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Panama Accord Sighted

For a long time a dispute has been simmering between the United States and Panama over the Canal Zone. It is reassuring to note the statesmanship President Johnson has brought to bear on this problem...

The President also announced that there would be a new status-of-forces agreement governing United States military personnel in the zone, and a treaty governing the building of a new sea-level canal...

The building of a new canal—much needed because the present canal is inadequate—has been a factor in the long United States-Panama dispute. But the main issue has been the status of the present canal and the Canal Zone which stretches five miles on each side of the isthmus...

The dispute erupted in January, 1964, rioting which grew out of the flying of the Panamanian flag alongside the United States flag in the Canal Zone. North American youths, members of the families of Canal Zone employees tore down a Panamanian flag, and the rioting resulted in the killing of 19 Panamanians and three United States soldiers...

This was Mr. Johnson's first foreign policy test following his assumption of the presidency upon President Kennedy's assassination, and is being hailed as something of a personal triumph. Certainly it has taken skilled diplomacy on the part of the United States to bring relations between the two governments to their present state.

Perils Of Statistics

We recall an oldtime politician who succeeded pretty well by damning his opponents and quoting the blue books to refute every statement they made. His speeches were so larded with figures that it was almost impossible to check them...

We don't hear so many statistics shouted from the hustings nowadays. In Parliament they are used even more sparingly by experienced debaters. Could it be that their reputation for accuracy has suffered in recent years, and that even government statisticians are losing faith in them?

An example of the fallibility of even the most authoritative statistical pronouncements comes from the United States. According to the latest figures, the gross national product there ran at a \$665 billion rate in the quarter ended June 30. This is \$7.9 billion higher than the official estimate. Personal savings last year are now calculated at \$26.3 billion, down

from the estimate of \$32.5 billion.

Similar examples could be given of wild guesses in Canadian economic statistics. Admittedly it is impossible to eliminate all error in such figures. But an American proposal on this point might well be given consideration on both sides of the line. It is to the effect that government statistics should not be released without an accompanying estimate of their error. Even if only roughly calculated, this would produce a wholesome effect.

The Milwaukee Journal quotes as an advocate of this reform Dr. Oskar Morgenstern, professor of political economy at Princeton, who has long warned of the pitfalls of statistical calculations, and likes to recall the old Roman saying: "He who begins to count begins to err." He also likes to tell the story of one expert who, when asked the age of a river, stated without hesitation that it was 3,000,021 years old. Asked how he could be so sure, the expert explained that 21 years ago the river's age was given at three million years.

There is probably a fair amount of this kind of calculation in economic statistics, even today!

A Good Thing, Anyway

Nothing like an election campaign to loosen the purse strings at Ottawa. The federal government has now decided that it is only right and proper to pay grants or deficiency payments to insure fishermen in the Atlantic Provinces whose catch has been a failure this year. Of course it's a good thing! It was advocated by some Opposition speakers in the House of Commons, off and on, for quite a while. But the government just couldn't see it that way at the time.

Fisheries Minister Robichaud, in announcing the new plan on Monday, said he couldn't go into details at present, but the aid would be aimed at tiding the fishermen over the winter months. The present insurance plan for fishermen covers only gear and equipment—not the quantity of the catch.

The new plan will certainly be an improvement. Nor should the taxpayers complain that our fishermen will be unduly coddled under its provisions. There is a hazardous and uncertain occupation, though a very necessary one. They are entitled to all the assistance the state can give in the way of insurance against losses entailed through no fault of their own.

It is a pity, however, that the details aren't available, indeed, that they weren't made available when Parliament was in session. There is no doubt that the change would have received broad acceptance in principle, and in this way suspicion could have been avoided that it was being introduced as a vote-getting gimmick.

Now It's "Plantmilk"

It's those Britishers again. Not content with producing an excellent quality of dairy milk, they're now developing a palatable substitute in the form of "plantmilk" for those who are allergic to cow's milk, or who for some reason or other don't like it. Extracted directly from green plants, this milky fluid is being processed in a factory not far from London where the outer leaves of cabbages are being used; but the inventor, Dr. H. B. Franklin, says that broccoli or similar plants will do.

Dr. Franklin describes the process as simple in principle. It involves first of all separating the protein juice from the leaf, then getting rid of unwanted material, and finally finishing up with two things—the protein as such, and a carbohydrate portion—which could be used separately for extra protein. The whole is amalgamated into the plantmilk, which analysis has shown to be very close to cow's milk. It could even be used to make soft cheese, yogurt, or chocolate, he says. In general terms, one ton of raw leaf would yield one ton of milk.

What British cows think of this newfangled idea is not on record. But according to a BBC broadcast, the eyes of the processors are really fixed on tropical countries where plantmilk could alleviate severe protein shortage. In limited experiments with tropical vegetation the process has shown quite good results. The intention is to have mobile units to deal with the vegetation on site in such countries, and it is hoped to have some operating in the course of a few months.

