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Ottawa In Uproar

The disorder in the House of Commons rose to an unprecedented pitch yesterday, swelling to "open revolt" as described in Canadian Press stories in today's issue.

One amazing feature of the spectacle, as described by both Liberal and Opposition writers, is the attitude of the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent. He sits, for the most part, "impassive, expressionless, chin in hand, an open book on his desk, silent."

One thing seems pretty certain now. The Government will not dare to go to the country this year. To quote Mr. Dexter again, in the Winnipeg Liberal paper, anger at Mr. Howe's ruthless methods has "flowed like red-hot lava."

Shut-In Sunday

With no large sums of money at their disposal, members of the Shut-In Day Association have a simple aim: "to encourage remembrance of the sick and disabled, that some cheer and fellowship may be brought into the lives of those who cannot mix in the normal social life of unhandicapped people."

It must be remembered, of course, that visiting of the sick and disabled is something that has to be done with discretion and understanding if it is to be of any real value. Not every "shut-in" is in a permanent visitor-welcoming mood.

among the rich blessings of life.

It is interesting to recall that observation of Shut-In Day was started by a young Canadian, Ernest Baker. He then appointed a Philadelphia woman, Mrs. William Francklyn Paris, as organizer for the United States. The idea took hold quickly, and at the present time Shut-In Sunday is a regular annual event in most of the countries of the Western world.

Rare Indeed

"What is so rare as a day in June?" asked one distinguished poet. Another sang with ecstasy of the "leafy month of June." But one does not have to be a poet to ponder on the delights of this "youthful" month. All things bright and beautiful—the plants, the flowers, the birds, even the soil itself, "ancient as the sun"—are renewing their youth in a great confirmation of the perennial Spring time miracle.

Now is the time of the year, above all other seasons, when it is well to "go forth under the open sky and list to Nature's teachings, while from all around comes a still voice, a voice of gladness, and a smile, and an eloquence of beauty." Great expectations are everywhere.

June is many things: swallows seeking out the eaves; bees on the early search for honey; tender plants looking towards the sun; fresh songs of praise in the treetops; south winds blowing warm. But its main emphasis is on youth and newness—like young men and women seeing visions, looking towards the future unafraid.

Laudable Undertaking

The Kiwanis International, according to an announcement in the publication "Better Schools", has added still another project to its distinguished roster of public services. In the United States, and presumably in Canada as well, it is sponsoring a campaign to recruit qualified teachers for the public schools.

The broad goal of the program, according to the announcement, is to bring more young persons who might be interested in teaching into a greater awareness of the importance of the profession in modern society. Competent advisers will be consulted at each stage of the program.

It is a very laudable undertaking indeed and one that deserves a large measure of public support.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It's reassuring to hear from Mr. St. Laurent that if and when new cabinet appointments are made they will be announced to the Commons beforehand. A great many Canadians were beginning to think that in the Government's view Parliament has scarcely any rights at all.

Soviet leaders may be softening their approach to outsiders, but it is clear that violence in domestic affairs is still the rule. Four officials were executed the other day for treason, according to a Russian provincial newspaper. The charge was based simply on their association with former police chief Beria who was shot shortly after Stalin's death.

A report from New Delhi says the wooden plow and oxen are still the mainstay of India's farmers. Even so, a tractor organization sponsored by the government has already cleared 1 million acres of land. In the next five years it is expected that almost a billion dollars will be spent on agricultural research and development.



U. S. Air Force Strength

U.S. AIR FORCE STRENGTH Leaders of the United States Air Force by whom I was received for an exclusive talk at Washington on May 2nd gave me an insight into the growing strength and dependability of the U.S. Air Force: of its ability to defend the free world whose safety it has held high upon its shoulders these last ten years; and of its future equipment if Congress provides the additional funds needed.

This being an Election year makes it difficult for either the civilian chiefs or the Generals to be quoted but this survey indicates the lines upon which they are thinking and planning. Their story was upon the whole reassuring and even inspiring and if Congress will reposit its faith in them and unloose the purse strings, the free world has nothing to fear from Soviet growing air strength—such is the impression with which I walked out of the Department of Defence after a morning spent with many of them.

I was assured firstly that the long range programme, planned some years ago for provision of an Air Force comprising 137 Wings with air and ground personnel trained and ready by June 30th 1957, will be ready on time. All the aircraft scheduled in the production programmes are being delivered to dates promised.

