

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew
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agricultural products from it were sold for \$150 or more a year. Now a change is being made in the definition of farming by which the total number of farms counted next year is expected to be reduced by 500,000, with the remaining total around four million farms.

Under the new U.S. system, a farm, for census purposes, will have to meet these minimum requirements: Ten acres or more with an agricultural yield "sold" for at least \$50; or smaller acreage yielding agricultural products "sold" for at least \$250 a year.

This "loss" of farms and farmers, by census redefinition, provides a good example of the dangers of taking even official government statistics too literally at face value.

The Diefenbaker Government has done very well in many respects, but its good record doesn't include the monkeying it is doing with our textile tariffs.

The duty applies to samples from all foreign countries. But, as the Globe and Mail points out, it will be particularly offensive to Britain, which supplies a substantial quantity of our cloth imports.

With the expectation that the International Conference will reconvene early next spring, Ottawa has been pursuing intense diplomatic activity.

This would mean, for example, that Canada could at long last forbid foreign trawlers from fishing inside our 12 mile limit, in waters which Canada already does not allow its own trawlers to fish.

Ottawa's explanation will probably be that the concession was being abused—as, for example, by sample agents. But this did not require a blanket penalty, striking not only the real offenders but those who used the concession quite legitimately.

EDITORIAL NOTES

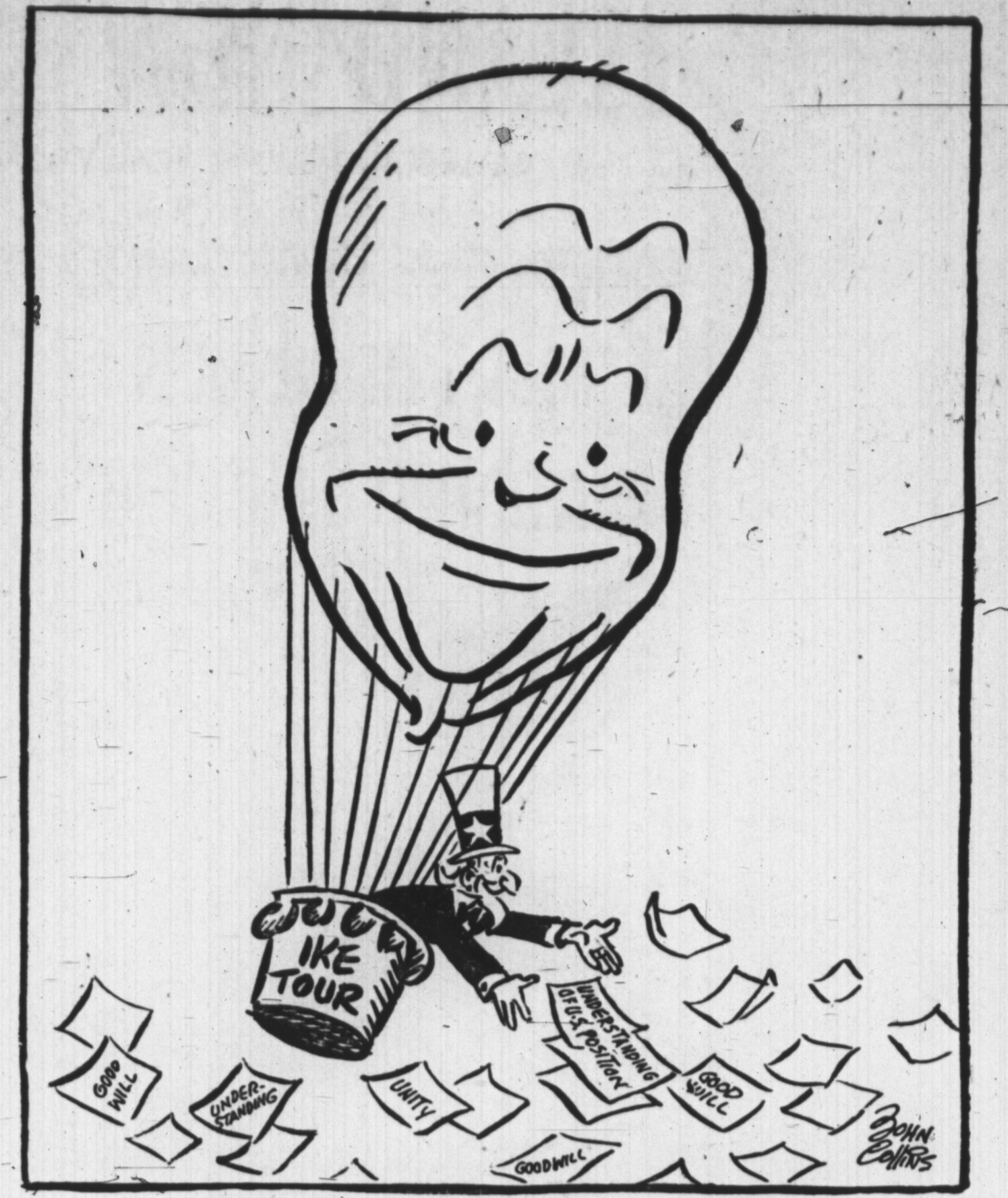
"The only defense against the H-bomb," says Mr. M.J. Coldwell, the CCF leader, "is peace."

