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France's Election

The results of yesterday's presidential election in France were incomplete at the time of writing, but they did not bode well for President de Gaulle's chances of being returned with the required 50 per cent of the total vote...

Francois Mitterand, the left-wing candidate, was in the lead among the general's opponents. He was officially supported by the Communists, who didn't choose to put up a candidate of their own...

If yesterday's results should necessitate a run-off election in two weeks between the two candidates with the most votes, there is little doubt de Gaulle would be the victor...

The President, however, has been a hard man to get along with—and he has embarked on grandiose schemes which have caused concern in France and throughout Europe generally...

The NATO foreign ministers' conference, which will take place in Paris shortly, will have an important task in discussing the future of the alliance as it nears the end of its first 20-year term...

News From Montgomery

A significant news item came from Montgomery, Alabama, over the weekend. It was to the effect that three Ku Klux Klansmen had been convicted of federal conspiracy charges growing out of the slaying of a civil rights worker, Viola Gregg Liuzzo...

This may, indeed, prove a crucial event in the fight to uproot this white-sheeted hate organization, long known for its violence and bigotry. Actually it was much stronger in numbers in the 1920's than it is today...

In Montgomery, there had not been one felony conviction.

Last March President Johnson, in announcing the arrest of the four klansmen now tried, convicted and sentenced, called for new federal legislation to control the KKK. "My father fought them in Texas," he said...

It is in this context that the latest news from Montgomery has been received across the United States. Perhaps there is danger in placing too much emphasis on it as a victory for democracy...

Still Unresolved

An Ottawa commentator predicts, as a strong probability, that there will be a renewal of the debate on the provisions for "opting out" of federal-provincial arrangements when Parliament meets...

On the other hand, there has recently been a revival of the criticism that "contracting out" places federal representatives of the affected provinces in an invidious position...

It is felt that in such a situation, members from a province not participating in a federal scheme should abstain on divisions. But this proposal, it is argued, would reduce the stature of members of Parliament...

The problem should have been foreseen when this escape-hatch was carpentered into the shared-cost agreements by Mr. Pearson, but evidently it wasn't...

The Cold Shoulder

The way of the transgressor may be hard, but the philanthropist runs into thorny problems too, and must know how to deal with them. Take Uncle Sam, for example. He's been a sugar daddy to a number of emerging nations, including Ghana...

Uncle Sam ignored diplomacy this time and blew his fuse. Officials of the state department called in the Ghanaian ambassador at Washington and gave him a piece of their mind on Nkrumah's recriminations...

As it happened, Nkrumah picked a bad time for his nose-tweaking antics. The United States does not have the surpluses it once did. Help with food must be limited to nations which need it most...

EDITORIAL NOTE

Leon Balcer, writes an exchange, has gone to his reward. Premier Lesage has appointed the former Conservative cabinet minister to the post of director-general and co-ordinator of provincial programs for celebrating the centenary of Confederation in Quebec...



CHOPPED STICKS

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Unfinished Business Keeps Piling Up

Now that the natural and political climates have been brought to our Capital, a flight to sub-tropical warmth is the "in" gesture for hep Cabinet Ministers. Prime Minister Pearson has joined the crowd, flying to the Caribbean island of St. Martin...

The Prime Minister certainly went away leaving the national kitchen in a sordid mess and the dishes unwashed. Nothing has been done to correct the post-election chaos...

With a substantial cabinet shuffle shortly expected, no minister can handle with enthusiasm a portfolio which may soon pass to other hands urging other policies. The other side of that coin is that in some fields of the nation's business, ministerial action and announcement is urgently needed...

PUBLIC FORUM

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AGAINST FLUORIDATION

Sir,—Promoters of fluoridation have a strong weakness for trying to win popular support by citing interminable lists of individuals and organizations favoring the measure. One of these lists starts off with the names of D. W. D. Johnson, Dwight Eisenhower, Robert Kennedy, Rt. Rev. Francis Lally, Rabbi Joseph Shubov and on up to 45. Strange that President Johnson never mentioned to me that he believed in that method of medicating the hoi poloi...

The compilers of the list could have injected a little humor in it by including Red Skelton and given it more weight by adding Jackie Gleason. Many of the names listed are big shots in the political and ecclesiastical worlds but that does not necessarily make them competent judges of the merits or demerits of fluoridation. They are used merely for the purpose of impressing the naive. Would some local fluoridationist, medical dentist or lay, explain why it is that after 10 years of fluoridation, which is supposed to reduce tooth decay in young children up to 65 per cent, the city of Newburgh, N.Y. finds itself with 18 per cent more dentists than when fluoridation began, although Newburgh's population rose only 9 per cent? Unflinching Kingston, N.Y. however, with only a 1 per cent rise in population, experienced only a 3 per cent increase in the number of dentists. Also, in Brantford, Ontario, the ratio of dentists is now better than the Canadian national average. According to the Brantford Examiner, Brantford has one dentist for every 2500 residents. In 1961, there were as many dentists as in 1957, and Brantford was one of the pioneer cities in artificial fluoridation of the water supply. I am skeptical of the accuracy of this 65 per cent reduction in tooth decay we hear so much about. I am, Sir, etc.