The anxieties which naturally surround General Curtis le May's Strategic Air Command these last ten years, as he sees modern Russian air strength and projects his mind to the situation in 1960, is reflected in a decision of the Department of Defence to raise Squadsrons of B 52 Bombers from a normal 30 planes per unit to 45. Already some 248.5 million dollars have been sanctioned for additional expenditure on B 52's—above this year's budget. This sum must be approved by Congress by June 30th, the close of America's fiscal year. But still larger funds are being asked for the Fiscal Year 1956-57 because

Ancient Rice Lands

National Geographic Society Ceylon, in an effort to improve living standards, is reconquering the ancient kingdom of the Sinhales. In an area where irrigated farming flourished 2,000 years ago, modern Ceylonese are clearing the jungle that has covered it for centuries. Their goal is to bring back rice culture. Tens of thousands of persons from crowded cities and towns already have been resettled in the valley of the Gal Oya, a river recently dammed with the help of American construction firm. This is the first of six planned river basin projects, says the National Geographic Society. ATTACKS BIGGEST PROBLEMS Ceylon thus seeks to solve two major problems—rapidly increasing population and insufficient food production. The population of Ceylon, now 2,500,000 in a country the size of West Virginia, is growing by 250,000 a year. The great killer, malaria, has been conquered. Other diseases have fallen before modern public health methods. If it continues at its present rate, the population is expected to double in 25 years. Government economists fear a food shortage. Ceylon's economy is based on exporting tea, rubber and coconut products. Half the present rice consumption is imported. The river development plans will allow this ratio to be lessened. Improved farming methods, introduction of diversified manufacturing, and the opening of new hydroelectric power sources are other parts of the "six year plan."

The Age Old Story

The Lord shewed me, and he held, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the Lord, after that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jehoniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe; and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.

This policy a proportion of Bombers would always be airborne day or night. This avoids the time consumed take-off preparations. Within minutes of an alarm being sounded, such Bombers could be directed by radio to turn on Course to distant targets. The weight of the atomic power will preclude for many years, I was told, the prospect of possession of a fleet of single seat Fighters similarly endowed with perpetual range. But with the advent of the atomic engine Bomber, the midair fuelling technique will be ended.

It is an interim policy and is so regarded here. Thus the immense cost of a fleet of fuelling tanker planes, required in our Air Force for the next ten to fifteen years, to extend range, will be saved. Already therefore U.S. Air Force Chiefs are visualizing an air strategy based on Bombers possessing unlimited duration. It may be 1970 before the atomic engine is fully developed for Air Force use.

The U.S. Air force at present can rely on two Guided Missiles. The "Matador" is in use under Air Force control as a surface to surface weapon. The "Falcon" is the Air Force's first air-to-air missile. Immediately behind are other more powerful types now under test. These will require an education of the American public to accept prospects of parts of such missiles falling in populated areas, after being fired across great distances they will be spent portions.

TRAINING ACTIVITIES But even today the training activities of Strategic Air Command with mid-air fuelling taking place somewhere every minute of the day or night, enable General Curtis le May, its Commanding General, to claim that one third of the Air Force Bombers are airborne all the time. But this is incident to training and is not operational. Already a B 36 is flying around with suitable guards and escorts and with many precautions while this ten engine Bomber carries in its bay an atomic reactor. Problems of shielding crew from gamma rays and of ground handling are being studied. This is the first step towards design of the atomic engine Bomber. The race between designers in U.S.A., Canada; Britain and Russia must soon commence on the drawing boards.

It was explained that the U.S. Air Force requires greater flexibility in control of its funds. At present funds not expended due to cancellation of contracts are grabbed back by Congress. Yet with the swift changes in design and development occurring each year all Air Forces are perpetually faced with the problem of modernization. Unless full powers of spending discretion and latitude are granted to the Air Force by Congress there will always be the temptation to spend the allotted funds and wisdom suggests these powers should be given to Air Force Leaders.

The U.S. Air Force upon which the whole free world still so largely depends is thus by no means in a gloomy position. With designs of Fighters and of Bombers well tried, now coming into service at speeds which potential foes cannot beat, it is largely now a question of devotion of sufficient funds for quantities. Quality is well established. But hesitation or timidity in voting required funds for the next Fiscal Year commencing July 1st in America, would affect the Air Force's hitting and defensive power in 1960 and that might well cost the free world the day.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. SIMPLE RULES HELP THAT ACHING BACK An aching back can be helped greatly by following a few simple rules. The majority of complaints of pain in the lower back can be traced to an injury to an intervertebral disc or some other mechanical injury. One of the most common causes is lifting a heavy weight. Attempts to open stuck windows also take their toll in backaches, as many of you undoubtedly have found out.

Don't try to diagnose or treat your backache. That's a job for your physician. But that doesn't mean there's nothing you can do to help keep you comfortable as you go about your daily activities. ANY STRETCHING OF THE INJURED area is going to be painful. Bending might hurt, too. So, common sense tells you that you'll have to halt, or at least curtail, many of your normal activities until your doctor corrects the condition. Prolonged sitting, for example, might start the back throbbing again. And dancing during the attack is out of the question in most cases, until the injury is corrected.

You women will have to do without high heels. High-heeled shoes throw your base support forward. This means the lumbar spine must stretch to keep you in balance. When you sit, make sure you sit well back in the chair. Keep your knees higher than your hips. When you're driving, have the seat shifted well forward if possible. And sit up straight, don't slump. BEND AT KNEES If you must bend over, squat by bending at your knees and hips. You can bend over a sink or wash bowl without pain by bending at the knees and hips.