One does not need to be an admirer of the art of Louis Armstrong, the jazz man, to deplore the prejudice shown against him in the Middle East.

A significant complementary action to President Eisenhower's forthcoming tour in Asia is Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's extensive visit to Africa in January, 1960.

The Liberals are likely to train their heaviest guns on Canada's defense policy when Parliament meets in January.

Farm figures are deceptive in the United States, however, because heretofore the federal census bureau has been classifying as a farm "any plot of three acres or more" that "produced" at least \$150 worth of agricultural products of any kind.



AROUND THE WORLD IN 18 DAYS

AT THE U.N. The Shadow Parliament

By Patrick Nicholson

This is the home of the Shadow Parliament of the world, where the representatives of 82 nations are striving for peace and progress for all mankind.

These have included Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Minister-to-be, John Diefenbaker and C.F.E. leader M.J. Coldwell. Hon. L.B. "Mike" Pearson, who won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work at the U.N., and now Hon. Howard Green is already winning international acclaim for effective achievement based on his outstanding qualities as lawyer and politician.

What does the U.N. mean to Canada? Does our contribution to its endeavours represent a worthwhile job and a job well done?

STRONG SUPPORTING ROLE

It is more than reassuring—it is a cause of pride—to visit here and to learn how effective Canada is in this gathering of the nations, and how prominent are our able delegates in the deliberations of world statesmen.

From the founding convention at San Francisco in 1945, up to this present session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Canada has made significant contributions as a leader of the Middle Powers.

Doukhobors At Crossroads

National Geographic Society

For Canada's rebellious Doukhobors, one door to the future is opening as another slams shut.

The closed door is Russia's reported refusal to accept the religious sect's extremists. The 6 members had asked to return to the homeland abandoned by their fathers and grandfathers some 60 years ago.

The new avenue of hope is seen in the fact that the Sons of Freedom, as the Doukhobors' dissident minority calls itself, have at last agreed to obey Canadian laws and send their children to school.

Behind the two events lies a drama of three centuries of struggle in the lives of a people who rank among the most stubborn and dedicated the world has ever known.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily assume the opinion of correspondents.

UNFAIR TO FARMERS

Sir,—Labor Unions are always clamouring for more pay. Please stop and consider the farmer's side of our unbalanced economy.

Causes Studied Of Retardation

By Herman N. Sundeen, M.D.

THANKSGIVING Day is a day for remembering and, of course, for being thankful for what we have.

Most of you can be thankful that your children are in good health and will grow up to be strong and vigorous adults.

However, the parents of 120,000 children born annually in the United States can't look forward with the same assurance.

All told, there are approximately 5,000,000 mentally retarded persons in the United States. That means that 30 out of every 1,000 children and adults are retarded—more than are affected by any physical handicap.

THOUGHTFUL THEME

I know most of you would prefer to concentrate on turkey dinners, but I wish you would take time to think a bit about the theme of the National Retarded Children's Week which ends today—"Retarded Children can be Helped."

We can't always tell ahead of time which children will be mentally retarded. They are born to average and even brilliant parents as well as dull parents.

Many causes known. Yet we do know more than 90 causes which prevent the brain from developing fully. We suspect many others.

Overexposure to x-rays, certain illnesses, infections and glandular disorders during pregnancy may result in a child's being retarded.

