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Rotary Fellowships

Some time ago reference was made in these columns to an educational campaign that is being undertaken by Kiwanis International in an effort to attract talented young persons into the teaching profession. Now comes word that delegates to the annual convention of Rotary International adopted another ambitious program which over the next four years will provide approximately \$1 1/2 million in graduate fellowships. The principal object of the plan is to encourage students of exceptional ability to study in universities outside their own countries. Funds for the purpose will come from the Rotary Foundation, which was set up a few years ago to honour the organization's founder, Mr. Paul Harris of Chicago. In all, the Foundation has helped more than 1000 students in 60 countries.

It is interesting to note that Rotary had one of its best years in 1955, over 300 new local clubs having been chartered. At the present time the total membership is 430,000. The organization is at work in 99 countries.

The service rendered by international service clubs is well known. There is scarcely a city or town of any size that has not benefitted in one way or another from their well ordered activities. They are to be praised for recognizing the increasing urgency of educational problems and for taking practical steps to help solve them in the public interest.

"Must See An Iceberg"

Rear Admiral Donald B. MacMillan, veteran explorer, has been making voyages to the Arctic almost every year for the past thirty years. He and his schooner "Bow-doin" are well known in a great many harbours scattered from Provincetown, Mass. — his home town — to the Arctic reaches. This summer neither the explorer nor his schooner will be seen farther afield than the Southern Labrador. No, there is nothing wrong with his health. In fact, he feels as good as ever and, according to his own testimony, he can still "go aloft" with ease. But he is 81 years old; and his publishers think it is about time he finished his autobiography on which he has been working, between expeditions, for several years.

To Admiral MacMillan, whose heart is in the North, a summer spent elsewhere will lack something good and exhilarating. But his life story is important, too; important for the contribution it will make to the sum total of scientific knowledge, and especially so for the insight into an adventurous heroic spirit it will provide for this generation and for generations yet to come. It will be a thrilling story, good for all to read, and stimulating.

A Sensible Statement

If 24-year old Guillermo de Vega, President of the Students' Council of the Philippines, can manage to keep up the good work he has begun in his consideration of Asiatic problems, he has a good future ahead of him and probably important responsibilities in Asiatic affairs. Mr. de Vega headed a delegation of his fellow students to the recent Asian-African Student Conference in Bandung, Indonesia. The purpose of the meeting was to consider student problems without any deviation into controversial political matters. Somehow, however, Communist China had managed to send a sufficient number of delegates to dominate the proceedings; and, as might have been expected, the conference turned into a propaganda device for the Chinese Government. Instead of staying by the agenda, these delegates insisted on taking up such matters as colonialism, China's right to Taiwan, and "Western imperialism."

This angered Mr. de Vega and his fellow delegates, and a number

of delegates from other countries as well, to the point where they left the meeting in disgust. This had the effect of alerting the Indonesian Government to the trick that had been imposed upon it by the Chinese Communists. As a result, the Government cut off the funds it had provided for the meeting, which soon broke up without having accomplished anything so far as its original purpose was concerned. Thanks to Mr. de Vega, however, something was accomplished in another direction. It showed once again the utter inability of Communists to co-operate in good faith with non-Communists in any undertaking.

Mr. de Vega's statement on leaving the Conference was so marked by good sense that one feels it should be given all possible publicity. "You are going to take up colonialism," he said. "I am as much against colonialism as any one here; but do not forget to consider the more subtle and ruthless forms of colonialism which (under Communism) are trying to engulf Asia, Africa, and the entire world. If you want to take up political issues, do not forget to consider tyranny and slavery, because these evils are deadly to those of us who are seeking a democratic education."

Colombo Aid Plan

Generally speaking, Canadians can speak intelligently about the United Nations organization and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, but are apt to know little about another international assistance project in which Canada was a prime mover.

The Colombo Plan, a process whereby assistance is given to the co-operative development of south and southeast Asia, came to life in 1950 at a meeting of Commonwealth foreign ministers held at Colombo, Ceylon. The original members were Australia, Canada, Ceylon, India, New Zealand, Pakistan and the United Kingdom, together with Malaya and British Borneo. Since 1950, Cambodia, Laos, Viet-Nam, Thailand and the Philippines have become full members. Since the Colombo meeting other meetings have been held at London, Karachi, New Delhi, Ottawa and Singapore.

The United States has granted assistance to the countries of south and southeast Asia in credits, economic assistance and technical cooperation. This aid has been supplemented by U. S. private investment in the area by various organizations such as the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations.

