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will no doubt be a good deal higher. The Massey commission on arts, letters and sciences was relatively inexpensive considering the scope of its inquiry; it cost \$287,000. Among other figures cited are those of the Spence commission on coastal shipping, more than \$725,000; the Fowler commission on radio and television broadcasting, \$328,500, and the Kellock commission on locomotive firemen on diesels, \$140,000.

Whether the taxpayers get their money's worth in royal commissions is a question which the Tax Foundation doesn't attempt to answer in a definite way. Governments appear to welcome them as useful fact-finding bodies—or perhaps as devices for postponing decisions, or for creating the right climate for the introduction of new government policies. In any case, they have become very much a part of our democratic way of life. On the whole, they have probably justified their expense. In some cases—as in the Duncan and White commissions on Maritime subsidy claims—they did much more than that in directing national attention to grievances of long standing.

Clear Illustration

A clear illustration of what tariffs and excise taxes (usually with some further padding by the manufacturer) do to the prices of domestically produced goods is cited in the Winnipeg Free Press, which takes the current issues of two national women's magazines, one American and the other Canadian, carrying advertisements for a well known glass product. Seven products are illustrated with their list prices in both countries. Here they are as priced in Canada, with the American prices in brackets:

Coffee carafe and stand \$14.95 (\$9.95); serving bowl \$7.50 (\$4.95); snack dish \$4.50 (\$2.95); double casserole and stand \$8.95 (\$5.95); single casserole and stand \$5.95 (\$3.95); 2-quart casserole and stand \$7.50 (\$4.95); 2 1/2-quart casserole and stand \$9.95 (\$6.95).

The prices of all seven products, camouflaged slightly by being just short of even dollars, are 50 per cent higher in this country than in the United States.

We can expect to hear any day now that the glass tariff is not high enough.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Although not a native of this Province, the late Mr. Charles H. Black resided here for the past half century, and was one of our most highly esteemed citizens. His death in Illinois, while visiting his daughter Mrs. Folkins, will be learned with deep regret.

Some idea of the significance of President Eisenhower's tour to Europe, Asia and Africa may be gathered from the fact that it is taking him into lands containing 687,200,000 people, or about 23 per cent of the earth's population.

"Again," says the Ottawa Journal, "we make our annual appeal for mercy for Christmas carols. They should be spared ceaseless repetition which we anticipate is that they will come, fresh and joyful, to our various homes and firesides on Christmas Eve or a few evenings before, to be honored guests for the holiday season."

Pharisaic Quibbling

Lord Montgomery was surely off base in denouncing recently the United States for its condemnation of South Africa's policy of apartheid, or racial separation. He is angry that the U.S. delegate in the United Nations Assembly voted in favor of a resolution criticising the affairs of South Africa "when in fact they have much the same problem in their own country."

It is true that our American neighbors have a problem of racial discrimination on their hands. But they are certainly not proud of it. Their courts have condemned it and they are working as a nation to overcome it. Their national policy is to provide equality under law regardless of race.

In South Africa the national policy is not only to discriminate but actually to separate the races and condemn the Negroes and colored people generally to economic and social ostracism. It is a policy deliberately embarked upon and buttressed by the laws of the land. Surely there is a difference here, which a man of Lord Montgomery's intelligence should have no difficulty in discerning.

