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A Little One-Sided

It's all right for the brass hats to air their views on armed forces unification—provided their views are in accord with Mr. Hellyer's, but not otherwise.

Other military commanders of outstanding reputation, such as Lt. Gen. G. G. Simmonds and Maj. Gen. C. R. Vokes, have expressed quite different opinions and their views, like those of Admiral Landymore and his naval associates, have been not only ignored but resented.

Perhaps the minister will explain this when he comes down to the Maritimes shortly. He has turned down a plea that the Commons defense committee should be reconvened to hear senior officers on this question; but he hopes to present his unification legislation soon and the committee will then be able to have a "searching examination of all points of view."

And not before time. It seems evident that the majority of experienced officers fully support a high degree of integration of the defense forces in all the various supply, administrative and directing facilities but not to the level of command units, where efficiency would be destroyed.

The same situation exists in the United States where an increasing effort is now being made to create and expand regimental identification. To quote the U.S. secretary of air forces: "Men have functioned most effectively as members of an identifiable group."

It is for reasons such as this that strong resistance has sprung up across the country to Mr. Hellyer's plans of integration. The fact that his critics have been muzzled while remaining in the service is only accentuated by the eagerness with which he exploits opinions favorable to his scheme.

As Others See It

Lest our politicians, here and at Ottawa, should be thinking it is time now to soft-pedal the outrage this province was subjected to by the interference in our car ferry service by railway strikers a few days ago, here is another jolt to their complacency.

It is contained in a feature display taking up nearly half the front page of the Toronto Globe and Mail of Aug. 26, all about us and our predicament. A four-column picture of the scene at Borden appears, over a caption stating that trucks, cars and trailers were backed up for two miles at the pier as travellers rushed to board the ferries, fearful of being stranded. Directly under this, topped by a four-column two-line heading in large type, is a lengthy dispatch from Charlottetown, describing Premier Campbell's frantic efforts to deal with the situation.

Why this concentration on our problem in a big Toronto paper, at a time when the whole country was worried about the strike possibilities? The reason is given on the paper's editorial page of the same issue, in an article by one of Canada's leading commentators, Richard J. Needham. The article is headed: "Farewell to the BNA Act," and it starts off in this manner:

"For years now, the politicians have been worried about ways and means of amending Canada's constitution—the British North America Act. Their worries are over; as of noon today, the problem of amending the BNA Act no longer exists, for the simple reason that the BNA Act itself no longer exists."

"Here's the story. Prince Edward Island agreed to enter Confederation in 1873, setting out certain conditions which were granted and incorporated into the BNA Act. Following is one of those conditions: 'Efficient steam service for the conveyance of mails and passengers to be established and maintained between the Island and the mainland of the Dominion, winter and summer, thus placing the Island in continuous communication with the Intercolonial (now Canadian National) Railway and the railway system of the Dominion.'"

"We move now to 1966. At noon today, the striking railway unions will close down the main, essential ferry service operated by Canadian National Railways between Cape Tormentine, N.B., and Borden, P.E.I. Premier Alex Campbell of Prince Edward Island has declared a state of emergency, and has indicated his government will take over and operate at least one of the three CN ferries. Maybe so; the fact remains that the Canadian government has broken its solemn constitutional pledge to P.E.I. What it comes to is that, at noon today, the BNA Act ceases to function. It has been knocked down and out—not by judges or politicians, but by a handful of union officials and members."

But it is the politicians, after all, to whom we must look to remedy the situation, and whose failure to do so left us in the predicament we were in last week. We want assurance from them now that they are making every effort to see that it will never happen again.

A Fall Budget?

