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still by far the most profitable medium. It is when the high-pressure devotees, armed with fatuous slogans, take over that public resistance takes on significance—which, of course, is a sign of sane thinking on the part of the public.

Senate And Commons

In the only dispute in this year's session between the Senate and the Commons, the Senate thought it wise to withdraw an amendment it had made to the Estate Tax Act after the lower House had passed the legislation.

The amendment in question was, apparently, not of any great importance. It was a minor matter which, if it had been sustained, would not have made much difference to the intent of the Act in general. At the same time, it would appear that it was withdrawn in haste, members of the Senate being anxious to avoid a prolonged argument with Commons' members or, more accurately, with the Cabinet. This approach may have its merits within limits. But it is one thing for a Liberal-dominated Senate to avoid conflict with a Conservative-dominated Commons on a minor matter. It would be quite another for the Senate to submit to the Commons on every issue on which there might be disagreement, merely to show that it does not desire to be regarded as an "obstructionist" body.

As long as the Senate exists, it has constitutional responsibilities which it cannot ignore. It has just as much right as the Commons to discuss legislation; and in taking a second look at bills sent to it by the lower House it is well within its rights; indeed, that is its principal function. It would be most unfortunate if the Senate were to develop a sense of inferiority just to keep on good terms with the ruling party and to avoid disputation.

A New "Pill"

Farmers who are faced with the problem of wilted cabbage—reports say that it is more prevalent this year than usual—will be encouraged by a report from the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven.

Dr. A.A. Diamond, director of the station, points out in the report that cabbage wilt is not the result of hot weather or prolonged rains. It is caused by fungi, the same as many other plant diseases. Now, however, there is a possibility that sick plants, like sick animals, may be cured by a pill. Anti-biotics, fungicides, growth-hormones and anti-growth compounds are being studied as chemotherapeutic agents for sick plants. "By discovering the biochemical pathways of fungi," Dr. Diamond says, "scientists hope to be able to introduce substances into the plant that will cure disease infecting it." This would be an improvement over disease prevention methods now in use. These methods must be used before the disease actually takes hold.

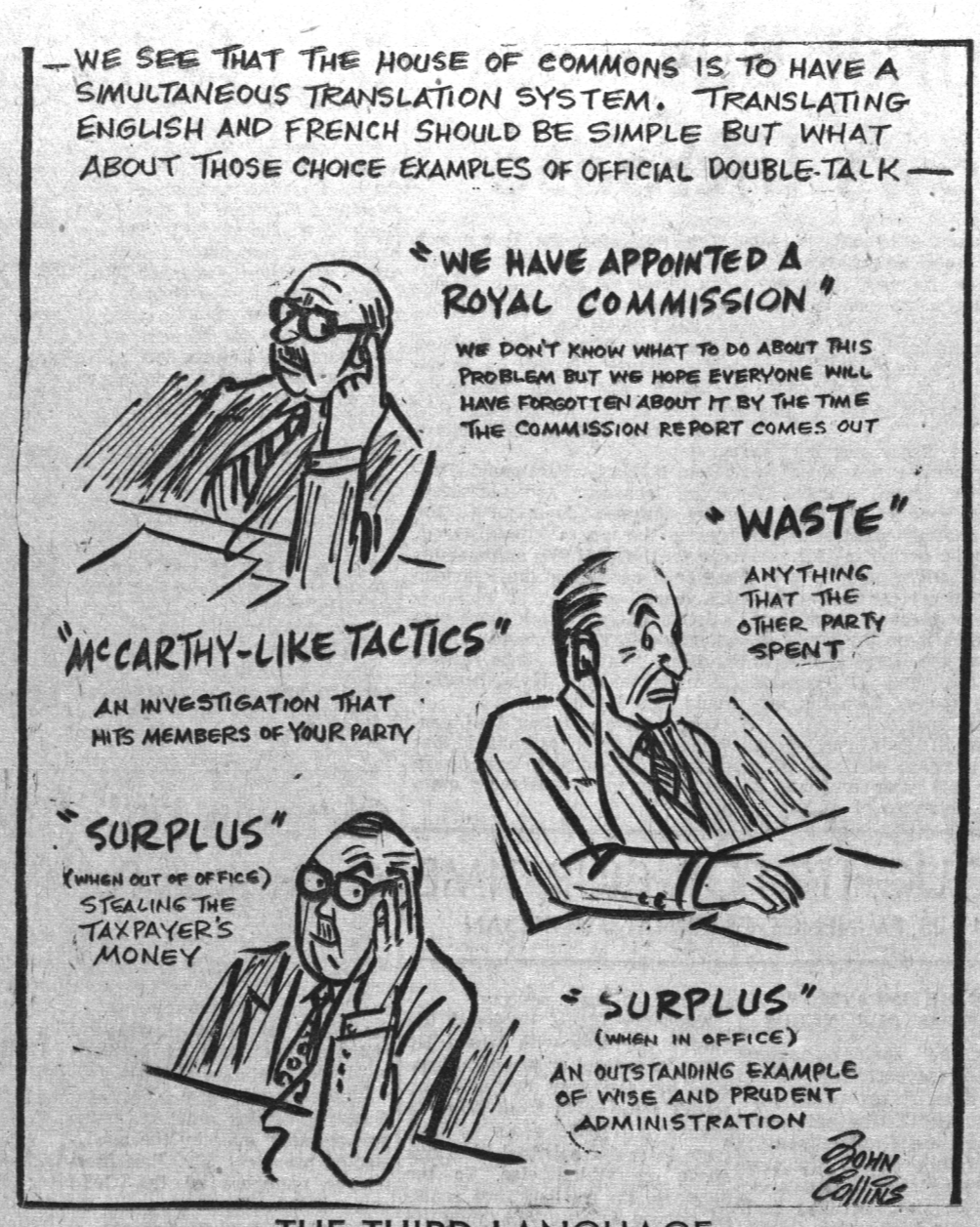
It is hoped that the new "pill" when one is finally available, will also be effective against wheat rust which costs American and Canadian farmers many millions of dollars annually.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It was generally expected that Alaskans would vote to make their territory the 49th State. The surprising thing was that one out of every six voted to stay out.

