange attitudes we assume. How often we have heard toward those who dare to differ with us regarding our political views.

In our social and industrial relationships we can work together in good fashion; and even in our religious relations, which are strained in past generations, we can, as a rule, work together with a good degree of

NO FORMAL CONFERENCE

What can Mr. Butler make of this most intractable situation? He intends, during his visit to Africa, May 10 to 27, to consult with not only all the Federal and Territorial leaders, but with other personalities. It is his intention to find out what people want and then to see what can be achieved.

CITY DUMP ISSUE

Sir—May I be permitted to use a small portion of your valuable paper, to express my views on the recent purchase of land in East Royal, to be used as a dump for the city's refuse.

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Social Tensions in Spain

By Alan Harvey, Canadian Writer

Small tensions resulting from a clash between the old world and the new form the background of the present Spanish agitation against Spain.

Water Recovery Process Found

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

WATER is bulky and heavy. We need less of it as a drinking water is a problem when planning long voyages in a space ship. The astronaut might be forced to recover and reuse all the liquids from wastes and wash water.

Dr. Frank J. Hendel of North American Aviation, Inc., recently described a new water recovery process before the American Cancer society. All waste matter liquid and solid, is buried by a new temperature technic that actually produces extra water through the oxidation of solid organic matter in the wastes. If this works out, the space ship may return with more water than it started out with.

Poisoning is big business. In one year, almost 500,000 children are rushed to the physician or hospital emergency room because of poisoning; 500 die and are buried to the morticians.

Research on sleep has produced a strange phenomenon. Dr. Charles M. Pierce of the University of Oklahoma medical center found that children who had the blood tests when a deeper dream, and that the level varied with type of dream. Many reports have appeared

LEWIS COLUMN 'ON VACATION'

The regular column, Speaking for Myself, by Burton Lewis, which ordinarily appears on this page each Saturday, is "on vacation" this week but will be resumed next week.

On the effect of the emotions on these fatty molecules in the blood. The level tends to drop during periods of tension and decreases when tranquility returns. There is a cholesterol controversy than a what enters the mouth.

Two epidemics of rhinovirus of the group among the common cold viruses, have been reported in Montreal. The authorities were unaccustomed to find the virus among the gymnasium and swimming pool. It was found, in all places, in the climbing room.

EXCESS IRON

E. F. writes: Is there such a thing as having too much iron in the blood? Yes, in anemia, the number of red cells and the amount of hemoglobin (coloring matter) are greatly increased. An iron overload is not noted in prolonged iron therapy and is hemochromatosis, a metabolic condition in which large amounts of iron accumulate in the body tissues, on poisoning with iron salts.

SPARE THE LIVER

V. B. writes: How is the liver defatted? By eating a diet rich in proteins and carbohydrates, a B9 complex and iron-deficient vitamins. It is important also to avoid alcohol and liver fat accumulation in the liver when the organ is suffering from obesity. The diet should be replaced by large fat globules, especially in heavy drinkers. The diet should be reduced unless detected and treated early.

NARROWED VALVE

J. D. writes: Please tell me about mitral stenosis and rheumatic heart disease. The heart is narrowed in 50 per cent of all victims of rheumatic fever. When some development of aortic stenosis is present, the opening is narrowed (stenosis) because of the development of scar tissue. The heart must work harder to force blood through the smaller opening and in time, enlargement occurs. The valve can be replaced by surgery.

SQUIRREL IN A HIGH WIND

"I ride the branches and am blown about by the wind. The squirrel cried, 'No hold too tenuous, No tree to sleep, no climb too strenuous. No leap too venturesome, I rule with ease.'"

DEATH SQUARED

BEAVERTON, O. (CP)—Police are investigating the death of Joseph Bled, 42, found dead in a rooming house Sunday. Pathologist Dr. B. M. Clark reported the body was crushed by a ceiling beam. The victim was a physician. It was originally thought Bled died of a heart attack.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A husband who sleeps like a log is less annoying than the one who snores off the roof. A sawmill—Chatham News.

As an illustration of imagination at work, consider the story of the blind beggar. He found a girl who had been blind for an hour when he changed his "an blind" sign for one reading "I am a traveler and I am blind."

A straggler in Europe noted with interest that a group of 30 West Africans on their way to Moscow as guests of Russia took advantage of a stop in Switzerland to exchange their own currency for U.S. dollars.—Ottawa Journal.

A strike of blacksmiths at Santa Anita race track in California has led to the discovery among race horse owners that thoroughbred can run as fast without shoes as with them. This was the first time that the fact was reflected that horses were running for thousands of years before the invention of horseshoes, and that it's possible that a good many other accepted "facts" are really just "facts" found to be unnecessary.—Toronto Telegram.

Newest RCN Sub

Navy League Of Canada

HMCS Grise, acquired last year, is the seven submarine to be operated by the Royal Canadian Navy. Canada's first submarines, the CC 1 and CC 2, were ordered in August, 1914, out of concern over the lack of coastal protection.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 13, 1877)

At the recent graduation of Wycliffe Theological College, Toronto, J. Arnold Purdie, BA, formerly of Charlottetown as among the number. Mr. Purdie received his B.A. degree from the University of Manitoba in 1934 and entered Wycliffe the same fall as a student in preparation for Anglican Orders. He is enjoying a short holiday with his parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Purdie in Winnipeg.

Installation of radio equipment for use of the city police force was "not an immediate prospect" Mayor Turner said last night, but he considered it worth while "looking into."

TEN YEARS AGO

(May 13, 1932)

The Charlottetown Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian National Institute for the blind, closed this year's activities with a luncheon at the Charlottetown Hotel. They had as their guest Miss Helen Marks, briefer, BA, who has been the capable and genial secretary to the institute since 1928. Refreshments were extended to Miss Good, and a reluctant "Goodbye" said.

Miss Helen Marks, Margate and Summerside, in company with her husband, Mr. J. Marks, left May 7, for Quebec City on their way to England. They will be home this week. Mrs. Marks, a registered nurse will continue business with pleasure, and study the drug business as practiced abroad. They expect to return in September.

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