EDITORIAL NOTE

This timely warning to politicians comes from the Park Commissioner of New York City. Nebold Morris: "Having been a candidate for public office six times, I can testify that every hand the candidate shakes does not mean a vote."



'FOR HEES A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW'

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Some Reflections On A Timely Theme

Faced with "the unnecessary election", in which there is no clear-cut material issue, every Canadian is dependant upon the printed word to enable him or her to decide a voting preference. But can we always trust the printed word? An editor of Readers' Digest complained to me...

or constructive by certain of his cabinet colleagues, one of whom described him as "incapable of finding his way out of a wet paper bag on a dark night." He was neither invited nor admitted to the significant meetings at my home, and two of his fellow-Quebeckers pointedly omitted his name when suggesting participants. Surprisingly Newman, although occupying a desk adjoining mine in the Press Gallery, did not attempt to cross-check these points with me.

FIVE O'CLOCK CLUB In another passage, Newman described how the anti-Dief conspirators began to meet in a minister's office—where a bar was rigged up, with the liquor concealed behind a photo of Hon. J. M. Macdonnell. Anyone who entered that office could notice that the photo hung on the wall, and was neither so placed nor large enough to conceal a "bar".

A small group of Conservative MPs and ministers known as the Five O'Clock Club—not all of whom became "conspirators"—had a long standing habit of meeting for a deserved pick-me-up before Parliament's teetotal evening dinner. Any guest enjoying the rare honour of an invitation could notice that the bottles, each labelled with its owner's name, were in fact kept in a wooden coal box, such as is supplied for every MP's office equipped with a fireplace. It was the key of that box which hung hidden by Jim Macdonnell's photo.

Canada's Great Enigma

Northern Affairs Minister Laing was bowled over last June by what he saw of the industrial development of the Soviet Union's vast Siberian holdings. Meantime, our own Arctic areas remain what MP John Turner so rightly called them—"Canada's great enigma".

Do we want to concentrate on developing the minerals of the northland or like the Soviets, build within the Arctic circle cities teeming with busy people? The population of Canada is only one-tenth that of the Soviet Union, which makes such an expansion program far less urgent here. Also, there is one major consideration that hardly bothered the Soviet authorities at all when they decided to industrialize their immense northern territories. That consideration is, "Can man be happy living up there?"

Prostate Infection

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Mrs. M.D. writes: "My 50-year-old husband sees his doctor every week for prostatitis, but is rather vague about the condition. He doesn't look or act sick to me. What is the prostate and how does it get infected?"

This honeycombed, glandular organ surrounds the opening of the urinary bladder in much the same way as tonsillar tissues surround the opening of the throat. The prostate is about the size of a chestnut and its secretions drain through many openings into the tube (urethra) leading from the bladder to the outside. The male organ serves an important accessory function in reproduction. I assume the husband of our writer is receiving prostatic massage for chronic prostatitis, one of the most common urologic diseases. In the majority, inflammation results from the bladder or urethra. Now and then infections stem from parasites such as the trichomonads or yeast organisms, including monilia. A local abnormality usually antedates the infection. The passageway may be obstructed or the victim is debilitated and has little or no resistance against the micro-organisms.

Lack of sex may be a factor when the secretions are retained. A somewhat similar situation occurs when the gland becomes swollen and congested; the escape routes of the secretion are blocked and the honeycombed prostate acts like an incubator. Germs multiply because drainage is impaired. The physician overcomes this handicap by massaging the prostate with a finger, forcing the stagnant secretions to escape. Other procedures may be needed, especially when the obstruction stems from a prostatic stone or injury.

Most men who develop disorders of this type are concerned and want therapy and plenty of it. They should not insist upon more than is necessary because overtreatment is not advisable. PUFFY LIDS M. Z. writes: Is there any exercise to eliminate bags from under the eyes?

REPLY No, although it usually disappears after being up and about, but gravity rather than exercise is responsible. If the bagginess is due to a collection of fat pads beneath the skin, surgery offers permanent relief. CONTROL, NOT CURE B. B. writes: Can Burger's disease be cured? REPLY Some sufferers appear to be cured but the disease is only arrested. A patient of mine who was a victim of this disease stopped smoking and symptoms subsided. Several years later, thinking he was cured, he returned to the weed and within two weeks encountered the same old pain.

THE RASPBERRY R. C. writes: I've been told that blueberries help diabetes because they contain insulin. Is this true? REPLY No. Insulin is manufactured by the pancreas. Since blueberries have no glands, how can they produce hormones? Blueberries are rich in sugar and must be counted in the calories consumed.