The Railways are in a quandary. They don't feel like accepting the recommendations of the Conciliation Board which looked into their dispute with the unions. Nor are they anxious to have the matter resolved by the Federal Cabinet which, in all probability, would be governed by the board's majority report. A conciliation board should never be appointed unless both sides to a dispute agree in advance to accept its recommendations. What purpose does it serve otherwise?

The "wonder nation" of our time is West Germany. Only 13 years after its total defeat in war, its industries in ruins, it is the most powerful industrial nation in West Europe. Its manufactured products are being exported to every quarter of the globe. In shipbuilding it ranks next to Japan and the United Kingdom. Financially, it ranks next to the United States as a creditor nation, with gold and foreign currency reserves of \$5 billion. Recently, it made a loan of \$100 million to France and \$50 million to Turkey. There is virtually no unemployment, no scarcity of consumers' goods.



OTTAWA REPORT

Commonwealth Conference

By Patrick Nicholson, Special Correspondent For The Guardian

Months of intensive exploration, discussion and communication, have gone into setting the stage, or more accurately devising the agenda, for this meeting. Here in Ottawa these preparations have been carried on at an exceptionally high level, with Trade Minister Gordon Churchill and Finance Minister Donald Fleming, summoning their departmental officials regularly every Wednesday evening, after Parliament has finished its work for the day, to meetings of the special Commonwealth Conference Committee.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

ELECTION PROMISES

Sir:—Is it not insulting on the part of our present Federal Government, failing to pay our potato farmers at least 70 cents a bushel for those few surplus spuds they were unable to sell from their last year's crop. Especially, Mr. Editor, when Mr. Diefenbaker, our Prime Minister, promised in the Town of Summerside, that they would pay 80 percent as a minimum of the five year average and that we could look forward to this as a support price.

Also we were very proud to send four Conservative members to Ottawa to represent us there. Are we as proud of this fact today as we were election night. Personally I don't think those men are putting up a fight for an honest deal for our farmers they should be. In fact, Mr. Potato Grower, I would personally return any check offered to me less than 70 cents a bushel.

Many years ago the Liberal Government paid us that much money when costs were way down compared to today. Again we may be sure Mr. Diefenbaker is going to be a friend of the Big Business now of Ontario and Quebec. Did he not, after promising more trade with England, slap an increased tariff on their woollen coming into Canada. Did not Mr. MacMillan, England's Prime Minister, leave this country "Ottawa" in disgust after knowing the facts behind this new Conservative Government. Did he not also offer a free trade agreement with Ottawa. This is news that is quickly forgotten when a strong tariff Government is in power.