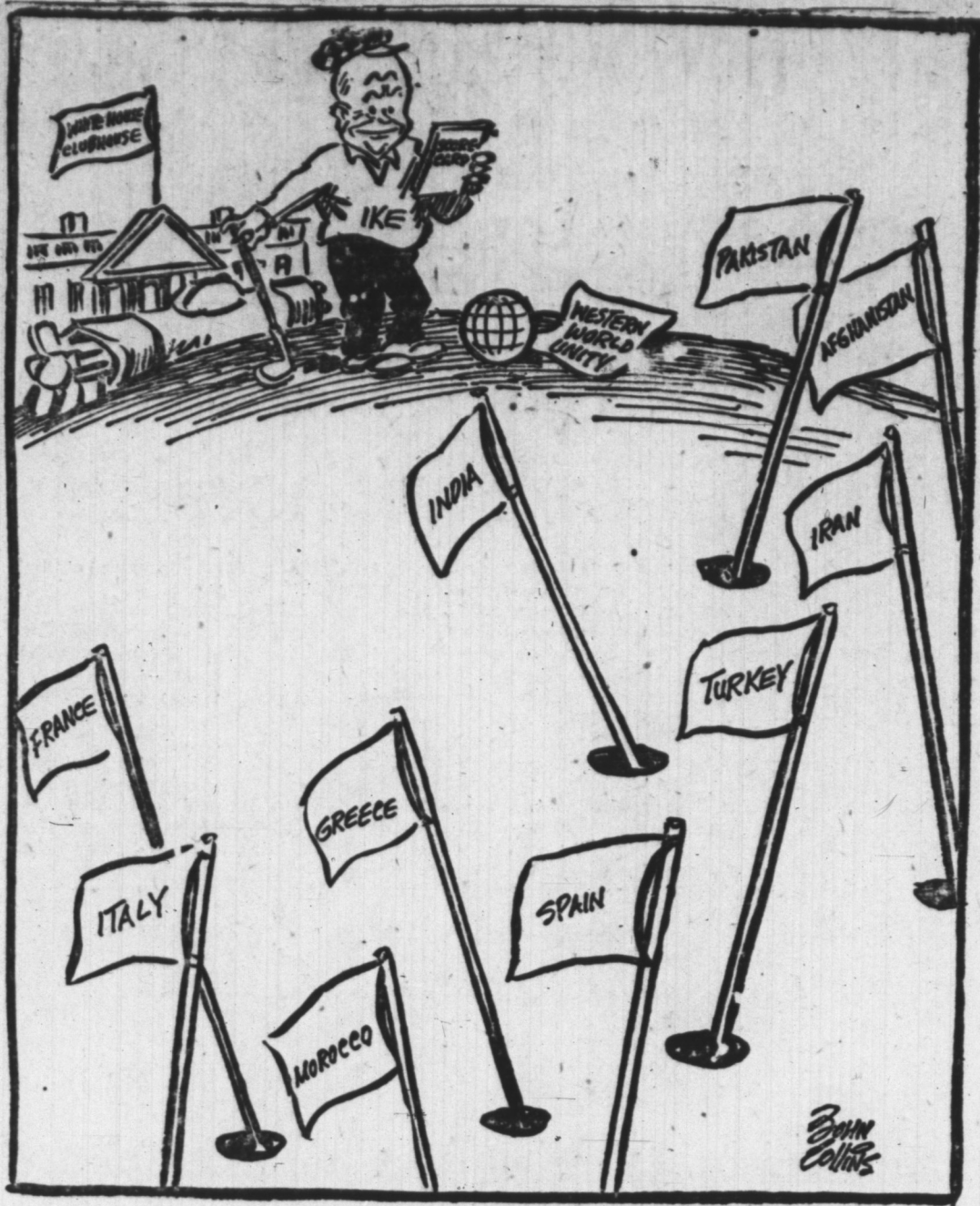
We are not so proud either of Britain's action in voting against the U.N. resolution, or of Canada's in abstaining from voting. South Africa is a blot on our Commonwealth escutcheon. Apartheid runs counter to all our democratic professions, and to speak of our Christian ones; and if the South African government cannot be made to see the light, and reverse its course, it should be treated as a pariah by civilized nations. The longer we pass by like pharisees, on the other side, when this issue confronts us, the more Communist propaganda we manufacture and the more difficult it will be to convince the peoples of Asia, China and Africa that we are sincerely concerned about human welfare, regardless of color, race or creed.

Our excuse for not voting with the United States on this issue is that apartheid is an "internal" matter for South Africa, and of no direct concern to other nations. It is the same argument the Communists are using against U.N. denunciation of atrocities in Hungary. In both cases human rights are ignored, and the U.N. Charter flouted. We expect no better from the Communists, but it shames us when our own Government, which is so much concerned about a bill of rights for Canadians, should be so mealy-mouthed in dealing with a moral issue of this kind.

Royal Commissions

The Canadian Tax Foundation has been studying the subject of royal commissions and has come up with some interesting figures in a recent edition of its Tax Journal. For one thing, it finds that in the past ten years there has been a marked increase in the number of these commissions. In the period ending March 31, this year, 22 federal royal commissions were appointed in the first five years of the period and 13 in the second five. In addition, three have been appointed since last March—one to study railway transportation, one on coal problems and one to choose alternative routes for a railway between Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

The cost of federal royal commissions over the past ten years has amounted to some \$4,000,000, about three-quarters of which was spent in the final five-year period. The most recent inquiry by the Stewart commission into price spreads will cost about \$500,000. This is on the modest side when placed beside an inquiry on a more monumental scale—the Gordon commission on energy policy—estimated at \$433,000 up to the end of last fiscal year; the final cost



THE NEW SERENADE

Nehru's Peaceful Policy

Ottawa Citizen

Prime Minister Nehru's statement in the Indian Parliament confirms his intention to avoid military alliances while defending India against further Chinese incursions. The support this policy is receiving in India itself was indicated by the overwhelming vote it received in Parliament. Mr. Nehru can proceed in full confidence that firm, though not necessarily warlike, measures will be completely endorsed by the country. Negotiation is the key to Mr.

