

Did They Applaud, Too?

As was expected, the want-of-confidence motion in Parliament against the Government's attitude towards Britain and France has been defeated.

Despite the result, Prime Minister St. Laurent can have little reason for satisfaction. Many newspapers which had been supporting his government's attitude generally on the Suez question, are strongly critical of the exhibition he made of himself on Monday.

"Fancy the Prime Minister of Canada addressing Parliament for nearly an hour at a moment when our two mother countries are under the open attack of the world—and finding not a word to say in understanding or sympathy or extenuation in their behalf!"

"Then there was his use of the term 'supermen of Europe.' This is the term that has been given automatically and exclusively to such as Hitler and Mussolini and Stalin.

How many of the members who voted in support of the Government and against the non-confidence motion for party reasons felt this way, but dared not express themselves?

Causeway Prospects

Transport Minister Marler, in his address before the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council at Saint John yesterday, made a statement of great interest to this Province, when he said that the time may be arriving for a "serious consideration" of the construction of a causeway linking us to the mainland.

Without reading more into the Minister's words than was intended, it can be assumed that he was speaking with full knowledge of the results so far obtained from the preliminary survey, and was implying that these results were by no means discouraging.

It is to be hoped that further investigation will be pushed forward as speedily as possible. We do not want to see this project used as election bait, and then laid on the shelf indefinitely.

"The Utmost Gravity"

The United States State Department has made it known that "the United States would view any attack on Turkey, Iran, Iraq or Pakistan with the utmost gravity."

The phrase is a popular one with the State Department. It was used when Soviet tanks broke up the "bread-riots" in Poland, and again when Soviet killers started shooting down Hungarians in the streets of Budapest and other places, and yet again when the Soviet Union threatened to send 50,000 volunteers into Egypt.

It is perhaps significant that the Foreign Minister of Turkey is in London, probably feeling that Washington is a good place to stay away from these days, unless one is on a mission from some Government which has nothing to do with the Baghdad Pact or the European segment of the Western Alliance—that of Egypt, for example.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A film showing the various stages of the United States election campaign has been shown in Poland. Things should be better for the Poles from now on!

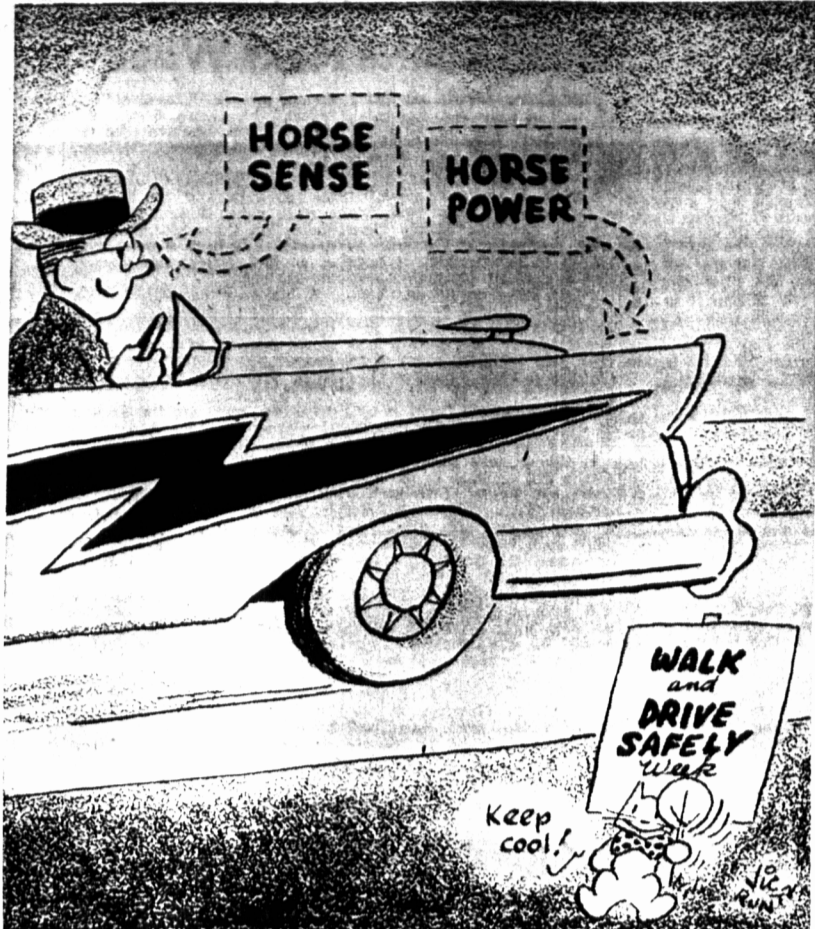
A survey has revealed that farmers have fewer headaches than other people. That, of course, applies to the physical variety only. They certainly have more than their just share of the economic variety.