Now, what of the future, Mr. Farmer? I suggest, as all other groups of labourers have done, to organize for our mutual benefit; and remember, it will mean possibly drastic measures. For instance, if your directors of a Potato Board told you that only an acre of potatoes would be sold from your crop and that you could please yourself about digging those extra acres, what would you do or say. One thing you would acknowledge is that this sort of thing will surely mean a 40-hour week, if nothing else. I could also mean that you would receive as much for that ten acres as you would for the twenty or thirty.

This is only a foresight or look into the future of better things for you and me. What we need most is an organizer who will set up and faith in our own business management, and not be looking for some Government official to look after our needs.

We farmers only represent about 30 percent of our population, so our Big Representatives don't need to listen to our arguments; that is why margarine is sold in all Canada except Quebec and P.E.I. On thing, they would take notice if we leave half our spuds in the ground and possibly one-third our hogs unsold. Apart from these drastic rules we shall always be hewers of wood and carriers of water for two-thirds of our population. In losing, organization means nothing short of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes.

I am Sir, etc., HARRY PRIDHAM, Montrose.

Here's Average Ulcer Victim

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. ARE YOU a candidate for an ulcer?

It has been estimated that between 10 and 12 per cent of Americans will suffer from peptic ulcer sometime during their lives. Are you likely to be one of them? Well, we can't say for sure, of course, since we don't even know the exact cause of stomach ulcers. But we can call upon statistics to give us a pretty good description of the average ulcer victim.

For example, we know that an ulcer patient pretty generally is a lean person in contrast to the short, stocky type.

He is tense, aggressive, ambitious, anxious to get somewhere in this business world of ours.

And there is a fairly good chance that some other member of his family has had an ulcer. We know there is a tendency for many members of some families to be stricken with ulcers.

WHAT IS AN ULCER? A peptic ulcer is a small break in the lining of the stomach or duodenum. It is the result of the destruction of the underlying tissue by the digestive action of acid gastric juice.

The actual size of the break will range from a quarter of an inch to an inch, but from the pain it can cause, you might think it was a mile wide. In chronic cases patients might complain of pain for up to seven years.

For some reason, attacks of pain generally are more prevalent in the spring and the fall. WHEN IT HURTS

We are pretty certain that pain is caused when the stomach acid reaches the ulcer because we can relieve the pain either by neutralizing the acid or by emptying the stomach.

Worry and fatigue tend to produce recurrences of pain. So do acute infections.

Almost always the pain produced by stomach ulcers can be relieved by eating. Your doctor, of course, will place you on a special diet with a lot of milk and cream. He will prohibit highly seasoned foods and ban the use of tobacco and alcohol.

He also has antacid powders and pastes at his disposal to neutralize the stomach acidity and, if necessary, he can cure the ulcer with surgery.

QUESTION AND ANSWER R.W.: Should a baby just home from the hospital have his crib mattress raised at the head?

Answer: Usually the baby's bed should be level. However, when the baby has a cold, it is advantageous to lower the head of the bed in order that infected secretions can drain out of the nose and throat easily.

THE HEN OR THE EGG? The Liberals have attacked the Prime Minister for what they assert is a wrong-thinking policy of trade "diversion"; we should expand our trade, not divert it, they say. But how? Everyone would like to expand exports, but one must have money to buy. An essential prior step, if we wish to expand our exports to the soft currency countries, which means the Commonwealth and most of the western world and the free world, is to buy from those countries first. And can we afford to expand our imports from other countries? No, we must change our buying habits, or "divert" our purchases.

One obvious example being talked about here is our heavy importation of citrus fruits. We buy these now from California and Florida. And what do California and Florida buy from us? Wheat? Apples? Fish? Cheese?

But if the West Indies are encouraged to develop their citrus production to meet our needs, we could buy a great part of our oranges and grapefruit and lemons from them, and pay them a good Canadian dollar too. They would then be able to afford to buy from us, using those same dollars, wheat and fish and other items which they badly need.

In these days of import quotas and tariffs and a convertible currency, international trade is very complicated matter. But if our representatives can fight their way through the international red tape at next week's conference, our trade pattern may emerge, a year or two from now, in a very much healthier shape than today.

would, or could, air such views without Eisenhower's prior knowledge.

TWO FACES There are several theories about the administration's reasoning in putting two faces on its China policy.

One is that Eisenhower wanted to give the Red Chinese a sharp warning as to American reaction to any offshore attack while at the same time giving himself an escape hatch if one is needed. A declaration of American intent to defend Matsu and Quemoy, if included in an official document, would commit the U.S. to a course of action from which it might be difficult to retreat.