Nehru's thinking. There is little doubt that threats would not have much effect against Peking, and an effort to eject the Chinese by force from territory claimed by India might lead to a war that, in the end, would involve the world. But just as Mr. Nehru does not want to threaten China, he refuses to negotiate while he himself is under threat. And the presence of Chinese forces on Indian soil constitutes a threat. The result may be a deadlock, and continuing tension, unless the Chinese withdraw—after which

negotiations can be started. Mr. Nehru himself has shown great patience, has given every indication of wanting to settle the quarrel amicably. If there is to be a peaceful settlement, the rest is up to the Chinese.

True, the status quo may be maintained, without any retreat by the Chinese, and without negotiations to seek a settlement. But that situation would represent a continuing source of friction between India and China which could in the end, lead to military conflict.

If the Chinese are as devoted to the cause of peace as they profess to be, they would surely agree to Mr. Nehru's formula of negotiation without threat.

PUBLIC FORUM

RE THE CAUSEWAY

Sir, — When Hon. Mr. Walker announced a few days ago that the report on the results of the survey on the Causeway project would be delayed for some time, the impression spread for some reason or other that the delay would be indefinite. This is obsolescence, glaring, inopportune, and outdated.

The main difficulties in obtaining the go-ahead from the Federal Government are not physical but constitute the intangibles. The realization that while we do now seem worth the expenditure, the Causeway will eventually make us worth it, seems lacking.

The idea that a small province that has always been backward because of geographical position should be satisfied to remain a back number seems to have permeated the thinking of every Government since Confederation.

Economically, no difficulty actually exists. The cost will be a capital investment, and may be amortized over a period of fifty years or less as indicated, and financed by a bond issue, which we are convinced will find a ready sale. The upkeep of a Causeway, we feel sure, would be a small percentage of the cost of operating and subsidizing two inefficient ferries. Toll is costing half that of transportation on the ferries would pay good dividends on a bond issue, and establish a sinking fund for repairs.

Federal indifference and negative thinking must stop. We want to be in a position where further subdivisions from Ottawa eventually will not be necessary. Everything depends on communication. When we get the Causeway, which do not doubt for a moment we will eventually obtain, we will earn our own living. We will have a tourist trade that will create home markets. Our waste lands, our depleted farms, and our vacant farm homes will attract immigration, and, we hope, prevent the exodus of our sons and daughters, which is

yearly reducing our rural population, to a point which is rapidly approaching extinction. Since writing the above, we have read this morning's Guardian. In it, Mr. Alex Matheson has made caustic reference to Mr. Walker's report, — on its delay and on its negative qualities. While we know Mr. Matheson is making political capital of this issue, we could not, however, agree with him more honestly and heartily. We do not mean by this statement that we endorse his criticism of this present regime, either local or federal, which has up to date done all it promised. It set aside money for a survey. We have had the survey and a report on it as promised. We are truthful that the pessimistic tone and negative implications of this report are not inspired by directives from Ottawa. Islanders will view askance any progression on this issue that will suggest that our trust has been misplaced.

Let us say respectfully that the dumbest people in the world can find plausible reasons for not doing things. We want a government that will find ways and a means of fulfilling this long deferred promise instead of hunting for a reason to avoid it. We hope and trust that we can safely assume that we have that government at Ottawa now. It develops on our local government and our federal representatives to present our claims forcefully and without inhibition. A finger-in-the-mouth approach is unproductive at Ottawa.

May we suggest to our local government and our loyal opposition that they do not make a political football of this issue, but for the future welfare of our little Island home, co-operate in the presentation of our demands without rancour or jealousy or hope of personal gain, and with the dynamic that this union will command. Thus shall our welfare predominate over political ambition and future generations in retrospect shall bless the time that placed altruism before profit.

I am, Sir, etc., C. C. PRATT St. Peter's, P. E. I.

