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Dragging His Feet

Mr. John Foster Dulles has turned his indignation, at least temporarily, from Prime Minister Ben-Gurion of Israel to President Nasser of Egypt.

Doubtless, it would be extreme folly for anyone else to rush into a field of prophecy where the "wisest man in the world" (to quote President Eisenhower's description of Mr. Dulles) fears to tread.

Nasser is reported to be jubilant at what he calls his "great victory". He has good reason for feeling that way.

Birth Of A Nation

Amid much pomp and ceremony, including the drum beating of the witch doctors, a new Commonwealth nation has come to birth.

Perhaps there never was a more difficult time for a people to set out on the path of sovereignty. And the fact that Ghana is predominantly Negro and is a part of the African Continent makes the transition more difficult still.

and free political institutions, expanding educational facilities and health services, will be a fine advertisement for the free way of life in a region that is besieged on all sides by the cunning emissaries of the Soviet-sponsored Communist conspiracy.

Atomic Rivalry

It is only a matter of a few years ago that the United States had a virtual monopoly of atomic secrets. At that time all British requests for sharing of the benefits of research were turned down in Washington.

Well, in the intervening period the Russians, according to all reports, have caught up with the Americans, and the British appear to have surpassed both the Americans and the Russians in certain respects.

It is highly probable that British scientists already know everything they need to know about the Nautilus and perhaps a few extra points in atomic submarine construction which the Americans have not yet discovered.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It will be good news to the municipalities that the House of Commons has finally approved the government bill providing payment of the equivalent of full municipal taxes on Federal property.

At long last, Canada has agreed to a deferment of the 1956 interest payment owing on its post-war loan to Britain.

Canada raises enough potatoes of good quality to make it unnecessary to import dyed ones from Nebraska or anywhere else.

"Who would give paved roads precedence over the advances of the mind?" asks a member of the Provincial Legislature.

Like all other public servants, snow plow operators come in for criticism from time to time. Theirs is not an easy task, however; and, on the whole, considering the difficulties they encounter, they carry it out well with as little inconvenience to the public as is unavoidable.

The Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Mr. Cullen, has given warning to violators of the Plant Disease Act and the Potato Protection Act that they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.



SPRING IS COMING

OTTAWA REPORT

C. C. F. Leadership

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: When C.C.F. leader M. J. Coldwell suffered a heart attack last week, he set speculation and contradiction buzzing around the parliament building.

At the same time, the Ottawa Citizen declared: "Clarence Gillis, caucus chairman and senior in line for the acting house leadership, and Stanley Knowles, the party whip, both said there will be no acting leader for the present."

His most recent attack, however, has posed a query to this plan. It has also raised the minor question of the acting leadership of his group in parliament.

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The Ottawa newspapers on the day following his heart attack. "Stanley Knowles, 48, C.C.F. whip and M.P. for Winnipeg North Centre, today was expected to take over as acting house leader during the illness of M. J. Coldwell."

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But to clinch this in a practical manner, let me report that it was Stanley Knowles who rose to speak in the Commons that afternoon, at the time when traditionally the leader of the C.C.F. should have spoken in debate.

A HURRIED CONVENTION? Coffee-house gossip immediately that Mr. Coldwell would not be able to prosecute an energetic election campaign, as leader of his party, this summer.

Would Mr. Coldwell resign forthwith, to make way for a younger leader who could actively lead his party campaigning?

A convention would be held to select a new leader. This gathering would take place in Winnipeg and it could be called at very short notice.

A C.C.F. convention is not such a bulky and social and elaborately planned affair as a leadership convention of either of the two older parties. To begin with, there is much less money available and secondly, partly for the first reason, each constituency appoints only one delegate, instead of three.

Who would be picked as leader by this convention? Various names have been mentioned. Stanley Knowles, for one. He is able, hard-working and single-minded in pursuit of the C.C.F. objectives.

Hazen Argue is regarded as a possibility. But for some time past he has been considered as the likely successor to Tommy Douglas as leader of the C.C.F. party in Saskatchewan provincial politics, and hence perhaps as premier of Saskatchewan. I doubt if Hazen would willingly leave Ottawa; likewise I doubt if his turn for the federal leadership is yet—his is still young enough to have lots of patience.