Another theory is that Eisenhower is less anxious or willing to go to Chiang's aid over the islands than is Dulles and some of his pro-Chiang aides in the state department, and that an unofficial declaration of American intent was as far as the president was prepared to go.

WAIT AND SEE And it may also be that Eisenhower has, in actual fact, not yet decided whether to commit U.S. forces in the defence of the islands. Asked about this at his last Washington press conference, the president made this significant reply:

"You simply can not make military decisions until after the event reaches you."

The U.S. is obligated by treaty to defend Formosa and its neighboring Pescadore Islands. Under

NOTES BY THE WAY

Some people asked why the U.S. Navy used a "blimp" for exploration of the Canadian Arctic—and back came the answer that it was more efficient to make a survey of Polar bears, muskoxen, seals and walrus. Can't do that in a jet!—Ottawa Journal

Midsummer two years ago the world wondered what had caused two great ocean liners to collide in the busy shipping lane off Nantucket Island and who was to blame. It is still a mystery. Months of investigations and court hearings failed to fix responsibility. Officers of both the Andrea Doria and the Stockholm blamed the other ship for making a wrong turn at the last moment before the collision. Efforts to fix responsibility have been dropped.—Winnipeg Tribune

We have recently seen glass sub' isions in one American city in which not one tree now stands on land that was a dense forest before the subdividers moved in. Now small trees are being planted on the streets—a feeble and belated recognition of a need which could have been magnificently met by the use of a little patience and care—and some care of laws, rigidly backed-up. What the trees add to a residential area is incalculable, and the people who realize it most directly are those whose new homes are in a treeless wilderness.—Kingston Whig-Standard

While scientists still argue about the damaging after-effects of A-bomb blasts on the human frame, a good place to look for evidence is surely Hiroshima. The first nuclear weapon used in war fell on that Japanese city in Aug. 1945. Thirteen years later Dr. Sasuma Watanabe, dean of the medical school at Hiroshima University, reports that leukemia and blood cancer is twice as prevalent in Hiroshima as in the rest of Japan. Strontium 90, the dangerous element in fallout, causes leukemia.—Financial Post

What's the capital of Brazil? If you say Rio de Janeiro you're right—but in a couple of years you'll be wrong. Scheduled to become the new federal capital in 1960 is Central Brazil's Brasilia—a prairie town which two years ago consisted of workmen's tents about which jaguars sniffed. This week Brazil's high officials and foreign diplomats gathered there to dedicate a palace of white marble, glass and aluminum. Homes and a hotel have been erected and roads built, including an artery which for the first time links Brazil overland between her northern regions and central and southern regions.—Minneapolis Star

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Daily newspapers in the United States are making heavy outlays to expand their plants and buy new equipment. A demonstration of confidence and good economic health, despite the recession, and plainly justified by future prospects.—Cape Breton Post

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The Poets Corner THE SWALLOW Look, look—a bird, a swallow At speed no instant for the eye to follow. Etches on morning light Its multitudinous arabesques of flight.

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Sept. 8, 1933) Fire which broke out this morning totally destroyed the greenhouse, small barn and partially damaged the large barn of Mr. Von Clure Gay, Upper Prince Street, causing an estimate loss of \$3,000. Several cars in the barn were saved, but the horses, as far as could be learned, were burned with the building. The fire is believed to have originated in the barn, quickly spreading to the adjoining buildings.

TEN YEARS AGO (Sept. 8, 1948) Unveiling of a monument in honour of Lucy Maude Montgomery famed Island-born author and creator of the Anne of Green Gables stories together with two investitures will take place in front of Green Gables Club House at Cavendish next Sunday afternoon, it was learned yesterday. Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell will deliver an address on her life.

Work on the construction of a new Bank of Nova Scotia building for Summerside started yesterday when employees of M.F. Schurman Co. Ltd., who have the contract, began tearing down the building which had previously been on the site. The new building is being erected just west of the present building on Water Street.

EPIDEMIC HITS KOREA SEOUL, Korea (AP) — Sleeping sickness — encephalitis — has killed 1,087 Koreans, mostly children, out of 4,911 patients, South Korean health officials said Friday. The total includes 68 dead and 310 new cases since Thursday. The newspaper Yuhap Shinmun said the government's "half-hearted" mosquito killing drive is largely responsible for the epidemic. The mosquito is believed to carry the sleeping sickness virus.

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