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Another NATO Problem

Reports from Europe indicate that the European members of NATO are going to press for prior consultation of all matters of foreign policy before any changes are made by any one member or any one group in the organization. There is some speculation that the Canadian Government, too, is anxious for some such arrangement to be made.

In theory, no doubt, consultation among all members of an alliance such as NATO is desirable. After all, a decision by the United States or Britain, such as the one to send arms to Tunisia, affects the entire membership one way or another.

As former External Affairs Minister Pearson pointed out in the Commons, this matter has been discussed off and on ever since NATO was created, without getting beyond the talking stage. He himself appears to believe that consultation would be a good thing for all concerned; but it is evident that he doesn't hold out much hope that the principle will be incorporated into the organization's administrative pattern.

The United States' leaders, while agreeing with the idea in principle, appear to think that it would be impracticable in the event of some development requiring instant decision. But NATO is at a critical stage of its growth as a defensive shield. There can be nothing but uneasiness among the less powerful members so long as they feel, rightly or wrongly, that they are not regarded as full partners in the system of mutual defense. It will be interesting to see how the delicate question is handled; for much depends on an agreeable, or at least workable solution to the problem.

Mr. Eaton Again

In a recent radio interview the American industrialist Cyrus S. Eaton ventured into the international political field as it affects this country. Asked what he thought of Canada's foreign policy, he replied to the effect that he would like to see Canada concentrate on the development of its immense resources and "leave the quarrels of the world alone." This, presumably, means that he would like to see Canada adopt a policy of isolationism. This, in turn, would mean scrapping its commitments with NATO, getting rid of its own forces and weapons and severing its relationship with the United Nations.

Mr. Eaton did not suggest how these steps would do anything to insure the safety of Canada, a matter in which it is reasonable to suppose he has some interest. Perhaps he thinks that at a time when the world is never very far from the brink of war weakness is better than strength and that, in the event of a Russian attack on the United States, a defenceless Canada would be by-passed by strategic thrusts from bases in Siberia. If that is the foundation of his reasoning, all one can say is that his knowledge of history and of the reactions of aggressive powers to a country which is passive is not so good as he seems to be pleased.

ad on his remarks to that he believes Canada should depend for its security and defence solely on American power, on the theory that it would be in the interests of the United States to defend Canada with or without the help of Canadians. But that seems hardly possible in view of its utterly immoral implications.

Canada's destiny is tied up with that of the entire free world. That implies weighty responsibility as well as precious privilege. We cannot ignore the one and still hope to share in the other. No amount of wishful thinking, no dreaming of fanciful dreams can obscure this plain fact of our times.

New Use For Milk

From now on milk is going to be valued for its disease-resisting properties as well as for its nutritional qualities. This information is contained in a report by the American Public Health Association.

Studies at the University of Minnesota have proved that a cow's udder is capable of creating large amounts of antibodies. Direct injection of vaccines was used to show that the antibody level in milk can be stimulated. "We have shown," states the report, "that by these means milk may be produced with very high levels of specific antibodies to germs which are not normal to the cow's environment. The organisms of human virus and bacterial diseases are as effective in this respect as those of diseases usually associated with the cow."

Tests showed that adults gradually accumulated a high antibody level in their blood when they drank a quart of milk a day over a long period. The antibodies are not destroyed in the pasteurization process and only very slightly damaged in the powdering process. Canned milk, however, does not contain enough antibodies to be effective. This is because of the condensation process to which it is subjected.

The researchers are of the opinion that in the future cow's milk will be valued more for its "disease protecting power" than for its butterfat. They recommend a greatly expanded milk-producing program against virus and bacterial diseases. The injection technique is simple and could easily be made standard practice in dairies—so the report says.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The biggest farm state in the U.S.A.—population wise—is Wyoming, where 65 per cent of the population lives directly or indirectly on farm products. It would be interesting to know what the percentage is on this Island. One's guess is that it would be nearer 95 than 65.