White House officials have announced that President Eisenhower sent a "warm and cordial" note to British and French government leaders.

Research scientists have discovered a new disease among farmers. Known as "silo-fillers disease" it is caused by nitrogen dioxide gas given off by new silage.

Finance Minister Harris' "explanation" of the role of the Bank of Canada sounds a lot like gobbledygook. He says that the Bank doesn't set interest rates but merely "reflects interest rates generally."

But the problems are of manageable dimensions, and you wouldn't think that the windy city had a single headache if you drove along the Outer Drive after midnight.



IT TAKES SOMETHING UNDER EACH BONNET

Supermen

Judith Robinson in The Toronto Telegram

The Speech from the Throne ended with a prayer that Divine Providence may continue to protect this nation. And Prime Minister St. Laurent, having quoted unsupported gossip against the United Kingdom in one sentence, rejoiced aloud in the next that "the era when the supermen of Europe could govern the whole world has come to a pretty close end."

Mr. St. Laurent did not say anything about the supermen of Asia and America. Perhaps wisely, in view of Mr. Pearson's evident inability to vote against them. Yet they are the ones now running for the job of world governor and the only ones who have been in the running for some years.

No all-European supermen have been within reach of governing the whole world in Mr. St. Laurent's time except German supermen.

In the years when Louis St. Laurent was a young corporation lawyer, building his success in his native province, the German supermen nearly succeeded. It took the lives of a million and a half Frenchmen, the flow of Louis St. Laurent's race, the heirs of the culture he on occasion boasts as his, to stop them.

They were not supermen and they died. They died in bloody trenches and their deaths not only made sure for a time that German supermen should not govern the world but also that France must renounce any hope of regaining her place among world's powers.

The same deaths made sure that young Mr. St. Laurent could pursue his successful career in corporation law uninterrupted by supermen.

Time passed and again a European superman rose; again in Germany. In the Commons of Canada Mr. St. Laurent, risen to be Canadian Minister of Justice, took the opportunity to explain on behalf of certain fellow-Canadians that "whether a man would or would not defend or serve his country's cause against aggressors was a decision that each was entitled to make for himself."

While he explained, the superman named Hitler, who had come pretty close to governing the

whole world, was stopped by the common people of Britain. Enduring wounds and death and the loss of all they possessed, accepting conscriptions of men and women and boys and girls to defend their island's cause against the aggressor, they made their stand. They made it and it saved us all. Among the ruin and desolation of their land, accepting every discipline and every sacrifice required for the salvation of the world's hope, they made it possible for Louis St. Laurent to become Prime Minister of Canada.

They received his thanks Monday from Mr. St. Laurent's own lips: an ingrate's libel, a deliberate smear upon their honor and an unconcealed triumph in the fact that the sacrifices they made to save us all entailed the loss of their position of world power.

Britain and France, these are the European tyrants in the end whose power Mr. St. Laurent openly and vehemently rejects; but what about the tyrant of Egypt?

Mr. St. Laurent had a word to say about him too. It deserves to be quoted verbatim. It is a modest claim "that Col. Nasser was most appreciative of the suggestions the Canadian Government has made to deal with this situation."

The Prime Minister of Canada, having made it went on to denounce as wild and unfounded "that Col. Nasser's decision to send the Queen's Own to the U-N force in Egypt had been changed to suit Col. Nasser."

He had been informed, Mr. St. Laurent admitted, that Col. Nasser objected to the name of the Queen's Own Rifles because it sounded as though the reference was to the Queen of England. It was true, he admitted further, that Col. Nasser objected to the uniform of the Queen's Own Rifles as being like a British uniform.

But the charge that Col. Nasser's objections had anything to do with the Queen's Own Rifles has not been sent to the U-N force in Egypt had been changed to suit Col. Nasser.

As the Duke of Wellington said, if you can believe that you can believe anything.

