

Raises Grave Questions

The record-breaking flights of the Soviet "space twins" which have electrified the world, as of course they were intended to do, have raised serious questions in the view of the implications of this achievement, the chances of the United States beating the Soviets to the moon can be said to exist at all. U.S. scientists admit that it will be two years or so before they will provide a Saturn booster that will permit of catching up to the Soviets in the big payloads aloft.

It is worth while, while we are asking, for the United States to expend \$20,000 million to \$40,000 million before 1970 in the race to be the first to the moon? Former President Eisenhower has recently deplored "such a fantastically expensive crucial program." And an article in the Saturday Review suggests what might be done with, say, \$30,000 million—other than spending it on the technology, science, and equipment required for this purpose.

One could raise all the United States teachers' salaries by 10 per cent for 10 years with this money. One could build and endow new universities for 53 of the new countries which have joined the United Nations. One could finance 50,000 new fellowships for scientists and engineers. And so on and on. However, apart from other considerations it is the national security aspect about which Washington officials are worried at present.

The possibility of hostile missiles circling the earth armed with 10-megaton H-bombs, and other fantastic space weapons, has assumed more nightmarish proportions than ever. Could the United States bow out of the race now, or mount just a modest space assault, and thus leave the major portion of this vast enterprise to the Soviets? Questions of this kind may account for the fact that certain President Kennedy's advisers, once doubtful about the moon effort, have come round regarding it as tremendously needful.

In any case, as the Christian Science Monitor says, "the contest between free society and the police state of Communism will not be won in outer space but in inner space—in the lives and minds of men. We need not concede outer space to a totalitarian system which has very skilfully focused its efforts on a single target, as totalitarianism is always able to do, and we need not be stampeded into folly in our earth plans." As good advice as we have seen, though not as comforting as we could wish it to be in the circumstances.

A Unique Agreement

In the settlement recently reached between the railways and the non-operating unions a precedent was established which may have far-reaching impact on the whole question of rail disputes. For, as the Montreal Gazette points out, this is a new method and spirit in labor negotiations in the railways. The federal conciliation board—composed of a justice of the Supreme Court as chairman, a representative of the unions and a representative of the railways—reached a unanimous agreement, something which these boards have never been able to do before.

The usual result of a conciliation board's hearings has been a report

in which the chairman and one side or the other was in agreement, but where the other side presented a dissenting report. There have even been times when the chairman could find neither side to agree with him, and all three members have filed separate and different reports.

Precedent after precedent of disagreement has largely destroyed the value that such boards might have. They became not a means of reaching a settlement, as much as putting disagreements upon record. They became not a means of ending the wage disputes but only a stage in them.

The disputes continued after the conciliation boards had given their divided reports. Often they ended with a strike deadline only a few days away. The government of the day might intervene and more or less enforce some sort of settlement. And a settlement made under these conditions often had little relationship to the economics of the case.

This has meant that every season of negotiation between the railways and the non-operating unions became, by tradition, protracted and inconclusive, nerve-racking and exhausting. In this sort of atmosphere prompt and frank bargaining became almost impossible; for if a realistic offer was made, it might well be feared that it would not be accepted, but would only be made the basis for some additional demand. This placed the party ready to make a realistic offer in the position of victimizing itself.

The fact that the parties this time were able to enter into conciliation proceedings and come out in unanimity places the bargaining process in a new light. Only experience will prove how the new plan for setting up a fund to pay long-time employees whose jobs have been eliminated by change and to provide for their retraining where possible will work out in practice. But with intelligent goodwill and co-operation it could help the railways to remodel themselves and prove advantageous to all concerned—the railways, the workers, and the public generally.

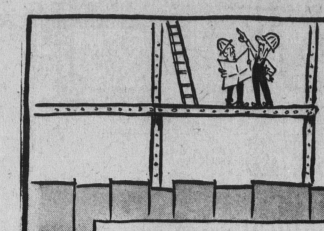
Convenience Foods

It has been found, by the Grocery Manufacturers of America who have conducted a survey into the matter, that the average American eats almost three tomatoes for every two consumed 15 years ago, in one form or another. He eats about twice as much cake and lots more citrus-fruit products and potatoes. The general conclusion reached in this survey was that people eat more of something when it is developed into, and successfully marketed as, a so-called convenience food.