Soviet reaction to the latest Western proposals on the constitution of a disarmament committee shows clearly that nothing but unconditional submission to Russia's terms will satisfy the Kremlin. The West has granted one concession after another—all to no purpose.

A Yugoslav official, asked why President Tito did not sign the "statement of policy" issued by the Soviet Union and supported by 11 other Communist-controlled countries, replied, "presumably because he didn't agree with it." If that isn't the plainest diplomatic observation of the year, it's pretty close to it.

The American Bible Society's annual Bible reading program will take place in the month of December. The program was instituted in the war years when a member of the U.S. Marine Corps on Guadalcanal asked his family and friends to maintain spiritual ties with him by reading the same Bible passage on the same day. Various versions of the scriptures are used.

The U.S. Tariff Commission is considering an application for increased duties on imports of lead and zinc. Domestic producers are claiming that imports have reduced one prosperous mining centres to "ghost towns". Spokesmen for Canadian, Mexican and South American producers are arguing that high tariffs would do very little good to domestic interests and much harm to mining interests in countries on which, in an emergency, the United States would be dependent for the bulk of its supplies.



TO OUR GOVERNMENT

SENTIMENTS OF THE SEASON

New Deal For Maritimes

Arthur Blakey in the Montreal Gazette. It is now clear that, whatever else may emerge from the current Dominion-Provincial fiscal conference, the four Atlantic provinces are to benefit from a new deal.

As Prime Minister Diefenbaker noted at the opening ceremony of the Maritime Provinces are confronted with "greater difficulties in public financing than is the rest of the nation. Taxable capacity is relatively low."

He made the point that while the equalization grants go part of the way towards meeting this problem, they did not go far enough. Accordingly, "My colleagues and I are prepared to recommend to Parliament some form of social assistance for the governments of the Atlantic provinces."

Test For Combines Act

Grant Dexter in The Win-ipeg Free Press. Ottawa: The announcement in the House of Commons on November 27, 1957, that the Combines Act, 1957, is now in force, has been hailed as a landmark in Canadian economic history.

In past years many persons and companies have been prosecuted and convicted for combining to fix prices and lessen competition. The Combines Act, 1957, is a landmark in Canadian economic history. It is a law which prohibits combinations which lessen competition in the business industry. There are three main parts to the Act: 1. The Restrictive Trade Practices Act, which deals with price fixing and other anti-competitive practices. 2. The Competition Act, which deals with false and misleading advertising. 3. The Fair Dealings in Goods Act, which deals with unfair trade practices.

BEER CASE DIFFERENT

The beer case, however, is different. There has never been a prosecution in Canada based on the Combines Act, 1957, in the beer industry. This is because the beer industry is a natural monopoly. There are only a few breweries in Canada, and they are all owned by large corporations. The Combines Act, 1957, does not apply to natural monopolies.

Therefore the Commission recommended that steps be taken by the federal government to prevent Canadian Breweries Ltd. from competing with other breweries, especially Western Canadian Breweries Ltd. This was done by placing the beer industry under the control of a large part of Canadian beer production and was reached out for more than 100 years ago. A brewery which seemed all but within its grasp was Western Canadian Breweries Ltd., with breweries in Winnipeg and other western cities and headquarters at Vancouver. The Commission found that competitive conditions in the beer industry still existed but that if Canadian Breweries expanded further this would no longer be true. Therefore the Commission recommended that steps be taken by the federal government to prevent Canadian Breweries Ltd. from competing with other breweries, especially Western Canadian Breweries Ltd. This was done by placing the beer industry under the control of a large part of Canadian beer production and was reached out for more than 100 years ago.

ment grant will be paid. The amount will fall below the \$20,000,000 sought by New Brunswick in the past. But it will be \$20,000,000 higher than the four Atlantic provinces have been receiving under existing Federal-Provincial fiscal arrangements.