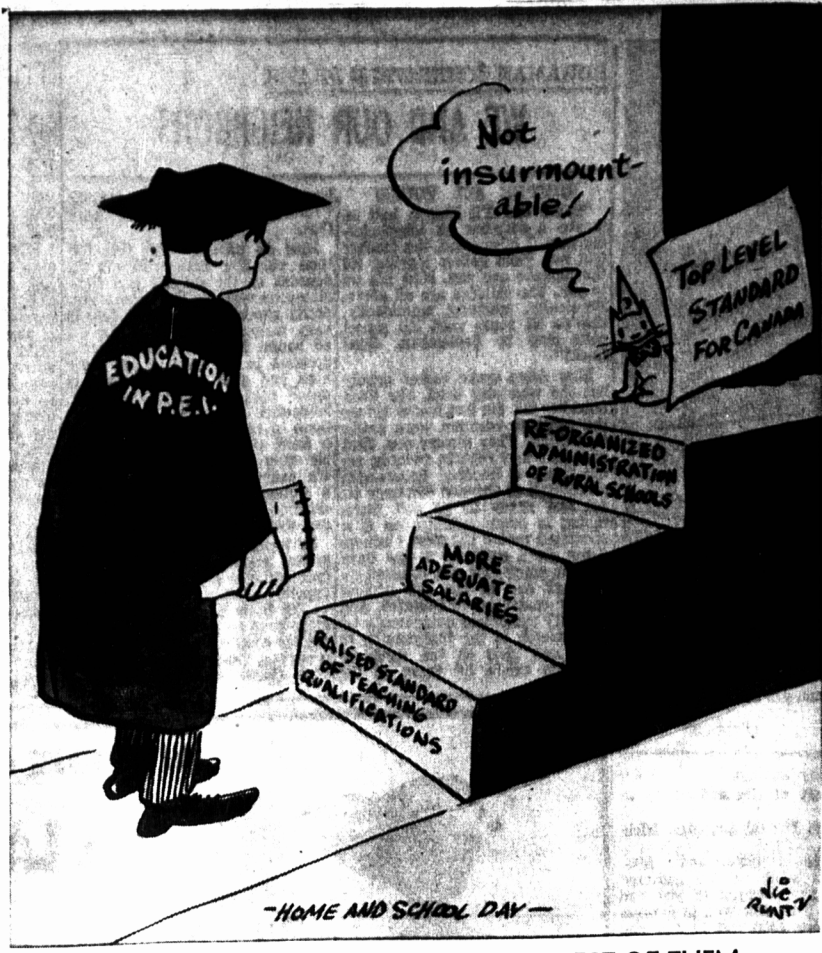
The Canadian government's contribution for 1955-56 amounts to \$26.4 million, bringing to \$133.4 million the total of funds provided since 1951. This includes a special grant of \$5 million worth of wheat to Pakistan in 1953-54.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. Hammarskjold's mission and the U. K. Security Council resolution have produced some relief of the tense Arab-Israeli dispute. However, only the countries concerned can create or keep any lasting peace.

Of interest to all our citizens are the activities of the Provincial Home and School Association, which is holding its annual meeting this afternoon in Prince of Wales College hall, and a public meeting in the evening. Dr. Nelson MacLeod, a distinguished educationist of Nova Scotia, will be the guest speaker.

Dr. George L. Waldbott, of Detroit, who has been a contributor to our Forum columns and who edits the anti-fluoridation newspaper "The Fluoridation News," has failed to obtain support for his views from the local medical society to which he belongs. The report of the Public Health Committee of the Wayne County (Michigan) Medical Society, which appeared in an issue of the Detroit Medical News, contained the following paragraph: "At the request of Dr. Waldbott, the Committee re-considered the question of water fluoridation. Since in the opinion of the Committee, Dr. Waldbott did not submit sufficient evidence to substantiate his charge that water fluoridation is a health hazard, it was recommended that the Wayne County Medical Society reaffirm its previous action endorsing fluoridation subject to certain specific controls outlined by the Detroit Department of Health."



THREE STEPS TO PUT US UP WITH THE BEST OF THEM

OTTAWA REPORT

Quebec Members Absent

By Patrick Nicholson

No less than 70 votes were held in the House of Commons during the three weeks of debates upon the rights of M.P.s and the loan to the American pipeline. One so far unremarked disclosure of these votes was the heavy absenteeism of Liberals.