Rev. W. J. ENRIGHT

successor. The new minister could then have allayed anxiety in banking and business circles, by asserting whether he would continue Mr. Gordon's unpopular policies or change them. He could and should have announced, for example, whether he would implement some or all of the recommendations by the Porter Royal Commission on Banking and Finance, welcomed by the business community but totally ignored by Mr. Gordon. Meanwhile anxiety in financial circles and uncertainty in business piles up, with inflation, tight money, restrictions on foreign borrowing and now a large scale alleged fraud in Montreal, all undermining confidence.

Nobody would suggest that Canada's prime minister should not enjoy a holiday as any other Canadian. But he should, like the rest of us, leave the shop in order. Or did he? His last action before heading south via the Grey Cup game was to distribute to the press a list of "major forthcoming federal-provincial conferences." Twelve of these are pending, including four this month and three next, covering almost every field of government activity except foreign affairs and defence. This month, for instance, there will be conferences on agriculture, on "po-

verty and opportunity" (i.e. largely welfare measures and job-training); on the economic situation; and on the tax structure. UNDEMOCRATIC SECRECY

Notable absences from these urgent and important meetings will be the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, and 90 per cent of our elected parliamentarians, as well as representatives of the public and their eyes and ears, the press. This raises a pretty point. Prime Minister Pearson has dismantled the Canadian Confederation into a vaguely-defined "co-operative federalism," in which federal powers are abdicated to Quebec City, while provincial powers are usurped from all other provinces. Is it either proper or desired by Canadians that he should now dismantle our two-chamber parliament, and substitute government by closed-door conferences of selected federal and provincial ministers and bureaucrats?

Finance Ministers and Provincial Treasurers are soon to meet to discuss the present economic situation in Canada, and its economic outlook for 1966. But surely this is glaringly an important study and debate which should take place, not behind closed federal-provincial doors, but publicly and reported in our Parliament?

Man's Second Best Friend

National Geographic Society

In the barnyard goose man's second best friend? Geese make faithful watchdogs, determined shepherds, efficient field hands, and good companions. When geese have reached the end of their working days, they make the supreme sacrifice. They're delicious to eat.

Geese have been serving man as long as any other bird. The graylag goose, depicted on ancient Egyptian frescoes, is probably the oldest domestic bird. Chinese swan geese were tamed at least 2,000 years ago.

Selective breeding of the two species has produced the many varieties of domestic geese. In the process, the tamed geese have lost their ability to fly and surrendered stable family life. Wild geese are monogamous, but domestic ganders are veritable Casanovas.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO (December 6, 1940)

Ten thousand United States citizens had applied since last May for entrance to the Royal Canadian Air Force and seven per cent of pilots, air observers and gunners in training are Americans, Leonard W. Brockington, special assistant to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, said at New York City.

The New York Times said the British Iron and Steel Federation had completed plans to ship substantial tonnages of coke to the United States to maintain the American steel industry at close to capacity operation.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 6, 1935)

Senator Elsie Inman was elected president of the P.E.I. Island In Keepers Association at their annual dinner meeting held at the Charlottetown Hotel.

Time ran out for Honus Wagner and the baseball world mourned one of its all-time great stars. The bandy-legged, broad-shouldered Honus died quietly in his sleep in his suburban Carnegie home where he had been confined for months by the illness of old age. He was 81.

Hepatitis Vaccines

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen A promising protective vaccine against viral hepatitis is announced from time to time. This is as far as it goes, possibly because all researchers hit a snag that is unique to this problem. Meanwhile physicians rely on gamma globulin to boost resistance of exposed susceptible individuals. The serum does not prevent but modifies or tempers the disease.

Gamma globulin is a by-product of blood serum collected from transfusions. So little is available that it is reserved for people most likely to acquire this liver infection. These are all household contacts, including adults and children who live with the victim. They are more likely to get the condition than remote contacts at school or work. It is believed that the serum offers significant protection to those traveling abroad, such as missionaries and peace corps volunteers to underprivileged countries.

The causative virus remains in the victim's blood for a year or more. Many of these men and women do not develop jaundice; they are not aware of having the infection because the illness was mistaken for a cold. This is why a doctor of these needs gamma globulin when pricked by a needle contaminated by a patient's blood.

In addition, hepatitis usually is transmitted via contaminated food or water. Those exposed to these edibles during an epidemic should be protected. The world supply of gamma globulin would be exhausted if it were given only to this high-risk group. This list does not include those getting blood transfusions, who are in the same position as the nurse and medic. Pregnant women and persons with a low resistance because of co-existing disease are more susceptible. The chance of getting the liver disorder also is greater among those living in overcrowded homes with inadequate sanitation and poor standards of hygiene.

You must admit—we need a real protective vaccine. HERPES DURING PREGNANCY Mrs. E. writes: What is herpes gestationis?

REPLY An attack of herpes during pregnancy in which crops of blisters appear on the arms, legs, face, and chest. The condition disappears after the child is born. SCARLED PLEURA J. G. writes: What is meant by thickening of the pleura?