A SCOTMAN'S AMERICAN LOG

The Windy City

By Wilfred Taylor in The Edinburgh Scotsman

CHICAGO — There were snow flurries in Chicago last night and today cold winds are sweeping in from the north-west. Winter is headed this way, and the gigantic Christmas trees which bedeck State Street look less incongruous than when we arrived. We plodded through one of the big stores yesterday. It was crowded with women buying gifts.

The elections are over and the offices filled, some of them by men who cling to the President's coat-tails, but Chicago still has its problems. There was a shocking disaster on the elevated railway here the other day, and the papers are chiding the C.T.A., the railroad company, with mismanagement. One grim cartoon would instantly have landed a British editor before the Courts for contempt. But American editors are less harassed by law.

"We try to play things down a little if a trial is actually proceeding," one newspaperman told us. What especially angered the lieges was that following trains were held up for hours without any information being given to the frantic passengers. One elderly millionaire we met told us that he had forced a door in his train open and had just walked out despite the protests of the cops. Flourishing a dozen free passes for at least a dozen railroads in our face he thundered: "And, by golly I'm going to sue the C.T.A. for loss of my fare if it costs me a thousand dollars." We mentioned this to a friendly attorney we met, and he said "Just send him along to me, brother."

The Poets Corner

SHACKS
Mean hovels built from stately trees,
Low canopies that forest kings
Have arched with royal bones to
house such things,
Such trivial things as these:

Rough shelves, a broken glass, a comb,
An axe, a gun, a box, a new
Bright stove, a bunk, a lamp, pots,
pans, a few
Stained photographs from home.

Yet these have, too, a sacrament,
Holy are they, their simple aim
To serve the pure, divine floor
of a man.
The spirit of a man.
—Annie Charlotte Dalton,
in Saturday Night.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of current events and questions of interest. The editor does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS
Sir.—Have you forgotten all about the Children of Charlottetown and districts? I always thought that your parade was for Children of all ages but now I think that you only want the very young and the retired to see your parade. Don't you think that you could have your parade next year at an hour after school is out so that we could see you without missing school. In fact those of us who live in the country have to take the whole afternoon off if we want to see you.

To make matters worse Santa, you are only in Toynland until 4 in the afternoon and this doesn't give us poor country children a chance to see you at all.
I notice that you must be getting very old now because the other day I saw pictures of you in this paper and you had your glasses on. In all the books I read about you I have never seen you with them before. Perhaps because you are getting so old is the reason why you have such a small parade. Perhaps we could get some of the centres on the Island to donate a few floats to you for your parade and in appreciation for this you could visit the various centres with your parade... after school hours of course.

I am, Sir, etc.,
"ARDIE"
Mermaid, P.E.I.

Lake Michigan.
This is a fabulous route. There are eight lines, and these are divided by the most extraordinarily operated ramps. Normally these ramps are flush with the ground, but when the traffic police want, say, six lanes for the homecoming traffic, one of the ramps, picked out with little lamps, is raised about a foot and a half.

There isn't a single stop-light for about 12 miles on the Outer Drive, and the traffic swirls along at a steady 50 to 60 miles an hour. On one side is the vast, dark lake with its line of private and public beaches. On the other is the incredible skyline of downtown Chicago, with its flaring signs and sweeping beams. The skyscrapers give way to the lofty apartment houses where rich Chicagoans pay rentals of three or four hundred dollars a month. These twinkling cliffs stretch for miles. From the windows the inmates look out over the lake and down at the endless stream of traffic.

WATER FRONT DRIVE
Mr. Spooner's home is in Chicago and we are living in Chicago but our dwellings are 30 miles apart. Mr. Spooner took us home in his station wagon and for 25 miles we drove along the water-front, seldom at less than 40 miles an hour. This must, at night, be one of the most exhilarating rides in the world. As far as we know there is nothing like it in New York.

Mr. Spooner has been having great fun driving a London taxi-cab around Chicago this week. At first he was filled with trepidation because of the international situ-

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

HEART PATIENT CAN SAFELY HAVE BABY

"Doctor, is it all right for me to have a baby?" This question is repeated countless times each year in doctors' offices across the country by women suffering from heart disease.

Generally, though, the answer will be readily welcome to the patient longing to have children. For it the heart disease can be successfully controlled by treatment, the patient has a very good chance of a normal pregnancy.

Doctors Mary M. Miller and James Metcalfe, of the Harvard Medical School say that a heart patient has a 97 per cent cent chance of surviving pregnancy.