A hardbed is better for sleeping than a soft one if you have back trouble. Don't sleep on your abdomen. In cases of severe injury, hospitalization generally is advisable. Frequently this means you'll have to be placed in traction to prevent any movement whatever. But if you're still able to get around at home, I think the advice I've outlined above will be very helpful. QUESTION AND ANSWER J.K.: Will the antibiotics help acne? Answer: In certain cases of deep-seated acne, the antibiotic drugs often will help relieve the situation temporarily.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 2, 1931) The weather forecast for the coming months is: June 1 to 2, showery and good growing weather. 7 to 13, fair and cooler, mild with many showers. 14 to 20, a week of fair bright weather. 21 to 27, hot spell, followed by showers. 28 to 30, fine and warm.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 2, 1946) Maj. Fred Nash officially took over his former position yesterday with the Dominion Department of Agriculture as officer in charge of the production and marketing of poultry products June 1st. The Fraser Airlines have made their fourth trip to New York with 5700 lbs. of lobsters.

Mr. Nugent M. Clougher, governing director of the Clougher Corporation of London, Eng., when he arrived in the city last night, stated that he foresaw great possibilities in Maritime trade expansion overseas. He believed Prince Edward Island should share in this development to a much greater extent than it has in the past.

MAN'S ODYSSEY Since man has often felt his Odyssey in stone and verse, in music and in prayer. Why would another pilgrim wish to be Reporter of beauty here and danger there? For all before trudged this uneven highway Leaving the banal record of their hours. And men to come will spend their precious day Writing their simple tales, ignoring ours.

In spite of that upon the tender I'll carve my love, initial and date. Force chisel on the granite rock to mark That I walked here in pride and joy and fear. Comment, though none in this or worlds to be may care. I found the woods too dark, the meadows fair. Stella Hall in the New York Times.

PLAN BLOOD FREEZING NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP)—Doctors said Friday the use of liquid nitrogen to freeze blood may be possible to store blood needed for transfusions for several years. A paper presented at the international college of surgeons, said experiments to freeze whole blood rapidly, using liquid nitrogen at minus 120 degrees centigrade, have been conducted at the U.S. naval medical research center.

The modern young man doesn't leave footprints on the sands of time. Just tire tracks.—London Free Press An expert is a man who can impress your wife with the same opinions you have been giving her and 'he has been sneering at her years.—St. Catharines Standard

Natu: is not only a great healer, but is pretty shrewd in preventive medicine, too. Not how she has eliminated spring fever this year by the simple expedient of not having a spring.—Hamilton Spectator Who says our Government never does anything for the arts? Hasn't it reduced the import duty on harpsichords? And those stories that the Government thinks a harpsichord is something used in surgery are inspired by disaffected sackbut-players.—Peterborough Examiner

Premier Bennett is making all the familiar noises of a politician on the way to the polling booth. His sight-seeing tours continue in many parts of the province. At every overnight stand he makes a "non-partisan" speech obviously designed to appeal to the victors. He promises of local expenditures multiply day by day. These seem to be the authentic signs of an election, before the year's end.—Victoria Times

At the wheel you should keep a cool head. Sometimes it is needful to abandon selfishness and even your right, to avoid an accident and cut short useless wrangling. In other words, you should practise courtesy on the highway as among well brought up people in other circumstances. Saving lives, avoiding material damage or simply to preserve peace, is worth the sacrifice of a little dignity.—LaPresse, Montreal

Social assistance and rural settlement should be parts of a healthy immigration policy, but it should not stop there. Immigration should aim at populating and integrating, economic as well as cultural, of newcomers to Quebec. That involves choice of those who come to establish themselves here with guarantee of work when they come and their absorption into the surroundings in which they are placed.—LeDroit, Ottawa

Bounty was paid on 177 wolves—164 timber and 13 brush—at the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests office at Sioux Lookout during the fiscal year ended March 31. That is about average for the past eight years although the range was from 115 in 1954-55 to a high of 263 in 1950-51. Most were snared or shot by trappers. In eight years flying wolf hunters shot 173 wolves from airplanes and collected \$4,325 in bounty.—Government Bulletin

The automobile, known to cause some problems in the United States, is now bringing wrinkled brows in Sweden. The number of cars increased in 1955 to 835,000. Almost every tenth Swede owns an automobile, which is said to be the highest proportion outside this country and Canada. The problem that worries the Swedes most is that of theft. In Stockholm, 6,000 cars were stolen in 1955, three times as many as in 1954. For the nation as a whole the number was 13,000, as against 6,000 the year before. There is no law against automobile theft. Car thieves apprehended can only be accused of "unauthorized borrowing," a charge which carries little or no penalty.—Milwaukee Journal

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THE good old days were when housewives had a bag of sugar in the attic, a barrel of apples in the cellar and a crock of butter in the ice-box.—Stratford Beacon-erald If your feet are cold it may be because your head is uncovered. The physiologists of the Defense Research Board of Canada don't state it quite like that. But they report that useful heat escapes from a lidless pot, whether it be yours or the kitchen stove's.—Canadian Science Monitor

"Ah, wad some power the giffie gie us," said Robert Burns in one of his best-known poems, "to see ourselves as others see us." Canadians have recently had two opportunities to see themselves through the eyes of other, and the results are not too flattering. Some time ago, an international telephone company announced that Canadians are the gabbiest people on earth—at least over the wire.—Edmonton Journal

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