Most of these absentees were French-Canadian members who had been drafted for party service in the Quebec provincial election. And if ever a conscript went unwillingly to war, it is a Quebec federal Liberal entering the fray against Maurice Duplessis and his National Union army.

Each of these M.P.s was apparently given the choice "heads you lose, and tails you don't win". If one should refuse to campaign in aid of the provincial Liberals, federal patronage will be withdrawn from him and, in the next general election an "official" Liberal candidate will be put up against him. That, according to Cabinet information here, was the ultimatum delivered to each of them. On the other hand, if they do campaign as their bosses order, they risk losing a considerable part of their own risk incurring active National Union opposition in their next election—should Duplessis win next week, as is confidently expected.

THE FALL OF THE C.C.F.? From the other side of Canada, comes news of a provincial government which may not retain its power in next week's election. The C.C.F. seem to be having a very tough fight in Saskatchewan, and their chances of victory are rated lower than at any time since they first came into power twelve years ago. The appeal of Social

Credit is said to be filling the vacuum of disaste caused by the C.C.F. government's failure to lead Saskatchewan to the progress enjoyed by other parts of Canada. There is much speculation here whether the Socreds will emerge as the most powerful group after the election, or whether they will merely split the vote and let the Liberals in. One pointer is the obvious envy with which Moose Jaw's Independent M.P., Ross Thatcher, is commenting upon the Socred advance he noticed during a recent visit home. Thatcher three times turned down invitations to lead the Socreds in this provincial election - an invitation which might have led to a provincial premiership and a federal cabinet seat in course of time - who knows? But the Socred standing has slumped badly here in the past month. In Parliament, they sided with the Liberals in support of the pipeline being financed by the Canadian taxpayer. That attitude reflected the enlightened self-interest of what thus revealed itself as primarily a sectional party, representing Albertans rather than Canadians. That was damaging, but not fatal. However, the Socreds also aided with the Liberals in nearly all the many votes held upon the much more important subject of the freedom of speech in Parliament and the internal upholding of the rules of parliamentary procedure.

That ill-considered tactic, supported by some of the least broad-minded speeches heard here in living memory, shows an immature political judgment. It may well have set the Social Credit movement back 25 years federally.

Britain Plans Strategically

By Alan Harvey, Canadian Press Staff, London

As the pin-points of Imperial pink fade from the schoolboy's map of the Empire Britain's strategic put to provide new pockets of power in a crotchety world.

The loss of Suez, troubles in Cyprus, the projected withdrawal of naval and air bases in Ceylon—all ring a warning bell in Whitehall. With Singapore virtually the only remaining stronghold east of Aden, Britain's military potential in the Middle East and Asia is gradually diminishing.

The position is not without hope. It is understood the British government is considering compensating for loss of bases in Ceylon by creating new seats of power over Fremantle in Western Australia, recently visited—perhaps significantly—by Admiral Earl Mountbatten.

SECOND BEST Cockburn is protected by a near by island and has excellent harbor facilities. It is also fairly close to Malaya and Singapore, possible flashpoints of the future. It would be a next-best thing to Trincomalee in the harbor is so enormous it used to be said it could swallow up the entire British fleet, in its heyday.

The Graham Bell Museum

Canadian Press, Baddeck, N. S.

Alexander Graham Bell Museum opens at Baddeck Aug. 18 at the site of Canada's first aeronautical experiment, the flight of the "Silver Dart."

The department of northern affairs and natural resources is establishing the museum near the spot where the historic flight was made Feb. 23, 1909. J. A. D. McCurdy, who later served as lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, piloted the plane.

Called the first Canadian public scientific museum, it will be dedicated to the aviation experiments of Mr. Bell, the telephone inventor, and his associates of the Aerial Experiment Association. Among them were Mr. McCurdy, F. W. (Casey) Baldwin, Glenn H. Curtiss and L. D. Thomas Selfridge of the U.S. Army.

Ceylon's new premier, bespectacled, pipe-smoking Solomon Bandaranaike, has made plain Britain will have to evacuate Trincomalee along with RAF installations at Katynake, in a beautiful coconut country near Colombo. It is felt in London that Bandaranaike will be compelled by domestic political considerations to insist on British withdrawal, though he may just possibly have second thoughts about leaving a power vacuum in Asia.

When Bandaranaike swept unexpectedly to power in the April 7 election, commentators at first pictured him as a wild man of the left who would promptly take Ceylon out of the Commonwealth. Now there are no such fears. He is acknowledged to be a left-wing politician, but he is not anti-British and fears of precipitate action have faded.