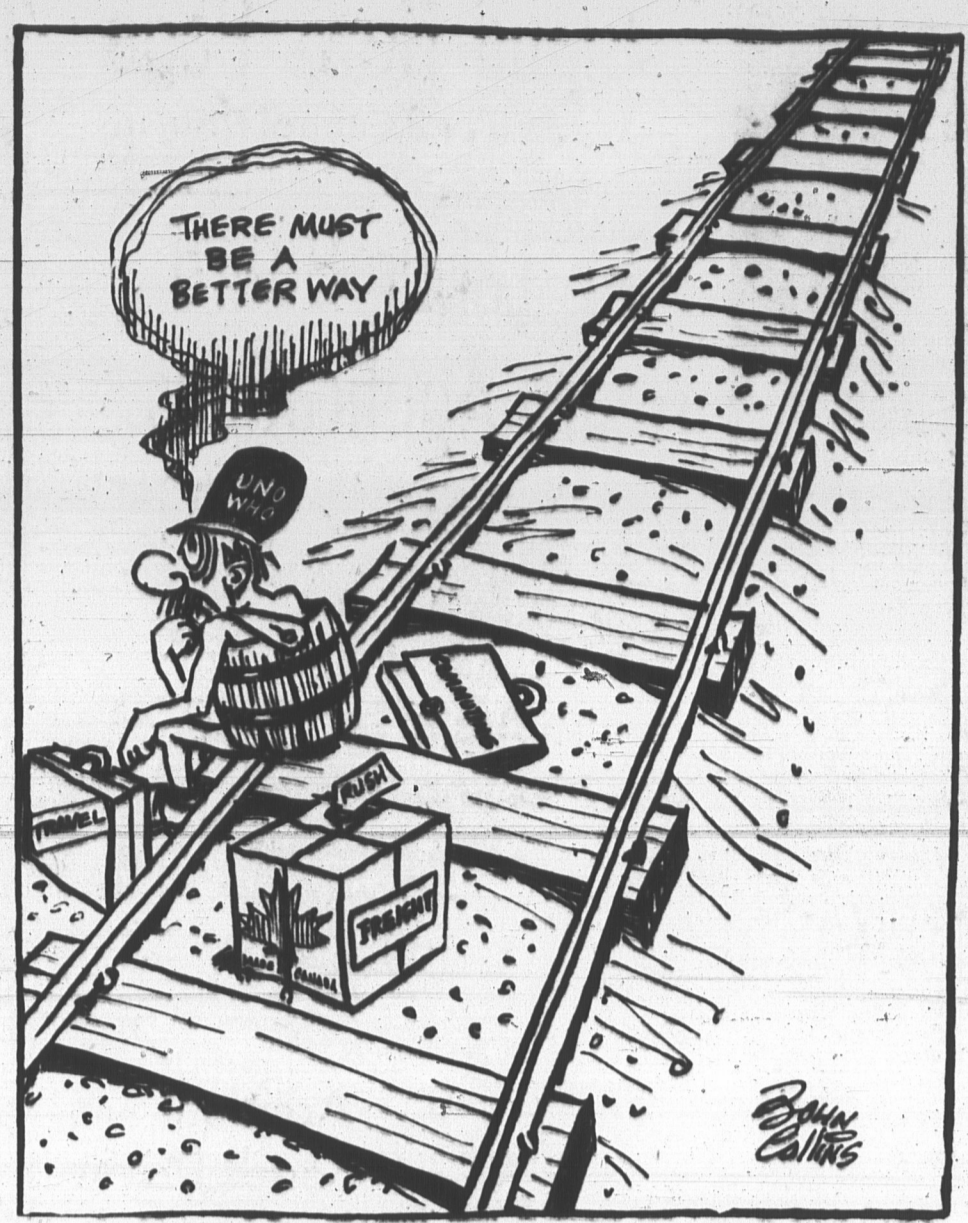
It is expected that at Ottawa, when the transport bill is finally disposed of, the House will go on to debate the pressing problem of inflation. According to the Financial Times, Finance Minister Sharp has already prepared a speech designed to set the keynote—if cacophony can have such a thing. There are increasing indications that he will bring in an interim budget late this fall, and that the provinces will be canvassed on the subject when provincial treasurers and finance ministers meet Mr. Sharp on Sept. 14.

One idea that has been mentioned is a refundable personal income tax similar to the one applied to corporations in the March budget. In this way, money can be withdrawn from the spending stream when inflation threatens and reinjected whenever the economy turns down and demand needs a boost. Federal spending would also be cut, on public works as well as on more extensive programs. For instance, it would be fairly easy for the government to postpone the start of medicare, especially with growing provincial misgivings about it.

Mr. Sharp's efforts, suggests the financial paper, should be directed in the first place to persuading the provincial finance ministers, when he meets them, to cut down rigorously on their own cherished projects and thus to reduce their demands on the capital market. Persuasion will involve example as well as precept; he will have to be equally tough with his ambitious federal colleagues. But although business plans for new capital works are in aggregate too high for the economy, the last thing needed is to curb any expansion plans which promise to improve efficiency or increase exports.