This may not be news to our food producers, but it cannot be too strongly emphasized as the key to many of their marketing problems in this hurried day and age. Take cake flour, for example. With the advent of the prepared cake mix, combining cake flour and other ingredients into a single package, consumption started to rise. By last year, according to the Grocery Manufacturers' figures, total consumption per capita had risen 80 per cent over 1947. Tomato consumption jumped 50 per cent since the World War Two period, boosted mainly by introduction of new processed tomato plants.

In the case of potatoes, a long-time trend of increase in consumption was reversed by appearance on grocery shelves of handy packages of such things as frozen french fries, chips, and canned potatoes. In the last few years by introduction of dehydrated potatoes in many forms. Nearly 25 per cent of the potatoes now eaten in the United States are sold as processed products. Similarly the popularity of canned and frozen citrus products has helped lift consumption by about 60 per cent per capita.

There is no doubt that the same trend would be shown by a survey of the Canadian marketing situation. Here in Prince Edward Island we are getting into the packaging and processing technique, and the progress made so far is highly encouraging. But it is only a start. We can picture the time, not too far distant, when most of our farm products will be handled in this manner, to the benefit of all concerned. Every support this movement can get from our provincial and federal governments is a boost in the right direction.



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OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Significance Of McCutcheon Appointment

In the parlance of the past, the Chief of the Ottawa Police Force, Sir James Pearson's K.P. with an Ace. The rookie Liberal M.P. from Toronto, Walter Gordon, partner in a firm of business consultants, will bring to the Liberal ranks in Parliament a 11-year experience of the ways and thinking of "Big Business". While not from the summit of the business pinnacle, Walter Gordon nevertheless fits the phrase "In the Kingdom of the Blind, the one-eyed man is King." For this parliament and the last together have contained less kings, of outstanding and successful business experience, than one could count on the fingers of one hand.

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How To Lend Books

D. Kerneford Parr in The Fredrician Messenger. The only good advice that can be given to private owners of books which might be tempted to succumb to the temptation of said a century ago to those about to marry: "Don't. The borrower is a thief, and the lender is probably an upright and worthy character, the very soul of honesty, but he will fail to return your idol. A year later, in the course of which you will have borrowed books, you realize that the precious one has not come back. By then you don't know who has it and you can only mark off sadly a book that makes a great value to you and that you are quite unable to replace.

It was once said that Sir Jesse Bood, the founder of the vast British chain of bookshops that were known in every town as a "Boots Chain Chests". He had a singularly beautiful idea when he hit upon the plan of a chain of bookshops that he had shops by lending them books at an annual expenditure of £100,000.

Russia's Ominous Lead

By Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer

Russia may well have between two and 10 years of military space leadership over the United States, a prospect that poses an ominous challenge for Western defence, technology and resources. Some U.S. authorities, despite the Russian achievement of putting the first man-made space vehicles in companion orbit for days, predict the U.S. will catch up in the next few years. But beneath the confidence is a sharp concern. With the advances to overtake the Russians, there is no likelihood that the U.S. will catch up in the next few years.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of current events of national interest. The Guardian does not accept responsibility for the views expressed. All letters submitted are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to return letters on correspondence. BLOOD BANK SITUATION Sir, Thank you for your excellent report on the N.S. - P.E.I. Red Cross blood bank situation. In view of the forthcoming series of clinics, being held in the two provinces, it is important that all donors in the clinic areas should have this information. In order to correct any would be a misunderstanding I would like to correct one part of your report. Over seven hundred bottles of blood are used in the hospitals of the two provinces, not just the Prince Edward Island hospitals as reported. Again thanking you for this excellent community service. I am, Sir, etc. Red Cross Blood Donor Chairman

Surgeon Needed For Gallstones

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen. CAN GALLSTONES be dissolved or eliminated without the aid of a surgeon? The answer is no, but there are people who disagree. These men and women were hospitalized in a hospital where medicine used for this purpose turned into a soapy or waxy substance, and the patient's intestinal tract. It appeared in the stool as small round balls, and the patient was told to eat no gallstones. After all, not many people have gallstones, and the stone if they saw it.

