

He is prepared, he says, to "normalize" relations with the United States, but there must be no "conditions". By this, presumably, he means no interference with his activities, subversive or otherwise, in following the Moscow line. Meanwhile Washington is under renewed pressure to take a more forceful stand in ridding Cuba of Castro-Communism. This has come not only from the government's political opponents but from an important group of Latin-American specialists who met recently in New York, and who are demanding that Cuba be "liberated by all necessary means."

President Kennedy will need to exercise all his staffcraft in keeping this issue below the boiling point. With a presidential election coming off next year it would seem to be an almost hopeless task.

Chemical Pesticides

Widespread interest has been shown in the congressional hearings at Washington on the subject of chemical pesticides, and whether tighter government controls are needed over their marketing and use. The hearings are drawing big crowds and getting detailed press coverage, one reason being that the whole subject of harmful pesticides has become a matter of national concern as the publication of Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" detailing insecticide dangers.

A related reason is that Rachel Carson herself, a former government biologist, has been appearing as a witness—outdaring senators, executive officials, and practically anyone else," according to one Washington correspondent. But other factors and developments have spotlighted these hearings.

One was the publication by the U.S. department of agriculture of seven pest-killing products which lack federal approval but which are now being marketed. It appears that the department can disapprove a product as unsafe and not register it, but the product's manufacturer, if he disagrees with the department finding, can go ahead and sell the product under "protest registration."

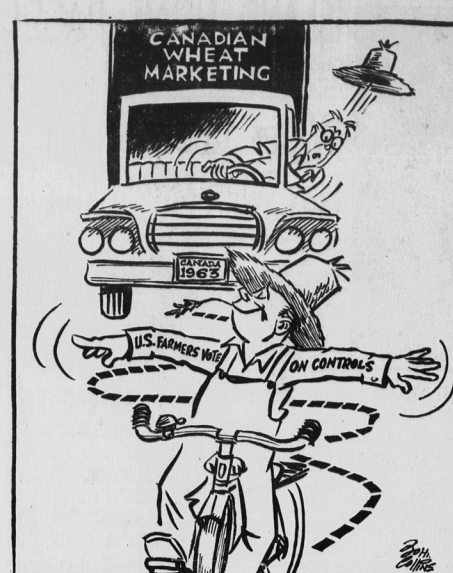
Now a Connecticut senator has introduced a bill to plug what he calls "this shocking loophole."

Another result is that an investigation has been ordered to pin down any relationship between insecticides and the reported rising incidence of three maladies among children, a development that medical experts have noted during the past few years.

In her testimony, Miss Carson has not advocated complete abandonment of chemical control of insects. Rather she is fighting against the heedless and excessive use of toxic chemicals that pose the danger of environmental pollution. In brief, she wants tighter control over the use of chemical pesticides and more research into their effects on both men and animals. She has made a dozen or more recommendations to the committee on steps to be taken to accomplish this end.

A Job Well Done It is well to have men in the community whose line of work calls for the combination of qualities that were exemplified by Mr. Jack MacDonald, harbor pilot, and his associates in their hazardous work on the burning tanker Seekonk. The danger of the ship exploding in the harbor was a very real one, and its removal to a safer position required skill and daring of a high order. All concerned in this operation and in the evacuation of the water front and other areas of danger are to be warmly commended on their activities.

EDITORIAL NOTE "Accomplices in Murder" was the headline to an editorial in the respected Canadian Register, quoted by the Ontario Safety League. The reference was to parents whose children, ill-prepared for the responsibilities of driving, shed blood on the road. We are aghast at the mental picture of the dead at Hiroshima following the first atom bomb used in the war, the editorial said. But there have been many times this number killed by cars in the United States and Canada since World War II. And there is only the annual expectation that traffic deaths will go on increasing with the added number of drivers and vehicles each year.



"LOOK MA' NO HANDS" OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Sounds Like Warning in Parliament

Parliament Hill's lone voice of warning has again been raised by Dr. P. B. Ryland M.P., a long-time Canadian to beware of what he calls our country's Number One Killer, the cigarette. The Conservative M.P. - Physician - Holstein breeder from Orillia won headlines some years ago, when this column reported his advice: "Don't smoke - but if you must smoke cigars or a pipe."

Even women? Yes, he asserted with emphasis, even the girls and women of Canada should smoke cigars rather than cigarettes.

And why not? asked world-traveler Ryland. He has seen this practice in foreign lands and does not consider that a cigarette, or better a cigarillo, looks un ladylike or out of place between made-up lips. But he does anticipate that would at first find this unaccustomed sight strange.

ACCEPTS CAUSE PROVEN "Since I mentioned this matter some years ago in the House of Commons," said Dr. Ryland in his address to the House. "mounting evidence has come to light to prove the existence of a link between cigarette smoking and cancer of the lung."

Last year the British College of Physicians and Surgeons came out "flat footed," he said, to express their conviction that this link exists. This year the Canadian Medical Association has started war on the cigarette and lung cancer, he added. The president of the C.M.A. has gone so far as to state that the dis-

ease of lung cancer has reached "epidemic proportions." In the death of the infant, occurs nearly three times as much among mothers who smoke a package a day as among non-smoking mothers.

Cost - conscious Canadians should also ponder the cash price of smoking cigarettes. There is \$1 million for extra taxes and excise duties paid to the federal government alone. In addition smokers paid the federal sales tax, provincial taxes, municipal sales taxes - plus of course the cost of the cigarettes.

What's \$368 million a year? It is fifty - three times the amount by which we slashed our aid to under - developed nations last year on the grounds that we "could not afford" to give such aid!