EDITORIAL NOTE

From their Olympian heights, our water commissioners appear not to have heard the protest, voiced in these columns last week, of taxpayers who find it a nuisance to have to pay their water rates at the commission's new office on the outskirts of the city. But the protest is growing louder, and will have to be heeded sooner or later. All that is needed is to make arrangements for an uptown collection agency, which common sense should have dictated in the first place.



NEXT TIME IT COULD BE WORSE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Boon Seen In Suggested World Calendar

On what day of the week will Christmas fall this year? How many working days will there be in November? Which will be the next month to contain five Sundays?

These are the sort of hugging questions which are caused by our present disorganized system of using fourteen different calendars: seven for a 365-day year, with the year starting on each day of the week, and similarly another seven for 366-day years or leap years.

That is our Christian variety of calendars, commonly used in the western world. How many different calendars are there altogether in use throughout the world? Nobody knows, but in India until recently over thirty different calendars were used.

U.R.G.E. RATIONAL CALENDAR This world-wide confusion could all be ended by the adoption of the suggested World Calendar. This would be the same calendar every year, and would be adopted for use in every country.

There are three times the adoption of this World Calendar has been proposed at the United Nations: by Peru in 1947, by Panama in 1949, and by India's former Prime Minister Nehru himself in 1953.

One keeps bumping into this proposal around Ottawa, because the headquarters of the International World Calendar Association is here, and its remarkable president, Mr. A. J. Hills, lives here where he is widely known and ever ready to hand one a specimen of his World Calendar from his pocket.

Arthur is a tall well set up man; impressive in appearance and with a charming old-time courtesy of manner. Quite a golfer, always expressing his hope one day to "go round in his age." And now, in his 83rd year, he frequently completes half a round in half his age. He was long a big wheel in the Canadian National Railway, assistant to the New Appropriately for an ex-railwayman, he is fighting that old inconvenience which is a bugbear to railwaymen and all transport staffs even more than to businessmen—our inconsistent calendar.

Our Yesterdays (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (September 8, 1941) Canadian, British and Norwegian troops have occupied the Norwegian archipelago of Spitzbergen, 500 miles north of Norway in the Arctic Ocean, to prevent seizure by Germans coveting its rich coal mines, the War Office announced.

ged from the Vatican will assist the adoption of the World Calendar. Objection to it has chiefly come from religious groups, especially the Moslems and the Jews because this calendar would throw out the hebdomadal or seven-day cycle scrupulously observed in their religions. On the whole, other religions would have no objections; these include the 700 million Christians, of whom 480 million are Catholics; the 600 million Buddhists; the 400 million Hindus; the 325 million Moslems and the 100 million Africans worshipping in tribal religions.

But we would have a "non" day every year, and special Weekday holiday, tucked in between Saturday 30th December and Sunday 1st January. And in leap years we would have an extra non day or Weekday holiday, falling between Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July. These days would be a world-wide holiday, dedicated to world harmony and unity as represented by the new calendar.

In every year, the first month of each quarter, namely January, April, July and October, would contain 31 days; every other month would always contain 30 days.

We would never need to change our calendar on New Year's Day; we could have really "permanent" calendars. And think how travel timetables would be simplified!

But there would be one minor objection: nobody already born on 31st day of March, May or August would ever have another birthday.

Floating Clinics

Commonwealth Today As the launch Chee Wan, which means "Charity Afloat", drops anchor in the pleasant harbor of one of Hong Kong's outer islands two strident blasts from her hooter bring the village to life. Seven-year-old Shek Chi Fong, who had been spreading his father's fishing nets out to dry, springs down the slope to his farmhouse for an empty medicine bottle.

With his elder brother, Shek Chi Wai, he gathers a party of companions and requisitions a sampan from the jetty and joins the convoy of boats converging on the Chee Wan.

The Chee Wan is one of two floating clinics maintained by the Hong Kong Medical Department, which provides free medical treatment for the fisher folk throughout the scattered islands. While the clerk in his office at the rear of the launch takes the particulars of each patient before passing them on to the consulting room in the forward cabin, the crew bargain for fresh fish from the sampan owners who take the opportunity of doing a little business.

ing room. Dr. Chak Po Yan, one of the three medical officers who take it in turn to accompany the launch, listens to accounts of symptoms ranging from gastro-enteritis to the common cold.