Moreover, the heart patient is not likely to endanger her future life by having a baby. In itself, the doctors found, child-bearing does not worsen heart disease.

Studies by these Harvard doctors indicate that functional capacity of the heart patient may be temporarily decreased by the altered circulatory dynamics of pregnancy. However, repeated checking with their patients showed that no permanent change in the degree of heart disease could be attributed directly to pregnancy.

Of the 106 women who took part in the study, the functional capacity of 65 remained unchanged after pregnancy, 27 showed improvement, and 11 were in poorer condition. In the latter cases, the doctors found, the deterioration appeared to be the result of the evolution of their rheumatic heart disease.

Three patients died, but evidence indicated that the pregnancies did not contribute directly to their death.

All of which should be pretty good news to the heart patient who wants to have children.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

D. J.: Do all carbuncles have to be opened by a physician in order to be treated successfully? Answer: Many carbuncles will limit themselves and, when the body resistance is high enough, they will gradually heal. Sometimes penicillin and other antibiotics will fight the infection successfully.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(December 1, 1931)

The S. S. Canadian Farmer, owned by the Canadian National Steamships Limited, is at present at Georgetown completing her cargo of Canadian products consisting of potatoes, apples, fish, and manufactured products with which she will make a trial trip to Havana, Cuba. The ship is expected to proceed today to Halifax.

The Charlottetown Board of Trade have made arrangements that their delegation will meet the Railway Commission at Truro this afternoon instead of at Halifax as previously planned. The local delegation consists of Mr. George Tweedy, President; Mr. R. E. Mutch and Mr. R. L. Cotton. The purpose of the meeting is to press island claims for a double train service.

TEN YEARS AGO
(December 1, 1946)

The S. S. Charles A. Dunning arrived at Bruce Stewart and Company's wharf yesterday afternoon, and will undergo extensive repairs and alterations before resuming operations on the Wood Islands—Caribou route next spring. Expenditure on the work will total about \$70,000.

After two days and two nights off the north coast of the province in an open boat, two brothers Francis Doucette and Harold Doucette, fishermen from North Rustico, tied their parents and relatives yesterday afternoon of their safety. Their boat developed engine trouble while en route from Alberton to Rustico.

MAXIMS

Love is ever the beginning of knowledge, as fire is of light.

alton, but not a single American offered any unfavourable comments on his obviously British vehicle.

He garaged it in what he claims to be the biggest garage in the world — 25 stories and no ramps. Last night we passed a parking lot which holds three thousand cars. Today we shall see if there is any hope of buying it and moving it over to Edinburgh.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Beef cattle are being bred closer and closer to the ground, and so are motor cars, but we are not sure who got the first idea.—Bradford Sun

A little less verbiage about the great Canadian spirit of policing forces to Halifax would be in order. The troops could have been transported by colonist car in half the time the talk has taken.—Brantford Expositor

On the west side of Lake Opeongo, largest lake in Algonquin Park, is the grave of Capt. John Dennison who, so far as the records go, was the first and one of the very few people ever killed by a bear in Ontario. The grave is situated in a large clearing which was once the site of the Dennison home and farm buildings.—Owen Sound Sun-Times

Excavations in Turkey by University of Pennsylvania archeologists have produced children's toys of 700 B.C. They were dug from the tomb of a Phrygian child believed to have been about five years old. They show many of the characteristics of modern toys indicating that the ideas and dreams of youngsters 2,600 years ago may not have been so vastly different from those of today.—St. Paul Pioneer Press

According to the annual report of the Bible Society of India, Pakistan and Ceylon, the Scriptures have now been translated into languages used by 98 per cent of the India population. It is a remarkable achievement, considering the difficulties that were involved.—Quebec Chronicle - Telegraph

It is a wonder that a white line hasn't been painted alongside the edge of the highway long ago. The effectiveness of white fence posts, painted with a fluorescent glow for the period after dark has saved many a motorist from plunging into oblivion rounding a curve. With eyes glued to the edge of the highway, it would seem only logical that it be marked for night driving.—Brookville Record

A board of enquiry, established by President Eisenhower after he was shocked, to learn that 36,000 persons were killed on U.S. highways in auto accidents in 1954, has released its conclusion after a detailed investigation. It is that of the 36,000 killed, 24,000 would still be alive had proper safety belts been used and possibly 6,000 of the remaining 12,000 also could have been saved. In other words, safety belts might have saved five out of six lives.—Regina Post-Record

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