REPLY The pleura is the outer lining of the lung. When this tissue becomes inflamed (pleurisy), it swells and, if healing, is left somewhat thicker than usual. The lesion is made up chiefly of scar tissue. GLASSES AND FLAPPING EARS A. C. writes: Could wearing glasses in childhood cause protruding ears?

REPLY No. This effect usually is developmental in origin. ALL OVER C. K. writes: What is generalized arteriosclerosis?

REPLY Hardening of all the arteries. TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Wear work gloves when a job calls for them. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

MAY INCREASE HOUSE Australia is to conduct a referendum on increasing the size of the lower house of the federal Parliament by 15 per cent from its present 124 seats.

Education By Machine

Milwaukee Journal

Rhodesia may finally become the anvil on which black-African unity is forged but regional and tribal differences now make grandiose threats sound like empty talk.

Threats of a huge African sweep southward to stamp out Ian Smith's illegal white-minority regime apparently cause misgivings to Zambia's President Kenneth Kaunda, known as a tough fighter for Negro nationalism but also a realist and moderate.

The African countries may present the picture of a solid phalanx at the United Nations but there is no denying that deep divisions exist.

Certainly some leaders in English-speaking as well as French-speaking Africa—not to mention the Arab countries of the north—shudder at the thought of Ghana's Kwame Nkrumah leading a black crusade.

BLACK NAPOLEON Nkrumah's ideas of welding the continent into a sort of United States of Africa have already received hard going from other African leaders who see him as a would-be black Napoleon.

Many seasoned observers feel that Smith's regime is indeed fated for defeat in the face of African determination but they hope this will not come to the test of a military clash.

The Institute for Strategic Studies, a British-based private group, places the strength of the Rhodesian air force at six squadrons and 900 men.

This includes one squadron of Hunter day-fighter ground-attack jets, one squadron of Vampire ground-attack jets and one squadron of Canberra light bombers.

U.A.R. FORCE BIGGEST The army's regular strength is placed at 3,400 men but this is augmented by a police force with an active strength of 6,400 men and a reserve strength—now enlisted under the colony's emergency law—of no less than 28,500 men.

In contrast, Zambia-Rhodesia's first-donor neighbor—has its regular forces of 2,500 men, its air force comprising only transport and communications planes—Police number 6,000 men.

Only the United Arab Republic, "thousands of miles away" and under a suspended state of war with Israel, has a really big air force on the African continent. It has 400 combat aircraft. The institute estimates that the military potential of the 36 countries belonging to the Organization of African Unity is 492,500 men. This is indeed an imposing figure but how the forces could be deployed against Rhodesia is another question.

Canada Keeping Pace

Fort William Times-Journal

A Canadian firm is keeping pace with the startling developments by other nations in the field of missiles. Canadair Limited of Montreal is about to produce a missile that while travelling at the speed of sound will take pictures of enemy territory, develop the film while returning to its base.

On the face of it, the invention is a fantastic enterprise even when measured against all the astounding performance of American and Russian space vehicles. It will mean that a military force will be able to see pictures of the enemy in front of them within the space of a few minutes.

Prairie Economic Council

Alberta Government Bulletin

The government of Alberta has joined with the governments of Manitoba and Saskatchewan in the formation of a Prairie Economic Council, consisting of the premier and one member of the Executive Council of each province.

The council will meet at least once every six months, with the purpose of co-ordinating the resources and services of the three provinces for the greater benefit of all.

At the first formal meeting the Council agreed that all preferences given in provincial government purchases and contracts for the region, should be abolished. The Council agreed to maintain a policy free of provincial preference, with the belief such a practise will broaden the base on which all private companies on the prairies can do business with provincial governments.

SEeks WORKING PLAN The Council agreed in principle, too, to proceed with the study of the Saskatchewan-Nelson Basin water resource plan, and will await receipt of an acceptable working plan covering cost of new work, the value to the study of work already completed in the three provinces, and other matters relevant to the project.

TO TAKE INVENTORY The Council reached a fundamental agreement to take immediate inventory of provincial development policies for resources and industry and Alberta will call a meeting of officials assigned to this task. Immediate consultation will be undertaken on wider use of the regional health facilities in Winnipeg, with regard to research on prosthetic appliances. The next meeting of the Council will be held in May, 1966, in Alberta.

OLD SYSTEM PAYS The Erie Canal, in New York State, in use for 140 years, now carries 3,800,000 tons of freight yearly.

Although the missile will be made in Canada by Canadians, Great Britain and West Germany will work jointly on the project, sharing the costs.

Canada has carefully planned to stay out of the nuclear weapon race. This does not mean that this country must also disassociate itself with necessary plans for defense, however.

The picture-taking missile could be used for spying in a time of cold war, and in that way stir the ire of other nations, but Canada could not be expected to allow its use for that purpose.

chill; to co-ordinate their efforts in the development of higher education and research facilities; to examine some remaining discriminatory practices affecting inter-provincial trucking with a view to their early elimination; and will consider at its next meeting a report being prepared on regional tourist development.

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