Occasionally the clinic handles something more serious, an amoebic dysentery or a malarial fever. In the case of notifiable diseases, such as malaria and cholera, immediate action is taken to arrange hospital treatment, quarantine where necessary, and to track down all those who have come in contact with the patient.

The dispensary on board the launch is stocked with a wide range of medicines, vitamin tablets and drugs. Minor surgery is carried out in cases where no bone fractures or complex abrasions are involved.

Once every three months the launch carries an eye clinic and inoculation teams periodically accompany the vessel to carry out campaigns against cholera and diphtheria. When the inoculators are on board, the launch summons the entire populace of the island on the loud hailer.

Court Appointments

Montreal Star Ottawa, for example, cannot appoint an Ontario lawyer to a Quebec superior court. Similarly, disciplinary powers are in the hands of local and provincial bar associations and not in the hands of either the minister of justice or a national body.

Disciplinary powers are mentioned because it is important for the minister of justice, when he contemplates appointing someone to the bench, to know what his record of conduct has been at the bar. This information can be obtained only from the local or provincial bar association. If there is to be consultation at all—and there should be—it should start on the local level.

None of this negates the view of the president of the Canadian Bar Association, that if the profession is associated in a responsible and advisory way with appointments, then the accusations of patronage will be dispelled and public confidence restored.

PLAN CATTLE STUDY OTTAWA (CP)—Six livestock specialists from Peru will arrive Friday for a two-week study of Canadian dairy cattle, the trade department announced Wednesday. They will tour dairy breeding farms and meet Canadian dairy experts and farmers as a follow-up to earlier successful introduction of Canadian cattle in Peru.

Cause Of Back Pain

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen We sympathize with the Bronx woman: "For many years I've had pain in the lower back that has occasionally extended into my left thigh and leg. It usually goes away in a few days only to return months later. But this time the aching persists. Don't you think six weeks is a long time to be crippled?"

Yes, but don't press the panic button. The most common cause of low back pain is strain and there is a 90 per cent chance that relief will follow conservative measures. One in 10 may require surgery if a disk between the vertebrae is protruding and pressing upon the spinal cord.

We assume that this woman has been examined thoroughly and X-rays have been taken of the back. Sprain is more likely to occur when the individual and his back muscles are tired. A week of bed rest is recommended when the distress is severe. Pain killers, heat, and muscle relaxants lessen the aching. A firm mattress is essential. Insert a 1/2-inch plywood board between the spring and mattress. This should extend from the head to the foot and to both sides of the bed.

Thereafter it is advisable to wear a low back support made of canvas and reinforced with metal stays. Avoid heavy lifting and unusual strain to the lower back. Always keep the back straight and bend the knees when lifting. Women should wear flat-heeled shoes. Improve posture by standing with the head high and walking properly. Changes in the footwear helps if one leg is longer than the other. And finally, strengthen the muscles of the back and abdomen so that they will be able to support the vertebrae.

Arthritis types P. K. writes: How can a person know whether his joint pains are caused by rheumatoid arthritis or osteoarthritis? He can't unless he has had medical training. On the other hand, osteoarthritis usually develops in older persons and generally attacks the weight-bearing joints. Rheumatoid arthritis affects younger individuals and is associated with more pain, swelling, and stiffness.

Wrist pain O. L. D. writes: What causes a severe pain in the pulse? Which one? Every artery expands with the beat of the heart to produce a pulse. I assume, however, you refer to pain in the wrist, which may be associated with sprain, rheumatism, or bursitis. On the other hand pain in the temporal artery on the side of the forehead may stem from infection in the wall of the vessels.

NO RESISTANCE V. A. writes: What is lacking in a person who catches cold all the time? We call it resistance, but beyond this we do not know why some are more susceptible to colds than others. It is well to remember that there are many varieties of colds, and in some instances allergy, rather than infection, is the culprit.