An alternative speculation is that the succession to Coldwell is now in no doubt. It would be Tommy Douglas — on a draft. It would be Tommy Douglas with or without a convention to rubber-stamp the obvious choice. The only black cloud on the golden horizon for this very able and popular ex-Ottawa politician is that his health is not one hundred per cent. He has an ailment which has necessitated the bone of one leg to be scraped surgically on occasions, and it is not yet known whether the trouble has now been eliminated. Politically, though, there can be no doubt that Tommy is their boy.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

THE LITTLE SCHOOLHOUSE

Sir, — Especially during this week, all Canada has been focusing its attention on Education and its problems. Let us hope that this interest will be long-lived, and will be carried over in concerted, concrete action in the solution of some of the more urgent problems confronting educators today.

The trend toward central schools for the higher grades continues, and this is well, for students of these grades benefit by being together. There is less drop-out, especially with the boys, if there are others of the same age attending school. With grades IX and X out of the one-room school, the teacher can do a better job.

But the one-room country school does have some distinct advantages. Let us consider them from the point of view of both teacher and pupil. With probably all the grades to teach, the teacher cannot spend too much time with any particular group.

Usually the majority has not gone about this work as frankly as Sir John A. Macdonald did once when, carrying out a redistribution, he said that he was going to do what he could to give the Grits. But things do happen. In 1952, when three seats had to be cut out of Saskatchewan, one of them (perhaps for good electoral reasons, perhaps not) turned out to be the only Conservative seat in the Province — John Diefenbaker's Lake Centre constituency.

From the academic viewpoint, there is something to be gained by having the various grades together. If a superior child can complete his grade's work, he can take up some subjects with the

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

NEW WEAPONS NEEDED FOR THE BATTLE WITH TB

We have a vaccine to fight off tuberculosis. Yet we can't stage mass inoculation programs in an effort to wipe this once terrifying disease from the face of the earth. The TB vaccine most widely used today is Bacillus of Calmette and Guerin, or BCG for short. It's made from a strain of bovine tubercle bacilli which are alive but have lost their power to produce progressive disease through long years of culture and reculturing.

BCG is helpful, for it provides, substantial protection, but not absolute protection. And we can't predict just how long a dose of the vaccine will protect a person.

After numerous tests some doctors now seem to think that the use of BCG in the general population would not be effective in the United States.

For one thing, the vaccine is given only to persons who have not been infected. Right away this would eliminate one-third of our population since tuberculin tests of this number would prove positive.

It's from these positive cases that most of our new cases will come in the next few years. The only cases which BCG can prevent are those resulting from new infections.

Testing our entire population of some 167,000,000 would probably turn up about 112,000,000 persons who could be vaccinated with BCG. Yet even if we vaccinated all of these persons and all the new born babies, only about eight per cent of new TB cases would be prevented in the first five years.

Testing and vaccinating two-thirds of the population and then repeating the whole operation about four times during a 20-year period would be quite a job.

At present we use BCG chiefly for protecting against TB infection, such as doctors and nurses and patients and employees in certain institutions. The search for a better vaccine however, continues.

A new vaccine has been developed from an avirulent strain of human tubercle bacilli which may produce better immunity. It hasn't been tested on humans as yet.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

N. L.: What is the difference between sterilizing and disinfecting? Answer: Sterilization destroys all bacterial life, disinfection does not necessary destroy all bacteria only those that are infectious or harmful.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 8, 1932)

Gala events of other days in P. E.I. were recalled by a dinner given last night in Government House by His Honour Lieutenant-Governor Dalton to the members of the Legislature assembly.

TEN YEARS AGO

Installation of a powerful radio beacon at Summerside airport has been recommended to the Government by Wing Commander, L. W. Skeay, former chief instructor at Summerside during the war years. Mr. Skeay while at Air Force Headquarters last year, strongly advanced the claims of the Summerside airport as a permanent station.

MAXIMS

Blessings we enjoy daily; and for the most of them because they are so common, most men forget to pay their praises.

next grade without disrupting another classroom. Conversely if a pupil needs remedial work in a subject, it is easy to give him this with a lower grade without affecting his present status.

Because the pupil hears the lessons being taught to the higher grades, quite a bit of this knowledge "rubs off" on him, and his field of learning widens.

What of the rural teacher? Here he really feels a part of the community, and knows not only his pupils intimately, but the parents as well. He has a deep, personal interest in the social, cultural and economic life of his district, and identifies himself with its activities, its problems, its joys and its sorrows.