Among other causes are extraordinarily prolonged labor, pelvic pressure, hemorrhage and lack of oxygen for the baby.

In some of these cases, we can prevent mental retardation.

HAZARDS LESSENED

Modern medicine, for example, lessens the hazards of brain damage due to prolonged labor. Special diets can overcome instances of chemical imbalance which can injure the brain of the baby.

Right now research is under way to break down the causes of retardation more precisely and to develop means of eliminating and overcoming more of them.

NEED PROPER AID

With the proper aid, 25 out of every 30 retarded children can be educated in the basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic and as adults can be gainfully employed in unskilled and semi-skilled work.

The National Association for Retarded Children, Inc., 99 University Place, New York 3, N.Y., plays a major role in helping these youngsters. Now you can help them. They need money to carry on the work.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mr. K.: Will you please tell me what causes canker sores and what one can do for them?

Answer: Canker sores may be due to a number of conditions such as allergy, gastrointestinal disturbances, virus infections and some vitamin deficiencies. Further causes may be prevented.

In treatment they may be cauterized with silver nitrate, washed clean with a peroxide mouth wash and healed with some antibiotic lozenges.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(Nov. 25, 1934)

Mr. R. M. Legate of Borden was recently appointed to the position of manager of the Campbellton, N.B., electric light department at a special meeting of the town council.

Two tug boats, the Coalopolis of Halifax and the Bonsecours of Montreal, which were towing the dredge Fundy, belonging to J. P. Porter and Son, Halifax, from Halifax to Three Rivers, Quebec, came into Summerside Harbour on Saturday evening for shelter from the raging storm.

The Sons of Freedom, however, remained a splinter group that long discredited all. They not only refused to conform, but met government pressures by staging nude parades and burning houses—usually their own.

The recent change in attitude hinted at by the agreement to allow Freedomite children to attend public schools followed drastic provincial action. Under stringent truancy laws, a number of youngsters were taken from their parents, quartered in the dormitories of a welfare institution, and sent to school.

The Russian Government retaliated swiftly. Rebel leaders were jailed, flogged, and sent into exile. Cossack troops occupied Doukhobor villages as if they were enemy territory, and behaved accordingly.

To relieve the people's desperate plight, the great Russian novelist, Leo Tolstoy, who had both influenced and been influenced by

raising campaign, English Quakers and other sympathizers joined the movement. The Tsarist Government granted permission for Doukhobors who wished to migrate to another land.

NEW LIFE IN CANADA

Some 7,500 Doukhobors found refuge in Canada in 1898 and 1899 after an unsuccessful attempt to colonize in Cyprus. Their chief, Peter Verigin, came over later, on his release from Siberia.

The immigrants worked first as laborers, then gradually moved westward to take up homesteads in Saskatchewan and finally in British Columbia.

Though disagreements with authorities continued—usually over taxes and school attendance—most of the Doukhobors in time adapted to Canadian life and laws, and became responsible citizens.

Dr. Nisbet commented that health workers that the teeth of the Kilmarnock children were much better than those in the "control" town.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The world's costliest subway, a mile and a half long, is operating in Sweden at the cost of \$500 an inch. Talk about buried treasure! —St. Catharines Standard

The Coney Island aquarium has acquired a Japanese fish that can hardly swim. It would be good company for that New Zealand bird the Kiwi, that can't fly. —Ottawa Journal

Air travel is so rapid now that you can fly to some place and back in so short a time that you might as well have stayed at home. —Woodstock Sentinel-Review

The motorist who still hasn't put antifreeze in his radiator is the same one who didn't get his motor license until the deadline was reached. He's also the same one who will grow about slow service when he tries along with many others, to get attention at the corner station when the first real cold wave strikes. —Kitchener-Waterloo Record

As President Eisenhower passed his 69th birthday on October 14, he heard the time at which he will be the oldest man ever to sit in the White House. Two other presidents reached 69 during their tenures. Andrew Jackson was the oldest in office. His second term expired only a few days before his 70th birthday. James Buchanan was within a few weeks of that mark when he left the White House. Ike's term will not be completed until almost three months after his 70th birthday. —Portland Oregonian