Already, as Britain's strength ebbs in Asia, there is increasing recognition that imperialism brings some benefits. Nationalism is a powerful force still, but Ceylon and India may come to appreciate that a stabilizing force, and may be able to use it as a counter-balance to aggressive designs.

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Outside my window, sliding by, The landscape runs off to the sky, And cattle, horses, sheep and men Rush by, then all these come again.

As the world glides beyond the glass Houses and barns and people pass Till everything that I can see, Conversely, is admixed in me.

Till I am similar, am one With every sight beneath the sun, Composed of flowers and grass And trees

And all these moving mysteries.

Of women, men and children who Go on about life's tasks they do, Or, secretly, along the track In houses die for love or lack.

—Carleton Drewry, In the New York Herald-Tribune

Nato Cherries

(New York Times)

Marshal Bulganin has refused to eat Italian cherries, explaining that they are NATO cherries and therefore bad cherries. A trifling incident? Not at all. There is more, much more to this than meets the palate. What has happened to Communist materialism? What does this portend for the world?

One can well imagine how Father Lenin would have regarded the cherry. He would have seen it as a mere complex of chemicals, devoid of social consciousness, national feeling or political merit. Who would have believed that a Russian premier, heading a Back to Lenin movement, would be at the same time the exponent of a new romanticism so sensitive as to be almost beyond the grasp of the bourgeois West?

DELICATE DISTINCTIONS

In this new situation, we must walk warily. Marshal Bulganin draws delicate distinctions. Of- fended by a NATO cherry, he is yet willing to trade with Canada, a NATO country. But let us not presume too far on our good fortune. What will be the reaction in Russia if a cargo of Canadian apples turns out, upon inspection, to consist of Northern Spies?

Fortunately the situation is far from hopeless. With the exercise of a little imagination, we may yet be spared the Grapes of Soviet Wrath.

tarian approach in all his research. While his discovery of the telephone, and his aerial experiments are widely known, the public is generally unaware of Mr. Bell's research in the fields of genetics, medicine, education of the deaf, marine engineering and radiation treatment in cancer.

Mr. Bell spent many years at Brantford, Ont., and Baddeck, although an American citizen, and much of his most fruitful work was done in Canada. Many relics of his experiments and authentic copies of his records will be on view at the Baddeck museum. The museum is not far from the spot where both Alexander Graham Bell and his wife are buried.

CHANGES IN CAR FERRY SERVICE

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Atlantic Standard Time

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

MILD EXERCISE IS BEST FOR A SUMMER ATHLETE. Don't be a summer athlete. While mild exercise usually is all right—even beneficial from a psychological standpoint—you may be inviting heart strain, fatigue and collapse if you try to tackle 27 holes of golf, a double-header softball game or a half mile swim during a day of summer activity.

HALF-CENTURY MARK This goes for you "old" men of 35 and 40 just as surely as it does for those past the half-century mark.

Don't kid yourself. Most of you fellows—and women, too—of 40 just don't have the stamina of a 20-year-old. And no amount of training will give it you. Your arteries, you see, grow older more quickly than do your muscles.

Along about the age of 25, and especially after the age of 35, your arteries start losing some of their elasticity. They can't dilate as quickly as they once did to provide the increased circulation needed during strenuous unusual tasks.

Because of this, your heart has to work harder to provide your body with the blood oxygen required for activity.

How will you know whether you've gone at things a bit too strenuously? You will probably feel shaky or exhausted after you stop strenuous exertion.

Or maybe you'll feel pretty good until you go to bed that night. Then you'll toss about and be unable to sleep.

WARNING SIGNS Either of these experiences probably means that you over-exerted yourself. They are warning signs to take it easier next time.

Actually, the right amount of exercise is good for you. It usually brightens your whole outlook on life and gives you an emotional uplift. And that's good for anybody.

QUESTION AND ANSWER W.S.: Is it possible to cure toxic goiter with medicine, if it is caught in time?

Answer: In some cases, toxic goiter may be cured with the use of proper doses of iodine or with such drugs as propylthiouracil, used under the direction of a physician.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(June 13, 1931.) Miss Margaret Sylvester, B.A., of New Glasgow High School staff, has been recently appointed one of the Board of Examiners for the Province of Prince Edward Island.

Mr. J.A. Styles, Chief Executive Commissioner of the Canadian Boy Scouts Association left on return to Ottawa yesterday morning after a week's visit to the Province.