The Price Of "Payola"

New York Herald Tribune

"Payola," the new word which is entering the language, has a cynical sound and an ugly meaning. Its introduction into common usage carries the current expose of the national broadcasting pattern one step farther along. First many television quiz shows were revealed to be fakes. Now many disk jockey shows are turning out to be fixed, too, with the "deejays" accused of accepting payments, in one form or another, to play certain records on their programs. It may be tempting to dismiss the whole business with the thought that most of the music played by disk jockeys is so bad that it's almost a relief to learn that they had to be paid to play it. But "payola" is only one aspect of a disturbing situation, and not even the most important one. For the entire atmosphere engendered by the "pushing" of songs toward the teenage market, with its accompanying debasement of taste, is degrading and unhealthy. The race

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By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. THIS COLUMN is for all of you big strong men and (women, too) who calmly shrug off a cold and plow right on with your work and other normal activities just as though you weren't really sick.

I'm not going to caution you about the dangers of pneumonia. You have been warned too many times about that.

DANGER OF NEPHRITIS But have you ever considered the danger of nephritis? Probably not, but the possibility is there, all right, every time you come down with a cold, sore throat, tonsillitis attack, sinus infection and painful glands in the neck.

However, there is no way of telling in advance whether your sore throat or tonsil or sinus infection is caused by this particular villain.

Therefore, common sense dictates the following precautions: Call your doctor immediately if you develop a sore throat, sinus infection, tonsillitis or painful neck glands.

Take good care of yourself while you are recovering from a cold, sore throat or other infection. For the following several weeks be careful not to get your feet wet, don't become chilled and don't become overly tired.

If it is raining, snowing or sleeting, and you have a cold or are just getting over one, I suggest you stay home instead of going out and getting wet.

IF YOU'RE CHILLED Now if you do become chilled, put on dry clothes at once if possible. Warm yourself in a well-heated room entirely free from drafts. Take a hot drink and go to bed.

In addition to warm blankets, use extra heat from a heating pad or hot water bottles. Remember, however, never to go to sleep with a heating pad turned on.

WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS Since the first attack of nephritis might be so mild that it passes unnoticed, it is important to watch for the following symptoms: Swelling around the eyes, face or ankles; urine that appears bloody, wine-colored or smoky in color and failure to recover completely as soon as expected after a sore throat, tonsillitis or similar illness.

Any and all of these symptoms should send you to your doctor. QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. O. G. C.: Is it all right if old people have bowel movements only once a week, even though they eat three meals a day? Answer: Bowel movements once a week are usually not adequate, since this may eventually lead to weakness of the bowel, hardening of the stool and obstruction.

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Answer: Bowel movements once a week are usually not adequate, since this may eventually lead to weakness of the bowel, hardening of the stool and obstruction.

A daily evacuation should be sought by regulating the diet, use of mineral oil and other mild laxatives and even a small enema.

Your doctor can help you regulate this condition.

RUBBER COMPANY LAYOFFS MONTREAL (CP) — About 600 workers at British Rubber Company's plant in suburban Lachine have received notice they will be laid off at the end of the year. The company said difficulties in selling its products forced the move. It said exports to Great Britain, Belgium, South Africa and the West Indies have dwindled because of currency restrictions. An agreement has been reached to share footwear production with Miner Rubber Company of Granby, Que., the company said.

is a race toward the lowest common denominator. Musically, the end result of the race is rock 'n' roll. And when the teen-age balladeers and the "deejays" themselves become national idols of sorts, more than musical standards are being abandoned.

To punish the fakers and takers is a relatively simple operation. But to restore lost standards and repair shoddy goods, to try to elevate low tastes rather than pandering to them—these are tasks that are as difficult as they are important. But they are the price of "payola."

NOTES BY THE WAY

A British Columbia fisherman has landed a 92-pound salmon and perhaps will now shut up about the big one that got away. —Ottawa Journal

A man now says he has a device which will convert sound to energy. Seems only fair, considering the amount of energy that these days is going into sound. —Hamilton Spectator

In a recent official bulletin, the East German government asked civil servants, "in consideration of the feelings of the population," to give fewer of their babies Russian names. During the past two years, more than 700 newborn infants have been named Nikita. —Süddeutsche Zeitung, Munich

Rabbits literally walk on air during the wintertime. During the fall months they grow tough, springy hairs between their toes. By late November they have enough to keep them off the ground a fraction of an inch on a hair-and-air mat which protects them from walking "barefoot" on snow and ice.—Reader's Digest