OTTAWA LOBBY PRESSURES London Free Press Report that extensive lobbying at Ottawa by the industry conducted by rival unions in the Great Lakes shipping dispute is disturbing it is quite correct. The members of Parliament should know all the facts of this unsavory affair. The danger lies in the case and the impending Norris Report on the seaway becoming a political football.

Pressure seems to have been instituted by the Seamen's International Union headed by Harold Banks, who acts as a liaison to Canada to head the S.I.U. during a former Liberal regime. He it was who was brought in to break the Communist-dominated Canadian Seamen's Union. He may feel that he had been of service under the St. Laurent government and may have a friend in court now with the Premier regime.

The Canadian Maritime Union, the Canadian Labor Congress affiliated union now disputing the crowding of Canadian ships into the lobby pipe and is presenting its case. Report has it that persons high in the government are targets of the lobbying.

An eminent judge was obtained for the investigation of the lake dispute. The hearings were hectic and evidence was compelling. It is believed that he was preparing his report which is expected early in June. Although the commission was named by the Diefenbaker government there was no hint of impartiality in its decision. It is certainly the report should be received with open mind by the Parliament and the public. Prior lobbying should not be permitted to interfere with the findings Mr. Justice Norris makes.

It should be remembered that the two warring unions with ample support by Canadian and American associates are squabbling over the crowding of a half dozen ships of one line. Yet this friction could really tie up the St. Lawrence Seaway and shipping through the Great Lakes.

Utmost caution and austere judgment must be used by the government in its decision. It should not be clouded by petty lobbying.

MISSILE WORKS CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - The U.S. Air Force recorded its fourth straight land - pad launching success Tuesday when a Minuteman roared from an underground silo and hit a target 5,000 miles away. Both launches were witnessed by Air President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan who is briefed on missile and space activities.

Umbilical Cord Is First Lifeline

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen THE UMBILICAL CORD is our first lifeline, and, if it is defective in some way, the fetus may die long before birth. For example, infants with only one rather than two umbilical arteries may fail to make it or, if they live, fall to a greater incidence of malformations. Fetal life also is endangered by knots in the umbilical cord. Little can be done about these abnormalities.

Changes in the placenta also affect the course of pregnancy. One of the most unusual examples of this complication occurs in the form of a twisted cord. This is an anomaly of the blood vessels of the placenta. As a result, one child gets more blood than the other.

But the fetus that gets a little less than its share does not fare as well as his mate. He ends up with too much blood, which causes the skin to become red-flesh-like. In addition, the water that surrounds the infant is so discolored with blood that immediate delivery is to be expected. His twin is smaller, pale because of anemia and frequently comes into the world in a state of shock; the sac is likely to contain little fluid.

Most of these twins fail to survive because too much or too little blood places great stress on the heart and kidneys. These infants also are more susceptible to pneumonia and other lung disorders.

The smaller, anemic baby usually does better than the other because anemia is less of a drawback than an overabundance of blood, which enlarges the heart and raises the blood pressure.

In one set of twins with this syndrome, the anemic infant was given iron and grew well enough to be discharged from the hospital with the mother at 5 days of age. The other had to remain in the nursery 12 days, to be bled until the count was normal. These children did well because otherwise they were healthy.

NIGHT SWEATS A. W. L. writes: Could hardening of the arteries of the brain cause blackouts in an elderly man?

REPLY Yes, but other causes include fever, tumors, drugs, alcohol, or total relaxation. I assume the room is not too hot and you do not have too many covers on the bed.

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REPLY Yes, especially when the vessels are too narrow to deliver a normal supply of blood.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The gap between the number of world problems arising and the number of solutions being found is becoming increasingly wider - Sudbury Star.

Russia says it can explode atom bombs on the other side of the moon if it wants to. We would be only too happy if it would explode a Niagara in all of them there. - Ottawa Journal.

An Eskimo and a Slavey Indian from the Northwest Territories were disappointed when taken to see Niagara Falls. They thought the Falls would be bigger and higher. Perhaps visitors to Niagara should be taken to the hydro generating stations to see where the majesty of the Falls has gone. - Peterborough Examiner.

The most faithful believer in the wonders of science is the man who puts weed killer and fertilizer on his lawn together believing that each solution will know which part of the greenery is its target. - Ottawa Journal.

Closer Currency Links

The new Anglo-American monetary arrangement binds the world's two key currencies, the pound sterling and the dollar, closer than ever before. In the past, weakness in one has usually brought a temporary strength to the other. Now, by raising their reciprocal stand-by commitments from \$50 million to \$500 million, they are hoping to show strength that will forestall speculative pressure on either currency.

This latest demonstration of international monetary cooperation does not, however, free either country from the discipline imposed by deficits in the rest of the world. If a speculative attack does break out against either the pound or the dollar, both will come under pressure. Beyond its immediate impact, the linking of the pound and the dollar makes clear that Britain and the United States have closed whatever breach may have existed since the International Fund meeting last September. Then, the Treasury brusquely rejected Chancellor Reginald Maudling's demand for a "new initiative" to expand international trade while insuring against impeding domestic growth.

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TEN YEARS AGO June 10, 1953 Worcester, Mass. - (CP) The worst tornado to strike New England since 1878 slashed across central Massachusetts before Sunday Tuesday night, killing a reported 50 persons and injuring 300. Four hours later the death toll still was mounting.

Gordon P. Rodd, North River Road has been appointed chairman of the Trustees Board for School Unit Number 1. The appointment effective July 1 was made by Lieutenant Governor - in - Council.

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