I am, Sir, etc., A Teacher of the little red school, Parkdale. M. L. ROSS.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Formula that stumps the UN is how to give everything away without sacrificing anything.—Windsor Star

A medical columnist asks what happens when the body is immersed in warm water? Usually the bell rings.—Brand... Sun

If all the flowers bloomed just the way they are shown on the seed packets—that, friends, would be paradise.—Chatham News

There is this feature about the senate investigation of the U.S. foreign policy, is at least keeping John Foster Dulles home.—Sarnia Observer.

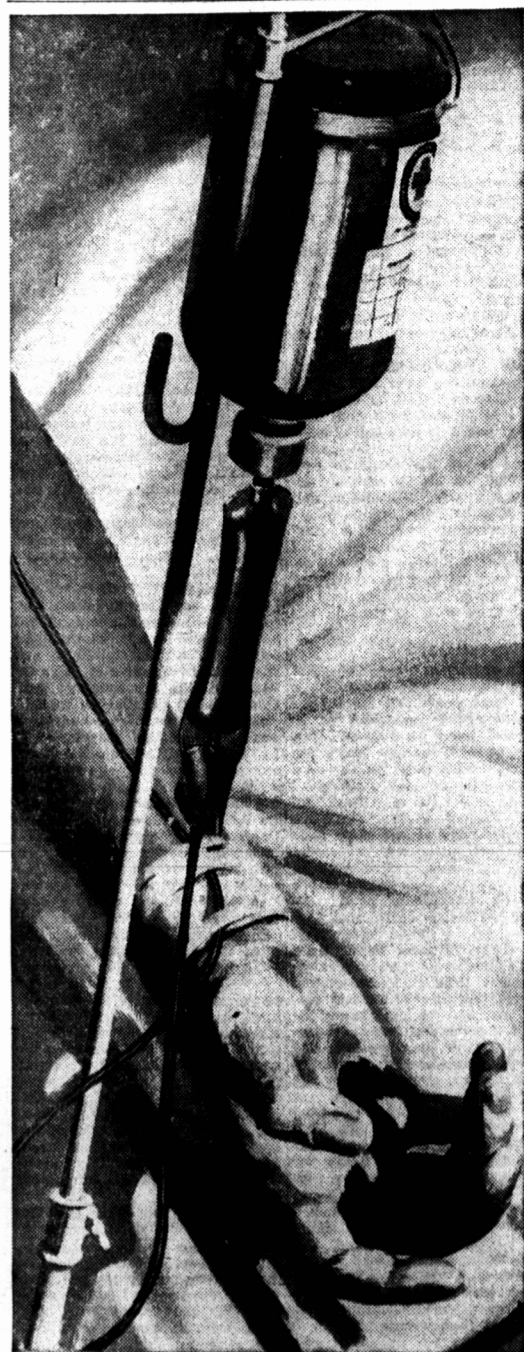
Alberta natural gas doubtless will make a contribution to the well-being of Eastern Canada, but the cost of Trans-Canada is not to be counted in dollars alone. There must be recollection of the cost to the prestige of Parliament.—Ottawa Journal

Cheering note in the unemployment picture is that there will always be jobs for ex-basketball players in the super-markets—picking cornflakes off the top shelf.—Windsor Star

Canada now has 217,375 Boy Scouts—20,966 more than at the end of 1955—and a new record high in membership. As of December 30, 1956, there were 125,329 Wolf Cubs, 65,880 Boy Scouts, 434 Lone Scouts, 1,559 Sea Scouts, 3,378 Rover Scouts, 172 Rover Sea Scouts and 20,623 adult Leaders.

People use their eyes 30 percent. More than they did a generation ago. And even at that, with so much going on now, they miss seeing a lot of things.—Kilchener-Waterloo Record

Air pollution from motor car exhaust fumes is a new problem in the congested parts of Eastern Ontario; another reason why folks locate in the territory air conditioned by Lake Superior.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle



FREE BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS for nearly a MILLION CANADIANS

Since this peace-time Red Cross service was inaugurated, more than 950,000 Canadians have received free blood transfusions. How many lives, homes and heartbreaks have been saved through this service cannot be calculated. Nor can it be measured in dollars. Yet, while Red Cross blood donors ask neither pay nor recognition...

it does cost money to maintain blood donor clinics and depots, to process, refrigerate and ship the whole blood and blood products; and dollars are needed.

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