In the current issue of the Port of London Authority Monthly appears the following: "On the day of the launch of the MV Rothwick Castle (at Greenock, Scotland last August), Mr. Tom Kerrigan received the British Empire Medal for his long service of 73 years in shipbuilding yards. 50 of them with the Greenock Dockyard Company. Most remarkable is the fact that Mr. Kerrigan, although 91, is still at work in charge of a squad of shipyard platers." Perhaps someone made a mistake when they hired Mr. Kerrigan in 1906; he was then over forty and should have been "too old." —Hamilton Spectator

Albertson's first tea room was opened on Saturday night under the direction of two young ladies, Mrs. Fred MacRae and Miss Margaret Matthews. The tea room is to be called the Double M. Tea Room and Albertson residents join in wishing the young ladies every success in their enterprise.

One of the most important projects of the Miscouche Home and School Association since its formation is about completed. A new open air rink is ready for flooding due to the efforts of the members of the Association. The rink measures 160 by 90 feet with a 60-foot promenade along one side. Lighting has been provided so that the rink may be used in the evening.

conditions in the Negev; "Down South Camp Meeting" to mobilization in the Negev. Armstrong cleverly reported on French-Israel relations and the recent cessation of Renault auto assembly operations in Haifa. First he played "C'est si Bon", then "Honey, Don't You Love Me Any More?" Remember the ship, the "Toft" still detained in the Suez Canal because she carried Israeli cargo? Armstrong gave explicit instructions. He rendered "When My Dream Boat Comes Home".

SECRET CODE "What strategic data could Armstrong have conveyed when he blew his horn in Arab lands? The secret code was obvious when he played "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho." He was clearly trying to break the walls of the Sheikh of Arabiy."

But Armstrong was more subtle in his highly-classified intelligence reports. For instance, he sent weather reports to the Israel Air Force by playing "Isn't This a Lovely Day?" or "A Foggy Day". His rendition of "Go Back Where You Stayed Last Night" was an order to frontier patrols. Instructions were given Israeli parachutists in "One O'Clock Jump". The movements of the United Nations Emergency Force were foretold by "When the Saints Go Marching In".

OTHER SIGNALS Of course, "When It's Sleepy Time Down South", referred to

The Queen Times reports an increasing number of converts to Buddhism in the United Kingdom—implying that missionary activity like trade is a two-way street.—Ottawa Journal

Only one good thing about these payola revelations. It's comforting to think that skulduggery, and not public taste, put many of the "hit parade" records where they are.—Ottawa Journal

"Who is appearing for you, my man?" a magistrate asked an Irishman in the dock. "I'm appearing for myself, sir," said the Irishman. "Are you pleading guilty or not guilty?" "I'm innocent, sir. Sure, if I was guilty I'd have a lawyer." —Galt Report

In addition to drought and forest fires as the cost of a lovely hot dry summer, the inhabitants of Helsinki had an unusual plague to face. The water supply ran low and was infested with an invasion of algae. Mains water tasted and smelled so bad for three weeks that many started washing their teeth in soda water, making coffee with distilled water from the drug stores or flat mineral water. Waterworks engineers were powerless and unpopular. Bath salts sales got a fine boost.—Finlandia

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Dec. 9, 1934) At the annual meeting of the Canned Goods Section, Canadian Manufacturers Association, Maritime Division, held at Halifax on Wednesday, W.F. Tidmarsh of Charlottetown, who has been a member since its inception twenty-five years ago, was elected an honorary life member in appreciation of "long and valuable services rendered."

TEN YEARS AGO (Dec. 9, 1949) Warm tributes were paid to ex-chief Archibald Birtwistle last evening as members of the City Council, headed by Mayor MacDonald, the City Police Force, City Employees, Magistrate K. M. Martin and others feted the former chief at the Rendezvous Restaurant. Councillor M.A. Farmer presided over the informal gathering.

When we have nothing to worry about we are not doing much, and not doing much may supply us with plenty of future worries.

The birds of evening are dark against the west. Sharp on the ash-rose sky Swift wings rise and fall as the wild ducks fly. To the water of night, the pool where the flock will rest.

The sedge is high, and the water of night is still. A small wind wanders in. And out among the reeds. And now the thin Horn of the moon tips above the hill.

In the darkening sky only one star is bright. And a lone and answering star Trembles deep in the pool where At rest in the fold of the wind, on the waters of night.

—Silence Buck Bellows in the Christian Science Monitor

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