WELCOMED DECISION

Speaking after Mr. Diefenbaker had made his announcement, Nova Scotia's Premier Stanfield welcomed the decision. Despite the efforts of the four provinces to work together to build up the region, he noted, there was still a big gap between the economic conditions existing there and those in the rest of the country.

HEAVY EATING

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The Poets Corner

GRANDMOTHER'S HOUSE. In Grandmother's house, when the moon crept in through the heart of each window-pane, I saw, a King beneath a patch-work quilt.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(Nov. 29, 1957) At a special meeting of the City Council last evening Mr. Sixtus MacLellan, merchant, and Alex. MacLellan, contractor, were appointed to the civic tax appeal board for 1957. The Council considered it advisable to change the board more frequently so that those making appeals would have a complete board before the same board year after year.

TEN YEARS AGO

(Nov. 29, 1947) The need for a proper shelter for orphaned children was expressed by Chief of Police A. Birnie, who he continued report yesterday that three children were being detained in the shelter at the city hall. The Chief said that the environment of interest of underprivileged children, and immediate consideration should be given to the problem.

MAXIMS

People who are always anticipating trouble manage to enjoy life. People who are never ready to begin to think.

May Cause Rise In Temperature

By Herman N. Budenes, M.D. You may have a temperature of 100 degrees and still be perfectly healthy. While increased temperature is the first signal of an illness, sometimes it may be an only that you have undertaken something you do not strenuously are greatly angered or have eaten too much.

STRENUOUS ACTIVITY

Usual cause for a temporary rise in the body temperature is strenuous activity such as that experienced by a soldier in the field. But emotional outbursts sometimes are to blame, too. Whether it is the physical exertion, or merely the stifling of your anger, your temperature is likely to mount. You not only get "hot under the collar"; you literally begin to heat your temperature.

THE AGE OLD STORY

I will go to the strength of the Lord God; I will make mention of His righteousness, even of thine only.

PROVINCIAL BANK APPOINTMENT

Leo Lavoie, M.L.C., President of the Provincial Bank of Canada, has announced the appointment of Mr. Leo Lavoie as General Manager. Mr. Lavoie joined the bank in 1930 at Riverview du Loup and has since held various positions until he became Manager of the Bank's main office in Montreal. He was appointed Assistant to the President in 1935 and more recently was Assistant General Manager.

DID YOU KNOW?

People used to think tuberculosis was a disease of the young. If one studies the figures of newly found cases going to the sanatorium today, one finds that the majority are over 40 years of age. No age will be safe until tuberculosis is wiped out altogether. Write to the Prince Edward Island Tuberculosis League is asking you to buy Christmas Seals from them and so provide money to help in an intensive preventive programme.

POULTRY

Loading food, chicken and capons every Monday and Wednesday until noon, for every other day in the month. Please look in advance. Phone 7886 collect for pick up service.

URBAN McQUAID

Southport

It is the time to PLAN your CHRISTMAS MAILING

Check your stamps at the post office. Check your mailing list now - Have you forgotten anyone? Pack plenty of gifts ahead of time. Pack your gifts in sturdy cartons, wrapped in tough paper and tied securely with strong cord. For correct postage and safe delivery have your parcels weighed at your local Post Office. Print address, and return address too, both outside and inside parcels. Important - Check Post Office leaflet delivered to your home for mailing dates to distant points and remember - for local delivery, mail your parcels and cards on or before December 17th.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A Canadian Press News report out of Winnipeg, head of a convention was told Tuesday that heaven-on-earth is a not so casual as the shift of government ownership. The news gets around—Calgary Alberta.

THE ESCAPE - PROOF CELL

The "escape - proof cell" has failed again. A Collins Bay Penitentiary prisoner detained in such accommodations, such as his way out. This was a big win. Total cost of this would have been \$30, including journey during a month's training. Army regulations forbid use of a private vehicle when Defence Department Transport is available, however. Therefore the officer had the luxury use of an army car complete with chauffeur. Cost including 30 days' hotel bill for the chauffeur, \$210—Vancouver Province.

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