BEER AND PREGNANCY C. M. writes: If a woman drinks six cans of beer during her entire pregnancy can this harm the unborn child? REPLY No.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT Watch your personal grooming. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

BELABORS 'GREEN SNAKE' MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union's top soldier warned Friday that drink is the curse of the officer class and the habit must be uprooted. Defence Minister Marshal Rodin Y. Malinovsky wrote in the military newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda (Red Star): "It is high time to understand that hard drinking is a sign of a lack of discipline and a man who has a weakness to 'The Green Snake' (drinking) cannot be a reliable officer."

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Red China's Admission

By Boris Miskow Canadian Press UN Correspondent UNITED NATIONS (CP)—Canada's loyalty to the United Nations appears to bend her position slightly in favor of the eventual seating of Communist China in the world organization.

Canada, because of her close relations with the United States, has continued to vote in the past with the Americans against the seating of Communist China and is expected to follow the same pattern when the question comes up for a vote during the current 20th session of the General Assembly. But the Canadian government while still officially opposing UN membership for Peking, is showing signs that it is directing more attention toward favoring the admission of China into the world organization.

Canada has told the assembly that she is in agreement with UN Secretary-General U Thant's suggestion that for the sake of world peace all nations should participate in the United Nations. Commenting on Thant's statement that military conflicts in Asia have reinforced his view that all countries, including Communist China, should be represented in the UN, External Affairs Minister Martin said upon arrival here to attend the opening of the assembly that he did not wish to state "a specific policy" at the time. However, outlining Canada's foreign policy a few days later in an address before the assembly, Martin, without specifically mentioning China, said: "I hope that as events in Asia unfold it may prove possible, in the interests of this organization and of mankind, to make progress toward what the secretary-general has described as 'the imperative need for the United Nations to achieve universality of membership as soon as possible'."

At the same time Canada's official stand is that her position on the admission of China has not changed but that some progress might take place provided the Chinese indicated willingness to help end the fighting in Viet Nam and generally work towards the reduction of tensions in such places as along the Indian-Chinese border. EXTREMELY CAREFUL Canada is extremely careful in commenting on the question of Chinese admission to the UN, especially in view of the violent attack on Chinese policy by Arthur Goldberg, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Goldberg expressed strong opposition to the seating of the Peking government and predicted the attempt will again be turned down when the issue comes up for a vote, possibly in late November.

Canada had backed the U.S. in opposing Chinese admission the last time the question was raised in the assembly in 1963 when 57 nations opposed the motion, 41 voted in favor of Peking and 12 abstained. During this session at least, when the Chinese question is again up for a vote, Canada's loyalty to the UN will likely give way to her friendship with the United States, whose feathers would be more than ruffled should Canada take an independent course on the matter. "Don't Call Him Mike" Toronto Telegram The orders from the top for Liberal campaigners are that Lester-Bowles-Pearson no longer may be referred to as "Mike."

Campaign Manager Walter Gordon apparently thinks that "Mike" is a bit too familiar, out of keeping with the dignity of the leader of the party, not gentle. From now on, Mr. Gordon advised, Mr. Pearson should be referred to as "Mr. Prime Minister." This is patterned after the protocol of the United States where the Chief Executive is always addressed as "Mr. President." We wonder if this is wise. One of the appealing characteristics of Lester the diplomat was that, while at ease in striped trousers, he was always "Mike" the kid from the small town who liked baseball better than ballet and hotdogs better than hors d'oeuvres. Now the image must be changed. No longer may the constituents of Algoma East pump his hands and talk to "good old Mike." Not even "Les," for that matter. Not even Mr. Pearson. From now on—at least until Nov. 8—his supporters must be more respectful, they must call him Mr. Prime Minister. So goes an image.

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Our Yesterdays (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (September 29, 1940) Private dispatches from Hong Kong today said British Royal Air Force planes flying over Hong Kong territory had been fired on by Japanese anti-aircraft batteries on the Chinese side of the border but escaped damage. Rudy York, the pale-faced Indian, nullified the three-hit hurling of Bobby Feller with one lofty home run that clinched the American League pennant for Detroit Tigers. TEN YEARS AGO (September 29, 1955) Marie Dionne, one of the four remaining Dionne quintuplets, slipped quietly back into the life of a novice nun. The mother superior at the convent of la Congregation de Servants du Tres Saint Sacrement said the 21-year-old girl returned to take up the life she dropped in May 1954. The opening fall meeting of the Earl of Hillsboro Chapter IOOE was held at the home of Miss Dorothy Stewart, with the Regent, Miss Jean McLean presiding. Miss Margie Stewart, convener of Immigration and Canadianization reported that five citizens had recently been sworn in as new Canadians. This may be hilarious so far as the political in groups are concerned. But what it really amounts to is cooking the federal books and convicting our Prime Minister of intellectual dishonesty of the worst order. If the federal government wants to launch a deliberate campaign to assist capital c...