This happened to a 32-year-old Australian woman who had all the symptoms of gall bladder disease. She was so convinced that she had gallstones, and the physician had her husband called in to see her. She was with a jar filled with green olive seed "gallstones". The patient, however, was a physician and put herself on a diet of lemon and olive oil to eliminate the stones. She consulted the physician to see how successful she had been. The contents of the jar were taken to the laboratory and were found to be firm but not hard. They consisted mainly of oil and food particles and had none of the chemical structure of gallstones.

The opening of the gall bladder, the bile leading to the intestine are less than a quarter inch in diameter. Smaller stones, notably cholecystitis, that are larger than a pea cannot pass through the opening into the abdominal cavity. This is a painful and serious type of the Australian gallstone. Some day a substance will be discovered to dissolve gallstones. Dogs, for example, do not get gallstones. If human stones are inserted into the gall bladder of a dog, they will be dissolved. There is something in their bile that does this.

Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped and self-addressed envelope accompanies request. ADVERTISEMENTS S.M. wishes to advertise a new way to prevent adhesions after abdominal surgery. REPLY: No, because an adhesion repair is a cure, not a cure. 10 per cent of adhesion never cause trouble. In the remaining 90 per cent, scar tissue pulls on the intestine and produces a kink or a twist. REPLY: Yes. The majority of cases of chorea (rheumatic fever of the brain) are cured. Send stamped self-addressed envelope for leaflet on chorea.

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO The Crowlands Country Club entertained 100 children yesterday afternoon in the clubhouse where they enjoyed the afternoon swimming. The selection of the children was made by the Red Cross. Messrs. Stewart Jones, M. Johnston and F. Johnston were the party on the shore by buses which were not busy during the hour.

AN ENJOYABLE hour was spent at the Crippled Children's Camp Sunday afternoon when the band of the Cross Band, under the direction of W.J. Bradwell, rendered a musical program and band selections. At the conclusion, one of the little girls presented an absolute record for the camp to the members of the band.

TEN YEARS AGO (August 16, 1952) Cyril Stallions, on the staff of the Royal Netherlands Embassy at Ottawa, is visiting in Montreal on a short visit to a situation with regard to Dutch families who have settled here. He is a Dutchman and he is well known here, chiefly because of his freedom from rocks, and his willingness to that of Holland.

Miss Felice Arsenault conducted Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety tests at the Bunsbury last week. Miss Joanne Tanton and Miss Lois Arsenault directed the tests. The boys and girls who successfully passed their tests.

for government economies and to withhold a tax cut until 1963. And when the tax cut comes it is likely to be a lot less than some Americans might expect. It is for technological achievements, American rocket boosters capable of matching the performance of those Russia has may not be completely tested out and operational until after 1960. By that time Russia may have something more advanced.

NIB SPONSORS MEET OTTAWA (CP) — A cargo handling exposition will be held at the Montreal harbor from 1962 to 1963, sponsored by the National Harbors Board. It was announced Wednesday. Part of the exposition of cargo handling techniques will be a ship, a crane, truck and stevedore handling, will be highlighted.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Too often the fellow who is afraid to visit the dentist isn't afraid to race the train to the next crossing. — Chatham News. There's really nothing unusual about a son filling his father's shoes—or, for that matter, his father's socks and shirts and suits. — Baiton News. The addition to new rooms seems to be spreading. There are already "refrigerator" rooms about Ottawa's downtown. One can see one's head against the wall in private, while future flats over here may be built with a soundproof room for marital rows. There is a room, no doubt, will be a "status" room, which won't be used at all but merely contains articles bought to impress visitors. Or was that the function of the old parlor? — Punch, London.

ROADSIDE RENEGADES New York Times. We call them weeds, a red green mass of rudimentary plant which does the virtue of producing 200,000 seeds. Consider the sprouting. The red stemmed garden, like the whose blossoms are the way they grow. One parasite plant ripens 200,000 seeds in a season. Consider the (lebanese, which does have the virtue of a small, white aster-like flowers. One plant will scatter a quarter of a million seed-beds to the future in one summer. They and scores of others are, in man's lexicon, the outcasts and the renegades of the plant world. Some are hosts to bees and butterflies, some provide food for birds. Some help feed the winter bird. Man has no use for them, but nature obviously does. Scorned and warred upon, they still persist, remarkable examples of the way life refuses to be defeated.

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