THE ULCER PERFORMS R. D. writes: Can deformity of the stomach lead to ulcer? No, but the opposite can occur. TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—A sense of humor is an asset. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

COMMUNIST SENTENCED KARLSRUHE (Reuters) A veteran Communist was sentenced to one year's imprisonment Wednesday for violating West Germany's ban on the Communist party. Emil Bechtel, 57, was also found guilty by West Germany's Supreme Court for leading a subversive organization and activity connected with illegal organizations. The Communist party has been banned for the last 10 years in West Germany.

PLAN NEW HOSPITALS Romania plans to build a health "polyclinic" for every 25,000 inhabitants of rural areas.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The economist who predicted three cars in every garage has never told us what we are going to do with the bicycles, h a by carriages, lawn furniture, lawn mowers, and garden tools that are in there now. — Brandon Sun

Wife — "The world is full of rascals. This morning, the milkman gave me a counterfeit half-dollar. Hubby — "Where is it, my dear?" Wife — "Oh, I've already got rid of it — luckily the butcher took it." — Montreal Star

A financial journal reports that the price of pop art is slipping. The ultimate will come when a painting of a can of beans costs less than a can of beans. — Calgary Herald

Never say Canada isn't going anywhere. Who in 1867 could have predicted a \$1.573 million defence budget was only a century away? — Windsor Star

The classroom of the future will be fully computerized, and we assume there will be pre-recorded laughter for the professor's canned jokes. — Galt Reporter

Mistress — "If my husband should bring some friends home to dinner tonight, are you prepared?" Cook — "Yes, ma'am. My bag is already packed." — Hamilton Spectator

In Portugal a gypsy seized a "village beauty" and cut off her long hair to sell on the thriving Portuguese hair market," a report says. Some of our young men had better look to their locks. — Ottawa Journal

Memory is what tells you how a steam locomotive whistle used to sound. — Windsor Star

The prices of stocks on the stock exchanges are about the only things not suffering from inflation these days. — Guelph Mercury

A San Francisco man who married five women but divorced only one of them said he did it because he wanted to be wanted. Well, he finally was wanted — by the law, on bigamy charges. — Port Arthur News — Chronicle

"Tonga tortoise dies waiting for mate," says a New York Times headline. Wives who have appointments to keep with their husbands should bear this sad tale in mind. — Ottawa Journal

Mr. Jones — "My dear, this book is a remarkable work. Nature is marvellous! Stupendous! When I read a book like this, it makes me think how lowly, how insignificant is man." Mrs. Jones — "A woman doesn't have to wade through four hundred pages to discover that!" — Montreal Star

"Eastward Ho, The Subs"

The old traditional western shout of "Wagons Ho" might soon be replaced by a more up-to-date version: "Subs Ho." If a British idea is adopted by the British overpowered by an acute demand for an increasing number of homes, are looking around for a faster method of building than their established practice. With this in mind, Sir Donald Gibson, director-general of research at the British ministry of public building and works urged a wider adoption of Canadian housing techniques and a larger imports of Canadian lumber. He has recommended a string of atomic submarines as tugs to tow large barge trains of logs from British Columbia, north under the polar ice cap, across to Britain. Sir Donald said: "Each bundle of logs could be held in a simple chain harness with all-terrain to keep the load submerged, not only under the Arctic icecap, but during the whole crossing, so as to avoid damage by waves or storms." It is an ingenious idea. If successful it could be extended. It should not take much scientific skill to design an underwater passenger train. Then one could board at Saskatoon, non-

stop for Dover or some other British seaside town. It might attract those missing passengers which CPR and CNR are looking for. The train could work on the same principle as Sir Donald's log barges and provide an adventurous alternative to air or ship travel. If the passengers wanted to have a little sea breeze, one would imagine it would be simple enough to let out a little ballast and surface as ordinary submarines do. Of course the idea might create havoc among TV Script writers. All those wagon-masters would have to be promoted to admirals and leave the wide open spaces for the wide open seas.

BAPTIST PASTOR DIES OLD ORCHARD BEACH, Me. (AP)—Rev. Ernest H. Vincent, 80, pastor of the Baptist Royal Ambassador summer camp here died Tuesday. Born in England, Vincent grew up in Canada, graduated from McMaster University, Hamilton, Ont., and came to the United States about 40 years ago. He served churches in Peabody, Mass., Newport, Vt., Belmont, N.H., Montreal, and Wilmington, Mass.

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