Mr. W.K. Rogers, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the P.E.I. Hospital and Mrs. Anna Mair, superintendent of Nurses attended the annual meeting of the Hospital Association of P.E.I. and N.S. held in Windsor, N.S.

TEN YEARS AGO

(June 13, 1946)

The following is an excerpt from a letter received by Mrs. Emmet Hughes, Brantford, from the War Shipping Administration, Washington, D.C., in connection with the death of her son, James Emmet Hughes, who was lost at sea. "By the authority of the Congress of the United States, it is my honor to present to you, the mother of James Emmet Hughes, the Mariner's Medal for bravery in commemoration of the greatest service anyone can render, cause or country." The letter was signed Granville Conway, Washington, D. C.

As a result of the exportation of Irish Moss large amounts of American money is coming into the Province. Mr. Roy Stewart, Murray Harbour, has already shipped nine carloads of over 200,000 pounds.

EASY LOADING

A mobile type of conveyor belt is used to load and unload aircraft cargo at Melbourne, Australia.

NOTES BY THE WAY

One of the most annoying things about late Spring, dust storms and mosquitoes is that there is no plausible way of blaming them on the parents of tenaged children. —Edmonton Journal

Not in 20 years has the piano business been so good. Piano manufacturers conservatively estimate that 125,000 of the instruments will be sold this year. The industry can thank the millions of young musicians mastering their sharps and flats. They can also thank the hundreds of school systems that now offer music lessons. —Changing Times Magazine.

Ex-President Truman has been quoted as using the term squirrel-head, but what about pinhead? Usually a derogatory word, it means something else in a technological sense. On the strength of the analysis of 20 milligrams of plutonium — about enough to cover a pin's head—British scientists went ahead and designed a separation plant costing tens of millions of pounds to handle the plutonium which was eventually produced in the British atomic factory at Sellafield, Cumberland. —Brantford Expositor.

Music can be the language of romance. Also, it seems, a surfeit of it can be a barrier to romance. This was illustrated in London, England, where a man advertised for a wife who preferred an evening of good music to "kissing and cuddling in a park." He got many a reply. Probably it was not just the music the women didn't want; there are plenty who appreciate music and masculine company. But they wouldn't go for any man who would completely subordinate their feminine charms to that of music. They reasonably would suspect something lacking in such a man. —Windsor Star

A herd of 60 head of Highland cattle settled on a farm in Chilliwack, B.C. is reported thriving and proving profitable. These shaggy animals, red, black, golden-yellow, and brindled and decorated with magnificent plumesque horns, are a hardy, tough breed easy to maintain on hilly land. They make first-class beef and the butcher demand is high. There used to be one or two herds of these "kylies" in southwestern Ontario but they have disappeared, more the pity for they added a romantic touch to the fields and provided expatriated Scots with a memory of home. —London Free Press.

A welcome note of low comedy was introduced into the solemn hearings of the Fowler Commission on radio and television, here in Edmonton, by the Labor-Progressive (Communist) Party. In their brief, the Labor-Progressives generally praised the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, but had one criticism to make. They cautioned the CBC for permitting stations to carry "children's programs which feature violence." This is certainly strange doctrine for the Communist Party, the Communist movement, of which the Labor-Progressive party is a section, has been dedicated from its foundation to violence. —Edmonton Journal.

The public accounts committee at Ottawa has been told that the Greek government since about 1930 has paid no principal or interest on a debt to Canada of some \$6,000,000. In view of the Cyprus affair do we still have to be polite? —Toronto Telegram

"Five school girls missed death by inches" says a Toronto newspaper in describing a 95-mile-per-hour chase by police through the west end of that city in which police were trying to arrest suspects in a holdup attempt that failed. Also three shots were fired. Again the question may be asked whether the chase was necessary, and in view of the possibility that the five girls might not have missed death by inches, was it worth it? —Port Arthur News-Chronicle

The Joe is lifting over Passamaquoddy Bay and the way is now clear enough for the first big step to be taken toward determining the economic feasibility of harnessing the bay's tides to produce electric power. The United States government has passed a \$3,000,000 survey of the project; Canada has approved it and now the International Joint Commission on boundary waters is ready to inspect the site of the proposed project. Members will be in St. Andrews the night of June 23 and will leave early next day for Eastport, Maine. Their findings will be of inestimable importance to the Maine-New Brunswick area. —Fredericton Gleaner

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