Perhaps one reason why there is so much delay in the provision of hospital beds is that those most concerned—the desperately ill—are not in a position to campaign for them. Healthy people, unless they are extraordinarily gifted with imagination, find it difficult to comprehend the agony of one who is seriously ill and cannot get hospital treatment. Well men can fiddle around with committee meetings, surveys and arguments about definitions of chronic illness, and convince themselves that there is plenty of time to take the measured approach to the provision of hospital beds. But it is amazing how swiftly a serious pain can alter this attitude. —Vancouver Province

Field Marshal Viscount Mountbatten says he may go to Peking to get a "true and complete picture" of Communist China. A lesser man might have settled for a true as far as it goes but very incomplete picture, considering the time element. —Ottawa Citizen

After cashing worthless checks in Rotterdam, a man named Van Vliet fled to Brussels and registered at a hotel as Henrich Mulle. It was an unfortunate choice of pseudonym because the police were searching for a criminal with that name. Van Vliet had a difficult time explaining that he was responsible only for the Rotterdam crimes and not for the Mulier crimes. —Le Soir, Brussels

While new methods have eased work for the modern farmer, no machine has been devised to eliminate the early rising which has always characterized farm life. The morning and evening "chances" of an older age are simpler now, with much of the labor eliminated by electricity. But they still demand the farmer's personal attention. This is at least partial explanation of the opposition of farm groups to Daylight Saving Time. —Windsor Star

We like the picture conjured up by the Supreme Court evidence that the Liquor Control Board of Ontario makes its daily check of chocolates for alcoholic content. The benefits of such a conscientious investigation may be open to question. After all, if anyone wishes to get tight on a box of chocolates rather than visit a liquor store we are inclined to think the crime will have its own set punishment. —Hamilton Spectator

BAN FLIGHTS

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—The Venezuelan air force Monday night banned all flights over Caracas after an abortive anti-government leaflet raid by two Cubans who couldn't find Venezuela. The action does not affect commercial airlines since the airport is well outside the city.

MAXIMS

The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to enable a man's foot long enough to hold him to put the other somewhat higher.

Europe's Little Six

Baltimore Sun

People who have a fondness for the miniature hold a special place in their geographical affections for the tiny countries of Europe.

Recently representatives of the Republic of Andorra and San Marino, and the hereditary principalities of Monaco and Liechtenstein, held a conference.

In the lobby of Liechtenstein's only motel (whose picture window was curtained to hide a distractingly beautiful view of the Rhine) the Little Four co-opted the Vatican City and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg into their ranks.

Then they settled down to discuss tourism which, with postage stamps, is the mainstay of the revenue of most of the little countries.

Agreement was not easily reached on the inclusion of Luxembourg, whose 899 square miles of outgrowth, in territory and population, the other five put together.

But a publisher of a small-countries guidebook carried the day against Liechtenstein's principal vendor of souvenirs, Baron Edward Alexander von Falz-Fein, and the Grand Duchy was admitted.

Plans were discussed for a small-countries tour and a possibility of additional membership emerged with an invitation to the Dame of Sark (one of the Channel Islands) to attend next year's session.

By that time, if a tiny but quasi-sovereign isle in the English Channel is eligible, other potential members might apply. The Isle of Man, Gibraltar, Corsica,

Malta—who knows where the list would end? Next October all delegates will be upon Andorra as delegates of the miniature countries gather to continue their deliberations, in the heart of the Pyrenees, as guests of an ancient republic which has discarded universal suffrage as impractical. The Little Six, or Seven, or however many, is a welcome addition to the list of international organizations.

The Age Old Story

You were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ.

that the lease on the building had expired and the owners required the building for other purposes. A lot of land has been secured and building will begin as soon as possible.

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NORTHERN FARMER

"Go down south for the winter, Dad," they'd said — "The place can do without you for a while! . . ."

And here he was, long empty days ahead, Remembering, till sound and time and mile

Became confusion. Now his wistful eyes See not inviting surf nor sun-warm sand,

But bare black branches fretting frost-blue skies Where deep white winter silences the land.

Still closer, near a friendly cedar bough, A chimney spills out scrolls of welcoming: (They'd just be sitting down to supper now, Envy him his sunny wait till spring.)

These alien skies that woo his heart in rain May soothe old aches, but not this strange new pain.

—Ruth E. Schrage In the Toronto Daily Star

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